Humankind can learn from Mother Nature if we take the time to sit with her and receive all that she has to share. The tree on our logo is symbolic of what can happen when people gather together as one to initiate positive change for the betterment of all. The tree will be as strong as its roots, as we create a new legacy; the roots grow deeper and strengthen the connection to building understanding, compassion, and respect. The spirit of the tree and humanity will flourish when we begin to listen, not only with our minds, but with our hearts as well.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

Conference Co-Emcees:

Rosanna Deerchild, Host/Producer “Unreserved”, CBC Radio

Harold Blacksmith, AAC, National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program, Birdtail Dakota Nation

Visit Special Exhibits – Open Daily

Grand Salon:
Verna DeMontigny – Métis Collection

Private Dining Room:
Eugene Ross – Dakota Collection

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 am – 8:45 am Opening Ceremonies

Welcome & Opening Prayer
Harold Blacksmith

Purpose of Conference
Leah LaPlante

Drumming Song
Sweet Medicine Singers
8:45 am – 9:45 am Keynote Address


Chief Joseph will talk about the origins of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. That its genesis flows back 150 years from a racist and genocidal document called The Indian Act. Racism in Canada has been legislated throughout that time spawning unforgettable disaster and consequence for indigenous people. He will speak to the courage and resilience of over 150,000 little children attending residential schools over a hundred year period. Chief Joseph will make reference to his personal 11 year experience at St. Michael Indian Residential School and his personal redemption discovering hope and inspiration. He will talk about how survivors discovered hope, help, healing and reconciliation. Chief Joseph will speak about the origins of the federal government apology and the events leading up to the settlement agreement including the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. He will talk about Reconciliation Canada and a new way forward including the role of all and everyone in the movement. He will give a report and update on where the Reconciliation process is. Chief Joseph will talk about individual, family, community and Nation roles. He will summarize his vision for a reconciled Canada.

Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, O.B.C., Ambassador for Reconciliation Canada and a member of the National Assembly of First Nations Elders Council. He was formerly the Executive Director of the Indian Residential School Survivors Society and is a honourary witness to Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). As Chairman of the Native American Leadership Alliance for Peace and Reconciliation and Ambassador for Peace and Reconciliation with the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IFWP), Chief Joseph has sat with the leaders of South Africa, Israel, Japan, South Korea, Mongolia and Washington, DC to learn from and share his understanding of faith, hope, healing and reconciliation.

9:45 am- 10:00 am Health Break

10:00 am – 11:00 am Supplementary Address

Jay Rodgers, BA, BSW, MSW, Deputy Minister of Families, Province of Manitoba
## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2018

### 11:00 am- 11:10 am  Move to Concurrent Sessions

### 11:10 am – 12:10 pm  First concurrent sessions

Grand Salon

**A. Jordan’s Principle** (TBA)

Salon 1

**B. Assiniboine Community College Indigenization Strategy:** Kris Desjarlais BA, Director of Indigenous Education, Cecil Roulette, BFNAC, Student Success Advisor - Indigenous Students/Cultural Consultant & Crystal Bunn, Career Services Officer - Indigenous Students

Salon 2

**C. Onji ga neyn de ing – Looking After Each Other, A Dignity Promotion Project:** Twyla Gilroy, B.S.W. & Debbie Cilen, Elder

Salon 3

**D. Talking, Learning and Caring (Parent Support Program):** Lisa Ramsay, BA, BSW, CFS of Western MB, Elspeth Reid Family Resource Centre

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1:30 pm – 2:30 pm  Second concurrent sessions

Grand Salon
A. Spirit within our Traditional Medicines: Roddy McKay, Elder and Ken Norquay Jr., Cultural Worker

Salon 1
B. The Balancing Hook: They Asked, We Listened, This is our Response: Fernette Farquhar, Training Facilitator and Trust Administrator, Manitoba First Nations Casino Trust, Esther Tran, BA, ACCP, CPGC, CACCIF, Prevention Education Consultant, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba and Deborah Tacan – Prevention Education Consultant, Addictions Foundation of Manitoba

Salon 2
C. The Butterfly Effect – Staying Alive: Laurie Davis, Educator

Salon 3
D. Sacred Circle of New Life Training: Stephanie Sinclair, MA, Wendy McNab, First Nation Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba

2:30 pm- 2:45 pm  Health Break

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm  Supplementary Address

"A Settler’s Story"

A Settler’s Story is a performance art piece comprised of a digital story, spoken word and music portraying a journey of learning, empathy, and reconciliation. The story is an invitation for others to consider their own histories, and how it contributes to the story of Canada.

Carol Koscielny  BSW, RSW

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm  Wrap-up Day One
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2. **Harold Blacksmith**, AAC, National Native Alcohol & Drug Abuse Program, Birddtail Dakota Nation

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"**Strength Based Approaches to Optimizing Indigenous Health**"

This presentation will be focused on Dr. Smylie’s recently prepared testimony as an expert witness at the National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. Dr. Smylie will share strength based examples of what both Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals, organizations, and communities can do to support Indigenous health and wellbeing.

**Dr. Janet Smylie**, Métis Family Physician and Public Health Researcher, Indigenous Health at St. Michael's Hospital, Centre for Urban Health Solutions (CUHS).
9:40 am - 9:55 am  
Health Break

9:55 am – 11:05 am  
Panel Discussion
Moderator: Rosanna Deerchild

1. Housing First
2. Brandon Bear Clan
3. Supporting Honouring Indigenous Families Together (SHIFT)/Doulas
4. Brandon Urban Aboriginal Peoples’ Council
5. Community Mobilization HUB

11:05 am - 11:15 am  
Move to Concurrent Sessions

11:15 am – 12:15 pm  
Third concurrent sessions

Grand Salon
A. Supporting Manitoba First Nations in Mental Health & Wellness: Angie Hutchinson & Greg Fontaine, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak

Salon 1
B. Changing Perceptions: KC Adams, Brandon University

Salon 2
C. Healing Journey: Culture Reconnection & Education: Maureen Twovoice, B.A., M.A.

Salon 3
D. Indigenous Adoptees’ Experiences of Racism in Transracial Adoption in Saskatchewan: Carrie McCloy, BSW

Grand Salon  
12:15 pm – 1:00 pm  
Lunch

12:50 pm – 1:00 pm  
Brandon Friendship Centre, Aboriginal Healing & Wellness Recognition

1:00 pm – 1:05 pm  
Move to Concurrent Sessions
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2018

1:05 pm – 2:05 pm  Fourth concurrent sessions

Grand Salon
A. First Nations and Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line, Christian Dutil, M.Sc.(Psy), Ph.D. (Psy.,abd), Senior Policy Advisor, Registered Psychologist (OPQ), Population Health and Primary Care Directorate, First Nation and Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada

Salon 1
B. Embracing Reconciliation: Social Workers and The Truth & Reconciliation Commission: Jan Christianson-Wood, MSW, RSW, Liisa Cheshire, MSW, RSW, Manager of Regulatory Practice and Richard Lavoie BSW, RSW, Manager of Registration and Professional Practice

Salon 2
C. Indigenous and Spiritual Health Programs at Selkirk Mental Health Centre: Bonnie Murray, BSW, Coordinator of Indigenous Services

Salon 3
D. The Road to Partnerships- Getting to Know the Drive: Kim Toews, RPN, ADPN, BScPN, MPN, Manager, Primary Health Care, Prairie Mountain Health, Tanya Hanska, Health Director, Birdtail Sioux First Nation, & Bonnie McKay, Regional Coordinator Indigenous Health, Prairie Mountain Health

2:05 pm – 2:15 pm  Health Break

Grand Salon
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm  TBA

2:30 pm – 2:50 pm  Guest Speaker

"Reconciliation - An Indigenous Youth Perspective"

This presentation will focus on a video created by Wapastim Harper, a Grade 11 Student who attends Catholic School in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Wapastim will share his views on reconciliation as an Indigenous youth and the importance of reconciling the wrongs done to Indigenous people. The video will highlight mission trips Wapastim took to El Salvador, what he learned about the Pipil Tribe of Santo Domingo, and how their experiences as a cultural group is parallel to Indigenous people in Canada.

Wapastim Harper, Grade 11 Student, Catholic School, Winnipeg, Manitoba
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CBC’s Beyond 94, an immersive and interactive project focused on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action. It is the definitive database measuring progress of the TRC’s 94 calls and provides a narrative and editorials around the status of each call related to Child Welfare, Language and Culture, Justice, Education, Health and Reconciliation. The project can be found at cbc.ca/beyond94. The project highlights residential school survivor stories, provides concrete suggestions, resources and examples of what reconciliation is and how Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians can work together towards the path of reconciliation. The project will be a living resource as new documentaries, survivor stories, ideas and community-based action around reconciliation are added.

Lenard Monkman, Associate Producer, CBC Indigenous

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