

Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP)
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Diocese of Yukon

The regularly scheduled fall meeting of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) was held on October 31st to November 2nd in Toronto. I attended as the Yukon representative to the Council. The ACIP council serves as the executive body to the Sacred Circle which is a gathering of all Indigenous Anglicans that meets every four years.

I am quite new to the Council as this is my second meeting; I was nominated to the Council in 2017 at The Sacred Circle held in Prince George. The most enjoyable part about attending ACIP meetings is the opportunity to meet and get to know the 20 or so other members that make up the Council. It's a time to learn and to communicate with dedicated Anglican members and clergy who represent their respective dioceses.

The office of the National Indigenous Arch-Bishop also form part of the Council: Ginny Doctor, Theresa Mandricks, Martha Many Gray Horses, and the National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald. At this meeting we were also honoured to have the new Primate in attendance.

At this past meeting we had the opportunity to view a video of the Primate's Apology for Spiritual Harm which was originally made at the July General Synod. This was a very moving and powerful occasion. The Indigenous Elders also gave a statement in response at the time.

Plans are underway for the Sacred Circle gathering which is being held next summer in Orillia. A preliminary list of names has been put forward.

We also had reports from various events and initiatives that are currently taking place: The Reconciliation Animator, COGS membership,

We also had the opportunity to participate in discussions on the Apology and on the passing of Canon 22 regarding the Indigenous Church. View the video of these interviews on FB on the ACIP group page.

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