Connecting With You This Week

Restoring spirit and reconciliation...the next step forward for Canada’s future. Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission will release its report in Ottawa May 31-June 3. Dr. Marie Wilson, Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, will join us at NAIN on July 20. In her plenary address, Dr. Wilson will ask, “Where was the sacred in Canadian residential schools and are we listening now?” She describes their task of the past five years as one of collecting “the children’s side of the story” about what happened to First Peoples forced into Canada’s residential schools over the course of 150 years. The stories of the survivors are the “connective tissue between what happened to them historically and the reality we see in Canada today.” The testimonies demonstrate an “unbelievable courage and resiliency” within the tellers who are reclaiming their lives and showing Canada and the world what we need to learn from this experience.” For the full transcript, visit http://www.trc.ca/websites/trcinstitution/index.php?p=26.

To read an interview with Dr. Wilson in The United Church Observer, visit http://www.ucobserver.org/interviews/2015/05/marie_wilson/.

This Week’s Highlights

- Connect’s logo was created by local artist Michael McKenna. It takes the form of a circle, a tranquil shape found in religions and Indigenous cultures. The seven religious symbols highlight the diversity that all faiths bring to the circle of life. The wheat field represents the beauty and spaciousness of Saskatchewan. The stream signifies the enduring symbol of water, which is as important for our physical bodies as spiritual teachings are for our souls. Visit our website to read Michael McKenna’s biography and more about our logo.

- Don’t forget to register by May 31. Registration goes up to $350 for the full conference and $175 for the day rate on June 1.

For more information on our program, how to sign up for tours, where to stay, and what to do while you are in Regina, visit us online at www.luthercollege.edu/nain2015