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**iEmergence Camp Kids say:**

# THANK YOU!

*You made a difference in so many lives!*

- We served over a 100 lunches per day!
- We had 10 youth who became Senior Leaders, then full-time camp staff
- 13 youth attended Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp!
- Many more joined all the fun activities such as swimming, canoeing, playing games, and doing arts and crafts!

Because of you **161** kids had the best summer ever! iEmergence's Mish Adventures in Mishkeegogamang First Nation in Northern Ontario brought such joy to all of the kids.

**Thank You!**



*For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 Cor 5:1*

## iE KIDS CAMPS



At iEmergence's **Mish Adventures Camp** in Mishkeegogamang First Nation in Northern Ontario we explored the 7 "Grandfather Teachings" – focusing specifically on Respect, Courage, Humility and Wisdom.



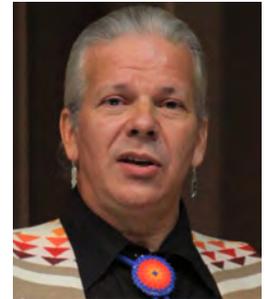
**Muskoka Woods Leadership Camp** was full of intense challenges, laughter, and new friendships!



The **My People Day Camps** in North Ontario are where everything gets painted including the kids!

## From the Executive Director

What a summer of camps it was for our iEmergence team this year! It started with the third year of Muskoka Leadership camp, followed by three weeks of Mish Adventures camp, sprinkled with four weeks of on reserve day camps, capped off by the 14th year of Kids Culture Camp at Sundre, Alberta. Wow, what a busy summer it was! As the pics show, the kids had a great time, heard some amazing stories, learned some great skills, and were introduced again to Jesus, the son of our Creator!



This summer's Inenimowin Circle reminded us once again of the continued challenges for human beings to be reconciled to themselves, to one another, their Creator, and the rest of creation! In Canada the Truth and Reconciliation Commission exposed colonial history's devastating impact on the communities and cultures of its original inhabitants. Its 94 recommendations will challenge our attitudes and behaviours as individuals and communities as we seek the path to right relationship.

New demands for flexible ministry are emerging as Indigenous communities take greater responsibility over their own affairs. Communities will be open to us – but not in the old ways. It means our ministry and methods will require greater flexibility in order to maintain our deep commitments to the gospel while responding to the new realities of Indigenous life. Stay tuned for more on this in the days ahead.

~ Terry LeBlanc

## Crafts at Kids Culture Camp

During the 4 days in the craft room at iEmergence Kids Culture Camp, we worked with a great team of pretty crafty people. Helping our kids with their beading and the sewing up their medicine bags was very interesting. As it began, some of the kids were not really into the craft project, but with a little encouragement, they really did get the hang of beading. Some put their initials on the canvas, some beaded a medicine wheel, others did flowers or stars or feathers. There were some who made complex designs and spent their whole time beading. Lots of the kids went home with a completed bag, having done all the sewing machine work as well as the beading.



A 10-year-old boy impressed me a lot. He was very quiet, listened well and was serious about working on the project. It was his first time beading and using a sewing machine. I watched his eyes focusing closely on the material as I taught him. He could sew a very straight line and always remember what to do. He really did master the fine art of beading (at one level) and in using the sewing machine. Mastery is one of the important values we focus on at camp in addition to Belonging, Independence and Generosity.

~Vivien Stime

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Nēstooāāk\* - Building our Capacity

*Theology from the Tipi:  
Becoming Agents of Reconciliation*  
October 23 - 24, 2015  
51514 Range Road 271  
Spruce Grove, Alberta

Nēstooāāk is an old Mi'kmaq word meaning "we are capable". For more info go to [www.mypeopleinternational.com](http://www.mypeopleinternational.com)



### Inspire Justice Conference: Engaging and Empowering the Church for Justice

Join us as Terry will be speaking at the upcoming Inspire Justice Conference in Halifax, NS.  
October 16-17, 2015  
For more information and registration go to: [www.inspirejustice.ca](http://www.inspirejustice.ca)



Terry is speaking at a conference!

### What's Love Got to Do with It?

Saturday October 24, 2015  
Location: St. John's York Mills Anglican Church ([www.sjym.ca](http://www.sjym.ca))  
For more info, contact Mary Klein at: [kleinconference@gmail.com](mailto:kleinconference@gmail.com)



Terry presented at the Sojourners Summit in Washington, DC this July where he also met with Jin S. Kim and Laura Newby from The Underground

## iEmergence Philippines



### "Pawa" with the Tagakolu Tribe

The first event of the Indigenous Youth Leadership (IYL) program – *Tagakolu* curriculum was launched in two pilot villages of *Kangku* and *Kalatagan* in the Philippines July 31 to August 3, 2015. "Pawa" is the *Tagakolu* term for farming. The activity served as a bridge for *Tagakolu* youth to better understand their intimate and inseparable connection to their land.

One youth from the village of *Kalatagan* said: "Migleya kay ang mga matikadeng naghatag sa ilang panahon aron kami matudloan sa pagpawa. Ug karon naa nako' responsibilidad sa umaabot na henerasyon na mapasa ang akoang mga nakat-onan." (I am happy that the elders gave their time so that we could learn the traditional way of farming. Now, I believe I have the responsibility to pass on what I have learned to future generations.)

~Written by our partners in the *Tagakolu* community



## NAIITS

Ray Aldred, Casey Church and Terry LeBlanc present a Pendleton blanket to Gene and Debra Green during the 12th Annual Symposium last June at Wheaton College in appreciation for their support of the NAIITS community. Go to [www.naiits.com](http://www.naiits.com) for more info.



Dr. Eunice Irwin from Asbury Theological Seminary makes a presentation to the NAIITS Board in recognition of the impact NAIITS had made in the seminary during their years of partnership. Go to [www.naiits.com](http://www.naiits.com) for more info.



## NEW STAFF

### Welcome to the family!



**Carolyn Thompson** is our new Data Entry Manager. Carolyn is originally from Toronto, Ontario, her husband, Stephen and she moved to PEI in 2006 with their four beautiful children.

Stephen is the minister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Montague and Cardigan. When Carolyn is not working for Indigenous Pathways, she is the organist/choir director at their Montague church, as well as teaches piano and voice lessons. For 17 years she worked at Nortel Networks, and is delighted to now be a part of the administrative team with Indigenous Pathways.

**Cindy Dockendorff** is our new Comptroller and is also the office manager for her family's oyster business, Atlantic Shellfish



Products Inc., in Morell, PE. She received a BA in Biblical Studies and a BBA from Crandall University in Moncton, NB, an MA in Old Testament from Acadia Divinity College in Wolfville, NS. She also received an MBA from St. Mary's University in Halifax, NS, and is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA, CMA). Cindy is active on the worship team and the missions committee at Cornerstone Baptist Church, regularly attending its site in Stratford, PE. She lives in Stratford, PE, cats, Pumpkin and Bessie.



**Karl Lozano** is the new Program Assistant for iEmergence Philippines. Karl brings a wealth of experience in project

planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation. He was coordinator of various community development initiatives and training programs involving multi-stakeholders that included Indigenous people. In iE, Karl will be leading the IYL internship program. An avid learner, Karl seems to live and breathe the academic world juggling both work and grad school during the weekends. When not devouring readings in anthropology, conceptualizing ways to jump-start IYL, or doing facilitation on the side, Karl is a culinary artist. The dishes he cooks for the team during lunch are as much a highlight as his jovial character, quick wit and global knowledge.

## My People

**"It's where the absolute truth meets the absolute lie in the most strategic place in someone's life. This is what Inenimowin is about."**  
~ Ray Aldred

One Inenimowin Montana participant said:

"Before I came to Inenimowin Circle. I was like a wound up tight ball of twine, full of emotional secrets and physical pain. I would ask myself...."If I am supposed to be a new creation in Christ...why do I hurt so much?" I couldn't reconcile that in my mind. But over the course of this week, I have found beautiful people that I could trust in a safe place. I have been able to be vulnerable and stop hiding behind "everything is ok." The ball has been unraveling to free me and I no longer have that pain in my body."



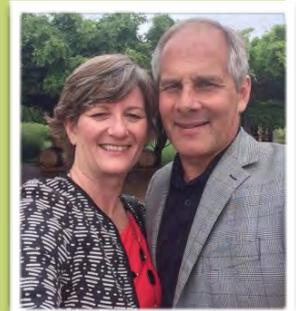
**"I learned that things I swept under the rug were still right where I left them. Now that I have faced my pain, I want to try and help my children."**

*All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 Cor 5:18 (NRSV)*

### Thanks and may our Creator bless you in this new path!

It is with great emotion that, after a significant span of dedicated service to us, we say goodbye to Karen Ward.

Karen served as the Executive Assistant to Indigenous Pathways for four years, successfully organizing the logistical details for our annual NAIITS Symposiums at four different educational venues/seminaries during that time.



She blessed our iEmergence ministry by shepherding Mish Adventures Camp – a camp dear to her heart as its originator and visionary – to operate these past two years under the leadership of iEmergence and its camp staff, many of whom she recruited and trained. Over the past two and one half years, Karen worked diligently on the multitude of organizational details necessary to bring three ministries under one family umbrella – Indigenous Pathways – also developing the draft of our new policy manual. Throughout her time with us, Karen forged significant, durable friendships with Indigenous people, relationships that will be treasured in the years ahead.

Karen brought her best to us in everything that she has accomplished. Karen has decided to follow where God is leading her and we wish the very best for her as she pursues her new goals. We will miss her and will keep her, Jeff, and her extended family in our prayers.

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# #GIVINGTUESDAY™

## #GivingTuesday is coming to Indigenous Pathways!

#GivingTuesday refers to the Tuesday following U.S.Thanksgiving, which this year is December 1st.

Giving Tuesday is a movement to create a national day of giving to kick off the giving season.

Started in response to commercialization and consumerism in the post-Thanksgiving season - mainly Black Friday and Cyber Monday - it is something that has crept into Canada as well in the past few years.

**We will keep you posted on our upcoming #GivingTuesday campaign.**

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