



INDIGENEWS

The Jesus Way in Indigenous Context



Reclaiming Education

When I met Elijah Harper many years ago, I found him to be an unassuming Cree man with a wonderfully mischievous sense of humour. Born in the remote community of Red Sucker Lake, MB, he had a love for all things Indigenous - a passion that included his deep concern for Indigenous education. Together with his wife, Anita, he encouraged Indigenous people to pursue contemporary education as one means of bringing needed transformation to their communities.

Despite his quiet disposition, Elijah exerted a significant influence in Canada. His contributions include the historic "No!" to the Meech Lake Accord in the Manitoba Legislature in 1990, ensuring, among other things, that Indigenous people's concerns would not so easily be ignored in the future. He was also one of the first to call for the founding peoples of Canada - Indigenous,

French, and English - to be reconciled to one another. He was a strong advocate for making room for people. In Elijah's thinking, others should be welcome to the land entrusted to the First Peoples by the Creator.

Elijah was an adept political leader, a deeply committed follower of Jesus, a dedicated husband, relative, and visionary of a grace-filled nation - and he was also my friend. It is to him that we dedicate the Elijah Harper Scholarship Fund this June 2, 2016.

Welalin Elijah! ~ Terry LeBlanc

SAVE THE DATE

June 2, 2016

1ST ANNUAL NAIITS
ELIJAH HARPER SCHOLARSHIP FUND RECEPTION
Special Guest: Anita Olsen Harper, wife of Elijah Harper

Kimmerle Hall, Tyndale University College and Seminary
3377 Bayview Avenue, Toronto
3:30pm - 5:30pm
RSVP info@indigenuspathways.com

In order for them to succeed scholarships are critical to most of our students. The bigger picture will help you understand why:

- Tuition fees have increased over the years;
- Other costs for college have increased; for most of our students it has become unaffordable;
- Government support for education – be it federal, provincial, or band – is harder to find;
- Christian education is suspect to some funders of Indigenous education;

Scholarships ensure our students do not have to struggle with debt while studying and completing their degree programs.

And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit... 1 Cor 2:13a

Our 2016 NAIITS symposium is being co-hosted by Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, Ontario. Check out their website (www.tyndale.ca/seminary) for details, campus maps and more.

For registration and more information on our NAIITS symposium please contact:

Ann Chow: 647-838-3364 or email ann@annchowprojectmanagement.ca



REGISTER EARLY!

A MESSAGE FROM STEVE BELL:

"I couldn't be more pleased to have finally begun post-graduate studies with NAIITS. I've wanted to do deeper theological studies for some time but my vocation doesn't allow me to drop everything in order to study. So I needed the accommodating flex offered by NAIITS to even consider pursuing this dream.

But more significantly, I have often felt there is a profound hole in the soul of Western Theology and suspected that Indigenous theological perspectives may well offer insight and balancing correctives that could, in significant measure, contribute to the healing of the wounds of our missteps, and place us back, in concert with all creation, on the path of the Jesus Way."

—Steve Bell / singer, songwriter, author



The Jesus Way in Indigenous Context means... **Conversations on Faith and IP Culture!**



NAIITS' influence on Indigenous people's thinking globally has encouraged conversations on faith and Indigenous people's cultures (CFIPC) in the Philippines.

Building on the energy and enthusiasm created in the first CFIPC back in 2013 at Hope Mountain, Davao City, Philippines, a similar conversation will be hosted by the Teduray community in Upi, Maguindanao, Philippines on May 25 to 28.

**YES! Terry I would love to ensure that our students have a scholarship fund.
Enclosed is my gift of:**

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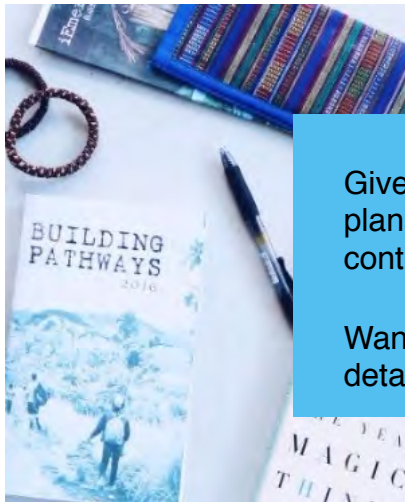
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Want one? Email Stephanie at info@indigenouspathways.com for more details.

*They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations. (Isaiah 61:4)*

NAITS: Restoring Community Futures



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We are now an even larger family!

WICONI IS JOINING US!

February 9th marked the 3rd anniversary of the passing of Richard Twiss, co-founder, together with his wife Katherine, of Wiconi* International. Richard, Katherine, and Wiconi have been close allies to the people and ministries of IP for many years. Recently, Katherine and the board of Wiconi asked to join the IP family.

In the coming months their unique programs will enhance IP's creative ministry with Indigenous people. With a bright sense of its future we welcome Wiconi and its staff to our family. You will hear more from us about the ministries, programs, and staff in the months to come.



Wiconi (we-cho-nee) Lakota/Sioux, meaning "Life"



Renewing Relationship

Nestooak

Join us for another Capacity Building workshop

The Focus: "Response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission."

The Location: St Albert Lutheran Church, St Albert, Alberta.

The Date: May 14th, 2016

Keynote Presenter: Terry LeBlanc

To register please email: timstime378@gmail.com