

PRESS RELEASE – Embracing Reconciliation Free Public Lecture

Montreal, QC (September 2, 2016): It has been one year since the Canadian government released the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's (TRC) recommendations – the 94 Calls to Action. These Calls to Action were the result of 6 years of dialogue, three commissioners, and over 6,750 stories from residential school survivors and witnesses. One challenge for all Canadians has been to understand how they may participate in these “Calls to Action”.

To address these issues, a free public lecture "Embracing Reconciliation" will take place on Tuesday, September 20th at 4 p.m. at McGill's Birks Chapel. Participants will learn about the TRC recommendations and how they may be meaningfully implemented in their personal and family lives and in their communities.

Invited guest speakers include Kahnawake Elder John Cree, Professor John Borrows, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, and Professor Rebecca Johnson, University of Victoria Faculty of Law and Academic Associate of the Indigenous Law Research Unit. The event will be cosponsored by McGill's Centre for Research on Religion (CREOR) and The Montreal Quebec Mount Royal Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

As Professor John Borrows reminds us, “Indigenous peoples have the right to self-determination in spiritual matters, including the right to practice, develop and teach their own spiritual and religious traditions, customs, and ceremonies.” Professor Borrows will address how individuals and religious communities can engage in reconciliation. People will be introduced to the history of the TRC and will leave with a sense of concrete things they can do to participate in the process of reconciliation, starting from where they are, and using the resources, time, and energy they possess.

Event Details

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

16:00-18:00

Birks Chapel

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