



Gathering the Family of Jesus

Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

**Remembering the Children: Aboriginal and Church Leaders prepare
for Truth and Reconciliation**

**Cross-Canada Promotion Tour
Saskatchewan stop is March 9, 2008**

Senior aboriginal and church leaders are crossing Canada this March to promote the work of the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC)** which is being set up as part of the healing process set out in the Indian Residential Schools Agreement.

The tour seeks to bring awareness of the TRC to the general public and especially the people of the churches. At the invitation of the Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Saskatoon will be one of the 4 stops on the tour. The PCE organizing committee is made up of representatives of the Roman Catholic, Anglican, United and Presbyterian churches and the Mennonite Central Committee. Other stops are Ottawa, Winnipeg and Vancouver. We asked for the tour to have a Saskatchewan stop because the residential schools issue is so important in our province.

The Saskatoon event is Sunday March 9 at the Western Development Museum, starting at 3.00 pm, concluding with a feast & round dance.

Assembly of First Nations leaders and Regional Chiefs are part of the tour, along with senior staff from the Office of the Interim Director of the TRC. The other members include the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Anglican National Indigenous Bishop, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada and the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Local church and political leaders will offer a word of welcome to the national tour team at the event. The AFN will be in touch with chiefs in the region about this, and the FSIN have been invited to be present

We are excited that this important event is coming to Saskatchewan. This is a public event. We hope you can be there and will tell others about it. There is no charge for the event. A donations basket is available. Pre-registration is strongly advised to help us plan seating, and is ESSENTIAL if you will be staying for the feast. Register by phone (306-653-1633) or email pce@ecumenism.net or write to the PCE at 600- 45th St West, Saskatoon S7L 5W9.

Yours sincerely

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**For background on the TRC go to <http://residentialschoolsettlement.ca>
The tour website is www.rememberingthechildren.ca**