



AM:  
Face-to-Face  
Ceremony by  
Invitation Only

PM:  
Virtual event  
(2 hrs) via  
YouTube link

Special Edition  
150<sup>th</sup> Commemoration  
of the making of Treaties 1 & 2

5<sup>th</sup> Annual  
**We are All Treaty People  
Celebration**

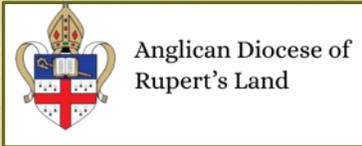


Pictorial Report of 2021 Event

YouTube link for PM Virtual Event with performers:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i_Y)

A cross-denominational collaboration with members representing Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba, Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers), Winnipeg Quakers, United Church TRC Action Committee, Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, in partnership with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM).



## Excerpts from Press Release

Issued by MCC Manitoba - Sept 2021



... is **Settler initiated** and endeavours to bridge the gap between Indigenous People & Settlers/Newcomers.

“2021 is the Fifth Annual Celebration, previously held at The Forks on the Parks Canada grounds, and online in 2020”.

“It is a cross - denominational collaboration with members representing Anglicans, Mennonites, Quakers and the United Church, in partnership with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba.”

Treaty medals were given to illustrate the elements of the Treaty Agreement between **First Nations** and **Crown** representatives at the original signing of the Treaty 150 years ago (for Treaty 1 and 2). It shows 2 men standing equal and shaking hands as a symbol of a reciprocal relationship.

*Welcome to the 2021*



Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

“... created for us a **sacred covenant** that we would share this land and its resources together in a good way...”

Quotes from Kerry Saner-Harvey, Indigenous Neighbours Program Co-ordinator for MCC Manitoba



See **Supplementary Guide** for additional info on Treaty 1 & 2

“In 2021, the 150<sup>th</sup> **commemoration** of the **making of Treaties 1 and 2** offers a unique opportunity to **renew these sacred agreements** and to **continue to build relationships of respect and reciprocity.**”



## Planning Committee for 2021 WAATP Special Event

2021 **Core Planning Committee** included these people:

- Chair: Elaine Bishop (Quaker)
- Kerry Saner-Harvey (MCC)
- Kathryn Boschmann (Quaker)
- Carol Dyck (Mennonite Church)
- Mary McNairnay (United Church)
- Elizabeth Bonnett (Anglican)
- Rev Vince Solomon (Anglican)
- Rev Dr. Canon Murray Still (Anglican)

The **WAATP Planning Committee** is extremely grateful for the wisdom provided by the **Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM)**, specifically:

- Our committee members



Jim Compton



Angela McKay



Jaime Wolfe

- Consultants: Treaty Commissioner Ross and TRCM Council of Elders



Treaty Commissioner  
Loretta Ross



Elder  
Dr. Harry Bone



Elder  
Florence Paynter



*Rear:*  
Kerry Saner-Harvey

*Middle:*  
Elaine Bishop

*Front:*  
Treaty Commissioner  
Loretta Ross

See **Supplementary Guide** for additional info  
on TRCM and Council of Elders

## Planning the Event

### 2021 brought attention to the following events:

1. First set of unmarked graves found in May 2021 on Kamloops Indian Residential School grounds and continuing reports of additional graves found in other communities
2. First ever national TRC day announced for Sept 30<sup>th</sup> alongside Orange Shirt Day (just 2 weeks after WAATP event)
3. Increased attention to lobbying for Pope Francis to meet with Indigenous leaders and issue apology for the Roman Catholic Church's role in Indian Residential Schools (IRS)
4. Awareness of the disproportionate impact the pandemic had on many Indigenous communities.

### Goals of the WAATP Planning Committee were to:

- Seek a “**right way**” of marking the commemoration of 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Treaties 1 and 2.
- Model the relationships and activities present in the 1871 making and signing of Treaties 1 and 2: this was used to determine the invitee list for the morning “by invitation only” portion of the event (listed below)
- Anticipate and respect pandemic restrictions that most likely would still be in place for a second year. No easy task, with ever changing restrictions in the 9 months leading up to the day of this event.

#### Settler invitees included:

- MB crown representative: Lt Governor Janice Filmon
- Representatives from the local government: Ross Eadie (Mayoral representative and local counsellor for Mynarski Ward)
- Representation from various churches
- Three youth attendees as suggested by **TRCM Council of Elders**

#### TRCM invitees included:

- Treaty Commissioner Loretta Ross
- Treaty 1 and 2 Elders from **TRCM Council of Elders**
  - Elders Florence & Philip Paynter (Treaty #1)
  - Elder Harry Bone (Treaty #2)
- Regional chiefs were unable to attend, but Boh Kubrakovich-Kiniw (Chief Knowledge Keeper) attended as the Treaty 2 representative
- Fire keeper: Jaime Wolfe
- Drummer: Ray ‘Coco’ Stevenson

#### Limited media were invited

Due to pandemic restrictions on attendance numbers, and out of respect for the solemnity of the ceremony, invitations to media were limited despite this being an historic event, a first such gathering reflecting the original gathering and respecting the Indigenous participants as the original peoples of the land.



The WAATP Planning Committee strived to keep aware of these throughout our planning sessions.

Links to key reports or announcements pertaining to these events are included in **Supplementary Guide**



## AM: Face-to-Face Ceremony by Invitation Only

WE ARE ALL  
TREATY PEOPLE  
CELEBRATION

### Ceremony Program

Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest  
19 September 2021

9:00  
Pipe and Water Ceremony, conducted by  
Elders Phillip and Florence Paynter

10:30  
Welcoming Ceremony, facilitated by Elder  
Harry Bone, Elder Florence Paynter and other  
dignitaries.

11:30  
Feast and gift exchange

12:00  
Closing comments for the morning session

Join us online for the virtual Treaty Celebration at 3pm today!  
<https://bit.ly/WeAreAllTreaty>

Sincere thanks to our generous sponsors: Thomas Sill Foundation,  
Mennonite Central Committee, Winnipeg Quakers, Quaker Friends Service  
Committee, United Church of Canada, Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land

## More Excerpts from Press Release

Issued by MCC Manitoba - Sept 2021



“A **Welcoming Ceremony**, attendance by invitation only, will be held at 10:30 am on the morning of September 19<sup>th</sup> at the *Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest* in St. John’s Park.”

*(After short walks from the four directions, invited guests, representing the diversity of Settlers and Newcomers living in Treaties #1 and #2 areas, were welcomed at a sacred fire by Elders, the Treaty Commissioner, and Chiefs/Grand-Chiefs from the two Treaty areas.)*

“Elder Harry Bone, of the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba’s Council of Elders, will offer teachings about Treaties. There will also be a feast and gift exchange.”



This ceremony recognizes that First Nations Peoples were here when the first settlers arrived and welcomed them as equals and helped them to survive.



“This renewal of Treaty looks to the continuation of relationships of respect and reciprocity for the next 150 years. The Welcoming Ceremony will be preceded by Sacred Pipe and Water Ceremonies which cannot be recorded.  
(following traditional First Nations protocol).“

# #1 Key Decision: identify the appropriate site for the morning event

After assessing two possible sites, the TRCM Elders chose the *Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest (KAHF)* in St. John's Park in Winnipeg.



Means "Wandering Spirit" in Ojibwe  
Name gifted by Elder Peetanacoot Nenakawekapo in 2019.



See Supplementary Guide for additional info on KAHF

Picture Source: <https://www.facebook.com/KapabamayakAchaakHealingForest/photos/1466210257092923>

- The KAHF is a living memorial to Indigenous children lost to, or affected by, the Residential School system; located in St. John's Park in the North End of Winnipeg.
- This is part of a cross-Canada unique initiative to create a network of forests and green spaces where Indigenous and non-Indigenous People can come together in the spirit of reconciliation to heal, reflect, meditate, talk, share. and build respect and understanding as a result of the Residential School legacy and the findings of the National Truth and Reconciliation report.

The premise behind the National Healing Forest is that trees are known to hold natural properties that promote reflection, spirituality, peace, and health



## Featuring current Council of Elders at TRCM



<https://trcm.ca/our-story/elders/>

The Council of Elders guides the TRCM in the spirit of honouring the Treaties by providing a First Nations perspective on the Treaties from each of the Treaty areas.

Each of the Elders featured here represent Treaties 1, 2, 4, 5/5 Adhesion, and 10

<https://trcm.ca/our-story/elders/>



Elder  
Florence  
Paynter  
Treaty #1



Elder Dr.  
Harry Bone  
Treaty #2

## #2 Key Decision: Ceremony Program planned out by TRCM Council of Elders

After developing some initial ideas, the planning committee sent them to the TRCM Council of Elders. We were **honoured when the Elders took over planning for the Ceremony**. The WAATP planning committee continued working with the Council of Elders in order to implement the plans.

## #3 Key Decision: plan for pandemic guidelines starting 9 months in advance – no easy task with the ever changing restrictions!

Attendance/registration process included:

- Submitting name and showing proof of double vaccination

**Note:** this was not required at the time for outdoor events however in concern for everyone's health, especially the Elders, it was decided to enforce this.

- Ensure wearing masks with extras available if needed.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers as needed



# The Weather



Guests started to arrive around 8:30 including the following:

Govt Rep: Ross Eadie

Performer in PM: Steve Bell



Guests also included 3 Youth Reps

# Sept 19<sup>th</sup> Morning Event

By 7 am, volunteers started arriving to set up the various tables and chairs, to start the sacred fire, and perform other duties needed for the ceremonies.



Aerial Map showing set-up of the site



The sacred fire was lit and tended, to burn continuously throughout the ceremony.



Firekeeper was **Jaime Wolfe**, WAATP member.

# View of some of the Tables

Registration Table

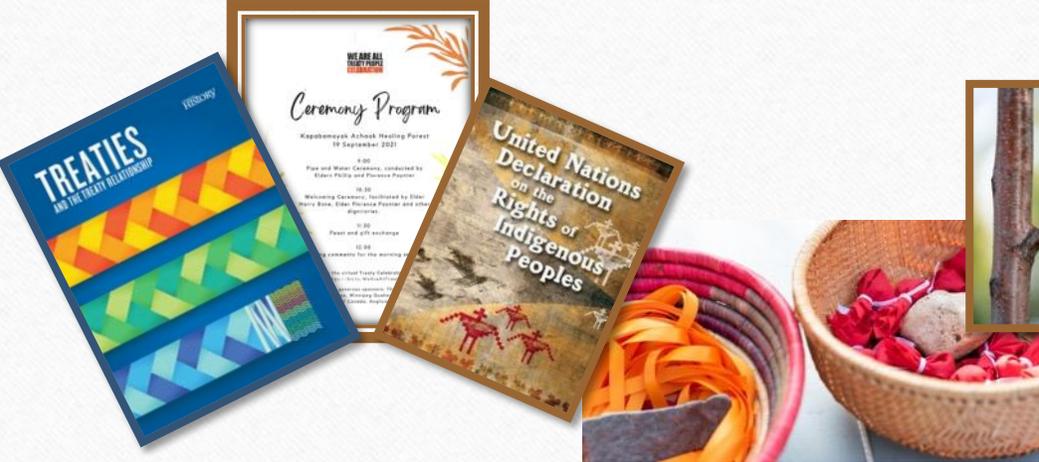


Volunteers getting registration table organized (included all pandemic protocols that had been decided on in advance) and ready to welcome invited guests for the morning ceremony

Welcome Table

After registration, all guests were greeted at a welcoming table and given:

- small tobacco ‘ties’
- orange ribbons which they were invited to wear or tie to tree branches (to commemorate the Indigenous children who never returned home from Indian Residential School)
- a program of the morning’s events
- copies of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* and other treaty education resources.



Orange ribbons

Tobacco ties







Greetings from  
The Honourable  
Janice C. Filmon  
Lieutenant Governor of MB



The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba had originally planned to attend this event in person however was unable to due to last minute complications.



### A Message from the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

As the Queen's representative in Manitoba, I am pleased to send greetings to everyone gathered in celebration of this Fifth Annual We Are All Treaty People event.

This year marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of Treaties 1 and 2, historical milestones in the evolution of nation-to-nation relationships in Canada.

We must continue to strive for respectful partnerships with all the peoples of this province, and journey together along the path toward collective healing and true reconciliation, and honour this beautiful land we all call home.

Today's event reminds all Manitobans that each of us has a role to play in ensuring a brighter, stronger future for our province, based on inclusion, mutual respect and understanding.

Congratulations to the volunteers, organizers, sponsors and supporters of this special event. As you come together in the spirit of unity, I wish you a safe, memorable celebration.

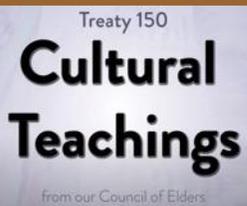
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janice C. Filmon".

The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M., O.M.  
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

WE ARE ALL  
TREATY PEOPLE  
CELEBRATION

## Pipe and Water Ceremony Elders Florence & Philip Paynter

**Note:** these ceremonies were not recorded as *per* First Nations protocol.



**Cultural Teaching** videos can be  
viewed on the TRCM YouTube site:

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6UdcrR9HVgKt4tnVXgdX0ByWVCgwJj\\_n](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6UdcrR9HVgKt4tnVXgdX0ByWVCgwJj_n)



Elder Philip Paynter &  
Rev Vince Solomon



You can also watch our **Event Video**, where these are explained by  
Elders around the 35 min mark, the 1 hr mark, and 1 hr 19 min.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i_Y)

**Welcoming Ceremony**  
by Elder Harry Bone, Elder Florence Paynter,  
and other dignitaries





## 4 Direction Walk

Description & Guide by Elder Harry Bone



- Following the teachings, there was a 4 Direction Walk which involved all participants.
- KAHF has markers (“grandmother stones”) for the four directions (east, south, west, north). Some of these stones are shown here.
- The sacred circle at the site provides openings from each of the 4 directions.
- Settler participants were invited to either choose the direction they had immigrated from or to go to the closest direction.
- All First Nation participants were invited into the central circle.
- Then, to a drum song, the Settlers/Newcomers slowly entered the central circle from the four directions to be greeted and welcomed by each First Nation participant.
- This was a deeply moving process, sprinkled with jokes about ‘zipper merging’ and chats amongst participants as the process around the circle was slow. Attendees were eager to make the most of this unique opportunity to be welcomed by the First Nation participants.
- After the 4 Direction Walk was completed, participants slowly returned to their seats around the circle.



This picture without any people will give a clearer view of the sacred circle in the middle



Photo source: <https://www.facebook.com/KapabamayakAchaakHealingForest/photos/1466210257092923>



## Views of the 4 Direction Walk

With a few “traffic jams” along the way



## Gift Giveaway

After the Four Directions Walk, there was a **Gift Giveaway**:

- Gifts were offered to everyone following First Nations' traditional practice; all participants had been encouraged to bring a gift to this event.
- The youth reps distributed the gifts, starting with the Elders.
- Amongst the gifts, each participant received a clay smudge bowl thrown by Quaker potter, Keith Barber.

**Note:** to watch a short video on Keith's project including some additional background info, check out the YouTube recording of the afternoon – around the **59 min.** mark.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i_Y)

Keith Barber  
Clay Smudge  
Bowl project:  
150 bowls



Settler Participants were asked to agree to undertake 150 actions towards being great treaty partners within the next year. Upon submitting this list, they will receive a companion mug to their smudge bowls (150 mugs available)

## ACHAKOS ININEWUK THE STAR PEOPLE

Ininew mythology states that we are the Star People. *misewa* (all that is), a piece of Creator was placed into each of us. *why assiniuk* (stones) are animate, not inanimate. All things have a *chak* (spirit). Inside us there is a piece of Creator, and the Creator can never die, f

See Keith's video showing him make a bowl, along with more detail on the star design in the middle of the bowl.



Quote from Keith :  
"I cannot undo the pain from the past but I can move forward in a good way".

WAATP committee member, TRCM's Angela McKay, organizing the gift table with all of the gifts being dropped off for this portion of the ceremony.



### More on Gift Exchange

3 youth leaders representing 3 different churches volunteered to participate in the handing out of gifts and food



Table full of gifts brought from participants



Volunteer, Jonathan Dyck, sorting the gifts into packages for the youth reps to hand out.



## Surprise Component of AM event



Presentation on behalf of Treaty 2 done by **Boh Kubrakovich – Kiniw** – Lead Knowledge Keeper for Treaty #2

Each Event & Faith Leader attendee was gifted a replica of the Treaty 2 Medal



## Faith Leaders present in AM event:

Rev Brian Ford – Anglican  
Eric Leach – Quaker  
Janet Ross – Quaker  
Michael Pahl – Mennonite  
Diane Dwarka – United Church  
Denise MacRae – Anglican  
Carin Crowe – KAIROS  
Susan Johnson – Lutheran National Bishop  
Bishop Jason Zinko – Lutheran  
(MB Northern ON Synod)  
Rev Rick Loftson - Catholic



L to R:  
Commissioner Loretta Ross, Elaine Bishop, Elder Florence Paynter, Elder Harry Bone, and Boh Kubrakovich-Kinew



Treaty 2 flag presented to:

- TRCM: Commissioner Loretta Ross
- Chair of WAATP: Elaine Bishop
- TRCM Elders: Florence Paynter and Harry Bone

MMIWG flag – picture not available





A Few Attendees





# The Feast

The ceremony was completed by sharing a Feast.

“Sam’s Place”  
on Henderson Hwy  
supplied our food



Participants were welcome to eat on site or to take it home to eat, although the importance of eating the feast food was shared.



To comply with pandemic health restrictions each meal was separately packaged.



Upon leaving, participants were encouraged to give their tobacco ties to the sacred fire which burned until all attendees had left.



Replica Treaty Medallion

## Post-Event CTV Interview with Elaine Bishop

Chair and Quaker rep on WAATP Committee

Watch the CTV interview:

<https://winnipeg.ctvnews.ca/treaty-renewal-ceremony-first-of-its-kind-in-150-years-organizers-say-1.5591838>



### Key points:

- We Are All Treaty People Celebration (WAATP) came as a response to the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action**.
- It is the responsibility of settlers to help newcomers understand we're living on treaty land.
- Sunday's ceremony included settlers walking into the *Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest* in St. John's Park's symbolizing the origins of Treaties 1 and 2.
- It recognized that First Nations People were here first and that they welcomed those who came in from the four directions.
- The commemoration also reenacted other aspects of the original Treaty negotiations from 1871, including a feast, as well as Sacred Pipe and Water ceremonies.

Chair Elaine Bishop stated, "It may be the **first** Treaty renewal of its kind in 150 yrs."

Bishop said these types of **renewal ceremonies** should be held annually.

"Treaty is an ongoing relationship," she said. "It just doesn't go away because you don't remember it."



PM: Virtual Portion accessible to  
all via YouTube

Flyer for the Afternoon Virtual Event from  
3 to 5 pm along with public link for future access

Join us for the 5th Annual  
*an event to build and celebrate relationships and raise awareness around treaty one*  
**WE ARE ALL TREATY PEOPLE**  
**CELEBRATION**  
*all are welcome*  
150th Anniversary  
Commemoration of  
Treaties 1 and 2!  
**Virtual Festival Event**  
Sunday, September 19, 2021  
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



Treaty Commissioner  
Loretta Ross, our first  
Celebration in 2017

Register today: <https://bit.ly/WeAreAllTreaty>

**Featuring**  
Elders Harry  
Bone &  
Florence  
Paynter



Steve Bell



Don Amero

Shanley Spence  
Jim Compton, Emcee  
Treaty Relations Commission  
of Manitoba  
Brandi Vezina  
Island Breeze Manitoba  
Well Sister

From the comfort of your home...  
Indigenous People, Settlers, and Newcomers  
share what Being Treaty means to them.



Organized by Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba, Winnipeg Quakers, TRC Action Committee United Church,  
Diocese of Rupert's Land (Anglican), in partnership with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba (TRCM).



Performers:

- Don Amero
- Steve Bell
- Shanley Spence
- Brandi Vezina
- Island Breeze Manitoba
- Well Sister

Main Emcee:  
**Jim Compton,**  
*Communications Director  
at TRCM*



Elder Harry Bone &  
Elder Florence Paynter  
also interviewed




Joined by co-host  
**Kerry  
Saner- Harvey,**  
*Indigenous Relations  
Coordinator at MCC MB*



We Are All Treaty People Celebration webinar link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VIfCj0x0i_Y)



# A Celebration of Diversity.



## Indigenous Performers

### Don Amero



Winnipeg based Cree/Métis country and folksinger/songwriter & storyteller



### Shanley Spence



Winnipeg based Cree/Anishinaabe Hoop Dancer

### Brandi Vezina

Winnipeg based Métis singer/songwriter



## Performers (Indigenous/Settlers/Newcomers) for PM event – via recordings

## Settler/Newcomer Performers

### Steve Bell



Winnipeg based singer/songwriter



### Well Sister: Jaymie Friesen



Winnipeg based singer/songwriter along with Canadian singer joining her



This music/dance group, based in Steinbach, has up to 10 members, representing the Islands of Hawaii, Tahiti, Fiji, Samoa, and New Zealand.





## Our Volunteers

Our planning committee was deeply grateful for the dedicated participation and partnership of the **Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba** and its affiliated Elders.

The assistance of numerous volunteers from our partner groups was also invaluable in helping us manage the numerous tasks for the event.

## Use of KAHF Site

Thank you to the **Kapabamayak Achaak Healing Forest Steering Committee** for allowing this event to take place at their site; many agreed that it was a perfect location for the approximately 60 people who attended the morning ceremony.



Special thanks to our photographer, **Duncan McNairnay**, who volunteered his time to take these wonderful photos at our morning event and provide them to us so we could put together this slide presentation for you.

## Thanks! Miigwech!

## Our Funders



This event would also not have been possible without the generous donations from our partners and other funding agencies.



Special thanks to **Ron Pineda** of Artisan Audio Visual who volunteered his time and skills to support the media platform and switching for the afternoon virtual event.



Indigenous Reconciliation & Healing Fund



Justice & Reconciliation Fund



# Looking forward to 2022



## WAATP Vision Statement

To provide an opportunity for **Settlers** and **Newcomers** to join together with **Indigenous People** in celebrating the kinship relationship created by the signing of **Treaty One (and the other numbered treaties)**, to share the richness of these cultures through music and the arts, and to honour the treaty commitment to share this land together in a good way, while acknowledging the pain caused by the many broken promises.

### Save the Date:

Sept 18, 2022 at original site at The Forks  
(in-person event dependent on pandemic restrictions)

Keep checking MCC Indigenous Neighbours program site for updates on upcoming event as well as archived articles/webinars of past events:

<https://mcccanada.ca/search/site/We%20are%20all%20treaty%20people>



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- Rev Dr. Canon Murray Still (Anglican)
- Jim Compton (TRCM)
- Angela McKay (TRCM)
- Tammy Field (TRCM)
- Jaime Wolfe (past TRCM)