

TRINITY FNMI FUNDRAISING LAUNCH



Trinity FNMI is changing focus.

Instead of raising funds for the Mishamikoweesh Water Partnership in northwestern Ontario, Trinity **FNMI INITIATIVES** will be focusing on developing relationships with our closest Indigenous communities.

In preparation for the **Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow in September 2024**, Trinity FNMI seeks to acknowledge the children and youth in that First Nation who wear Regalia and dance within their Pow Wow Circle. Their commitment to learn their language, cultural heritage and spiritual practices is recognized by Trinity parishioners who attended last year's Pow Wow.

By dancing in the Pow Wow Circle in their Regalia, these children and youth connect to Creator/Great Spirit/Divine Mystery as well as with their Ancestors who have taught them to walk in a good way for thousands of years.

Instead of seeking donations during Advent, Trinity **FNMI INITIATIVES** will raise funds in the period from **National Indigenous Day on June 21** to **National Truth and Reconciliation Day on September 30**.

The Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow Coordinator **Lauri Hoeg** accepted Trinity FNMI's offer to augment the gifts of cash given to children (currently \$5 each for 40 pre-school and school-aged participants and \$20 each for teenagers).

We hope to **raise \$3,500** to acknowledge these children and youth who wear Regalia and dancing in the Pow Wow Circle. The Pow Wow Coordinator also gives each of the Dancers additional giveaways in kind from vendors and other gift-givers.

**This year, the Chippewas of Georgina Island Pow Wow happens on
Saturday September 28 & Sunday September 29, 2024**

Join some youth and FNMI supporters by carpooling, leaving Trinity at 10:30 am on Saturday September 28, 2024.

In the past, Anglican churches from coast to coast to coast have supported policies and practices to prevent Indigenous Peoples from learning and speaking their languages as well as in living according to thousands of years in connecting with Creator/Great Spirit/Divine Mystery and their Ancestors.

Over the years, Trinity FNMI have submitted budgets to the Churchwardens for costs to pay Indigenous Knowledge Keepers like Nanockashee Jacob Charles and the Haudenosaunee Grandmother Mim Harder for their leadership in worship and in sharing their knowledge and experiences in Talking Circles.

This year, Trinity FNMI projects that the costs will be \$4,000. In the past, St. Philips-on-the-Hill in Unionville have contributed towards the costs Honoraria for Talking Circles since many participants from that parish attend. Others for other worshipping communities also made contributions at the end of the last set of Talking Circles.

Please prayerfully consider donating or a series of donations to FNMI INITIATIVES. Designate each gift as FNMI INITIATIVES in the message box for your e-transfer or on your cheque or place cash in an envelope with FNMI INITIATIVES on this envelope. Some may decide to contribute the amount of a day's income or make a monthly designated gift, in addition to your regular offering. Communicate your passion for justice to be in right relationships with Indigenous Peoples.