

ADVENT CONSPIRACY 2022

PIMATISIWIN NIPI (LIVING WATERS)

What is the Advent Conspiracy?

ADVENT CONSPIRACY is a way adopted by some worshipping communities to focus on the life and work of Jesus in a busy and frantic season of finding the right gifts for family and friends.

In preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus, some have decided to spend less on gifts and to give a gift so that the most vulnerable in Canada can have safe, clean water in their schools, health centres, and governance buildings but in their homes. Everyone from coast to coast to coast has the right to have safe, clean, and running water in their homes and effective wastewater systems. Worldwide, billions of dollars is spent each year in the celebration of Christmas. Join others who conspire to live in ways which challenge the dominant dynamic to spend more and buy more at this time of year. The health and wellbeing of citizens in Indigenous communities are impacted by the afflictions associated with unsafe and sometimes hazardous water. Short-term and long-term water advisories continue to happen not only in remote communities of Ontario but also on reserves in central and southern parts of Ontario due to the practices and policies of assimilation which continues at every level of government still. Some First Nations only have a portion of their homes connected to the water treatment plant. Some communities are too small for the construction of a water treatment plant. A number of Anglican churches predominately in southern Ontario continue to gather as Pimatisiwin Nipi (Living Waters) have raised funds in the past for Pikangikum and for the NGO Water First. Pimatisiwin Nipi has also advocated by requesting that the federal government work collaboratively with the leadership in Indigenous communities to resolve longstanding water problems.

What steps can you take in participating in Advent Conspiracy

Over the past decade, Pimatisiwin Nipi has learned to continue to be tenacious. We have worked with the Chief and Council at Pikangikum First Nation and received a wealth of information from the former Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe Aski Nation Alvin Fiddler along with their Policy Advisor and Director of Infrastructure. Pimatisiwin Nipi learned that the federal government intends to work with the leadership of Indigenous communities but there is some much work to be done and financial constraints to get done what needs to be done. Pimatisiwin Nipi has also learned that non-Indigenous Settlers and Newcomers to Canada need to provide leadership with various levels of government and the people of Canada in order to turn around the practices and policies of dispossession, dependency, and oppression in place for over two hundred years. Pimatisiwin Nipi has also learned that compassion for the most vulnerable is also needed. **A little TLC...tenacity, leadership, and compassion** goes a very long way in our efforts to move towards equality and justice with Indigenous Peoples from coast to coast to coast.

You are invited to make a donation towards the ongoing ministry and mission of Trinity and to the **MISHAMIKOWEESH WATER PROJECT**. At Vestry 2022, the Priest-in-Charge, Churchwardens, and members of this parish clearly identified the need to be generous in making financial contributions to Trinity. In the past year, Trinity has also been generous in making gifts to supporting the MISHAMIKOWEESH WATER PARTNERSHIP and SPIRIT GARDEN as signs of our intention to be in right relationship with Indigenous Peoples. At the beginning of November 2022, Bishop Lydia Mamakwa and the Reverend David Franks from Pimatisiwin Nipi made a presentation to the Chiefs of Shibogama Tribal Council inviting the leadership for Kasabonika First Nation, Kingfisher Lake First Nation, Wapekeka First Nation, Wawakapewin First Nation, and Wunnumin Lake First Nation into a partnership. The Chiefs of Shibogama Tribal Council accepted this invitation so we are moving forward together. As you are able and with prayerful consideration, your donation to the

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MISHAMIKOWEESH WATER PARTNERSHIP will contribute towards the purchase of a water truck so that half of the homes in Kingfisher Lake First Nation who are not connected to the water distribution network from their water treatment plant and wastewater system will have increased capacity in the delivery of safe, clean water to their homes.

If you are being prompted by Creator, the Peacemaker, Eternal Word, Great Spirit, please designate your gift to **MISHAMIKOWEESH WATER PROJECT** on the face of your cheque or in the message box for your e-transfer or on an envelope with cash. Some make a quarterly gift designated in this way. Some give a day's pay to the work of Pimatisiwin Nipi. **EVERY GIFT MATTERS.** All gifts end up at the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund to be held and then are distributed at the request of the leadership in the Indigenous community so that safe, clean water can be available in more homes of our Original Peoples. Pimatisiwin Nipi provides gift cards so that you can give this card as A LIVING GIFT OF WATER to the recipient of your thoughtful and prayerful generosity.