

## FNMI Events Update September 2024

Journey to **Nathan Phillips Square** in Toronto with the **Reverend David Franks** on **Monday, September 30**, travelling by GO TRAIN and leaving the Aurora Station at 10:54.



From September 27 to 30, Council Fire will be gathering people to celebrate the opening of SPIRIT GARDEN to honour the residential school survivors. A video clip of this project can be found at the website [councilfire.ca](http://councilfire.ca) introducing the various artists and Knowledge Keepers who contributed to making this Call to Action #82 from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission a reality. This interpretive centre provides visitors with a reflecting pool, a Two Row Wampum Belt Walkway, a Voyageur Canoe, Inukshuk, a timber frame

Teaching Lodge, a Three Sisters Garden, and a Turtle Sculpture climbing out of the waters. Funding for SPIRIT GARDEN has been gathered from a host of individuals (including some from Trinity in Aurora) and corporations (including the Anglican Diocese of Toronto) as well as from the City of Toronto, Province of Ontario, and the federal government.

September 30 is National Truth and Reconciliation Day, formerly known as **Orange Shirt Day**. For a history of this Day began by Phyllis Webstad in 2013, visit the website [ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY](http://ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY).

### EVERY CHILD MATTERS

Every child is a gift of Creator for not only parents and extended family members but also for everyone in our communities from coast to coast to coast. Creator Sets Free Jesus put a child in the middle of the crowd and taught those who walk in his way to learn from these children.

**Join your neighbours in Aurora on Monday, September 30 at the Aurora Town Square for a Fire Ceremony at 5:30 pm and a Concert at 7 pm.**

The Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley, Elder Pat Floody, and Knowledge Keeper Raiden Levesque will provide leadership for the Ceremony, Presentation, and Sacred Fire.

The Concert will take place in the new performance hall.

A virtual screening by the Cree Elder Wilfred Buck traveling and meeting with residential school survivors on his People's traditional territories is also available to be watched at home through the website for the Aurora Public Library.

**Please register so you can receive the link for this event.**

**National Truth and Reconciliation Sunday will be celebrated on October 6, 2024, at Trinity Anglican Church in Aurora.**

If you have yet to make a donation to FNMI INITIATIVES, please be generous in providing for honoraria for Indigenous Participants in worship for the Sunday for Truth and Reconciliation and the Indigenous Sunday in June 2025 as well as for the Trinity Fall Talking Circle 2024 and the Lenten Talking Circle in 2025.

On a cheque, identify your gift as FNMI INITIATIVES.

For an e-transfer, enter FNMI INITIATIVES in the message box.

In giving cash, place your gift in an envelope and write FNMI INITIATIVES on the outside of the envelope.

**FNMI stands for First Nations, Metis, and Inuit**, who are identified as having Indigenous heritage.

Prayerfully consider donating on a monthly or quarterly basis over the coming year.

Thanks to your generosity, \$3500 has been already given to the Chippewas of Georgina Pow Wow Coordinator Lauri Hoeg t the to provide support in three ways.

The children and youth who wear their Regalia dance in the Pow Wow Circle can be recognized and appreciated in a more substantial way. Those who make Regalia can receive some support. Some funds can go towards the cost of having a Visitor Drum Circle support Nanockashee Jacob Charles with his Home Drum Circle in singing and drumming over two full days.