

# Crossing the River

An unsettling memoir

Sandra Hayes-Gardiner



**Join us November 5, from 7 to 8:30 pm  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
290 Edgepark Blvd, NW**

Sandra Hayes-Gardiner, author of *Crossing the River: An Unsettling Memoir*, will speak to her personal journey of reconciliation after growing up across the river from a Cree nation in The Pas, Manitoba. She acknowledges knowing little about her Indigenous neighbours nor giving much thought to the impact of her actions as a social worker removing “at risk” Indigenous children from their families. She worked for the federal government in Northern Manitoba early in her career, later living in Williams Lake, BC amongst another Indigenous community. She has come to understand and reflect on the insidious nature of prejudice and ongoing racism, thus committing to the advocacy journey she is now on.

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In the spirit of reconciliation, we acknowledge that we live, work and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut’ina, the Iethka Nakoda Nations (Chiniki, Bearspaw, Goodstoney), the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (Districts 5 and 6), and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.