

Mandate of the Indigenous Relations Team (“IRT”) of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church.

This mandate is in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's call to action, The Presbyterian Church in Canada’s Apology* and one of the Session’s current priorities for the mission of St Andrew’s.

The IRT will nurture and support various initiatives of the congregation, Indigenous organizations, and people of our community.

The five fundamental commitments will be our guiding principle. Together we will encourage positive relationships.

** We therefore offer five fundamental commitments:*

- 1. We will continue to listen and learn from Indigenous people, leaders, Elders and Knowledge Keepers, welcoming and engaging voices from both within and beyond The Presbyterian Church in Canada.*
- 2. We will continue the work of reconciliation, responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s 94 Calls to Action and the work of reparation that we have begun.*
- 3. We will respect traditional Indigenous spiritual practices.*
- 4. We will listen to and tell the truth about the past.*
- 5. We will work to support Indigenous-led healing and wellness initiatives and stand in solidarity with Indigenous people and communities.*