

“Blanket Exercise’ at October ‘Wrongs to Rights’ gathering.

“The ‘*Blanket Exercise*’ is a workshop explaining the nation-to-nation relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. Blankets arranged on the floor represent land, and participants are invited to step into the roles of First Nation, Inuit, and later Metis peoples. The exercise is a unique, participatory history lesson developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.”

Although originated by KAIROS, a Canadian faith based ecumenical organization in 1997, the ‘*Blanket Exercise*’ is for everyone; churchgoers and unchurched alike. It is for those of any or no religion, any age, ethnic origin and orientation – in short, it is open to all ‘new’ and ‘old’ Canadians and everything in-between. So please invite others to attend. Everybody is welcome (though it is a school-day), **and there is no charge!**

The **facilitators will be Shirley Hardman, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs at University of the Fraser Valley, Chilliwack, and Grand Chief Clarence ‘Kat’ Pennier from Sq’ewlets (Scowlitz) First Nation, Lake Errock.**

Participants are requested if they are able, to bring along one or more blankets to be used at the event. These blankets laid on the floor will represent Canada from coast to coast to coast. We are also asked to bring socks to wear as we walk on the blankets.

The ‘*Blanket Exercise*’ will take place **Wed. October 2, 2019** at the ‘Wrongs to Rights’ group in All Saints Anglican Church hall (6904 Lougheed Highway, Agassiz). We will **gather for refreshments and fellowship at 12:30 pm**, coming together at 1:00 pm for the ‘*Blanket Exercise*’. The event will close at 3:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there – Everyone is welcome! **Please email Monica Gibson-Pugsley mqp2000@shaw.ca if you plan to attend.**