



LET JUSTICE ROLL

Support the Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Ten years ago, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This was a great achievement for the 370 million Indigenous peoples around the world but there is still much to be done in order for governments and institutions to implement the UN Declaration.

Let Justice Roll is collaborative ecumenical initiative involving KAIROS, Mennonite Church Canada (Indigenous Relations) and the Canadian Baptists of Western Canada and Canadian Baptist Ministries to support the implementation of the UN Declaration in Canada.

There is currently a Private Member’s Bill (Bill C -262) which outlines a legislative framework for the Government of Canada to implement the UN Declaration. In addition, the Government of Canada has recently established a Working Group of Cabinet Ministers to review the UN Declaration in light of Canada’s laws. **Get Involved:**

1. Meet with your Member of Parliament to discuss the UN Declaration and to seek his or her support for the implementation of the Declaration.
2. Make a banner to display outside your congregation.
3. Share the attached bulletin insert with your congregation.

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Campaign to Implement the
United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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We are responding! Meet with your Member of Parliament and tell her or him that implementing the *UN Declaration* in Canadian law is a priority. The **Let Justice Roll** campaign resource includes information to help you prepare for a meeting. It also includes FAQs and activities for congregations.

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Prayer for implementation of the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* Inspired by TRC Call to Action 48

Leader: God of all people – you bring your people together and draw us to you, as beloved children of God. Your people cry out for justice! Let us hear those words now:

We are called to formally adopt and comply with the principles, norms, and standards of the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* as a framework for reconciliation ... and to ensure that our institutions, policies, programs, and practices comply with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

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Leader: Steadfast God, we know the journey to reconciliation is not a short road. Make our feet swift, and our hearts unwavering as we walk this road as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples together.

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To help you prepare for a meeting, the Let Justice Roll campaign resource, ***Let Justice Roll: Implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017)***, includes a theological reflection, frequently asked questions about the UN Declaration, notes for meeting with your Member of Parliament, and other activities. To download this free resource and view Let Justice Roll campaign updates, visit

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