



Circles for Reconciliation Gathering Theme

Closing: Vision of Reconciliation

*(Each sentence to be read by a different participant,
with the last sentence being read together by all six.)*

1. Reconciliation must become a way of life.
2. It will take many years to repair damaged trust and relationships in Aboriginal communities and between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal peoples.
3. Reconciliation not only requires apologies, reparations, and relearning of Canada's national history, and public commemorations, but also needs real social, political and economic change.
4. Ongoing public education and dialogue are essential to reconciliation.
5. Governments, churches, educational institutions, and Canadians from all walks of life are responsible for taking action on reconciliation in concrete ways, working collaboratively with Aboriginal peoples.
6. (All six readers) "Reconciliation begins with each and every one of us." (TRC, p. 185)

Reference

TRC. (2015). Honouring the Truth, Reconciling for the Future: Summary of the Final Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.