



Sandy-Saulteaux

Spiritual Centre



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Building a Legacy

Dr. Jessie Saulteaux from Carry-the-Kettle First Nation, SK and Mr. Francis Sandy from Christian Island/Beausoleil First Nation, ON began what is now Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, the national Indigenous ministry training school of The United Church of Canada. Graduating 72 (including 5 graduates this year) Indigenous folk for Indigenous ministry is our proudest legacy.

On May 4, 2019 we established an endowment fund with The United Church of Canada Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to create long term support for the mission and ministry of the Centre so we can continue to raise up strong Indigenous leadership in the church and our communities. The legacy fund will annually disburse 3.5% of the average balance of the fund.

The Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre is a place of spirit where both Indigenous and Christian spiritual beliefs are respected, shared and understood. From the strength of the Elders' wisdom, we foster teachings of respect, healing and wholeness among all peoples and with all of creation. The theological and cross-cultural training we offer is grounded in the understanding that "The Earth is Our Faculty". The earth produces our language, our elders read the lessons of the earth and create our cultures. We have lived well for many millennia in this land. We invite you to join us in building on this legacy.

To learn more about contributing to the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre Legacy Fund please contact our Keeper of the Centre, Rob Smith at 204-268-3913 / robert@sandysaulteaux.ca or Sarah Charters at The United Church of Canada Foundation at 1-866-340-8223 / SCharters@United-church.ca.



Bursaries Bring Student Learning to New Horizons

Thanks to a student bursary, Bruce Neal Kakakaway took part in a United Church "Come and See" tour of Palestine and Israel. This visit fulfilled Bruce's requirement to complete a Global Awareness Learning Circle as part of his training for ministry at Sandy-Saulteaux. Bruce was awed by everything he saw. The land and the people were beautiful. It was hard to believe that the ugliness of guns, soldiers, fences and garbage could possibly exist at the same time, in the same place. He went there looking for Jesus and found him not in the historical sites but in the people. It made him really appreciate what Jesus came to do. Bruce says the trip changed him and made him a better person, in ways that are hard to explain. "You had to be there." He encourages others to "come and see" Palestine and Israel for themselves.



"Finally I sit by the Sea of Galilee. My friends and group set foot in the waters. I sit here and wait, I have been here before it seems; the small waves speak to me as if saying "Hello! You have come a long way, please put your feet here". I walked in and joined the sea for a little while, I looked across and thought...of my own home. " I'm going to miss you, but I miss my family and home also. THE LORD KNOWS WHAT I NEED."

Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre Bursary Funds

Did you know that you can make donations to any of the following bursary funds to support our students?

The **Dorothy McKay Memorial Fund** is to financially assist students from Manitoba enrolled in the learning circles for becoming an Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) and persons in the Designated Lay Minister program, to qualify for leadership in the church. The fund provides for book bursaries and small bursaries to address temporary financial needs.

The **General Bursary Fund** is to financially assist students enrolled in the learning circles to qualify for leadership in the church. The financial assistance will be for the costs associated with their training such as tuition, accommodations and food, travel and books at other training centres.

The **Egerton Bales Young Bursary Fund** is to financially assist students enrolled in the learning circles for becoming an Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) and persons in the Designated Lay Minister program, who have demonstrated achievement and commitment and who want to extend their education. Priority is given to Bachelor of Theology students.

The **Shizuaka Trust Fund** is to financially assist First Nation women students enrolled in the learning circles for becoming an Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) and the Designated Lay Minister program.

The **Hyde Bursary Fund** is to financially support students enrolled in the learning circles for becoming an Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) and the Designated Lay Minister program to take courses to work in the areas of hospital and prison chaplaincy.

The **Indian Ministry Training Fund** is to financially support students from the former Keewatin Presbytery enrolled in the learning circles for becoming an Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) and the Designated Lay Minister. The funds can be used for tuition, travel, emergency needs, etc. for students from the following communities:

- Berens River - Cross Lake - Deer Lake - Fisher River
- Garden Hill - God's Lake Narrow/God's River - Norway House
- Little Grand Rapids - Pauingassi - Nelson House - Oxford House
- Pikangikum - Poplar River - Red Sucker Lake - Sandy Lake, Ontario
- South Indian Lake - Thompson Outreach - Wasagamack
- Winnipeg (Raymond Flett and Winnipeg Outreach)

Bequests

To learn more about leaving a gift to Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in your will, contact Keeper of the Centre Rob Smith.

2020 Leaning Circles & Continuing Education Opportunities



We welcome guest learners to join our students in these circles.

Mar. 23 - 27 AT2 Medicine Wheel Teachings Learning Circle
Mar. 30 - Apr. 3 PC3 Addictions

June 1 - 5 PC2 Crisis Counselling
June 8 - 12 AT1 Traditional Medicines & Healing

Contact us for details and to register.

Seeds & Stories: March 21st, 10:00am - 2:00pm



We're pleased to be part of a unique partnership with local group the Eastman Seed Savers to host this new event at the Centre. In the tradition of "Seedy Saturdays" which are hosted by seed savers across the country, the event is a time for gardeners to bring seeds for swapping. New and experienced gardeners alike come to learn tips for growing and saving seed to preserve a wide diversity of heritage seeds. In our tradition of honouring the sacred in our midst, Keeper of the Circle Adrian Jacobs and elder Stan McKay will offer a seed blessing. A sharing circle will give everyone a chance to share some of the stories that come with their seeds and a lunch of stew and bannock will follow. Whether you're curious about seeds or have some to share, we invite you to join us.

Spring Ceremonies: March 21st, 2:30pm

We will mark the Spring Equinox with a pipe ceremony, teaching and potluck feast. All are welcome.



Ceremony of Celebration: March 28th, 2:00pm

Come celebrate our graduating students and honoured elders. The service will be followed by a feast.

Mamawe Ota Askihk Solstice Weekend: June 20th - 21st

Palestinian farmers Fayez and Mona Owda will visit during a mini-Mamawe Ota Askihk weekend event. On Saturday, they will be sharing the struggle of sustainable farming in the face of Israeli occupation and control in West Bank Palestine. On Sunday they will join us for our regular Summer Solstice Sweat Lodge Ceremony and Feast.

Mamawe Ota Askihk: Sharing Life Together Here on Earth: August 24th - 28th



Our 4th annual festival for Indigenous and settler allies to reclaim the homegrown, the homespoken, the homebred, and the homemade will include medicine gathering, cheese making, story telling, gardening, drum making and more. We invite people of all ages to join us for a week on the land here.

Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre Annual General Meeting: September 26th, 2:00pm

Join us at Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, 29 Dugard Road, Beausejour, MB, R0E 0C0.

Want to attend any of these events? Please contact us to register at 204-268-3913 or sansau@mymts.net. For more events, visit sandsaulteaux.ca or follow us on Facebook

Library Volunteer Wanted

We are seeking a volunteer with library science training who could help us catalogue new books in our library of Indigenous studies and theological studies. Know just the person who could help us out? Please put us in touch!



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- For the Building
- For Dorothy McKay Memorial
- For Global Awareness
- For Egerton Bales Young
- For General Student Bursary
- For the Sandy-Saulteaux Legacy Fund

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