



Sandy-Saulteaux

Spiritual Centre

Ceremony of Celebration

On April 14, we celebrated the graduation of our student Eleanor Monias and honoured two important elders: Rev. Adeline Samson-Harvey and Rev. Solomon Meekis. This Ceremony is a highlight of the annual rhythm here at Sandy-Saulteaux. We order cake, prepare a feast, go all out on red, yellow, black and white decorations and welcome friends and family from far and wide as we acknowledge the journeys of the students and elders we've gathered to celebrate.

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Graduate Eleanor Monias



Eleanor first became interested in ministry when she attended the graduation of a Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre student with her parents as a young adult. She later found the courage

to pursue and develop her gifts in spiritual and pastoral care. Eleanor has overcome many obstacles over the years of her training, and we celebrate with her in her successful completion of the Designated Lay Ministry program. We offer our gratitude to all the elders,

vision keepers, fellow students, family and friends who have held and continue to hold Eleanor in support and guidance throughout her journey.

Eleanor's classmates chose the following words to highlight her gifts. She brings these qualities to the pastoral care she offers in hospitals in Winnipeg. We wish her all the best as she continues her ministry as a busy beaver, making spaces that feel like home wherever she goes.



Honoured Elder Rev. Solomon Meekis

Excerpts from a speech by his daughter Eva Nothingg



Rev. Meekis with his daughter Eva

You know that my dad is one of the strongest people I know. He's my inspiration. I didn't know I would be standing where he was standing when he graduated. Growing up, many times I would wonder where he was for 1 or 2 weeks at a time. But my mom would tell me that he went to school!

He is now 79 years young - that's how he would say it. I'm glad I'm his daughter you know. I have seen him struggle as many people do, and still are. And yet he's still here. Above all he can still go hunting, with help from my brother Steve.

My dad graduated in 1992. He retired in 2012, hey, not exactly, he's still doing what he meant to do.

Honoured Elder Rev. Adeline Samson-Harvey

Excerpts from a speech by her daughter Tanesha Harvey



Rev. Samson-Harvey with her daughter Tanesha

Adeline was brought up in the United Church. She started working with Maskwacis Health Services in the area of suicide prevention and intervention. After Evelyn Broadfoot told Adeline she would be a good candidate for ministry, Adeline's response was "who... me?". But after some contemplating and with the support of her parents and our church, she decided to commit to the journey of becoming a minister. While she was in training she was also asked to return to Maskwacis Health Services to work with the mental health team. In 2005, Adeline graduated and was commissioned to Samson United Church. She retired after 15 years of service in the church and 25 years from Maskwacis Mental Health. Throughout her career she sat on the Council of Sharing, the Council of Learning and the Healing Fund.



Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre Annual General Meeting

September 29th, 2018
2:00 pm at SSSC, 29 Dugard Road, Beausejour, Manitoba

Let us know you'll be attending at sansau@mymts.net or 204-268-3913.

Mamawe Ota Askihk

Sharing Life Together Here on Earth:
August 20-25 , 2018



Elder Stan McKay looks on during Mamawe Ota Askihk 2017 as a Gete Okosomin squash is prepared.

Join us for a week-long festival where we'll gather medicines, work in the garden, make moccasins, can tomatoes, share skills and tell stories. Come root yourself in an understanding of the land as our health. Taste the beauty of friendships formed through nurturing one another as the earth nurtures us. Thanks to The United Church of Canada's Justice and Reconciliation Fund and Mennonite Central Committee's Indigenous Neighbours program for their financial contributions to this event.

All ages are welcome. Register to attend at sandysaulteaux.ca.



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Stanley McKay receives Doctor of Sacred Letters Degree

At the May 10th, 2018 Emmanuel Convocation, Victoria University conferred an honorary degree upon The Very Reverend Stanley John McKay. Stan was the first Indigenous moderator of the United Church of Canada, 1992-1994 and has been instrumental in working towards reconciliation with the Church. He has been involved with the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre, now the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, since its inception, a wise guide to the growth of Indigenous ministry training.

Sandy

By Bruce Kakakaway, SSSC student

Spiritual, Spiritual, Simple,
Reconnection Christianity

Simple, Simple, days have flown by
And now the place waits more once again

New faces and familiar ones
Arise with the days.

Hope is steeped on another night of
Hard work and easy sleep.

Prayers abound the Circle

Life renewed to the calling of worship,
And spiritual experiences

Mixed Ceremonies on the house
is a call to worship.

For all to gather and Participate

No tokens of brace are seen
Caps, robes, or collars.

only one more day at the Sandy
And then the Horizon once more

Simple, Simple, days have flown by
and now the Place

Waits more once again

Sandy... I shall Return.



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... get our resource library out of boxes and on to new shelves: \$1,200

... print eye-catching banners to promote the Centre to new students and rental groups when we're on the road: \$650

...repair the walkways so the land here is safe and easy to enjoy: \$20,000

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