



Statement of the Catholic Health Alliance of Canada

National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

On National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Catholic health care community acknowledges the past and present impacts of colonialism in Canada, and remains committed to building relationships with Indigenous Peoples that contribute to justice, healing, and reconciliation.

Across Canada, our member organizations serve many residential school survivors, their descendants, and their families and communities. We bear witness to continued demonstration of their strength and resilience, while also grappling with present-day inequities, racism, and oppression.

Catholic health care is committed to be a healing presence on the journey of Truth and Reconciliation. Among other things, this means understanding our own privilege and how we can use this to address the harms of the past and create a more equitable future.

We will work to foster full disclosure of the truths of colonialism and oppression, learn from the past, and build openness and trust to work towards the reconciliation and healing our world needs.

The Catholic Health Alliance of Canada national conference in May 2022 will be one step on that journey. Focusing on the theme ***Together in Care: Ensuring Culturally Safe Environments for the People We Serve***, the conference will explore uncomfortable truths—and the shared values and actions that will help move us towards authentic healing and restoration, mutual understanding, trust and community. The conference aims to inspire action and equip leaders and organizations with insights and tools to support their efforts to ensure a culturally safe environment for all.

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