

## Invitation to the WCC Museum and Mohawk Institute

Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> the tri-regions of Antler River Waterways (ARW), Horseshoe Falls (HF), and Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) invite participants to guided tours of the Woodlands Cultural Centre and the former Mohawk Institute Residential Institution in Brantford, Ontario.

The Woodland Cultural Centre (WCC) was established in October 1972, under the direction of the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians upon the closure of the Mohawk Institute Residential School (MI). The Centre is one of the largest facilities in Canada managed and administered by First Nations, and serves to preserve, promote and strengthen Indigenous language, culture, art and history; bringing the story of the Hodinohsho:ni people of the Eastern Woodlands to life through innovative exhibitions and programs. (Find out more here <https://woodlandculturalcentre.ca/>)

Each of the three Regional Councils has 20 spots for United Church people to participate in this unique tour (including planning team members) and will be providing a bag lunch and transportation via bus or van pickups at select locations (2 hours or less from Brantford) TBD.

**TIME:** The visit to both sites will take about 4 – 5 hours, including lunch break. Travel time is in addition to this.

**The cost** per person not including travel is about \$40, and confirmed/registered participants will be asked to pay what you can afford between \$20 - \$60. There is no cost for Indigenous participants. If cost is a barrier, or if you have any other questions please **contact Brian McIntosh: [bwmcintosh4@gmail.com](mailto:bwmcintosh4@gmail.com) or phone 416-817-2606.**

**Applications:** The planning team will be receiving applications from United Church people interested in attending with a deadline of May 30<sup>th</sup>. Go to this [link](#) to apply now.

**Selection Criteria** (in order of priority): 1) Indigenous applicants; 2) Those for whom this will be a first time visiting a former Residential Institution; 3) willingness to participate in living into right relations work within the tri-regions.

**Transportation sites** will be determined based on locations of selected applicants.

**Selected applicants will be contacted by June 15<sup>th</sup>** with information about transportation sites, and will be asked to confirm their registration by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

A second round of selections, using original applications, may occur if one of the three Regional Councils does not fill their 20-person quota.

**Please share this application** with your local churches and other interested United Church individuals. This invitation is open to United Church members and adherents within ARW, HF and WOW Regional Councils.

**APPLY NOW**