



The Church and Indigenous People of Canada: A Racial Justice Tragedy

Tuesday, December 14, 7 p.m. via Zoom

Please join SJN's Racial Justice Ministry for this special presentation.

For over 100 years starting in the 1880s, an estimated 150,000 indigenous Canadian children were taken from their homes and sent to schools run mainly by the Catholic Church in Canada. (Catholic organizations ran similar residential schools in the U.S.) Unmarked graves of thousands of these children have been found on former Catholic school properties.

To learn more about this tragedy, the current situation of indigenous people of Canada, and most importantly, what the Canadian government and Catholic Church are doing to achieve truth and reconciliation, we'll hear from **Gerry Kelly** and **Donna Naughton**. Mr. Kelly has served as Director of the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops and helped establish the Catholic Aboriginal Council for Reconciliation. Ms. Naughton, an Anishinaabe woman, is Executive Director of the Kateri Native Ministries in Ottawa and a member of the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Relations Committee of the Archdiocese of Ottawa.

To register by December 13, go to

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Photo: Children and nuns in front of the Indian Residential School, Maliotenam, Quebec, circa 1950 (licensed under CC BY 2.0).