



DIACONAL  
MINISTRIES  
CANADA

## Mini Workshop

### **Be a Participant with Partners** **Dance the Reconciliation Dance May 2010**

Harold Roscher from the Edmonton Native Healing Centre writes: "In our ritual and ceremonial lives, we as Aboriginal peoples dance as a reminder of our covenant relationship to the Creator. So I invite you to dance the reconciliation dance with my people right across Canada in friendship and peace as a reflection of our covenant relationship with Christ. When we share each others' burdens and joys, the Creator's glory shines brighter for all to see."

*Let the following exercise be the catalyst for your diaconate to become motivated and encouraged for new relationships!*

1. **Consider** and share a positive interaction with an aboriginal person. Name some current barriers to establishing meaningful relationships with aboriginal people. (10 min)
2. Read the article on the Partners' second page titled "*One Day with Six Nations.*" **Discuss** an experience, or the information shared in the article, with which you resonated or which you questioned. (10 min)
3. Read "What Can I/My Church Do?" As a diaconate, share with your church family the various ways to become informed and reconciled with our aboriginal people. **Resolve** as a diaconate to begin one ministry opportunity together. (See website for many suggestions!) (10 min)

#### ***Develop your passion and skills in diaconal ministry by:***

- A.** Encouraging all deacons to visit the website [www.diaconalministries.com](http://www.diaconalministries.com) for many "how-to" resources.
- B.** Contacting the Diaconal Ministry Developer in your classis to serve and support your church's diaconal ministry. Enjoy various workshops to become equipped in ministry!
- C.** Sharing with your congregation Ministry and Advocacy opportunities related to vulnerable people groups: [www.diaconalministries.com/diaconalministry/justice](http://www.diaconalministries.com/diaconalministry/justice).

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