Wednesday, April 21st, 2021

Hello fellow travellers along this road to reconciliation,

We are making excellent progress. There are 26 walkers from Brighton, Warkwarth, Whitby, Spencerville, Peterborough, Brockville! ... and we have landed about 77 kilometres east of Montreal as we travel from Pugwash, Nova Scotia.

Here is where we've been:

If you remember last week we traveled through Mi'kmaqi and met Dorene Bernard, who told us about the struggles of her people. The Mi'kmaq are one of four nations that make up the Wabanaki confederacy. This week we continued through Mi'kmaqi as we crossed Confederation Bridge and back, visiting Charlottetown. Then we entered the traditional territory of the Maliseet, another member of the confederacy. That territory covers most of what is also known as the province of New Brunswick. Finally, we crossed the St Lawrence River and entered the territory of the Wendake, or Hurot Wendat near Quebec City. Then the Mohawks at Kahnawake:ke, south of Montreal.

This week, we are in the process of arranging a conversation with representatives of the Mohawk reserves near Montreal. Because this is happening so quickly, there are no guarantees, but please keep checking email and social media for the date and time.

Next week we are thrilled to visit and learn about the Toronto Urban Native Ministries, so keep walking and stay healthy!

Blessings all

Wanda

(on behalf of a growing team of helpers, contacts and people willing to share their time with us...)

PS I know I know... the numbers don't always make sense. But some of these routes have ferries, some have bridges that don't actually allow pedestrians, so we have had to adapt. Please accept my apologies, but we've been careful to say we are travelling "approximately" a certain distance... maybe some day soon we can do this walk for real, and experience all those discrepancies in real life!