

Dear fellow walkers,

Normally we would be sharing a map of our progress, with an invitation to join a speaker this week. In light of the discovery last week of the remains of 215 children in an unmarked grave in Kamloops, BC, we have decided instead to invite you to a week of honouring, grieving, and remembering. We have paused our trek across Canada. Next week, if it feels right, we will resume our trek from the point we left off last week.

Please keep walking, moving and recording your kilometres and time.

Please also consider signing a petition to make sure our government implements the 94 recommendations from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Some of you know that we offer morning prayers at Trinity St Andrew's United in Brighton. For the month of June, we will be reading aloud the names of all known children who went missing or died in the United Church run residential schools. This will happen Tuesday, Friday mornings at 10:30, and Sunday morning at 9:00. Please, let's hold this vigil together, and hear the names of the lost children, and honour their families. I have begun this week by reading the apologies and offering context. Beginning this Sunday, June 6, I will start reading names. It is possible to have you join me live to help read. If you are interested, please reach out to me at minister@trinitystandrews.ca

Yours in sadness, in God's eternal grace, trusting in the justice and love to come.

Rev. Wanda

Photo: the memorial from Friday, May 28 2021 on the steps of the Vancouver Art Gallery
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