



# Orange Shirt Day

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# Listening with Heart and Intention



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**Practice of Listening - ask, and listen, with another person:**

**I wonder if you have a special, sacred place that you go to? Does it have a name?**

**I wonder what you have learned from a tree? I wonder what you have learned from a forest?**

**I wonder what I can learn from you about Orange Shirt Day?**



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**"All four of my grandparents attended residential school: I am a third-generation survivor. Three of my grandparents attended St Michaels Residential School and one attended Coqualeetza Residential School."**



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**Practice of Listening - ask, and listen, with another person:**

**I wonder who are the Indigenous Churches in our regional council?**

**I wonder why Orange Shirt Day matters to the non-indigenous United Church?**

**I wonder how your community of faith reflects the Indigenous Church?**



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# Ray Jones

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Native Ministries Co-Chair



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**Practice of Listening - ask, and listen, with another person:**

**I wonder if you've had a time  
when you felt alone.**

**I wonder if you've had a time  
when you felt hunger.**

**I wonder if you've had a time  
when you felt afraid.**

**I wonder what this teaches us about  
children removed from their families?**



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## **Orange Shirt Day 2020 Invitation**

**I want to welcome all to begin understanding Orange Shirt Day. We prepared these videos for discussion and reflection. As we go through this part of the residential school experience I hope we can reflect on what is the Spirit calling us to do. What work are we needing to do as settler and Indigenous congregations? We are learning as we go.**

**To know where Orange Shirt Day originates is important because it comes from our region. We are part of this story and how we tell and live into this narrative is part of our calling as a church.**

**It resonates with the calls to the church and the Care Takers Report that is our Indigenous contribution to the discussion of reconciliation. As we know more and understand the work of our Church we can reflect on what are we called to do.**

**In my last regional projects, I worked with other student clergy to produce a video to share the beginning of National Indigenous Day. So we may be called next year to produce a video of where Orange Shirt Day comes from, to share with the National Church. I think in the Pacific Mountain Regional Council we have much to share, and the fact remains that PMRC is in a Province that has been bold enough to accept a limited form of UNDRIP. Believe me there is a story and a narrative to capture with the Settler and Indigenous perspective.**

**Please feel free to use this material for worship, discussion or reflection as you need in your community of faith. I remain open to helping all congregations to begin discussion and helping to reflect on these and other matters.**

**Blessings to all.  
John Snow, Jr.  
Indigenous Minister PMRC**

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