

# SBUC AFFIRM Lunch and Learn #5

April 18, 2023

Welcome to  
Lunch & Learn # 5  
**Addressing Racism**

**Racism** : a belief that race is a fundamental determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherent superiority of a particular race  
-Merriam-Webster Dictionary

**Why are we doing this?** Because we're in the process of becoming an affirming congregation.

**Vision Statement**

Sable Beach United welcomes people of all ages, health conditions, races, genders, gender identity, sexual orientations, family diversity, ability, economic circumstances, religion, spiritual and ethnic background. Everyone is encouraged to fully participate in the life and work of our ministry. We are dedicated to living with respect in creation, inspiring worship, daring justice and honouring diversity through continued education, growth, and outreach.

**What does that mean:**

Our VISION STATEMENT is guiding us through an education process. Education is one of the requirements to become affirming so that we not only accept but rather celebrate our diversity.

**Our Goal**  
....to respond with positive action to people of all:

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| Ages               | Family diversity       |
| health conditions  | Ability                |
| Races              | Economic Circumstances |
| Genders            | Religion               |
| Gender identity    | Spiritual and Ethnic   |
| Background         |                        |
| Sexual Orientation |                        |

**Because we know better we can do better and respond with positive action.**

Broadview Magazine has a couple of quotes that are relevant to today's presentation:

1. **In 1849 the Anishinaabe and Oneida nations celebrated with Methodist/United Church and provincial officials outside of London as they laid the cornerstone for Mount Elgin Industrial Institute. In the end, what they hoped for, worked for and agreed to was replaced by something that had little to do with what they envisioned or wanted. It was designed instead to take from them what they had. Excerpts from Pg, 56,57 Sept 2022**
2. **Reconciliation 101 Canada has an ugly history. For those of us who didn't grow up learning much about Indigenous cultures and experiences, it can be hard to fully grasp the magnitude of the broken promises, theft and genocide that settlers used to build Canada. Excerpts from pg 20 Jan/Feb 2022**

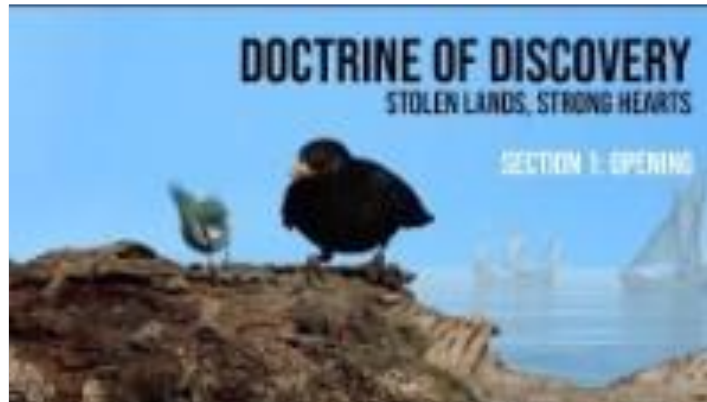


### **Daughters of the Deer by Danielle Daniel**

- What did you learn/parts that surprised/ shocked you from the book?
- What did you think of the Jesuit priest's treatment of the Indigenous people?
- What did you think of the acceptance by the Indigenous mother of her two-spirited daughter versus the daughter's rejection by the rest of the community?
- How did the husband wrestle with his Catholic tradition and his wife's spirituality?



YouTube video "**Buffy Sainte-Marie on God, Reconciliation and the Doctrine of Discovery.**"  
<https://youtu.be/LKdnivsJdtY>



**Section #1 Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts** series by Anglican Church  
[https://youtu.be/Pf6hP\\_yVnes](https://youtu.be/Pf6hP_yVnes)

**Section #3 Not an Empty Land**  
<https://youtu.be/sWSjlXTKCas>

*Group discussion & debrief*

- Did you realize that Indigenous populations declined from 100M to 10M in 25 years?
- What was your most profound learning from these two clips?

**Section #4 The Indian Problem**

Barb

<https://youtu.be/rIB8zaACljk>

Section #11 **Spiritual Arrogance** <https://youtu.be/ctauXK-eQ6c>

*Group discussion & debrief*

- How would you feel if your 5 year old grandchild was taken from his/her parents for schooling?
- What do you think about Canada's residential school legacy with the understanding that the last one closed in 1996?
- How do we act collaboratively as people of faith?
- What can we change in our church to reduce racism?

**Section #12 We Are Seeds**

Brian

<https://youtu.be/LITRzhlsXC0>

*Group discussion & debrief*

- What seeds do you want to plant in our community as part of reconciliation?
- Will you pass along to your family and friends what you learned today?

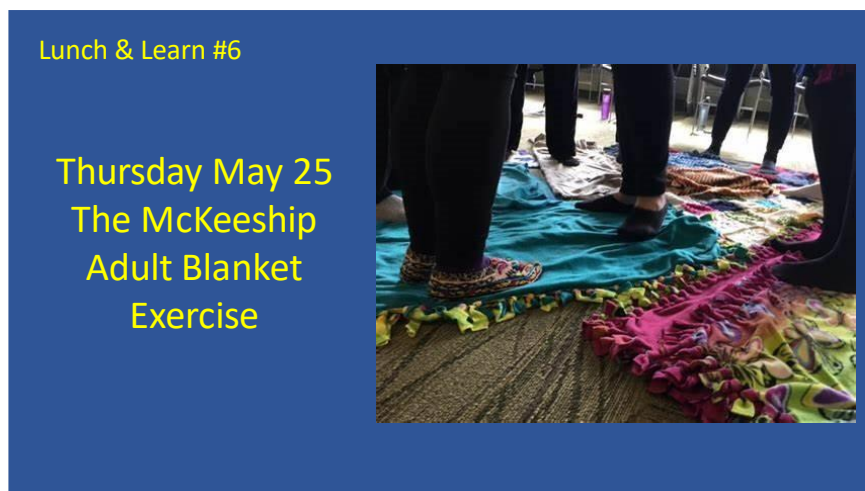


City News Clip 1.3 minutes – “Vatican rejects DofD” <https://youtu.be/uH3q2U7UYI0>

- Indigenous people have been pressing for a redaction and it happened in a recent declaration by Vatican on DofD
- doctrine of Domination as per Buffy Sainte-Marie
- Did you realize this was the basis of property law in Canada and the USA?



“Moderator for Our Moment a New Day of Self Determination” by Rev Dr Carmen Lansdowne as a handout at the end of the meeting with links to the Anglican Church “Doctrine of Discovery” series.



Closing Prayer

Priscilla