

## Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey

The Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey is an Indigenous Guiding Group initiative, under Mission Canada, that seeks to provide opportunities for churches within our Fellowship to build relationship together. This "journey" presents a tangible means to help live out the calling of God that is upon every believer – to be ministers of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin is a Plains Cree expression that embodies the understood universal responsibility of coming together in harmony. It speaks of being in good relationship with the Creator and everything else and conveys the idea of the need to walk together in a good way, expressing the value of positive interconnectedness in relationships.

It is with this understanding that the Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey has been developed with the hope of helping to lessen the degree of separation that can often be felt from church to church.

This initiative is not an attempt for one church to simply "adopt" another church (like a "big brother" project), but this expression is to provide opportunity for churches to walk together as equals and co-support one another. That support can be conveyed in a myriad of ways and does not need to be limited to the parameters set forth in the Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey Agreement document. It can include agreed upon financial arrangements, but it is not a prerequisite and certainly not expected as the priority is about journeying together in Christ.

For some time now our Fellowship has expressed the sentiment, "We are better together". The Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey is being presented as a tangible mechanism for our churches to be just that... **Better Together**.

Are you and your church interested in walking alongside another church within our Fellowship? If so, please contact your district office to inquire more about the Miyo-Wāhkōhtowin Journey. You can also reach out directly to Dan Collado at <a href="mailto:daniel.collado@paoc.org">daniel.collado@paoc.org</a>, Indigenous Peoples Coordinator for Mission Canada.

Let's journey together, better!