



“For who has despised the day of small things? For these seven rejoice to see the plumb line in the hand of Zerubbabel. They are the eyes of the Lord, which scan to and fro throughout the whole earth.” Zechariah 4:10 NKJV

In early September at a CiRCLe M board meeting, we were talking about Orange Shirt Day that was soon coming up. It was shared that on the Stoney Nakoda nation not all the elders would receive an orange shirt as larger sizes are harder to get. We saw an opportunity to do something. More importantly it was the opportunity to listen. After some effort to find large shirts and use the work of a local artist, waiting through supply shortages and an unexpected flood in B.C., the shirts finally arrived and the opportunity to meet out in Morley came on January 30, 2022. After the offer of tobacco and prayer we listened as Tony Snow gave us a brief history of the Stoney Nakoda. This is the place where the June 21st Aboriginal Day started. It was initially an ecumenical prayer movement among many First Nations.

Out of this meeting we had opportunity on February 26th to meet at the Chief Chiniki Museum just off of Highway 1 and interview Glenda Crawler with the help of her daughter Trudy Wesley for the International Rural Churches Association (IRCA) day of prayer.

Questions we asked during the interview:

- (How do you explain the meaning of orange shirt day when people ask?)
- (Why did you suggest that Circle M partner on printing shirts for the elders?)
- (Your community was key to the inception of Indigenous Day. Can you tell us some of that history as you know it?)
- (What is something that you wish the people outside of your community knew about your people?)
- (When you pray for your family and your community, what are you praying for?)

Please take a moment and listen for the answers.

Link Here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-zk5W1Y2h7g>

CiRCLe M is hosting a Book Study of *These Mountains are Our Sacred Places* by Rev. Chief John Snow. It is the story of the Stoney People whose reserve is at Morley, AB. The study will take place on Wednesday evenings from April 20 to May 11, from 7-8 p.m. Facilitation will be led by Chief Snow's sons, Rev.s John and Tony Snow. Information on registration is found here: christiecatherine4@gmail.com

Link Here:

Join Zoom Meeting

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