



The Canadian Shield Living Into Right Relations Team urge you to respond to the call from the United Church Indigenous Ministries to participate in the Moose Hide Campaign May 14. **You can order your free supplies now at <https://moosehidecampaign.ca/> and have them arrive in time for May 14 for you to share.** You can also donate to the campaign so they can continue to provide these free pins.

Right now, in Canada, the unacceptable is still happening. Violence affects too many of our mothers, sisters, wives, daughters, and friends. This is something that is completely preventable.

This [prayer](#), offered by the Rev. Dr. Alydia Smith, is a call to all in The United Church of Canada to participate in the Moosehide Campaign Day on Thursday, May 14!

***Mother God, Beloved Christ and Sister Spirit,***

***May this moose hide remind me of my commitment***

***to create and live in a society where Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people experience the freedom to flourish within a healthy society that respects, values and cherishes the human rights and dignity of all people.***

***May I join with others to be a part of your healing and restoration.***

***Amen***

Canada is in the midst of an ongoing national crisis of violence against Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people. Canada has a long legacy of devaluing Indigenous peoples—in particular Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people. Many believe that they do not matter, and that it is acceptable to commit acts of violence upon them. Indigenous peoples lack the legal protection that others receive. This is racism. The Moosehide Campaign is a call to all people in Canada to take a stand against racism and for justice. This year we are hoping for a record United Church turn-out at the virtual events, local walks to end violence, and fasts to end violence. [Local marches](#) are being organized across the country. [Find your local march on the map](#), or [register](#) to become a community steward and organize your own events. You can [register](#) for virtual events (including livestream links to all the national campaign day events) and participate from afar.

**We are calling on United Church members, friends, and communities of faith to take a stance against racism and for justice.** Stay tuned to the [Indigenous Ministries Facebook page](#) and United Church social media for updates. **Wear your moosehide (leather or vegan) to stand against violence.**

*Written by the United Church of Canada Indigenous Ministries, and localized by the Canadian Shield Right Relations Team*