



# NMC SUMMER SCHOOL 2015

Training for Leadership in Ministry

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## NATIVE MINISTRIES CONSORTIUM

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**NMC MISSION:** To empower and facilitate leadership, spiritual expression and justice to enable Indigenous people to exercise self determination with the Christian Church and in society.

Under NMC initiation and active participation, the Indigenous Studies Centre at Vancouver School of Theology offers a Master of Divinity degree by extension for people in Native Ministries.

**NMC PARTNERS:** Anglican First Nations Council of Caledonia, Cook Native American Ministries (Tempe, AZ), Episcopal Church in Navajoland, Episcopal Diocese of Alaska, Henry Budd College for Ministry (The Pas, MB), Hummingbird Ministries (BC Presbytery of Westminster), Indigenous Theological Training Institute (Episcopal Church), John Makuakane Institute for Christian Leadership (Hawaii), Native Ministries Council, BC Conference (United Church of Canada), Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre (MB) and Vancouver School of Theology.

## Week of July 13–17

**MORNING: 8:30am – 11:30am**

### 1 INDIGENOUS THEOLOGIES: A Hermeneutical Approach

**Rev. Dr. Randall Furushima**, Dean of the Graduate School of Theology, Pacific Rim Christian University and the John P.C. Makuakane Institute of Christian Leadership (Hawai'i).

This course introduces diverse interpretive principles from an Indigenous theological viewpoint, rooted in contextual studies. We will learn about post-colonial and post-modern approaches to engaging with scripture, apply insights gained from critical Empire studies and liberation theology, and introduce competencies for teaching scripture from an Indigenous world view. We will contribute to a distinct "Pacific Rim" understanding, based on language, voice, history, interpretation, and values.

*This course meets the requirements for the M.Div. degree program but is open to everyone.*

### 2 PREACHING IN AN INDIGENOUS CONTEXT

**Rev. Canon Robert Two Bulls, (Oglala Lakota)**, Vicar, All Saints Indian Mission, Minneapolis and Missioner, The Department of Indian Work & Multicultural Ministries, Episcopal Church, Diocese of Minnesota.

In this course we will study, read and preach on the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) assigned for the upcoming Sundays during Pentecost from an Indigenous perspective. Each student will be assigned Gospel readings from the RCL, which they will study using primary/secondary source material (library time required) placed within an Indigenous context. At the end of the week students will preach both their prepared sermon as well as preach one extemporaneously.

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**AFTERNOON: 2:00pm – 5:00pm**

### 3 LET'S INDIGENIZE OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE!

**Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, (Ho Chunk)**, Minneapolis, MN. Ordained Lutheran Pastor of All Nations Indian Church. Executive Director of the Council for American Indian Ministry of the United Church of Christ.  
**George Maurer**, Musician, Composer, Arranger, and Performer. Integrates music with characters, emotions and actions.

This course explores our worship experiences, lifting up our tribal cultural values and gifts of music, liturgies and art. We will survey music and liturgies used today in our local congregations. We will create our own Indigenous hymnody for our native worship experiences. We will explore what it means and why it is important to indigenize our worship experience!

### 4 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE EMERGING WORLD WIDE MOVEMENT OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

**Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald, (Wyandotte)**, National Indigenous Bishop, Anglican Church of Canada, former Bishop Diocese of Alaska, Episcopal Church USA. World Council of Churches president for North America.

This is a critical time for Indigenous Peoples. Because of their unique inter-connected relationship with the environment and their often hostile relationship with economic systems and development, Indigenous Peoples stand in a place of prophetic significance—for their own life and for the life of the whole Creation. In the midst of this, a global network of Indigenous Christians is emerging. This course will examine this growing reality and provide access to the materials, information, and experience that will help people be involved with the many significant aspects of this work.

*This course may also be available as an M.Div or MAIIS elective but is open to everyone.*





## Week of July 20 – 24

MORNING: 8:30am – 11:30am

### 5 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN INTERCULTURAL CONTEXTS

**DR. ROBERTA CLARE**, Director, Presbyterian Church of Canada Elders' Institute, St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver. Minister, Ruling Elder, University Chaplain, High School Teacher and University Instructor.

Christian educators take on many roles as they practice their art and craft in today's intercultural settings. In this course, participants will draw from experiences in their particular cultural contexts as they explore the Christian educator as learner, prophetic leader, cultural guide, spiritual leader, and fellow traveler. They will develop teaching and intercultural communication skills they can use in each of these roles.

*This course meets the requirements for the M.Div. degree program but is open to everyone.*

### 6 RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

**Rabbi Dr. Laura Duhan Kaplan**, Interim Director, Iona Pacific Inter-religious Centre, Vancouver School of Theology.

Canada today practices "inclusive secularism," welcoming multiple religious traditions into the public sphere. How should ministers working in Indigenous contexts, rooted in particular traditions, and confronting a history of oppression, participate in pluralism? Participants will explore answers, as together we examine different models of inter-faith connection, including common theological ground, awareness of social complexity, shared study of sacred text and story, and shared social action.

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AFTERNOON: 2:00PM – 5:00PM

### 7 CREATING CULTURE AND COMMUNITY IN A PRESCHOOL SETTING

**Jenny Cross, (Haida)**, Jenny is an Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Educator in Skidegate on Haida Gwaii where she grew up. She credits the ongoing enhancement of her cultural and language fluency to her Haida elders, particularly one with whom she works.

This course will focus on culturally supportive and age-appropriate methods for effective church school and other pastoral ministry to assist young children and their parents. It will explore the challenges and issues faced by Indigenous children and their families in village life and urban settings.

### 8 THE BATTLE OF INDIANS, FIRST NATIONS, AND OTHER INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO WIN THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS AND PLACES IN THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

**Robert T. Coulter, (Potawatomi)**, Executive Director of the Indian Law Resource Center. Attorney with more than 35 years of legal experience in the field of Indian affairs. Publisher of numerous articles in the field of Indian law, primary author of the initial draft of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The course will examine the development of Indian and other Indigenous political action in the United Nations and the Organization of American States, the resulting recognition of a broad array of Indigenous rights in the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and other actions at the international level related to Indigenous peoples in Canada and elsewhere up to the present time.



### COURSE CREDIT

Native Ministries Summer School courses are nonsectarian and interdisciplinary. Courses examine historical and social data, literary-oral traditions, artistic and other cultural aspects of Indigenous religions. Courses also examine the philosophical and theological dimensions of aboriginal thought. Daily attendance and the keeping of a journal are usually the requirements for those taking the course for NMC credit.

Native Ministries Summer School courses may be taken for transfer credit. Please contact the Native Ministries Program office to inquire about transferable degree credit.

### COSTS

A \$35 (Cdn) non-refundable fee is due with your registration. This is in addition to other fees.

### TUITION

Tuition is \$300 (CDN) per course for NMC credit (1.5 contact hours). Auditors pay full tuition. Spouses of students registered in the NMC program pay a fee of \$25 to audit a course. Tuition fees can be paid in advance. **All fees are payable in Canadian dollars at registration.** We accept MasterCard and Visa.

### COURSE CANCELLATION

In the event of low registrations, some courses may be cancelled. Information on course cancellation will be available on our website bin mid June.

### 2015 TIMETABLE

Courses take place on the traditional, ancestral and unceded land of the Musqueam in the Epiphany Chapel at 6030 Chancellor Blvd.

Sun. July 12 Registration at 4:00 pm  
*Registration may also be completed on Monday morning at breakfast*

Mon. July 13 Week One classes begin  
Morning: 8:30 am – 11:30 am  
Worship: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm  
Afternoon: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm  
Salmon BBQ 5:30 pm

Wed. July 15  
Mon. July 20 Week Two classes begin  
(same schedules as Week One)

*Registration may be completed downstairs at the Epiphany Chapel for those attending Week 2 only*

Fri. July 24 Final Day of Classes

### HOUSING - NEW INFORMATION!!

**GAGE TOWERS and CAREY CENTRE will give limited priority to NMC Summer School Students if they identify themselves as NMC attendees.**

**PLEASE CONTACT THEM AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR ARRANGEMENTS.**

**Deadline: Monday June 12, 2015**

To place reservations for week # 1 (July 13 to July 17), please contact Carey Centre at 604-224-4308 (Toll free: 1-844-862-2739) and provide the group booking name **NMC Summer School**.

*Single rooms from \$80 to \$86*

To place reservations for week #2 (July 20 to July 24), please contact UBC Conferences and Accommodation: at 604-822-1000 (Toll free: 1-888-822-1030) and provide the group booking name **NMC Summer School**  
*Single rooms in shared apartments: \$47*

**Because housing is limited, students attending for both weeks should plan on moving the short distance from Gage to Carey on Saturday, July 18 2015.**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE AT BOTH INSTITUTIONS.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO PLACE RESERVATIONS FOR HIS/HER ACCOMMODATION. BE AWARE THAT AFTER THE DEADLINE (JUNE 12, 2015), SPACE WILL NO LONGER BE HELD SOLELY FOR NMC STUDENTS. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY!**

**Some housing may also be available at St. Andrew's Hall. Contact [housing@standrews.edu](mailto:housing@standrews.edu) for more information.**  
*Single rooms in shared apartments: \$57*

### MEALS

NMC offers breakfast and lunch, Monday to Friday at a cost of \$125 per person, per week. Lunch only: \$75 per person, per week.

### FINANCIAL AID

Limited funding is available from the **H.R. MacMillan Fund** for those who are ordained. Application forms are available by following the link in the online NMC brochure, by email request to [nmconsortium@vst.edu](mailto:nmconsortium@vst.edu) or by phoning the NMC office. **Deadline for applications is May 15, 2015.**

Limited funds are available from the NMC/VST bursary fund to assist students attending summer school. Application forms are available by following the link in the online NMC brochure, by email request to [nmconsortium@vst.edu](mailto:nmconsortium@vst.edu) or by phoning the NMC office. **Deadline for applications is May 15, 2015.** To secure help for tuition, food, travel, and housing, please meet the deadline.

### CONTACTS

NMC Office  
604.822.9480  
[nmconsortium@vst.edu](mailto:nmconsortium@vst.edu) /  
[cparra@vst.edu](mailto:cparra@vst.edu)

<http://vst.edu/isc/isc-about/continuing-education/nmc-summer-school/>

## 2015 Summer School Registration



Registration can be completed on Sunday, July 12 for those arriving in Vancouver on the weekend. Registration can also be completed on Monday, July 13 or Monday, July 20 downstairs in the Epiphany Chapel.

**PLEASE MAIL TO:** Native Ministries Consortium  
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Vancouver, BC, V6T 2E8

**OR REGISTER ON-LINE AT: [WWW.VST.EDU](http://WWW.VST.EDU)**

*Follow links for Indigenous Studies Centre*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS:** Breakfast & Lunch - \$125/person/week  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Lunch only - \$75/person/week  
Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Our ability to respond to special dietary needs is limited.**

### COURSE REGISTRATION:

Select a course by circling:

C – Credit • A – Audit • SA – spouse audit

#### WEEK ONE Morning (choose one)

Course #1\* C A SA  
Course #2 C A SA

#### Afternoon (choose one)

Course #3 C A SA  
Course #4 C A SA

#### WEEK TWO Morning (choose one)

Course #5 C A SA  
Course #6 C A SA

#### Afternoon (choose one)

Course #7 C A SA  
Course #8 C A SA

☐ I am currently enrolled in the Native Ministries M.Div. Program

☐ I have enclosed a \$35 (Cdn) registration fee. This fee is in addition to other fees.

**REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**