

# Truth and Reconciliation Commission to complete report by Dec. 31

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parishioners at her home St. George's Anglican Church.

"We did as much as we possibly could have and allocated a lot of resources to doing this work. It's been a real priority for our church."

Thompson said that the national body of the Anglican Church turned over all of its substantial records relating to the operation of residential schools and continues to receive information from the descendants of residential school children in hopes of finding out anything more about those who didn't return home.

During its lifespan, the TRC collected thousands of documents and statements from 238 hearings in 77 Canadian communities. Its mandate was officially slated to end on June 30, but the commissioners have asked for an extension to Dec. 31 to

complete the report, which is already at 382 pages and growing.

"I have heard that many of the remaining 70,000 to 80,000 survivors of residential schools have been encouraged by the TRC's recommendations and the commissioners themselves state that a very good piece of work has been done," Thompson said.

"Has everything been done? Of course it hasn't. But as a friend of mine told me, 'There are aboriginal people from residential schools across the country who are now just coming to terms

with the experiences that they had over six years.'

"A lot of survivors had the opportunity to tell their stories that have now been documented and these will be stored in that National Centre for the TRC that's been established at the University of Manitoba."

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—Henriette Thompson, TRC member—

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