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## Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and Laurier's Office of Aboriginal Initiatives present Day of Dialogue

WATERLOO – Waterloo Lutheran Seminary and the Wilfrid Laurier University Office of Aboriginal Initiatives present a Day of Dialogue on Monday, March 30, from 10:30 a.m. until noon.

The "Day of Dialogue: Truth & Reconciliation after the TRC" event features a talk by a status Cree Christian pastor and a response by a Sáami Indigenous song keeper followed by a question-and-answer period. Admission is free and open to the public.

Generations of Indigenous peoples suffered trauma as a result of Canada's Indian Residential School system, which was designed to assimilate them into European settler culture. In an attempt to provide justice and foster reconciliation between settlers and the Aboriginal Peoples, the federal government established the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC). From 2010 to 2014 the commission gathered stories of those affected by the school system including former students and their families.

The Day of Dialogue speakers include Rev. Ray Aldred and Kelly Laurila.

Aldred is an ordained minister with the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. He is a status Cree living in Calgary. He is assistant professor of theology at Ambrose Seminary in Calgary. He is a former director for the First Nations Alliance Churches of Canada where he worked to encourage pastors ministering to Aboriginal people. Aldred currently serves as chair of the Aboriginal Ministries Council for the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and is chair of the North American Institute of Indigenous Theological Studies.

Laurila is of Sáami Indigenous and settler Irish heritage. She is a song keeper and has been facilitating a community women's drum circle for about 12 years. Singing with the drum is a way of life for Laurila and has helped her find peace and balance. Having facilitated many public singing events with settler peoples, she is keenly interested in learning how relationships between Indigenous and settler peoples can move forward in positive ways.

"Day of Dialogue: Truth & Reconciliation after the TRC" takes place in Waterloo Lutheran Seminary's Keffer Memorial Chapel from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Monday, March 30, 2015.

The event is free and open to the public. No registration required. For details contact Shwetha Subramanya at [ssubramanya@wlu.ca](mailto:ssubramanya@wlu.ca) or 519-884-0710 ext. 4267.

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