

NATIVE MINISTRIES

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NATIONAL ABORIGINAL SPIRITUAL GATHERING 2011

PRINCE RUPERT, BC

FROM AUGUST 19TH TO THE 21ST, THE VOICES OF 100 FIRST NATIONS FROM THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA SHARED THEIR STORIES AND VISIONS OF 'HONORING SPIRITUAL DIVERSITY.' THROUGH RESPECT AND SHARING, FRIENDSHIPS WERE MADE AND FAITH WAS RENEWED.



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Youth @ NASG

There were ten youth participants that attended the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering in Prince Rupert. Although much of their time was spent in the circle listening to stories from the elders, there were three special cultural activities for them as well.

Drum making - Minnie Nelson from Kitkatla BC and her mother-in-law 'Granny' taught the course. Both Granny's knowledge and her sharp wit were appreciated.

Canoe trip - With a hurricane forecast for the Pacific coast, a close-by lake was chosen instead for the trip. The water was smooth and the rain was torrential, but not one person complained. The NASG youth group met with a local Tsimshian youth group and everyone had a great time.

Sacred tobacco teaching - Russell Burns shared his people's wisdom and teachings with the youth who found it not only interesting but also appreciated the sacredness.



TRAVELING EDUCATION FAIR

This was an extension of the main fair we had in Prince Rupert in February 2010. Some communities could not attend that fair because of bad weather and so we went to the communities instead. Blair Galston - BC Conference Archivist, Treena Duncan - Conference Minister for Ministry and Education, Steve Black - VST Professor, Michael Hare - Conference Minister for PR Presbytery and CMMM, and myself, Ha'eis Clare Hill, visited the Gitsan, Tsimshian, Heiltsuk and Nu'Haltk territories, to hear stories of locally raised ministry and offer resources to help name and support individuals so they could be 'raised-up.' We had several people attend, full of enthusiasm, faith, and hope for the future. Thanks to Hazelton, Bella Bella and Bella Coola pastoral charges for such warm hospitality. A video is in production.



Bella Coola



Hazelton



Bella Bella



Conference for the youthful ;)

Registration deadline is fast approaching. For more info check out conference updates online at:

www.yayaen.org
or register at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/evolve2011>

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INFORMATION

Did you know?

Have something to share? The deadline for the next issue is January 15th 2012

THANK YOU!

To everyone who helped Native Ministries Council host the welcoming Feast and Salmon BBQ for the National Aboriginal Gathering. Special Thanks to Irene Champagne and to Port City Ford in Prince Rupert for the use of their massive BBQ!

Facebook Pages

BC Conference

"Like" the page and receive regular informal news and comments from the staff of BC Conference about the events, work, and people of our church. <http://www.facebook.com/BC.Conference>

United Church Aboriginal Congregations

Add as a friend to get info from communities across Canada <http://www.facebook.com/UnitedChurchAboriginal>

Gatherings

Native Ministries Council Annual General Gathering

We are honored to be invited to Quadra Island for our Annual General Gathering. Dates are April 26-29th 2012.

BC Conference General Meeting

The General Meeting of BC Conference will be held in May 2012 at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Informing



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CHARLOTTE SULLIVAN PROGRAM

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- Charlotte Sullivan



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