

On September 30, people all across Canada will wear orange shirts to remember and honour Indigenous children who were taken from their communities and families to residential institutions.

This year, Indigenous communities across the country continue to share the truth they have always known: that many of the children who never returned home remain on the grounds of those institutions in unmarked burial sites. These communities are now seeking to honour the missing children.

On Orange Shirt Day we also observe the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. For non-Indigenous Christians in particular, this is a time to reflect on their role in colonialism and the ongoing responsibility to make reparations.

Why Orange?

Phyllis Jack Webstad from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation went to St. Joseph Mission Residential School. On her first day of school, Phyllis wore an orange shirt that her grandmother had given her. It was immediately taken away, and that marked the beginning of Phyllis's long separation from her family and community, a separation caused by actions of the church and federal government. Orange Shirt Day is a time for us all to remember those events and their ongoing impact. Indigenous Ministries and Justice has prepared a week of activities for all in the church to take part in.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS NEXT WEEK. CAN YOU HELP OUT?
PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY.**

Reminder: Our offering plate is located near the sanctuary doors. Please place your contributions there, since we will not be taking an offering as we have in the past. It's one way to be mindful of the Covid restrictions.

Why I like PAR, [Pre-Authorized Remittance]. "It's a direct debit program that allows me to support my church through an automatic monthly withdrawal from my bank account. No more having to write checks, no more remembering if I have my offering, no more dealing with church envelopes. Though I think about my stewardship and supporting the church, I no longer need to be locked into the work of doing it!" – contributed

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