

Sample Land Acknowledgment

Introduction:

We have a tremendous responsibility to understand one another's truth.

Make no assumptions: What we know directs our actions.

How might you come to know others' truths?...That you might better legitimize their past for creating a new narrative—enriching their living experience?

Personal Pledge:

I am encouraged and inspired to acknowledge and own what I do not know and to learn what I do not know.

I understand that I am one who needs to better understand the expectations of being a better guest upon these lands and that I am working against colonialism. What is my role and obligation to those with whom I am building a relationship?

Looking upon the place I am situated—the traditional territories of the Anishnabek, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee and Oneida peoples (covered by the Upper Canada Treaties)—I recognize that there is much work to be done for reconciliation in rural areas.

Reconciliation Through Indigenizing Our Education:

We, in our small group are blessed in that we are not reconciling ourselves to one another...we are building; not rebuilding a relationship.

This is not the position that many Indigenous people find themselves in, today, and have not since pre-colonial times.

During the course of our time together today, what are some challenges to coming to knowing other's truths?

How do we come to seeing others?

How will we contribute to reconciliation through our shared experience today?