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The Treaties our neighbours refer to most are the [Rice Lake Treaty No. 20](#) and the Williams Treaties of 1923. In his [Treaty Research Report: The Williams Treaties](#) (1986), Robert Surtees elaborates on the complexities of the treaties in our Ministry Area beginning with the [Treaty of Niagara](#) of 1764 (following the [the Royal Proclamation of 1763](#)). He valuably explains how the [Between the Lakes Purchase and Collins Purchase, No. 3](#) was initiated and morphed. In [2014 the Treaty of Niagara was commemorated](#) by a polishing of the Covenant Chain.

The nations of our Ministry Area were significantly impacted by French and British Imperialism, Christian Missionary movements and displacements due to massive waves of settlers. At Alderville, Alnwick Industrial School, ran in partnership with Mount Elgin Indian Residential School run by the Methodists. We Lutherans did not run Residential Schools and have had little contact with our First Nations neighbours. The Survivors of Residential Schools have begun

to tell us their stories and we commit ourselves to learning and the journey of reconciliation.

## Resources Available at

[lutheransynodseminary.com](http://lutheransynodseminary.com)

[http://lutheransynodseminary.com/2016\\_treaties\\_histories\\_of\\_the\\_land\\_and\\_peoples](http://lutheransynodseminary.com/2016_treaties_histories_of_the_land_and_peoples)

History of the Land and Peoples Resource for each congregation organized by Ministry Area

Interim Acknowledgement of Treaty Territory by Ministry Area

Reflection for 2016-2018 for use with Ministry Areas and Confederacy Neighbours

[http://lutheransynodseminary.com/my\\_life\\_indigenou\\_s\\_rights/mapping\\_lutherans\\_and\\_first\\_nations](http://lutheransynodseminary.com/my_life_indigenou_s_rights/mapping_lutherans_and_first_nations)

Ministry Area Maps with First Nation Contact Info Updated with Residential School Data

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory by Ministry Area

### **Coming in 2017:**

500 Year timeline of ELCIC and First Nation History in Canada

## **GTA East Ministry Area Interim Acknowledgement of Treaty Territory**

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