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As Canadian citizens we are also Treaty People with First Nations peoples connected to treaties from coast to coast to coast. As members of the Huronia Ministry Area we are Treaty People with the alliance of nations and Crowns who participated in the [Great Peace of 1701](#) signed in Montreal and Albany, as well as the [Treaty of Niagara](#) of 1764 following the [the Royal Proclamation of 1763](#). 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, Surtees explains the work of John Collins in 1785 which led to the [Lake Simcoe Treaty No. 16](#), the Williams Treaty of 1923 with the [Chippewa of Christian Island, Georgina Island and RAMA](#); the Williams Treaty of 1923 with the [Mississauga of Rice Lake, Mud Lake, Scugog Lake and Alderville](#). Also of specific concern to our congregations is the [Pennefather Treaty](#) with Batchewana First Nation leading to [Treaty 61 the Robinson-Huron Treaty](#). The Penetanguishene Treaty No. 5 and the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty No. 18 do not impact our congregations, but all these impact our neighbours whom we care about.

The nations of our Ministry Area were significantly impacted by French and British Imperialism and Christian Missionary Movements. We Lutherans did not run Residential Schools, historically we have had little contact with our First Nations

neighbours. We have much to learn and are working to do that learning, particularly by having elders teach us.

Resources Available at

lutheransynodseminary.com

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

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

Huronia Ministry Area

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We are learning, and we desire to be in right relationship with our neighbours.