

St George's, Bismarck | Indigenous Ministry Listening Prayer and Talking Circle

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Photo taken by Fr Hal Weidman at the Indigenous Ministry Listening Prayer and Talking Session

St George's, Bismarck, began an Indigenous Ministry in keeping with our Divine Purpose of valuing and welcoming the diversity of all people. In the Land Acknowledgment, we ask Creator to "give us courage and humility to listen to the stories of others, so that we might begin to earn trust as we seek to reconcile with Creator and with one another."

It was in that spirit we formed a committee consisting of JoAnn Keehn, Dan Dailey, Mtr Jackie Bernacchi, Deacon Ashley Hubbard, Diane Hartman, Facilitator and Fr Hal Weidman, Rector and Spiritual Advisor.

After several meetings, we decided to hold a Listening Prayer and Talking Circle on Transfiguration Day. We began with The People Gather service followed by the Listening Session. We ended the evening with a traditional native meal of corn soup, fry bread and Junberry Pudding prepared by Lori Ross and her son Andrew.

Eighteen people showed up and shared their stories and thoughts on how to make our parish more welcoming and representative of all our family and friends. We look forward to continuing this ministry with guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Fr Hal has been extremely supportive of this mission, guiding us along the way.