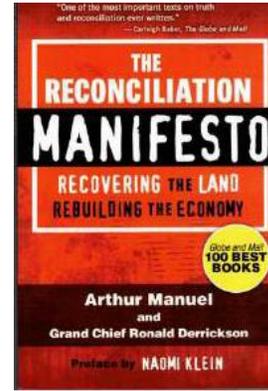
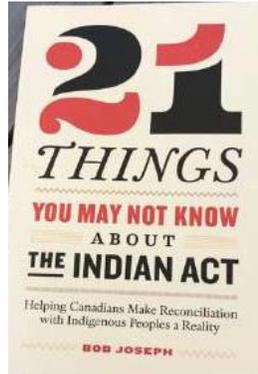
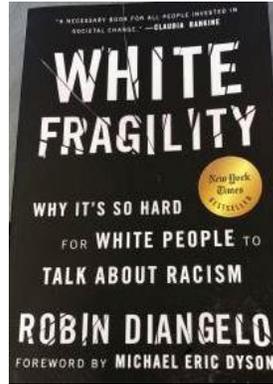
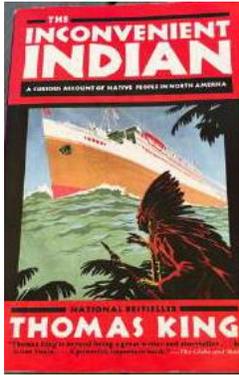


“Education holds the key to reconciliation. It is where our country will heal itself.” – Senator Murray Sinclair

A **RENEWED** INVITATION TO READ, DISCUSS AND LEARN



We are members of the **Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group** – an initiative of Sydenham Street and Chalmers United Churches in downtown Kingston. Our goal is to advance the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission through education and community-building.

In October 2020, we launched an online reading group. This group offers a space where, together, we can explore the legacy of colonialism on the enduring unequal relations between settlers and Indigenous Peoples. By reading and reflecting on four well-respected books on Indigenous history and related issues, we hope that we can begin to imagine a different future.

To date, 25+ participants have joined in the conversation. With our online format, there's lots of room around the circle. We invite you to join us and we welcome new participants at any point in the schedule.

Meeting Dates 7:00-8:15 PM EST	Book Title
Jan 18/Feb 8	<i>White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism</i> , Robin Diangelo (2018)
Mar 22	<i>21 Things That You May Not Know about The Indian Act</i> , Bob Joseph (2018)
Apr 19/May 10	<i>The Reconciliation Manifesto: Recovering the Land, Rebuilding the Economy</i> , Arthur Manuel and Grand Chief Ronald Dickinson (2017)
June 7	<i>Wrap Up Discussion</i>

Meetings run from 7:00 to 8:15 PM EST. Each meeting will be gently facilitated by a JTRAG member. A designated volunteer will open the discussion with a ten-minute commentary on the reading of the day. All are invited to offer brief personal reflections in smaller discussion groups. We plan to invite an Indigenous resource person to join in some of our conversations.

Participation is open to all interested readers. For additional information or for new readers to register, send an email to Jim Leake at james.leake@sympatico.ca.