

It is essential to show special care for Indigenous communities and their cultural traditions. They . . . should be the principal dialogue partners, especially when large projects affecting their land are proposed.

For them, land is not a commodity but rather a gift from God and from their ancestors. ¶ 146 Laudato Si' On Care of Our Common Home

Reconciliation

Links to Resources *(September 2019)*

- **Reflections of Squamish Elder Deacon Rennie Nahanee** -- Squamish Elder, Deacon, and GCCM Advisor Rennie Nahanee shares his understanding on Indigenous communities who buy into fossil fuel infrastructure.
https://d3n8a8pro7vhmx.cloudfront.net/faithcommongood/pages/741/attachments/original/1568924525/Reflections_of_Squamish_Elder_Deacon_Rennie_Nahanee.pdf?1568924525
- **The KAIROS Blanket Exercise** program is a unique, participatory history lesson – developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers and educators – that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. <https://www.kairosblanketexercise.org/>

- **How Indigenous faith leaders have a role in climate protection** (Aug 2019) a great article by Beatrice Ekoko in the National Observer <https://www.nationalobserver.com/2019/08/26/news/how-indigenous-faith-leaders-have-role-climate-protection>
- **First Nations launch new court challenge to Trans Mountain pipeline** (July 2019) CBC News, British Columbia. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/first-nations-trans-mountain-court-challenge-1.5206145>
- **Letter** (March 2018) from the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops President to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. <https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/archives/media-releases/2018/4905-ccb-president-communicates-important-updates-to-indigenous-peoples-in-a-letter-on-behalf-of-bishops> English.
<https://www.cccb.ca/site/frc/salle-de-presse/archives/communiqués/2018/4905-ccb-president-communicates-important-updates-to-indigenous-peoples-in-a-letter-on-behalf-of-bishops> Français
- **Water Warriors Trailer** (Dec 2017) 1:19 mins video advertising a short film about the Elsipogtog community resistance to oil exploration and fracking in New Brunswick <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H7geZzFvU44>



Journalist Ossie Michelin says this photo went viral within hours after he took it in 2013.

(Ossie Michelin/APTN National News)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/indigenous/inuk-journalist-ossie-micheline-best-image-museum-1.4174047>

Inuk journalist awarded for best image in human rights exhibition (June 2017) Story by CBC, the photo, taken by Inuk journalist Ossie Michelin, is of Amanda Polchies kneeling in front of a line of police while holding an eagle feather. Polchies was one of dozens of people from the Elsipogtog First Nation and across the Atlantic who took part in demonstrations that year, which Michelin covered as a reporter for APTN National News.

- **People of faith have duty to fight climate crisis: Indigenous Bishop** (Oct 2017) Article by Anglican Indigenous Bishop Mark McDonald in Opinion, the National Observer.
<https://www.nationalobserver.com/2017/10/04/opinion/people-faith-have-duty-fight-climate-crisis-indigenous-bishop>
- **Ta'Kaiya Blaney Delivers Inspiring Parliament Keynote** (Dec 2016) 7 minute video
Ta'Kaiya Blaney, 14-year-old actress, musician, and environmental activist, addresses

the Spotlight on Emerging Leaders at the 2015 Parliament of the World's Religions in Salt Lake City, Utah. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj8xf8eBeoc>

- **Catholic responses to Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 48 and questions regarding the “Doctrine of Discovery”** (March 2016) Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
<https://www.cccb.ca/site/eng/media-room/statements-a-letters/4446-catholic-responses-to-truth-and-reconciliation-commission-call-to-action-48-and-questions-regarding-the-doctrine-of-discovery> English
<https://www.cccb.ca/site/frc/salle-de-presse/declarations-et-lettres/4446-reponse-catholique-a-lappel-a-laction-numero-48-de-la-commission-de-verite-et-reconciliation-et-aux-questions-relatives-a-la-l-doctrine-de-la-decouverte-r> Français
- **Relentless Pressure from Below Drives Climate Action - Ta'Kaiya Blaney & Naomi Klein** (Nov 2015) 11:45 mins video of Ta’Kaiya Blaney and Naomi Kline speaking at a rally was organized by CUPE to focus attention on The Leap Manifesto.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDZyqXsenNI>
- **In Her Footsteps**, a 50 minute video about St. Kateri Tekakwitha produced by Salt and Light Catholic Media Foundation. Available for rental \$2.99 or purchase
<https://saltandlighttv.org/kateri/>