

SIX NATIONS LEARNING EXPERIENCE

May 6-8, 2016

Six Nations Reserve and Bear Inn (Brantford, ON)

Cost: \$160/person

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends:

The church has always been called to bring the gospel from “Jerusalem to Samaria to the ends of the world” and in response many of our CBOQ churches have participated in compassion experiences (sometimes called short-term mission trips) to a variety of locations locally and overseas.

In Canada, First Nations have had tumultuous relationships with governments and other organizations and part of the result is appalling living conditions for many First Nations communities. In the words of one UN official they are “allegedly akin to Third World conditions.”¹ Given the recent attention to these living conditions and crimes against First Nations peoples, it is time for Jesus’ church to make an impact with our First Nations neighbours.

In order to make an impact we must be present and active within and among these communities. It is the only way to engage in consistent witness. We must strive for long-term partnerships between local churches and local reserves. We must set aside previous models of ministry (“parachuting” missionaries in and out of areas) that have proven ineffective.

The Six Nations Learning Experience (SNLE) is an introductory weekend experience for youth groups and churches to help both adults and young people explore and better understand First Nations ministries. SNLE provides leaders and students with a opportunity to learn the nuances of First Nations culture from First Nations facilitators. SNLE participants will also have the opportunity to engage in conversations about what is involved in First Nations ministries. The hope—and the point—is to bring those discoveries back to the local churches for prayerful consideration about establishing partnerships with local reserves.

We believe this kind of experience will provide churches with the opportunity to discern whether establishing First Nations ministries is where God is leading them. It will definitely encourage better understanding of our native neighbours.

Serving You in Christ’s Name,
The SNLE Team

¹ <http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/politics/un-official-blasts-dire-conditions-in-attawapiskat/article2278146/> (February 28, 2012)

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REGISTRATION PROCESS

BEFORE YOU REGISTER ...

- 1) Make sure the following items are in this package. If anything is missing, please contact Alvin at alau@baptist.ca or 416-620-2946.
 - a) Registration form
 - b) CBOQ letter of informed consent (for students)
 - c) CBOQ leaders waiver form (for leaders)
- 2) Read this package and be familiar with its contents.
- 3) Pray for everything leading up to, during, and after this experience. Praise God in advance for all he will do.
- 4) Recruit your exploratory team to a maximum of 8 members (including leaders and students).
- 5) Prepare with your team.

REGISTRATION (starting Feb. 1/16)

1. Call Michelle at 416-620-2957 to reserve a spot at SNLE.
 - a. Registrations are on a first come, first serve basis.
 - b. When placing your reservation, leave your
 - i. name
 - ii. church name
 - iii. phone number
 - iv. email address
 - v. group size (including all students and leaders).
 - c. Registration will be very limited (max. 24 participants in total, no more than 8 per church).
 - d. You will receive a confirmation within 1 week.
2. Once you've received your confirmation, immediately send in your registration form and include a **\$40 per person (non-refundable) deposit**.
 - a. You can mail in a copy of your registration, or you can submit your registration form online (<https://cboq.wufoo.eu/forms/compassion-experiencesix-nations-2016/>). (Rest assured that Wufoo and PayPal utilizes SSL which uses the encrypted URLs, secured by Verisign during transmission from you to CBOQ Youth) This confirms the information from your phone reservation and ensures your group's registration.
 - b. Payment can be made with cheque (payable to CBOQ), Visa or MasterCard
 - c. Note that your church is **REQUIRED** to have a child protection policy in effect to take part in this experience.

3. Send in your final payment and forms by Apr. 15, 2016.
 - a. Your cheque can be postdated for May 6, 2016.
 - b. Final balance can also be paid by credit card (<https://cboq.wufoo.eu/forms/cboq-youth-credit-card-payment-form/>)

When You Arrive (on May 6/16)

1. Arrive at Bear Inn in Six Nations
(<http://thebearsinn.com/main/directions?PHPSESSID=7r4q4g64svkh62ss2jn5ftker1>) near Brantford on Friday by 7:00 p.m.
 - a. We suggest your entire group travels together (instead of having separate vehicles show up at different times).
2. When you arrive at Bear Inn, have your group unload and enter the lobby. Have ONE adult leader from your group to complete registration at the main office. Once checked in, your group will settle into their assigned rooms and we will direct you to the first session.

CHECKLIST

- read through the registration package
- recruit team members, including adult leaders
- reserve by phone (416-620-2957)
- send in "Registration" form with one deposit cheque (\$40/person) (ASAP)
- arrange transportation to and from Bear Inn
- make sure every individual has completed all permission forms
- send in all waiver forms and final balance cheque (\$120/person) (before May 6)

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW!!

Cost and Financial Assistance

SNLE costs \$160/person before Apr. 15, 2016. A non-refundable deposit of \$40/person is expected when you register. (NOTE: there will be a \$20 charge for any NSF cheques) If your numbers change, you may “sell” or possibly “buy” spots for your ministry. We will invoice you with the appropriate total. If you need help with finances, we can provide various fundraising, money management ideas, and/or offer financial assistance to eligible groups. (Contact Alvin for more information.)

Cancellation Policy

You can cancel your group reservation without penalty before March 1. After that date, if you decrease your reserved spots or cancel the group reservation, your church group will be responsible for the deposit of \$40/person (unless we can sell off your spots); increase in reserved spots are subject to availability (without any additional fees). Any cancellations on or after April 15, 2016 will be subject to the ENTIRE registration fee of \$160/person.

Group Leaders

You'll need at least 1 leader per 10 students (max.) of the same gender. All leaders must have been **screened through your church's child protection policy**.

Transportation

Depending on where groups are coming from, you may consider partnering with other churches to hiring a bus company to drive to and from SNLE. If you do use personal drivers, we suggest no person under the age of 25 drive to this weekend (be sure to check with your church's insurance policy regarding volunteer drivers). If you're interested in sharing transportation with other ministries, please contact Alvin after Mar. 1.

Permission Forms

Included is a CBOQ letter of informed consent for students and a CBOQ leaders waiver form. **Please note: Individual churches should have their own letter of consent based on the church's child protection policy.** This assists CBOQ in “due diligence” (i.e. it reasonably ensures parents are under full understanding of the expectations and obligations of all parties involved, and provides us with emergency medical information).

Schedule (subject to change)

FRIDAY

7:00 arrival
8:00 session
10:00 church debrief
10:30 free time
12:00 lights out

SATURDAY

8:00 breakfast
9:00 session
10:00 Woodland Cultural Centre
12:00 lunch
1:00 Mohawk Chapel
3:00 church debrief
4:00 free time
5:30 dinner
6:30 session / guided debrief
9:00 church debrief
10:00 free time
12:00 lights out

SUNDAY

8:00 breakfast
9:00 session / briefing
10:00 church service @Ohsweken Baptist Church
12:00 lunch with the church
1:30 closing session
2:00 return home

THE FINE PRINT

Security: For the safety and continued success of SNLE, security protects you and your students from undo danger, and protects the program at SNLE and the facilities of Six Nations and Bear Inn. As youth ministry professionals, the SNLE planning team understands how important it is for young people to maximize fun and protect the fun of others by insisting on your adherence to the rules that we have established. We do not intend for them to be harsh, nor do we want to emphasize any of them on the weekend. We simply ask for your co-operation.

Youth Leaders: Please note that you will be wholly responsible for the behaviour of your group, and that we reserve the right to send students and leaders home at any point during the weekend if we deem it necessary to the continued success of SNLE. Each primary group leader must be in full control of their students and leaders during the weekend. Each weekend we have needless security issues because leaders do not take their cabin responsibilities seriously. (Groups will be fined for negligent behaviour, particularly if vandalism or breakage is an issue. Full replacement and repair costs plus a fine of \$100 will result!)

RULES

1. No use of non-prescription drugs, alcohol, weapons, fireworks (or other explosives) or any other illegal substance or object. Violation of this will result in expulsion from the retreat.
2. No pets.
3. No males in female rooms or vice versa – including leaders. Women leaders can care for female issues, and men for male issues. Violation of this can result in immediate expulsion.
4. No water balloons or other projectiles.
5. Students and leaders are expected to stay on site except for emergencies. Students may only leave the premises earlier if his/her parent/guardian comes to pick them up. Cigarette purchases are not considered emergencies and are not sold on-site.
6. A smoking area is assigned; no smoking in any other location. There is no smoking allowed between curfew and sun-up.
7. Attendance is expected by all at all scheduled activities. If students are ill, the SNLE staff should be informed. Leaders must accompany students who are absent.
8. Breakage must be reported immediately (e.g. heater problems, toilet problems etc.).
9. Breakage as a result of vandalism will result in repair costs and a fine.
10. Leaders are responsible for their group members at all times.

*If you have questions about these rules, please contact Matt Wilkinson (mwilkinson@baptist.ca or 416-620-2941).

REGISTRATION FORM

For SNLE 2016, return this registration form after you have confirmed your reservation by phone with CBOQ Youth (416-620-2946) with your reservation numbers by filling in all requested information. In order to guarantee your registered spots, please send your deposit of **\$40** per registrant (cheque or money order made payable to "CBOQ") within two (2) weeks:

CBOQ - SNLE 2016
304 The East Mall, Suite 100
Toronto ON M9B 6E2

All reservations must be done by the primary group leader on behalf of your church group. We do not need specific names. If you have male students, male leaders are required; female students require female leaders. Please note, all group leaders must be screened and cleared based on your church's child protection policy. **Before you register, you need to read through the entire registration package.**

GROUP LEADER'S CONTACT INFO:

Name: _____ Title: _____

Church: _____

Work #: (____) _____ - _____ Home #: (____) _____ - _____

Cell #: (____) _____ - _____

Email Address: _____

REGISTRATION (**NOTE:** adult leaders must be 20 years or older):

	# female adult leaders
	# female students
	# male adult leaders
	# male students
	TOTAL

- Please check here if you have read and understood the package, and adhere to the rules.
- Please check here to acknowledge that your church has a current child protection policy in place.

Date: _____

LETTER OF INFORMED CONSENT: Six Nations Learning Experience 2016

Details of the Activity:

- Held at Six Nations Reserve and Bear Inn (near Brantford, ON) where groups will be sleeping in hotel rooms.
- Transportation is arranged by the church group leader.
- Participants will be participating in 3 main teaching sessions at Bear Inn, a tour and activities at Six Nations Reserve, the Woodland Cultural Centre, Mohawk Chapel and a church service at Ohsweken Baptist Church. There will also be other low-risk recreation activities and a series of small group discussions.
- The church group is providing adult leadership based on their child protection policy.

Dear Parent:

We are planning an activity as part of our programming that requires your permission prior to participation. We have provided you the details of the activity and request that you complete and sign the permission form. The safety of your child is our primary concern. Precautions will be taken for their wellbeing and protection.

Permission Form and Consent:

Student's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Church Name: _____ Youth Leader's Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Parents' Work Number: _____

Health Card Number: _____ Family Doctor: _____

Phone Number: _____

Any special needs (dietary, disability, allergies): _____

In case of an emergency, contact _____ **at phone number** _____

I hereby consent to the participation of my/our child in this supervised activity.

While every precaution is taken for the safety and good health, some sports and activities carry with them the inherent risk of personal injury beyond the risks associated with many of the recreational activities at CBOQ. I/we understand and accept these risks and agree that by allowing my child to participate in those activities, he/she may be taking part in a recreational activity that presents the potential for personal injury.

I/we, the parents or guardians named below, authorize the Director of Youth Ministries or one of CBOQ ministry personnel to sign a consent for medical treatment and to authorize any physician, dentist or hospital to provide medical assessment, treatment or procedures for the participant named above.

I/we, named below, undertake and agree to indemnify and hold blameless CBOQ, its personnel, its Staff and Board from and against any loss, damage or injury suffered by the participant as a result of being part of the activities of CBOQ, as well as of any medical treatment authorized by the supervising individuals representing CBOQ. This consent and authorization is effective only when participating in events of the CBOQ.

I also grant permission for the reasonable use of pictures or video of my child in any CBOQ publications (in print, online or other media yet to be invented).

I have read, understood and agree with above.

Parent / Guardian Signature: _____

Parent / Guardian Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____

LEADER'S WAIVER FORM - Six Nations Learning Experience 2016 (CBOQ)

Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Address: _____ Apt: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Health Card #: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy): ____/____/____ M or F: ____

Home Church: _____

Emergency Contact (& phone #): _____

Any special needs (dietary, disability, allergies): _____

1. In consideration for participating in the Six Nations Learning Experience (SNLE) event, I hereby acknowledge that precautions are taken for our safety and health. In the event of an accident, injury or sickness, I hereby release, discharge and covenant not to sue CBOQ, its staff and its volunteers from any liability, loss and damages.
2. I agree in the event that I conduct myself in a manner that is not appropriate, I will be dealt with appropriately, including the possibility of immediate dismissal.
3. I agree in the event that I require special medication, x-rays or treatment, the emergency contact will be notified immediately.
4. In case of surgical emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician or dentist selected by CBOQ to hospitalise, secure proper treatment for, and to order injection, anaesthesia or surgery for me.
5. I declare that I am covered by Provincial Health Insurance or equivalent medical insurance.
6. I agree to be photographed or videotaped for any CBOQ publications (including web and internet broadcasting, in print or any other media not yet invented).
7. I declare that I have been screened and cleared through my church's child protection policy (which includes a valid criminal record check and vulnerable sector scan). Otherwise, I can be declined registration.
8. I am also aware that my responsibilities as a group leader include supervising, leading and disciplining my students and leading my group in small group sessions.

By signing below, I understand and agree to the above statements, and ensure the information given is **complete** and **accurate**.

Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____