

SIX NATIONS

LEARNING EXPERIENCE TEMPLATE

There is a growing desire among our CBOQ churches and youth ministries to serve alongside our First Nations neighbours. Some have moved ahead in establishing those opportunities; others are not yet sure how best to pursue this. If you are in this second category, this resource is for you!

Objectives

The objective of this experience is twofold:

1. To discern if involvement with First Nations ministries is where God is leading your church, or individuals from your church.
2. To “reset” our understanding of indigenous culture so churches/youth ministries have a clear idea of how to engage with First Nations reserves

What A Learning Experience Is (And Is Not)

The Six Nations Learning Experience is an introductory weekend for youth and young adults that aims to help them explore and better understand First Nations ministries. This Learning Experience is about learning not fixing, or even doing. We must set aside previous models of ministry (“parachuting” missionaries in and out of areas) that have proven ineffective, and often damaging to Christ’s witnessing in these communities.

Leaders and students will have a firsthand opportunity to gain insight about some of the nuances of First Nations culture. They will also have the chance to dialogue on what is involved in First Nations ministries, and to bring those discoveries back to their local churches for consideration about future partnerships with local reserves.

On the following pages you will find:

- Objectives for your weekend Learning Experience
- What a Learning Experience is (and is NOT)
- Components of the Experience
- Schedule example
- Contact information for CBOQ Youth



Components Of The Experience

1. Select a weekend that accommodates the interested participants from your church. The schedule for the weekend is not dependent on a specific time of year (CBOQ Youth is no longer determining a specific weekend for this experience)
2. Contact Alvin (alau@baptist.ca) to be connected with a facilitator who will host and guide the learnings from the experiences, and assist your team develop strategies for engagement with a First Nations reserve
3. Book accommodations at/near the Six Nations reserve. One recommendation is the Bears Inn (<http://www.thebearsinn.com/>).
4. Schedule a tour at the Woodlands Cultural Centre (<http://www.woodland-centre.on.ca/>).
5. Schedule a tour at Mohawk Chapel (<http://mohawkchapel.ca/>).
6. Participate in a worship service with Ohsweken Baptist Church and a luncheon for team members to learn from church members (Six Nations facilitator/CBOQ Youth can assist with organizing this).

As a church you can choose to adapt this template to your requirements. This will allow you to control the cost of the learning experience. CBOQ Youth is available to support this experience at whatever level your group requires from consultations, to event planning, or establishing all the logistics for your trip.

Schedule Example

FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
7:00	Arrival	8:00	Breakfast	8:00	Breakfast
8:00	Session (what to expect; what might change?)	9:00	Session (how to engage in understanding)	9:00	Session (church and First Nations)
10:00	Church debrief	10:00	Woodland Cultural Centre tour	10:00	Church service @Ohsweken Baptist Church
10:30	Free time	12:00	Lunch	12:00	Lunch with the church
12:00	Lights out	1:00	Mohawk Chapel tour	1:30	Closing session
		3:00	Church debrief	2:00	Return home
		4:00	Free time (suggested visit to Six Nations Trading		

CONTACT CBOQ YOUTH TO GET STARTED

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