

Rev. Dr. Raymond C. Aldred

Director: Indigenous Studies Program
Vancouver School of Theology

Personal Born January, 1960, in Grande Prairie, AB
Treaty 8 Swan River Band, First Nation Person
Married to Elaine Aldred; two daughters, two sons

Education Wycliffe College at TST ThD
Canadian Theology Seminary M.Div. highest honours, 2000
Canadian Bible College B.TH. highest honours, 1992

Employment Director Indigenous Studies Program
Vancouver School of Theology 2015-present
Ordained Deacon in the Anglican Church of Canada October, 2021

Assistant Professor of Theology
Ambrose Seminary/Ambrose University 2007-2016

My People International: Family Programs 2004-2016
Facilitate training of Indigenous leaders

Senior Pastor 1991-1998
Ordination Sustained by Christian and Missionary Alliance 1995-Present
Regina First Nations Alliance Church

Awards

Member of the Order of the Diocese of British Columbia. 2023

Made Member of the Honours Society of
Canadian Theological Seminary. 2000.

Made Member of Delta Epsilon Chi, the Honours Society of the Association
for Biblical Higher Education. 1992.

Lectures &Addresses

Keynote Speaker, “Is Reconciliation Possible,” Sawatsky Distinguished
Visiting Scholar, February 28-29, 2024.

Keynote Speaker, Three lectures on a Biblical Storytelling, Biblical
Storytellers Conference, Baltimore, MD, August 2-4, 2023.

Keynote Speaker, “Exchanging Hearts,” Christian Reformed Church Conference, Ottawa, ON, May 26-27, 2023.

Keynote Speaker, “Trauma and Healing,” Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, TX March 29-31, 2023.

“Indigenous Spirituality and the Christian Faith, Lecture at McGill University and Concordia University, Montreal QC, March 21-22, 2023.

Keynote Speaker, “Move In Conference,” Guelph, ON, February 17, 2023.

Guest Lecture, “Indigenous Leadership,” Zoom Redeemer University, Hamilton, ON, February 14, 2023.

Keynote Speaker, “Issues in Indigenous Education,” InspireEd Conference, Langly, BC, November 10, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, Lester Randall Preaching Conference, Toronto, October 23-25, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, “Transformative Reconciliation” Truth and Reconciliation Conference, Vancouver School of Theology, Vancouver, Sept 21-22, 2022.

Keynote Speaker Zoom Conference Evangelische Erwachsenenbildung Bodensee, June 29, 2022.

Keynote Speaker for Catholic Retreat, Star of the North Retreat Centre, St. Albert, AB, May 27-28, 2022.

Keynote Speaker for two Lectures, “On being Christian and Indigenous” Tribal Ministry Conference, Tacoma, Washington, May 20-21, 2022.

Keynote Speaker for two lectures, “Indigenous Identity,” Austin Presbyterian Seminary, April 7, 2022.

Four Reconciliation Webinars for Vancouver School of Theology, April-May 2022.

Webinar Presenter, Thought leader symposium, January 25, 2022.

Keynote Speaker, Indigenous Relations, City Reach, Victoria, BC November 23, 2021.

“Canadian Indigenous Realities,” six lecture series September – November 2021.

Keynote Speaker, “Indigenous Teaching Principles” InspireED Conference, Langley, BC, November 12, 2021

Keynote Speaker, “Decolonizing Leadership” via zoom Redeemer University, November 3, 2021.

Keynote Speaker, Downey Lectures: “Stories on the Land,” Ambrose University, Calgary, Alberta, September 29, 30, 2021.

Keynote speaker: Reconciliation, Graduate and Faculty Christion Fellowship, University of British Columbia, via zoom, March 10, 2021.

Relevant Series for Intervarsity in Toronto via zoom: “Is Christianity a Racist Religion” January 18, 2021

Panelist: Peace and Justice Conference, University of the Western Cape, South Africa, Sept 30, 2020.

Plenary Speaker: Rupert’s Land Indigenous Conference, September 16, 17, 2020.

Plenary speaker: Youth for Christ Worker Retreat, Riding Mountain National Park, Manitoba, January 13-15, 2020.

Present Paper: Trading Justice for Charity, TRC conference, Tromso, Norway, Oct 29-30, 2019.

Plenary Speaker: St. John the Evangelist College, New Zealand, September 27-October 4, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Evangelicals for Justice Conference, Chicago, September 19-21, 2019.

Paper Presentation: “Beyond Hospitality” Jaffrey Centre Conference on Immigration and Migration, Calgary, AB, January 16, 2019

Keynote Speaker: Indigenous Identity and Repentance: A Way Forward, Christian Labour Association of Canada staff retreat, Bayside Westin, Vancouver, BC, October 12, 2018.

Keynote Speaker: Indigenous Identity; Repentance and Reconciliation, Caledonia Diocese Gathering of the Anglican Church, Terrance, BC, October 11, 2018

Presentation: Indigenous Studies Program and VST, ATS Centennial Biennial Gathering, Denver, Colorado, June 21, 2018.

Lectures: Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith, Moosonee School of Ministry, Cochrane, ON, January 19-21, 2018.

Keynote Speaker: Martin Memorial Lectures, Emmanuel & St. Chad,

Saskatoon, SK, November 8-10, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “History, Faith & Practice of the Indigenous Church in Canada” Regent College, Vancouver, BC, September 30, 2017.

Speaker: Canada 150 Millennial Summit, Ottawa, ON, June 28-30, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “Teaching for Character Development” Christian Colleges of Southeast Asia retreat, Davao, Philippines, June 1-2, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “Walking Together” Thunder Bay, ON, April 27-30, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “Aboriginal Awareness Week” Briercrest Schools, Moose Jaw, SK, March 7-10, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “Walking Together” Winnipeg, MB, February 24-16, 2017.

Keynote Speaker: “Would Jesus Eat Frybread” Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, KS, November 4-6, 2016.

Keynote Speaker: “Resetting the Relationship” Highland Park Baptise Church, Waterloo, ON, October 21-22, 2016.

Workshop Presenter: “Indigenous Spirituality,” Christian Teachers Association of British Columbia, Lyndon, WA, October 6, 2016.

Keynote Speaker: “Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith” Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada Regional Leadership Summit, Chilliwack, BC, September 11, 2016.

Key Presenter: Wycliffe College Indigenous Week, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON, May 16-20, 2016

Paper Presentation: “Encountering the Other Conference” Vancouver School of Theology, May 15-16, 2016.

Paper Presentation: “Towards a Shared Journey” Canadian Theological Society, Ottawa June 1-3, 2015.

Keynote Speaker: “Journey toward being relatives” at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, May 8-9, 2015.

Keynote Speaker: “Is there an Indigenous Christian Spirituality” at Concordia University, Montreal, Quebec, November 17, 2014.

Keynote Speaker: “Stories from the Edge” Chair of Religious Studies, University of Calgary, November 3-4, 2014.

Keynote Speaker: “God Keep our Land” at Vision Network Canada Biannual

Conference, Guelph, Ontario, May1-2, 2014.

Keynote Speaker: YEG Justice Conference, Edmonton Alberta, November 15-16, 2013

“Freedom” at *A Dialogue on the Role of Religion and Spirituality in the Aboriginal Worldview*, at Waterloo Lutheran Seminary, Waterloo, ON, November 12, 2012.

Platform Lecture: First Nations Spirituality, Concordia Seminary, Edmonton, AB, February 23, 2012.

Dialogue: Affirming Indigenous Culture in Worship
Lausanne World Conference on Evangelism, Cape Town, South Africa,
October 23, 2010

**Public
Seminars:**

“Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith,” St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Halifax, Nova Scotia, March 2, 2024.

“Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith,” Stoney Plain Alliance Church, Stoney Plain, AB, November 25-27.

“Indigenous Issues in Canada” 6 part series at Tenth Church, Vancouver, Canada, May -June, 2022.

Indigenous relations and reconciliation, Kamloops Anglican Cathedral, February 5, 2022.

“Indigenous Realities in Canada” Sannich Baptist Church, November 22, 2021.

“Indigenous Culture and Christianity” Winnipeg First Nations Community Church, October 2-3, 2021.

“Reconciliation in Canada,” Brock House Online series, April 9, 2021.

Pequis Reserve Healing Conference, Pequis First Nations, Manitoba, November 27-29, 2019.

Plenary Speaker: Walking Together Conference, Regina, Saskatchewan, November 19-20, 2019.

Reconciliation Event, Hope Lutheran Church, Nanaimo, BC, January 25-27, 2019.

Is Reconciliation Possible, Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, AB, January 23, 2019.

Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith, Lakeview Church, Saskatoon, SK,
January 14, 2019

Ministry in the Midst of Trauma, Thunder Bay, ON, December 6-9, 2018

Indigenous Christology, Nisga'a Teaching House, Laxgalt'sa'ap, BC
November 7-11, 2018

Preaching on Reconciliation, Ecumenical Gathering, Archdiocese of Regina,
Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, October 4, 2018

Inenimowin Healing Circle, Pioneer Camp, Sundre, AB, April 25-29, 2018.

Christology in an Indigenous Perspective, Central Union Church, Honolulu,
HI, February 15-17, 2018.

Inter-religious Dialogue, Ateneo De Davao University, Davao, Philippines,
May 30, 2017.

Podcasts:

“Faith Effects” February 23, 2021.

Indigenous Healing and Henri Nouwen, Henri Nouwen Network, Sept 10,
2020.

Courses Taught:

Advanced Hermeneutics
Canadian Indigenous Cultures
Creation, Fall, and Redemption
Church and its Future
Christianity and Culture
Christian Ethics
Christian Faith
Christian Faith online
Christology in an Indigenous Perspective
Essentials of Theology
God and Evil
Homiletics
Homiletics in a First Nations Context
Homiletics: Preaching from the Heart
Indigenous Spirituality and Christian Faith
Indigenous Theologies and Epistemologies
Introduction to the Christian Faith
Life-style Evangelism in a First Nations Context
Pastoral Methods in a First Nations Context
Resurrection of Story

Public Speaking
Perspectives: Mandate for the Nations
Shame, Grace and Spirituality Online
The Land is Sacred
Theology I: God and Word
Theology II: Spirit and Church
Theology of Missions
Theology of the Gospel of John

As well as courses and seminars for local churches too numerous to detail

Publications

Articles

“Reinterpretation of Repentance” in *Ex Auditu: An International Journal for the Theological Interpretation of Scripture* (Volume 31, 2015).

“From Charity to Justice” in *Direction* published by Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, Manitoba. (Upcoming issue, 2015).

“Idle No More: a complex issue” in *Christian Week* (Friday, January 11, 2013).

“The *Faith Today* interview with Ray Aldred” in *Faith Today* (March/April, 2013).

“Theology of Reconciliation” in *Faith Today* published by Evangelical Fellowship of Canada.

“Building Pedagogical Community in the Classroom” in *Journal of Christian Higher Education*, co-authored with Arch Wong, Peter Ralph, Charlie Cook, Rick Love, Rod Remin.

“A Biblical Model for Reconciliation with Natives” in *Citizens for Public Justice*, 1998.

“A Response to Volume 3: Gathering Strength, of the Royal Commission of Aboriginal People” in , Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, 2000.

Book Sections

Our Home and Treaty Land: Walking our Creation Stories, Ray Aldred and Matthew Anderson, (Kelowna, Woodlake Pub. 2022)

“Preaching in a First Nations Context” in *Preaching the Manifold Grace of God: Volume II*, edited by Ronald J. Allen (Eugene, Oregon: Wipf and Stock 2022)

“First Peoples, Narrative, and Bible Translation” in *Reading In-Between: How Minoritized Cultural Communities Interpret the Bible in Canada* (Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publication 2019)

“Colonized Conversion” in *So Great a Salvation: Soteriology in the Majority World*, edited by Gene L. Green, K. K. Yeo, and Stephen T. Purdue (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 2017)

“First Nations and Newcomers: Treaty” in *Strangers in the World: Multi-Religious Reflections on Immigration*, edited by Hussam S. Timani, Allen G. Jorgenson, and Alexander Y. Hwang (Fortress Press, 2015)

“Healthy leadership and power differences in the postcolonial community: A reflection” in *The Great Awakening: Post-colonial Evangelicalism* (Intervarsity, 2014)

“Freedom” in *Prophetic Evangelicals* ed. Bruce Benson, Malinda Berry, and Peter Heltzel (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans 2012)

“Safe in the Dark” in *Northern Lights: An Anthology of Contemporary Christian Writing in Canada* (Mississauga: Wiley & Sons 2008)

Reviews

Reviewed the following essay: “The Importance of Decolonizing Christian Education From Within” for *International Journal of Christianity and Education*