

Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement Update

The revised Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement (IRSSA) was completed on March 23, 2007. A 5-month "opt-out" period has now commenced. This will enable former students to decide whether or not they wish to be included in the IRSSA. Any former student who chooses to opt out will not be eligible for the Common Experience Payment, and will not be eligible to apply to enter the Independent Assessment Process. Those who do not formally opt out will be deemed to be included in the IRSSA, and will be eligible for the benefits of that Agreement. It is expected that implementation of the IRSSA will occur sometime in the fall of 2007.

There is a proviso in the IRSSA that if more than 5000 former students opt out, then the Agreement could be declared null and void. Most observers consider this to be unlikely.

Under the revised Agreement, the Alternative Dispute Resolution process will be replaced by the Independent Assessment Review process commencing from the date of implementation of the IRSSA.

The main provisions of this new Anglican Amended Agreement of 2007 are:

- **The total amount that the Anglican Church of Canada is required to raise under the Anglican Amended Agreement is approximately \$15.7 million, which includes the \$6.7 million already paid by the ACC. The amount that has been raised by the efforts of all dioceses and the General Synod currently exceeds \$18 million.**
- **The Diocese of Fredericton, having paid more than its share of the \$15.7 million, will be eligible to receive a refund from the Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation.**
- **It is anticipated that this refund will be available to dioceses towards the end of 2007 or early in 2008.**
- **After these refunds have been paid, the remaining money will be put in a new [Anglican Fund for Healing and Reconciliation \(AFHR\)](#), to be allocated over a 12-year period to support healing and reconciliation projects.**
- **This means that the AFHR will have at its disposal more than double the amount that is currently available each year to fund projects of healing and reconciliation. Anglican Church of Canada Resolution Corporation**

Settlement Fund

As of May 16, 2007

ACCRC Settlements Paid to Date (Litigation)	\$7,562,916.35
Number of Claimants (approximate)	310
ACCRC Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Settlements Paid to Date	\$6,659,111.12
Number of ADR Claimants Settled	354
Total Paid out of Settlement Fund	\$14,222,027.47

Diocesan detail as of May 15, 2007

Diocese	Original Commitment	Amount required under draft agreement	Amount paid on promissory note	Additional contribution required from diocese	Potential refund to diocese when agreement implemented
CANADA					
Fredericton	762,000	462,313	(762,000)		(299,687)
Montreal	500,000	303,355	(350,000)		(46,645)
Eastern Nfld & Lab	600,000	364,026	(365,858)		(1,832)
Central Nfld	345,000	209,315	(241,500)		(32,185)
Western Nfld	345,000	209,315	(276,000)		(66,685)
Nova Scotia	1,200,000	728,052	(960,000)		(231,948)
Quebec	135,000	81,906	(135,000)		(53,094)
ONTARIO					
Algoma	725,000	439,865	(439,865)	-	-
Huron	2,100,000	1,274,091	(1,280,504)		(6,413)
Moosonee	150,000	91,006	(150,000)		(58,994)
Niagara	1,885,000	1,143,648	(1,143,648)	-	-
Ontario	1,100,000	667,381	(715,000)		(47,619)
Ottawa	1,600,000	970,736	(993,386)		(22,650)
Toronto	5,040,000	3,057,817	(3,279,625)		(221,808)
RUPERT'S LAND					
The Arctic	466,643	283,117	(287,430)		(4,313)
Athabasca	125,000	75,839	(125,000)		(49,161)
Brandon	253,452	153,772	(255,452)		(101,680)
Calgary	200,000	200,000	(200,000)		-
Edmonton	500,000	303,355	(500,000)		(196,645)
Keewatin	185,000	112,241	(118,504)		(6,263)
Qu'Appelle	400,000	242,684	(260,000)		(17,316)
Rupert's Land	470,000	285,154	(285,154)	-	-
Saskatchewan	225,000	136,510	(136,510)	-	
Saskatoon	300,000	182,013	(265,000)		(82,987)
BRITISH COLUMBIA					
British Columbia	1,003,399	608,772	(652,209)		(43,437)
Caledonia	150,000	91,006	(150,000)		(58,994)
Cariboo	10,000	6,067	(10,000)		(3,933)
Kootenay	274,800	166,724	(166,724)	-	-
New Westminster	1,600,000	970,736	(975,622)		(4,886)
Yukon	76,224	46,246	(76,224)		(29,978)
GENERAL SYNOD	3,000,000	1,820,129	(3,361,359)		(1,541,230)
TOTAL	25,726,518	15,687,188	(18,917,575)	-	(3,230,385)