

Music for Life

Helping Keep Our Children Safe

Winnipeg Quaker Meeting has teamed up with Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church and Cambrian-Agassiz Kairos and to support music-based youth gang/suicide prevention programs in Indigenous communities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and northwest Ontario. Other project partners include the Indigenous Anglican Church of Canada and the Anglican Parish of Six Nations in southern Ontario that runs a similar project called *Music for the Spirit* for the purpose of “creating friendships, joy and laughter” (www.musicforthespirit.ca).

Currently we are working with musicians, teachers and suicide prevention workers in Cross Lake (northern Manitoba). Plans are in progress for a music program in Winnipeg’s inner city. ***We are seeking donations of musical instruments (guitars, fiddles, ukuleles, keyboards, drum sets) – or money to buy them.*** We also welcome other partners to develop and fundraise for this project and to build relationships with Indigenous communities in the spirit of Reconciliation and responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action.



Your financial donation of \$50 puts a ukulele in a child’s hands, \$120 a guitar, \$220 a violin. And the honoraria paid to local music teachers provides at least a small amount of employment in communities whose livelihoods have been devastated. Make a financial donation online to ***Winnipeg Quakers*** at www.CanadaHelps.org and the drop-down menu “Music for Life”. Or send a cheque payable to ***Winnipeg Quaker Meeting*** with the words “Music for Life” on the reference line, and mail it to Rev. Vincent Solomon, Anglican Indigenous Ministries, 935 Nesbitt Bay, Winnipeg, MB R3T 1W6. (Charitable receipts issued for donations of \$10 or more.)

For information about drop-off points for instruments or to join our Music for Life working group, please call Norma at 204-284-3021 or email winnipegquakers@gmail.com.