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Please share this exciting opportunity with members of your congregation!

***ABORIGINAL LEARNING TOUR***  
**June 7 - 9, 2009**  
**Saskatoon and surrounding area**

**Dates:** Monday and Tuesday, June 8 and 9, 2009 – Orientation will be held in Saskatoon on Sunday evening, June 7 (Location TBA). The tour will leave from Saskatoon at 8 am, Monday morning and end at 5 pm on Tuesday.

**Purpose:** This educational tour will give opportunity for participants to learn from and share with Aboriginal brothers and sisters of the Saskatchewan River Valley, an area where Aboriginal people and Mennonites have been neighbours for over 100 years. The tour will include both rural and urban venues, and provide opportunities to:

- Tour the Valley area north of Saskatoon, including Duck Lake/Batoche and Fort Carlton, near the site of the signing of Treaty 6.
- Take in a dramatic presentation that celebrates cultural diversity and builds bridges across cultures.
- Experience traditional foods and cultural dance.
- Hear respected elders and leaders give an introduction to Aboriginal culture.
- Learn about urban reservations.
- Gain a better understanding of Treaty and land claim issues.

**Monday overnight:** Lodge at MC Saskatchewan's Shekinah Retreat Centre, in a beautiful river valley setting where both Mennonites and our Aboriginal brothers and sisters have commented on the healing presence of the Creator.

**How to register:** Registration is via the MC Canada Assembly Registration form available here: [www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/695](http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/695). Check the appropriate box to register. If you plan to bring children, please alert the organizers.

~~Please register by Wednesday, April 15, 2009. After April 15, contact the organizers to see if space is still available.~~ **REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO MAY 15!**

**Cost:** \$225.00 per person. Includes meals, lodging (Monday night only) and transportation.

**Spaces Available:** The tour is limited to 30 participants.

**For further information please contact:**

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*This tour is a cooperative effort of the Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Ministries Commission, Aboriginal Neighbours of Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan, and Native Ministry of Mennonite Church Canada Witness.*