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Mission Action Profile (MAP)

Native Ministry

Native Assembly in Riverton & Matheson Island, Manitoba

Every two years a gathering of 300 North American Native Christians representing more than a dozen nations meets. **This gathering creates a time of worship and of encouragement for native leaders and laity who are involved in faith communities.** The outcome organizers hope for is inspired, challenged, and spiritually enriched participants who will bring this back to their churches.

This year, Riverton & Matheson Island, Manitoba are hosting the Assembly, July 26-29, 2004. There will be:

- Special programs for children, youth, and adults
- Worship services focusing on the theme: *Our Help Comes from the Lord* (Ps. 121)
- Workshops relating to issues and opportunities facing Native Congregations
- Tours to Native communities, and historic settings
- A mini Gospel Jamboree
- Cultural demonstrations, crafts, and activities
- A special feast featuring traditional Native food

Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is involved in:

- **Encouraging** Native Christians to express the Gospel in the communities they find themselves in;
- **Supporting** Native leadership at church and community levels
- **Providing educational opportunities** and resources for Native congregations and leaders
- **Connecting** Native congregations with each other and with the larger church.

Recognizing special gifts and perspectives that Native Christians offer the larger church. In addition, native ministries staff networks with Mennonite Indian Leaders Council and United Native Ministries to build shared ministry.

Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed a significant amount of staff time and \$2,000 to facilitate a creative, inspirational Native Assembly, hosted locally by the Riverton, Pine Dock, and Matheson Island Native congregations/communities. Your prayer and financial support are needed for this important event.

You are invited to send your contributions to Mennonite Church Canada Witness, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4. Please note "Native Ministry" with your donation.