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Witness

Mission Action Profile (MAP) in **Native Ministry (Canada)**

- Native population (First Nations / Inuit / Metis) in Canada is over 956,000
- It is estimated that the number of Native peoples in Canada who attend a church throughout the year is 1.5% - 2% of the total Native population
- The Native population growth rate in the last six years has increased by 22.2% compared to the non-aboriginal growth rate of 3.4%
- Urban areas see a rise in Native population with 50% of Native peoples now living in an urban setting
- Native children make up 1/3 of the Native population and of these 147,000 are in childcare services.

Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is involved in:

- Connecting Area Conference churches with Native church communities along with networking with various Native and non-Native organizations.
- Helping to facilitate congregational partnerships between Native and non-Native churches.
- Heightening awareness of Native Issues throughout area conferences
- Editing and distributing the magazine "Intotemak" (Ojibwe for 'My Friends'). Contact MC Canada Witness to subscribe.
- Actively seeking interested parties for involvement in providing children's programs to reserve children.
- Developing and facilitating the Native Anabaptist Missional Education (N.A.M.E.) program which provides leadership training and formation to Native church leaders. N.A.M.E. training sessions cost approximately \$800 each.

Mennonite Church Canada Witness staff members Walter Franz and Donovan Jacobs provide leadership to this ministry. **Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$101,000 to supporting the work of Witness involvements.** Your support facilitates Native ministry throughout Canada and abroad concerning cultural and church relationships between Native and non-Native peoples.

*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 cheque.*