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## Mission Action Profile (MAP) in Native Ministry

- Over 956,000 Natives live in Canada (First Nations/Inuit/Metis)
- 1.5% - 2% of the total Native population attend a church throughout the year (estimated)
- In the last six years, the Native population growth rate has increased by 22.2% (non-aboriginal growth rate - 3.4%)
- 50% of Native peoples now living in an urban setting
- Native children make up 1/3 of the Native population, 147,000 of which are in childcare services.

### **Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is involved in:**

- Connecting Area Conference churches with Native church communities, and networking with various Native and non-Native organizations.
- Helping to facilitate congregational partnerships between Native and non-Native churches.
- Building awareness of Native issues throughout area conferences.
- Publishing a quarterly newsletter, "INTOTEMAK" (Ojibwe for 'My Friends'). (\$12.00 per year; Contact MC Canada Witness to subscribe)
- With help from congregations and individuals, providing children and youth programs in Native communities and reserves.
- Developing and facilitating the Native Anabaptist Missional Education program to offer leadership training and formation to Native church leaders. Anyone interested in sponsoring N.A.M.E. session (\$800) is invited to contact the Native Ministries office.
- Maintaining a close connection to Native Mennonite Ministries (associated with Mennonite Church USA). A biannual joint assembly gathers Native people from across North America for worship, sharing and fellowship. Native Assembly 2006 will be held in Atmore, Alabama July 24-27, and we will help coordinate transportation for Canadians. (Native Assembly 2004 was held in Riverton, Manitoba). A grant from our office helps support these gatherings.
- Neill and Edith von Gunten, Co-Directors of Native Ministry, provide leadership to this ministry.

**Mennonite Church Canada Witness has committed \$88,800 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.

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