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We must LEARN about their culture. Together we can find healing and hope for ourselves, for our neighbours and for our country.

This is an interactive, dynamic, multifaceted event that offers many ways to learn and to listen. Please plan to attend some of this event and stand in solidarity with those who have survived the Indian Residential Schools.

When: June 16 – 19, 2010

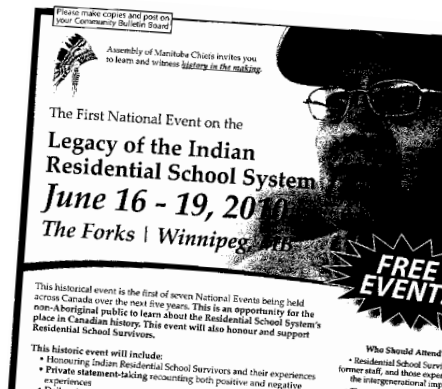
Where: The Forks (Winnipeg)

A schedule of events, locations, and times can be found at www.trcnationalevents.ca/websites/trcevent2010

For more information on the TRC itself please check www.trc.ca

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Please send your responses and comments to nativeministry@mennonitechurch.ca



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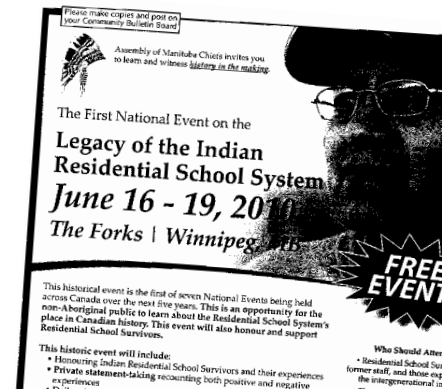
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