



## IODE Canada *EXPRESS NEWS*



### **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Today marks the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on which to commemorate the history and legacy of residential schools. Are you an IODE member who wants to help the Indigenous Peoples of Canada overcome the injuries and obstacles created by the actions of governments and churches? Sometimes what feels like the correct thing to do can be very incorrect in the community we are trying to assist.

The first step in being part of the solution is to listen, watch, read and learn.

Indigenous leaders are clearly telling us not to interfere with our good intentions. So let us read the Report on Truth and Reconciliation, listen to Indigenous leaders and work together to examine our assumptions and beliefs as we approach this time of reconciliation.

One activity that chapters can undertake to both help and learn is to acquire and read the *Literacy for Citizenship* books on Indigenous topics and discuss their messages at a meeting. Then the books can be donated to a school or library helping teachers and children learn.

IODE members can read and learn about reconciliation and can support it by donating time and resources to Indigenous-led causes. You can read an *Executive Summary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report* at [www.standcanada.org/truth-reconciliation-commission-report-summary/](http://www.standcanada.org/truth-reconciliation-commission-report-summary/)

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