



HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES' UNION

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Secretary-Treasurers

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Friends:

Re: Truth and Reconciliation Workshop – November 4 & 5, 2019

HEU has proudly represented Indigenous health care workers since the mid-1990s, when we successfully won the legal right to organize and unionize First Nations workers.

Today, HEU represents members who deliver health services under collective agreements in the Gitksan, Stz'uminus, Nisga'a, Skidegate, Gitanyow and Gitwangak Nations.

As a social justice union, HEU has made a commitment to understand and implement recommendations made by Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission. We recognize the history of colonization and the residential school system, and we're committed to taking action that supports justice and reconciliation for Indigenous peoples.

HEU's Indigenous Peoples Standing Committee encourages non-Indigenous members to attend this two-day workshop which will provide a safe, welcoming environment to discuss the complex issues facing Indigenous peoples – history of colonization, stereotyping, harassment, denial of opportunities, and other forms of discrimination. We'll also discuss how to move reconciliation forward in our union and in our communities.

This workshop aims to educate members about Indigenous struggles and how we can support reconciliation, with a goal of making all HEU members feel safe and included in their workplaces and in their union.

Please distribute the enclosed application form (*photocopy as needed*). Forms can be faxed, mailed or emailed. Please send ONE COPY only. A fax cover sheet is enclosed.

Completed applications must be returned to Jamie Cruz, HEU Education Department, 5000 North Fraser Way, Burnaby, BC V5J 5M3 by **5:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 26, 2019**.

Should you have any questions about this or any other equity issues, please contact HEU's equity officers Sharryn Modder or Jennifer Efting at the Provincial Office.

In solidarity,

Jennifer Whiteside

Secretary-Business Manager