

MEDIA ADVISORY
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National leaders and Anglican Church representatives to attend ceremony with residential school survivors and First Nations leaders to mark the demolition of St. Michael's Indian Residential School in Alert Bay, B.C.

Vancouver, B.C. – National leaders and Anglican Church representatives will join residential school survivors, First Nations leaders and community members in a special ceremony to mark the demolition of St. Michael's Indian Residential School next week – Wednesday, February 18, 2015 – at the residential school site in Alert Bay, British Columbia.

St. Michael's survivor and Reconciliation Canada Ambassador Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, along with participants Assembly of First Nations National Chief Perry Bellegarde, Union of BC Indian Chiefs Vice President Chief Bob Chamberlin, Regional Director General, BC Region, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Eric Magnuson and BC Assembly of First Nations Regional Chief Jody Wilson-Raybould will be in attendance at this event.

This healing and celebration ceremony will provide school survivors with the opportunity to join together with political leaders, First Nations leaders and Anglican Church representatives to mark the passing of a dark era in history and look to the future with hope and optimism for healing and reconciliation.

When: Wednesday, February 18, 2015
10:00 am PST

Where: St. Michael's Indian Residential School
Alert Bay, BC, Map to location: <http://bit.ly/1EVPE7x>

Media interviews may also be scheduled before or after the event with key participants, subject to availability.

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About Reconciliation Canada

Born from the vision of Chief Dr. Robert Joseph, Gwawaenuk Elder, Reconciliation Canada is a charitable nonpartisan, national initiative that promotes reconciliation by engaging Canadians from every part of society in open and honest dialogue and transformative experiences that revitalize relationships among Aboriginal peoples and all Canadians. Its initiatives include reconciliation dialogue workshops, reconciliation-based leadership training, economic reconciliation dialogues, and public awareness activities. More information can be found at www.reconciliationcanada.ca.