

**Faith Mennonite Church's Statement for Indigenous Restitution/Repair
to be read at the January 29, 2023 annual financial meeting
prepared by FMC's Repair Team**

The land which Faith Mennonite Church currently occupies was stolen from the Dakota people by fraud and violence.

As European settler descendants and other non-Native people, we have benefitted in many ways from accumulated generational wealth and privilege.

Consequently, we owe reparations or "back rent" to the people who have suffered from this theft and cruelty.

Our congregation has given to Indigenous organizations through the Missions and Services Commission in the past.

As a further step in repairing historical harms, we recommend replacing this charitable giving with a line-item in the church budget dedicated to Indigenous Restitution/Repair.