

## Making Contact with a Friendship Centre

Hello!

Our ofs National JPIC Team made their first contacts with the National Association of Friendship Centres (NAFC) in Ottawa, to begin building relationships with the Indigenous People.

- By reaching out to any one of the Friendship Centres across Canada is a concrete Sign of Action towards Peace and Reconciliation with the Indigenous People.

*Why contact the Friendship Centres across Canada?*

- Going through the Friendship Centres is the most tangible way of reaching out to the largest numbers of Indigenous People.
- Representation of Indigenous Persons and the Canadian Government are slowly dealing with their water situation.
- The need for money is not high on the list of priorities for the Indigenous People.

*What is one of the most important needs, and where can our Franciscans be of service?*

- The need for support, right relationship and being fraternity for all persons of our world is essential for the Indigenous People to be able to heal and come to terms with their Intergenerational trauma and sufferings.

*A Story of Contact with a Friendship Centre*

Our ofs National JPIC Team just got off the phone to the National Association of Friendship Centres in Ottawa. We shared with our contact person about our ofs National JPIC Proposal and our desire to build relationships with the Indigenous People. The Franciscans were then given permission and encouragement from the Elders, for us to proceed in making contacts with the Friendship Centres across Canada.

- Giving updates of our Franciscan progress is very important, to guarantee trust and sincerity of our commitment to right relationships.

*As a Franciscan, our next step is Peace and Reconciliation.*

With the philosophy and Action steps/ commitment to the Indigenous People of ...

- “We want to learn about you,  
We want to understand you,  
We want to love you.”

... the contact person at the Friendship Centre was more than overwhelmed.

Miigwech

(NOTE to Editor: Please do not print anything after, Miigwech. Please allow our Indigenous Peoples to have the last say. Merci)