

SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MEDIA RELEASE

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY WELCOMES COMMISSIONER OF THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA

Dr. Wilton Littlechild to speak at University Tuesday September 27, 2016

CALGARY –DR. WILTON LITTLECHILD, IPC, COMMISSIONER WITH THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION (TRC) OF CANADA, WILL DELIVER A TALK ENTITLED “LIFTING EACH OTHER UP: EDUCATION & RECONCILIATION” AT THE UNIVERSITY’S NEWLY OPENED HERITAGE CENTRE ON SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 5-6.30 PM.

DR. LITTLECHILD IS A RESPECTED LAWYER, ADVOCATING FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND AVIDLY PROMOTING SELF-DETERMINATION AND TREATY IMPLEMENTATION. APART FROM HIS TRC SERVICE, HE HAS ALSO SERVED AS THE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE COMMISSION ON FIRST NATIONS AND MÉTIS PEOPLES AND JUSTICE REFORM IN SASKATCHEWAN. DR. LITTLECHILD REPRESENTED NORTH AMERICA FOR TWO THREE-YEAR TERMS AS THE NORTH AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES. HE CURRENTLY SERVES AS AN EXPERT MEMBER OF THE UN EXPERT MECHANISM ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, WHICH PROVIDES ADVICE TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL.

“ST. MARY’S IS HONOURED TO WELCOME DR. LITTLECHILD TO OUR CAMPUS,” SAID GERRY TURCOTTE, PRESIDENT AND VICE-CHANCELLOR AT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY. “THROUGH OUR FIRST NATIONS, MÉTIS AND INUIT PARTNERSHIP WE STRIVE TO CREATE A LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY THAT ENCOURAGES OPPORTUNITY AND SUCCESS FOR FNMI STUDENTS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING DR. LITTLECHILD’S IMPORTANT PERSPECTIVE ON HOW EDUCATION CAN CONTRIBUTE TO LASTING AND MEANINGFUL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ABORIGINAL AND NON-ABORIGINAL PEOPLES ACROSS CANADA.”

ADMISSION TO “LIFTING EACH OTHER UP: EDUCATION & RECONCILIATION” IS FREE.

RSVP: MICHELLE SCOTT, DIRECTOR OF INDIGENOUS INITIATIVES AT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY. AT MICHELLE.SCOTT@STMU.CA OR 403.254.3133.

ABOUT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY: ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY IS AN INNOVATIVE TEACHING AND RESEARCH UNIVERSITY THAT PROVIDES AFFORDABLE, ACCREDITED AND HIGHLY VALUED DEGREES IN THE LIBERAL ARTS, SCIENCES AND EDUCATION LOCATED ON A HISTORIC SITE IN CALGARY, ALBERTA. THE STUDENTS AT ST. MARY’S ARE INSPIRED TO COMBINE ACADEMICS WITH A PASSIONATE COMMITMENT TO ETHICS, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RESPECT FOR DIVERSITY OF OPINION AND BELIEF.

FOR MEDIA INQUIRIES, PLEASE CONTACT:

Therese Takacs
VP Advancement
Direct: 403.254.3139
therese.takacs@stmu.ca