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Truth and Reconciliation Commission focus of King's Conference January 21-22

Edmonton – Dr. Chief Bobby Joseph, Aboriginal advisor for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, along with Dr. Maggie Hodgson, a founder of the National Day of Healing and Reconciliation, will be joining other Aboriginal and church leaders at The King's University College for its Interdisciplinary Studies Conference, January 21-22. The theme is, *"Truth and Reconciliation: Healing the Legacy of the Residential Schools."*

The conference will include a public gathering at Edmonton's Canadian Native Friendship Centre, 11205 – 101 street, Wednesday, January 21 at 6:45 pm. This special public evening event is being organized and hosted by the Ecumenical Planning Team and will include addresses by national aboriginal and church leaders.

This past summer Prime Minister Stephen Harper issued an apology to Aboriginal communities expressing sorrow for the ill treatment suffered by many children in Indian Residential Schools. The painful legacy of those schools continues to be seen in many ways, yet healing is also being seen as communities take action to change the trajectory of a painful history to a future of hope.

The King's Interdisciplinary Studies Conference is an invitation to be part of that journey. This conference is co-sponsored by the Aboriginal and Church leaders "Remembering the Children" Initiative. Guest speakers include residential school survivors, aboriginal leaders from various communities, national church leaders and many more.

All events are open to the public at no charge and a complete schedule can be found on the King's website at www.kingsu.ca

Conference speakers include, Dr. Chief Bobby Joseph; Dr. Maggie Hodgson; Cecile Fausak; Ted Quewezance; Cheol Soon Park; Archbishop Pettipas; Aideen Nabigan; Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald; Ed Bianchi; Vincent Steinhauer; Mike Degagne; Dr. David Long.

The King's University College offers fully accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as an education after degree. King's currently serves over 600 students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence and communicating a Christian perspective in their teaching. Students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom to apply what they learn to their life and their future career.

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