



WHO IS WALKING? - A group of 30 core walkers comprised of health science union members, progressive faith community members, school division leaders, Dr. Pat Makokis and members of First Nations communities across Treaty 6 and 7 territory.

Walking in a posture of humility and simplicity, the 30 core walkers will leave the HSAA Annual Convention on May 31, 2019 in Edmonton and arrive at the HSAA Union hall in Calgary at 3:30 PM on June 14, 2019.

Over the 15 day walk, the 30 walkers will be stopping at churches, colleges and union halls along the route, engaging interested community members in an evening of education and reflection on our Treaties with Indigenous people. These contracts allowed Settler people and their descendants to live and prosper on Turtle Island, North America. At the same time, Indigenous nations have not enjoyed the same level of political, social and economic self-determination. Since no land was ever ceded, it is important for descendants of the Treaty signatories to sort out how we can better live the Treaty relationship.

The walkers will facilitate a short Treaty teaching session followed by a Talking Circle. The intention is to engage Indigenous and non-Indigenous citizens in reflection and dialogue about the myths, facts and obligations of Treaty relationships and create a safe space to explore better future possibilities.

WHAT IS THE DAY-WALKER COMMITMENT? - While the 30 core walkers are going the entire 350 km between the two major cities, community members and supporters are invited to join the walk for a few minutes, a few kilometers or a few hours in between community stops. Day walkers will need to be responsible for their own lunch on the road, accommodations if any and ensure that they have a ride to the start and ending points they wish to join. A Treaty teaching and Circle Process will be facilitated by the 30 core walkers between 7:00 and 9:00 PM in each community. Members of that community will be the priority audience, but where space is available, day-walkers are able to join the evening as well. Unfortunately, this will not be known until the end of the walking day, so plan with flexibility.

WHY SHOULD I WALK? - Beyond the endorphins of physical fitness, you will be participating in a relationship building process through the walking and talking with others you might not normally engage. There will be multiple opportunities to challenge myths, gather new knowledge about our respective histories with First Nations and think about what each of us needs to do going forward to help establish a more meaningful Treaty relationship between Settler people and Indigenous people. The Treaty teaching facilitation and Circle Process that will be guided by the 30 core walkers will allow another opportunity to reflect on what this all means and perhaps gather some inspiration around how to move forward in a good way.

Join the
Walk



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DATES AND DISTANCES OF EACH LEG:

Date	Start	Finish	KM
May 31/19	Edmonton	Beaumont	10.3
June 1/19	Beaumont	Leduc	19.8
June 2/19	Leduc	Millett	18.7
June 3/19	Millett	Wetaskiwin	15.5
June 4/19	Wetaskiwin	Maskwacis	16.6
June 5/19	Maskwacis	Ponoka	19.4
June 6/19	Ponoka	Lacombe	30.5
June 7/19	Lacombe	Red Deer	25.6
June 8/19	Red Deer	Innisfail	30.3
June 9/19	Innisfail	Bowden	16.7
June 10/19	Bowden	Olds	18.5
June 11/19	Olds	Carstairs	27.8
June 12/19	Carstairs	Crossfield	17.4
June 13/19	Crossfield	Airdrie	17.2
June 14/19	Airdrie	Calgary - HSAA	20.1