Doctrine of Discovery

Available Resources

**Literature review**

**The Christian Doctrine of Discovery: A North American History:** A Literature Review

A prezi which is loosely based on the literature review:  [http://prezi.com/-poz8na3_l-c/doctrine-of-discovery-task-force/](http://prezi.com/-poz8na3_l-c/doctrine-of-discovery-task-force/)

**Analysis, Statements - Speaking Out**

- An extensive op ed piece by former President of EcoTrust Canada, Ian Gill, published in Toronto Star on Sun Mar 17 2013 “Who Will Protect the Land from Reckless Development?”

Clearly states how the lie of D of D and the disregard for the presence and rights of those who first occupied the land has encouraged water and resource development to occur anywhere, anytime... but things are changing:

> “Both nations [Canada and Australia] have begun to reach the limits of government authority based on a lie — the continued denial of the rights and title of aboriginal peoples. They are beginning to experience the stirring of what might come to be — almost as a mirror to the ecological disruptions that threaten our physical existence — a succession of century-defining social and political disruptions that could put our national governments on an endangered species list all of their own making.

> What we are beginning to witness, and it goes well beyond Idle No More, is a withdrawal of permission.”

He calls upon Indigenous people to articulate a new vision and narrative for Canada. What are the possibilities?  [http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2013/03/17/who_will_protect_the_land_from_reckless_development.html](http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2013/03/17/who_will_protect_the_land_from_reckless_development.html)


- A loosely structured group of 75-100 people who ‘meet’ online to discuss the Doctrine of Discovery, and hope to influence the Pope to rescind the Papal Bulls [http://www.doctrineofdiscovery.org/](http://www.doctrineofdiscovery.org/)


- Indigenous Peoples Forum on the Impact of the Doctrine of Discovery A forum to discuss the implications of the Doctrine of Discovery in the context of standards established by the adoption of UNDRIP: local, regional, continental, global  [http://doctrineofdiscoveryforum.blogspot.ca/](http://doctrineofdiscoveryforum.blogspot.ca/)
Education, Discussion papers - Church- Related

- KAIROS Blanket Exercise
- 14-minute video from the US Episcopalian Church “Exposing the Doctrine of Discovery” [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drLnI_k5b6s](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drLnI_k5b6s) Begins with a warning, then prayer of confession. Extensive use of archival photos, images. Proclaimed ‘Decade of Reconciliation’.
- Presbyterian Church USA has a draft Frequently Asked Questions. Plan to use Wolfchild’s film in a fall 2014 series
- 55th Annual Canadian Theological Student’s Conference Keynotes Transcript
  Trialogue: “Mission and Power: Memory, Journey, Vision”
  Rev. Dr. Elizabeth S. Tapia (Philippines, Methodist)
  Bishop Mark L. MacDonald (Anglican Native bishop)
  Rev. Dr. Russell Daye (United Church, LIRR co-chair)
- Edinburgh 2010 Theme: Mission and Power, Canadian contribution based on case study of Canada’s IRS system. Gail Allan was a part of the study team co-convened by Lori Ransom (Presbyterian, Canada) and Jonathan Bonk (USA).
- Day long conference Dec. 1, 2012 Sponsored by Toronto Centre/East KAIROS and Toronto Urban Native Ministry- exploring the legal aspects and theological premises of the Doctrine(s) of Discovery
- Canadian Churches Forum 6-day program: “Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry” [www.ccforum.ca/duim](http://www.ccforum.ca/duim) “primary way we engage in understanding the impact of and suggesting alternatives to the Doctrine of Discovery”
- Workshop presenter in Manitou Conference
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Run time: 56 minutes

As of August 7, 2014, it does not appear that the film has been released yet.

Dakota filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild's compelling documentary is premised on Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery, a book based on two decades of research by Shawnee, Lenape scholar Steven T. Newcomb. The film tells the story of how little known Vatican documents of the fifteenth century resulted in a tragic global momentum of domination and dehumanization. This led to law systems in the United States and Canada and elsewhere in the world, that are still being used against Original Nations and Peoples to this day. The film concludes with traditional teachings developed over thousands of years that provide a much needed alternative for humans and the ecological systems of Mother Earth at this time.


WHOSE LAND IS THIS? -Documentary - 2005 - 43 min. This exciting, fast paced documentary is about First Nations' historical and contemporary relationship to Canadian governments in settling the land question in Canada. Historical segments document the "truth" of settlement and treaties in Canada while modern moments suggest solutions and new approaches. Upbeat and emotionally moving and informative - for all audiences. Broadcast: Global TV. - AWARD - American Indian Film Festival.
Worship, Biblical Reflection

- “Seven Sites, Seven Words”, a tenenbrae ritual pertaining to Australia’s story, and used in the Uniting Church of Australia. It relates to the idea of rituals of healing re: sites where rights of indigenous peoples were tragically trampled on. You can download from www.geoffboyce.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Seven-Sitesbook.pdf

- For the five Sundays in Lent (2014) the United Church of Christ has created a series of reflections on selected lectionary texts, using the lens of the doctrine of discovery. Congregation is invited to engage with these reflections as an exercise to prepare for the encounter with the risen Christ anew this Easter, and in the service of racial justice. http://www.ucc.org/justice/racism/doctrine-of-discovery/?utm_source=kyp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=kyp022514

- The Chant of Life: Inculturation and the People of the Land; by Bishop Mark McDonald, deals with the critical subject of inculturation – the meeting of culture and liturgy. Liturgical Studies Four Series 2003

Acknowledgement of Territory
Drafting of a 2-page article for Pentecost 2015 issue of Gathering

Canadian Anti-Racism Ecumenical Network:
Cracking Open White Identity towards Transformation (2012)

Exchanges, Cross-Cultural Experiences
- Canadian Roots Exchange
  The Canadian Roots Exchange (CRE) organizes exchanges, workshops and conferences that brings together First Nations, Inuit, Métis and non---Indigenous youth. Our programs lead to a greater understanding of Indigenous realities and build stronger connections between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities across Canada. www.canadianroots.ca

- Uniting Church of Australia About Faith and Culture Exchange (About FACE), and Stepping Stone events
  www.aboutface.org.au – two week exchanges to build meaningful relationships with Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress communities
- Wampum – at Five Oaks
- Tessa Blaikie, living in Winnipeg is very interested in young adult exchanges. ANCC had provided a grant in 2012 but no indigenous young adults applied, so 4 non-indigenous young adults and Tessa paid their own way for 4-5 days at Grassy Narrows, September 2012.

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