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DATE: June 15, 2015
TO: Pastors, Priests **COPY:** Parish Offices
FROM: Most Reverend Gary Gordon
Re: Invitation - Directions in Aboriginal Ministry Conference, August 2015;
Statement from CCCB - TRC Commission

Dear Fathers,

“Directions in Aboriginal Ministry Conference”
August 17-20, 2015
Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre
Surrey, BC

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the upcoming “*Directions in Aboriginal Ministry*” conference that will take place Monday, August 17th to Thursday, August 20th, 2015 at Rosemary Heights in Surrey. We are very fortunate that this event will be taking place. For the past eight years, it has been an initiative of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Ministry of the Western Assembly of Catholic Bishops. As there are significant numbers of aboriginal members in many of our parish communities, I feel it especially important to publicize this program. Attached you will find a flyer with pertinent information regarding registration for this program.

As Chair of the Standing Committee on Aboriginal Ministry, and especially in the light of recent work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the long association with our aboriginal brothers and sisters in our Diocese, I want to strongly encourage you, members of your Parish Councils, and your parishioners to consider attending.

Also attached, you will find a copy of the “*Statement by the Permanent Council of the CCCB in an Initial Response to the Summary Report and Calls to Action by the TRC*”, dated June 12, 2015.

Thank you for your attention and support of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

In Communion,

+ *Gary Gordon*

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