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MLREF/IWIL In-Person Conference: MMIWG “Planting Seeds of Knowledge and Awareness”

April 14, 2026, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Hodgson-Smith Law Building,

220-2nd Street East

Meadow Lake, SK

Agenda - Morning

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| 10:00 | Welcome and Safety Protocols
Kathy Hodgson-Smith, IWIL |
| 10:05 | Opening Prayer
Elder Helen Starchief |
| 10:15 | Agenda Overview
Kathy Hodgson-Smith, IWIL |
| 10:20 | Participant Introductions |
| 10:35 | Spiritual Direction & Mindset
Elder Helen Starchief
Elder Dian Murray |
| 10:55 | What We Heard on Virtual Day One
Wanda Kozloski, IWIL |
| 11:05 | Comments & Introduction of Land Based Knowledge Holder
Francine Merasty, IWIL |
| 11:10 | Land Based Traditional Knowledge Teachings
Elizabeth Bear |
| 12:10 | Invitation to Youth to Comment
Francine Merasty, IWIL |
| 12:30 | LUNCH BREAK (30 minutes) |



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1:00 Review of MMIWG Calls for Justice and Gender-based Analysis Overview – Lori Johnstone-Clarke, IWIL

1:20 Small Group Discussions – Lori Johnstone-Clarke, Francine Merasty, and Wanda Kozloski, IWIL
Guiding Questions:

- What change is needed in our existing institutions or what new institutions are required?
- What opportunities do you believe that Northern communities should be afforded?
- What challenges are specific to women and girls in the North?
- How can you build on the strengths of your community?

2:00 Dialogue & Concluding Comments by Participants
– Kathy Hodgson-Smith, IWIL

Guiding Question:

- What is the one of the most significant next steps required to address safety and wellness issues for women and girls in the north and who is best to lead that intervention?

2:45 Closing Comments and Thanks – IWIL Team

2:55 Closing Prayer – Elder Dian Murray

