

## **THEME SPEAKER**

### **The Reverend Murray K. Pruden**

National Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice  
The United Church of Canada

“My role as a leader and person of faith and spirituality has grown to a role of a storyteller and person of inspiration. This path I am taking is the foundation, the history and literature to help form a good sustenance of authority and community building for me and for our Indigenous communities. I like to think that this all leads to me being a strong voice for Indigenous people on the level of religion and spirituality and the love of our communities. And a path of self love and love for all of Creators creations.” Rev. Murray K. Pruden.

Rev. Murray Pruden is Nehiyaw, Cree First Nations from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nations. He grew up in the rural community of Smoky Lake. And his family’s history come from that area based on his ancestor Rev. Henry Bird Steinhauer.

Rev. Pruden has studied theatre at the University of Alberta, received a theatre performance diploma from Keyano college in Fort McMurray and an undergrad BFA from the University of Lethbridge. He completed his Master of Divinity at the Vancouver School of Theology at UBC and studies at the Sandy Sauteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba.

Murray’s path to Ministry has taken him to many good uses of his talents and spiritual gifts-dramatic works on theological topics, workshop presentations on storytelling, ecumenical representation on Indigenous theology and sermon reflections to various communities of faith across Canada.

Rev. Pruden is the current National Executive Minister for Indigenous Ministries and Justice for the United Church of Canada.