

## MOVING FORWARD: A COURAGEOUS CONVERSATION ABOUT RECONCILIATION

### PANELISTS:



#### **CeCe Baptiste**

CeCe Baptiste is a member of Little Pine First Nation. She holds a Bachelor of Commerce degree and holds both the Certified Professional Accountant and Institute of Corporate Director designations. Her career spans senior positions in a variety of sectors, including provincial ministries, banking institutions, crown corporations, and higher education. Ms. Baptiste is a past board member for SaskGaming Corporation, the United Way of Saskatoon and Area, and currently sits on the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce. Her leadership roles have been recognized through various nominations and awards, including YWCA Women of Distinction finalist, CBC's Top 40 Under 40, FSIN Strength of our Women Award in Business, and U of S Canada 150 Citizen award. She devotes her energy to enhancing partnerships between Indigenous and the non-Indigenous communities, through active promotion of leadership at board tables.



#### **Eleanore Sunchild, Q.C.**

Eleanore Sunchild is a proud member of the Thunderchild First Nation. She graduated from the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law in 1998 and has been a member of the Saskatchewan Bar since 1999. Eleanore has a BA in political science and completed her undergraduate degree in French immersion at Faculte St. Jean, University of Alberta. Eleanore is the sole owner of Sunchild Law, located on Poundmaker II, outside of Battleford. Sunchild Law specializes in Indigenous Law. Ms. Sunchild has spoken nationally and internationally on the legacy of the Indian Residential School system, and the impact of colonial policy in Canada, the history and importance of the Treaties.



#### **David Fisher**

David Fisher is the Executive Director of Concentus Citizenship Education Foundation. A veteran of more than two decades in local broadcast management (most recently as Vice- President and General Manager of Bell Media Saskatchewan) David Fisher has also been very involved with community volunteer work. He sits on the Boards of Directors for Saskatoon and Area United Way, Persephone Theatre, and CFCR Community Radio. A long-time supporter of the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission, his business and community experience combined with his passion for the mission of Concentus prompted him to take an active role in the foundation.



#### **Chief Troy Cooper**

Troy Cooper has spent 33 years in policing in Saskatchewan. He dedicated 31 years of service to the Prince Albert Police Service where he served as both Deputy Chief and Chief. Growing up in Big River, Saskatchewan, and building relationships over his years serving with the PAPS he created a deep understanding of Indigenous issues and forged strong relationships with the community. In 2018, Saskatoon's Board of Police Commissioners named Troy as the new Police Chief of the Saskatoon Police Service.

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#### **Ali Abukar**

Ali Abukar is the CEO of Saskatoon Open Door Society since. Mr. Abukar has a background in social work, migration and refugee studies and business administration. Mr. Abukar worked with refugees and newcomers both as front line professional and as a leader in Canada and abroad. He brings more than 15 years' work experience in the field of settlement and integration of refugees and newcomers in various countries. Mr. Abukar has lived experience as refugee and newcomer. He is passionate and committed in his work around refugee advocacy, education, literacy, mental health, reconciliation and community building. He works toward diverse and inclusive community where refugees and newcomers succeed.



#### **Fatima Coovadia**

Dr. Fatima Coovadia has a Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree as well as a Masters of Health Administration. In concert with the "Think Good. Do Good." organization, she has worked in classrooms in both the Saskatoon School Division and the Saskatoon Greater Catholic School Division building knowledge, empathy, and understanding for all citizens in the community. She is also a leader in the Islamic Association of Saskatoon, serves on the Board of the Remail Modern, and is a consultant at Coovadia Consulting. She began serving as a Commissioner in January 2018.



#### **Joel Bernbaum**

Joel Bernbaum is an actor, director, playwright, journalist and the founding artistic director of Sum Theatre in Saskatoon. He is a graduate of the Canadian College of Performing Arts and Carleton University, where he did his Master's Thesis on Verbatim Theatre's Relationship to Journalism. Produced plays include Operation Big Rock, My Rabbi and Home Is A Beautiful Word. Previously for Sum Theatre, Joel has performed in Alice in Wonderland and The Pied Piper and has directed Hercules, Little Badger and the Fire Spirit, Nutana Talks, The Hockey Sweater, Theatre in the Pool: Earth Diver, Queen Seraphina and the Land of Vertebraat and The Young Ones. Joel is currently a PhD student in Interdisciplinary Studies at the University of Saskatchewan, where he is investigating the potential of theatre companies to strengthen cities. His most recent production is Reasonable Doubt (Persephone Theatre).



#### **Nicola Bishop-Yong**

Nicola Bishop-Yong has lived in Treaty 6 territory & the homeland of the Metis for 30 years with her husband and three children. She maintains an abiding connection to her rural roots. She holds degrees from the University of Saskatchewan including a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Education and Master of Education. In her 20-year tenure with Saskatoon Public Schools, Nicola has served as an elementary teacher and administrator. She currently holds the position of Division Principal.