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Touchstones of Hope:
Truth, Healing and Reconciliation as a Way to Address Historical Trauma

The City of Portland Human Rights Commission, Committee for Intergroup Understanding is presenting a special program on **Monday, June 27** entitled "**Touchstones of Hope: Truth, Healing and Reconciliation as a Way to Address Historical Trauma"** with keynote speaker **Terry L. Cross, MSW, ACSW, LCSW.** The program will be held at **Havurah Shalom, 825 NW 18th** (corner of 18th and Kearney), beginning at **6:00 PM** with food and conversation and continuing at 6:30 with the presentation by Terry Cross.

Free parking is available (beginning at 6:00 PM) at the medical center parking lot on the corner of 18th and Lovejoy. The street car and the 77 bus line both stop near the event location.

There will be **no charge** for this program. Free food from **Tastebud** and ice cream from **Fifty Licks** will be served. In order to make sure that there is enough food, a response is strongly recommended. Please reply to Koffi Dessou at 503-823-4429 or via email at **koffi.dessou@portlandoregon.gov**

Terry Cross is an enrolled member of the Seneca Nation of Indians and is the developer, founder, and executive director of the National Indian Child Welfare Association. He is the author of the *Heritage and Helping*, an 11-manual curriculum for tribal child welfare staff. He is also author of the *Positive Indian Parenting* curriculum, as well as *Cross-Cultural Skills in Indian Child Welfare*. He co-authored *Toward a Culturally Competent System of Care* and *Reclaiming Customary Adoption*. In 2008, Terry became a member of the Board of Advisors of the American Red Cross, Oregon Trail Chapter. Terry has 38 years of experience in child welfare, including 10 years working directly with children and families. He served on the faculty of Portland State University School of Social Work. On June 9, Terry was awarded the prestigious Robert F. Kennedy Embracing the Legacy Award.

Inspired by Archbishop Desmond Tutu's lifelong work on reconciling communities, the **Committee for Inter-Group Understanding** works to build peace and understanding among groups that have had deeply rooted conflict and honors the need for healing around the historic and current harms of injustice and oppression.

All are welcome to be part of this event for learning and conversation on this important issue!

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