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June 21st is National Indigenous People's Day which recognizes and celebrates First Nations, Metis and Inuit people across Canada. June is also recognized as Indigenous History Month.

The APUS Executive Committee would like to express our gratitude and solidarity to the First Nations, Metis and Inuit communities that have shared their knowledge, labour, resources and leadership with us. We also want to express the collective sadness and rage that we feel in the wake of the recent deaths of Chantal Moore and Rodney Levi, who were killed by police during mental health wellness checks.

We urge everyone to continue the work of educating ourselves and support the calls to action by Indigenous peoples at this time. This includes supporting the [94 Calls to Action](#) of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, supporting the recommendations found in the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls as well as supporting grassroots movements that are springing up in the wake of Indigenous and Black people losing their lives.

The colonization of Turtle Island has been an ongoing process that succeeds because as citizens or visitors to Canada, we are not taught to see ourselves in relation with Indigenous People. [Re]conciliation cannot be done without actively rebuilding the relationships destroyed through colonization. If we want to create a future that can lay the past to rest, then we must be willing to take action.

Currently, in Tkaronto, the Afro-Indigenous Rising Collective (AIR), a diverse group of Black and Indigenous peoples, are occupying Nathan Phillips Square for an indefinite period of time in protest of police brutality.

Here's how you can help:

Donate to their Occupation [GoFundMe](#)
Follow Them on Instagram [@airisingcollective](#) for updates
Donate supplies or some of your time to hold space with them!

In solidarity,

The APUS Executive Committee

[1] The National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls were released June 3rd 2019. Both the [Executive Summary](#) and [Volumes 1 and 2](#) of the report are available online.