

Moncton March of Hope and Other Events to Celebrate October 17th



The Common Front for Social Justice (CFSJ) is inviting the public to come and walk with those who are less fortunate and to participate in celebrations which will take place on Wednesday, October 17th. This date has been set aside by the United Nations as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. The purpose of this is to raise public awareness regarding the courage of people living in poverty. It also wants to encourage us to build a more inclusive society. **Come and join us!** (Program details below).

CFSJ logo: sharing hands

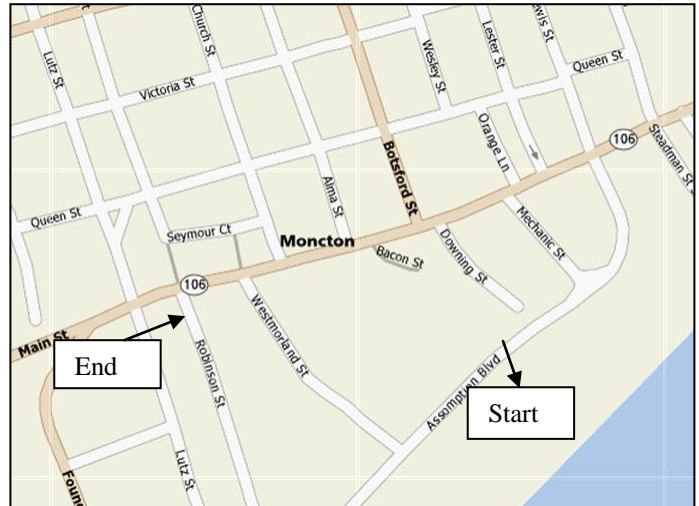
Dedication Ceremony at 3:30 p.m.

Gathering behind Rogers Bldg., 70 Assumption Blvd. To unveil a stone sculpture commissioned by the CFSJ for the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. Blessing of sculpture by Rev. S. Bérubé and Father J.-G. Dallaire. Sweet-grass ceremony by a member of First Nations. Reading of engraved text: "*Wherever human beings are condemned to extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights are respected is our solemn duty*" (Joseph. Wrésinski)

Solidarity March at 4 p.m.

The marchers will make the following stops:

- Peticodiac River edge: Statement on poverty and environmental degradation by Michel Desjardins, spokesman for the Peticodiac River Keepers
- Moncton City Hall: Statement by Councilor Louisa Barton Duguay
- Stop at 150 Queen Street for five statements from: a representative of the *Drop In Centre*; John Fournier with the *ReConnect Youth Intervention Centre*; Nancy Hartling with *Support for Single Parents*; Richard Hyslop with the *United Church Soup Kitchen*; Déo Cuma with the *House of Nazareth Refuge*.



Gathering at Global Festival Hall, 110 Westmorland St, Moncton at 5 p.m.

History behind the October 17th events by Al Daly and Anne Levesque
Presentation of art work expressing children's perception of poverty
Jingle Dress Dancers by girls from the Youth Initiative Centre, Elsipogtog
Testimony: Poverty within the First Nations by a delegate from Elsipogtog
Statement on the objectives of October 17th, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty by Linda McCaustlin, Co-Chair of CFSJ and Johanne Petitpas, Secretary of CFSJ.

Supper at 5:45 p.m. (Prepared by the Riverview Knights of Columbus for all the participants)

Evening Program at 6:45 p.m.

Welcome by Linda McCaustlin and Anne Levesque
Music by Jennie Woods, composer of "The Weakest Link"
Poverty generated by war by Charles Emmrys
Young African's Choir
Testimony describing the poverty of refugees by Théo Mpunge
Testimonies by Willi Nolan, Krista Davis, Harold Gladstone and volunteers from the audience
Need for a Poverty Reduction Strategy in New Brunswick by Al Daly
Young people from the Richibucto area with the *Pastorale Jeunesse* Choir
Band Music organized by Chris Roy and featuring Keith Marsh, Dan Vanderknapp, Paul Doucet, Dameon Clark and Tim Fraser.