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# Indian, church leaders launch multi-city tour to highlight commission

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Aboriginal and church leaders gathered Sunday in Ottawa to launch a multi-city tour to draw attention to the upcoming work of the Indian residential schools' Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The Remembering the Children tour kicked off at the Canadian Museum of Civilization on Sunday afternoon and drew a crowd of about 500 people, including indigenous, religious and political leaders.

Church leaders from the Anglican, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic and United churches who operated Indian residential schools with the federal government agreed to participate in the tour to highlight the work that will be done by the commission.

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The commission is part of a settlement with former students announced three years ago that included lump sum payments for the thousands of survivors.

"We believe it is essential that Canadians pay close attention to this process of truth-telling," David MacDonald, the United Church's special advisor on residential schools, and one of the organizers of the leaders' tour, said in a news release.

After the gathering, MacDonald told CBCNews.ca, "people were deeply moved and extremely hopeful."

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The participants hope their tour, which will hit Vancouver on Wednesday, Saskatoon on March 9 and Winnipeg on March 10, will raise awareness and help to educate both church members and other Canadians about the legacy of residential schools and the impact of colonization on aboriginal people and their communities.

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