

# Nurturing the Fire for Truth and Reconciliation within Health Care

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Paul Francis Jr. Born and raised in Thunder Bay, with roots in Mnidoo Mnising (Manitoulin Island) and a member of Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, Paul is Anishnaabe-Odawa and of mixed European ancestry and the first Director of Indigenous Relations at St. Joseph's Care Group in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Paul believes in the power of Indigenous healing practices and that possibilities exist to integrate them within the mainstream healthcare system for the benefit for all.

