## WHO WE ARE:

- We are a group of First Peoples and Settlers who meet monthly.
- Our members include Indigenous people living in the Kawartha area, and people of local faith groups and of no religious affiliation. So far, all the Setters in our group are white people.
- We learn together. Settler members have learned the brutal truths of Canadian history including the Treaty process, the Indian residential school system and its destructive legacy to individuals, families, communities, languages, cultures and spiritual ways of living and relating to all of Creation.
- Recognizing that the relationship between the government of Canada, its citizens and the First Peoples has been defined by colonialism, racism and inequality, Settler members strive to identify those patterns within themselves and to work to change them.
- We are trying our best to become an example of what reconciliation looks like: people working together and treating each other with respect, justice and equality.





Our group quilt responding to the history of residential schools.

## How We Relate To One Another:

- We begin each meeting by smudging with sage. We stand together in a circle and pass an eagle feather as we check in.
- Through Talking Circles we sit together, listening to one another's stories, and sharing our experiences and ideas.

- Each member of our circle is a valued person, whose voice we strive to hear and respect, and whose ideas we acknowledge.
- We learn about differences in our cultural backgrounds, and try to understand what it means to be in relationship with one another in a good way within this part of Turtle Island that we call Canada.