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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES, RELIGIONS AND HUMAN DIGNITY

The clear and strong calls for human dignity that were given voice in the 2013 WSF meeting in Tunis prompts the recognition of the resources for human dignity that can be found in our various cultural, political and religious traditions. Shouldn't these traditions be reservoirs of our expressions human dignity? Shouldn't they also highlight the solidarity we share with each other and with our environments? Exploring these traditions can give greater meaning and direction to understanding and living human dignity in our contemporary contexts. In these contexts, as a result of decolonial thinking, there is renewed interest in exploring the concerns of indigenous peoples and their religions. Can indigenous religious expressions help to end violence and foster peace? Can indigenous perspectives shed light on the intercultural dynamics required for contemporary living? How do we understand the meaning and designation of who is "indigenous"? Investigating these questions help to give voice to earlier expressions of human dignity that have been largely been forgotten, subjugated, diminished or even eliminated from human history.

Jean-Francois ROUSSEL, *Churches and Indigenous Peoples of Canada: From the Pastoral of Reconciliation to an Intercultural Solidarity*

Elochukwu UZUKWU, *Multiplicity of Deities in Indigenous Religions of West Africa: Celebration of Hospitality and the End to Religious Violence in Nigeria*

Gerald BOODOO, *Liberation and Indigenous Peoples: Who, What, Where is the Indigene?*

Luiz Carlos SUSIN, *"Call for Dignity": A Question of Foundations*

Eleazar Lopez HERNANDEZ, *Environmental Justice and Food Safety From the Perspective of Indigenous Peoples*