

Michelle Nieviadomy is a member of the Kawacatoose Cree First Nation. While her roots are in Saskatchewan, she has been living in Edmonton for the past 15 years. In 2013 she received an Esquao Award-Clara Woodridge Community Involvement for her work within the Aboriginal community. This speaks of her passion for community development and involvement. She currently serves as the Assistant Director of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre where she has worked with the urban Indigenous community for over 10 years. She is also engaged in other community initiatives as well such as facilitating/presenting various workshops on Indigenous justice, being part of a national committee which lends a voice to Indigenous justice issues, and developing programming for Indigenous children, youth, and women.

Michelle recently stepped into the newly created role of Oskapew (helper in Cree) with the Inner City Pastoral Ministry. By engaging Michelle, ICPM has opened an opportunity to have a relevant presence in the inner city Indigenous community by honouring the traditions and teachings of the First Peoples where the Gospel is offered with Indigenous community members in a culturally relevant way through ceremony, storytelling, teachings and songs from the worship the one Creator and His Son Jesus.

As Michelle honours the Creator's call to ministry amongst the marginalized she will develop, implement facilitate holistic & culturally relevant worship and programming for the urban Indigenous community, facilitate Aboriginal Awareness workshops/training for various working groups within the community including various church denominations, facilitate spiritual health & wellness programming intended to engage, empower and educate Indigenous women towards a healthier lifestyle and provide consultation and offer cross cultural teaching to staff regarding Aboriginal culture, issues & protocol.