

**Presbytery of Ottawa**  
**Land Acknowledgement statement**

The Presbytery of Ottawa at it's regular meeting on June 20, 2023 approved the proposal from it's Worship and Witness Committee that the following land acknowledgement statement be read at the beginning of each regular Presbytery meeting:

*“The Presbytery of Ottawa believes that all of nature has been given by the Creator to be nurtured and cared for with equity and justice. We recognize that the land on which we gather and worship has been traditionally occupied and honoured by the Anishinabe Algonquin peoples and their ancestors for time beyond memory and has been neither ceded nor surrendered. We acknowledge that justice obliges all of us, as humans of equal worth, to strive equally to protect this land.”*