



ONE NATION EXCHANGE

Explanation of Emblem:

The *One Nation* emblem grew out of a collaborative art project between indigenous and new immigrant women in Winnipeg's North End. Professional printmaking artist Karen Cornelius integrated the women's stories and drawings from their 6-week sharing circle into a beautiful One Nation design. **This is our explanation of the emblem:**

You may have come from a country with leaves like this **1**, but then you find yourself in a country with four seasons-- Canada. You go through a bit of a winter experience **2**, but there are always new beginnings **3**.

The fruitfulness of the tree is balanced by its roots **4**. This reminds us that our roots are so important, and of the power roots have to draw new life after they've been replanted. Whether you've been uprooted from your land **5**, or your culture **6**, may our roots go down together into good soil that we may grow forward as one nation.

This leaf **7**, looks a lot like a feather. It is closest to the tree of four seasons (Canada), and represents the First Peoples. It reminds us of the importance of continuing to look to the foundation of Canada as new people arrive, and move towards wholeness together.

Finally, in the centre of the tree is a path leading to a small house **8**. This reminds us that what we want for the greater community starts in our own homes, around our own tables-- in our closest relationships. If we do the hard work of cultivating unity here **8**, this unity will be reflected in the greater community.

