



**Dr. Terry LeBlanc** is Mi'kmaq with Acadian ancestry. He and his wife Bev are in their 49th year of marriage. They have three adult children – twin daughters and one son. He is the founding chair and current Director of NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community (NAIITS). Terry is a traditional healing elder in the Abegweit Mi'kmaw community on Prince Edward Island, the district within Mi'kmaw traditional territory where they live. He oversees healing circles, and teaching sessions promoting community health and well being.

Terry holds a PhD from Asbury Theological Seminary, specializing in Theology and Anthropology. He serves as adjunct professor at Acadia Divinity College, Sioux Falls Seminary, the University of Divinity in Melbourne, and Tyndale University and Seminary. Terry has over 42 years of Indigenous community-based experience as an educator in theology, cultural anthropology, and community development practice.

Terry has won several awards for his varied writings. In 2010, for his work on the creation of NAIITS, Terry became the 28<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Dr. E.H. Johnson Memorial Award for Innovation in Mission. In 2015 Terry was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Acadia University. In 2019, Terry was awarded a second honorary Doctor of Divinity from Knox College at the University of Toronto, where he also presented the Founders Convocation 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary lecture.