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Marie Wilson is one of three commissioners for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada which is probing the history and impacts of forced residential schooling on Aboriginal children. She has lived, studied and worked in cross-cultural environments in Europe, Africa and Canada, and has had a distinguished career in journalism, as well as a record of achievement with Aboriginal, religious and political organizations. She has also been a university lecturer, high school teacher and an executive with federal and territorial Crown Corporations.

As a regional and national journalist and manager in northern Quebec and the northern Territories, Wilson worked in print, radio and television. She was the first television program host of northern Canada's weekly information program, Focus North. As a regional director for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, she launched the first daily television news service for northern Canada and developed programs to showcase northern culture. She received a CBC North Award for Lifetime Achievement and numerous awards for her journalism. Wilson trained staff with the South African Broadcasting Corporation as part of that country's transition to democracy and coinciding with the establishment of South Africa's own Truth and Reconciliation Commission. She has also worked with boards and agencies committed to social justice, civic engagement, spiritual and community development and the well-being of children and youth.