



A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
A CULTURE OF PEACE

CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS's 2015 YEAR END REPORT

A Circle of All Nations: A Culture of Peace **A Mini Background**

Ginawaydaganuc - We Are All Connected (Grandfather Commanda's perpetual prayer and reminder)

The Circle of All Nations is a global eco-community unified by Elder Commanda's fundamental and unshakeable conviction that as children of Mother Earth, we belong together and with nature, irrespective of individual colour, creed or culture.

William Commanda (Ojigkwanong – Morning Star)

- Indigenous Elder of the Ottawa River Watershed, Kichissippi, Canada
- Founder of the Circle of All Nations
- Canoe maker
- Honorary doctorate University of Ottawa
- Honorary doctorate Universit  Quebec et Outaouais

All Elder Commanda's activities are organic and interconnected

- Vision
- Community
- Healing
- Wisdom

The Circle of All Nations is neither an organization nor a network – rather it is a growing circle of individuals committed to:

- Respect for Mother Earth
- Promotion of racial harmony and peace building
- Advancement of social justice
- Recognition and honouring of Indigenous wisdom

The core values sustaining the Circle are:

- Love
- Forgiveness
- Compassion
- Respect
- Responsibility

These values were originally presented in the Circle of All Nations www.circleofallnations.ca archival site

The critically important peace and environmental work of Grandfather Commanda continues in his legacy vision for global peace, as articulated in the www.asinabka.com website dedicated to his Legacy Vision for an Indigenous healing and peace building centre within the National Capital Region in Ottawa, Canada

Grandfather Commanda's vision for reconciliation was developed with thousands of peoples and organizations, nationally, internationally and shared broadly, including at the United Nations, since 1997.

Follow Grandfather Commanda's work on Facebook:

Circle of All Nations

William Commanda

William Commanda Legacy – Asinabka

Romola's Nature CAN TEACH Photo/Art Page

And on our web sites www.asinabka.com

www.circleofallnations.ca (historical material)

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CAN TEACH

Circle of All Nations (CAN) had a hectic 2015, and our year was launched in November 2014, the celebration of Grandfather Commanda's 101 year of birth!

Somewhat tongue in cheek, we decided that this would be the year to commence CAN TEACH - that is, the Circle of All Nations (CAN) project of Training, Education, Advocacy, Communications and Healing (TEACH). It ended up being a years with significant outreach and further advancement of Grandfather Commanda's priorities. We held four formal events, and participated in several others; we miss our Gatherings on the land, but CAN is evolving!

Now, most of our CAN friends know we have in essence been doing the CAN TEACH type of outreach for years; during the past year we focussed more formally, to align with our formal study of Grandfather, Elder, Dr. William Commanda, invested with two honorary doctorate degrees, and Officer of the Order of Canada, to ascertain whether his approach to eco-peace building issues can contribute to academic knowledge.

Formally, we wanted to understand his particular approach and discourse, and we wanted to understand its potential relevance for contemporary times. We also wanted to keep the fire of his passion, guidance and wisdom burning so others would understand why he remains so critically important to his CAN friends all over the place.

This is a mini-report of our year. Please check out our CAN TEACH Photo Album on Facebook for more of our memories!

OUR MOTTO

Encore Vivant! Still Alive

OUR MISSION

We must come together with
One heart, One Mind
One Love and One Determination to
Create a Circle of All Nations
A Culture of Peace!

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Training
Education
Advocacy
Communications
Healing

OUR FOCUS for 2015

Racial Harmony and Peace Building
CAN Orientation for Child and Youth Care
Mental Health and Healing
Sacred Site Indigenous Healing and Eco Peace Building

2015 GLOBAL and NATIONAL BACKDROP

Post 10/22, Fear and Terrorism
Senate Scandal
Financial Crisis Looming
Politics and Federal Elections
Indigenous Issues:
 Truth and Reconciliation;
 Murdered and Missing Women Inquiry
 Environmental Activism, Climate Change, Extreme Weather
 Refugee Crisis

OUR KEY ACTIVITIES in 2015**Training and Education****Peace building**

March 21 Spring Equinox Event Launching CAN TEACH
- CAN TEACH Two Intro Power Point Presentation
- Graphic Presentation on the ASINABKA LEGACY VISION
for the SACRED CHAUDIERE SITE

Youth Care Practices

June International Outreach in South Africa
- Presentation on a CAN Orientation to Child and Youth Care work grounded in William Commanda's Indigenous teachings at the 20th Biennial Conference of the National Association of Childcare Workers

Noting that Grandfather Commanda had blessed the work of the NACCW at his Millennium Peace Gathering at Nepean Point, as well as in South Africa, Circle of All Nations presented scholarships to support the studies of two students in his name. It was rather heartening to realize quite how many folk there remembered him; that includes Dr. Don Matera, Poet, Activist and Patron of NACCW; he had met Grandfather when he himself was presented with the Steve Biko Award at the Umtapo Peace Education Centre's 2001 event!

Healing Strategies

September Fall Equinox and Celebration of the UN International Day of Peace Award

For this event, we did a special power point presentation to complement our celebration of the documentary Inner Healing – Native Trees of Knowledge, produced by our young autistic documentary producer friend, Adrian Esposito. Karen Bisson led the discussions. We are not able to share our presentation here, for copyright reasons, but would be very happy to deliver a presentation to interested groups or individuals. [Inner Healing: Journey with Native Trees of Knowledge \(2014\)](#) Directed by Adrian Esposito. With Michael Bastine, Mad Bear, Kenneth Cohen, William Commanda. This documentary is the story of Adrian Esposito's journey to find healing for his anger and autism by traveling across America and Canada and interviewing Native American healers and elders for their advice...

Advocacy

Asinabka Sacred Chaudiere Site

Advocacy to advance Grandfather William Commanda's Legacy Vision for ASINABKA: Sacred Chaudiere Site Indigenous Healing and Peace Building Centre preoccupied us during 2015:

View the Documents Page of www.Asinabka.com for an extensive record of the critical reports produced during 2015, as we challenged privatization and rezoning at the Sacred Chaudiere Site with several other colleagues.

Communications

Facebook Pages

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Panorama Movie: Robert Julian Agnel created a Circle panorama movie of our September Peace Event – Check it out at

<http://worldwidepanorama.org/worldwidepanorama/wwppeople/index.html#RobertAgnel>

Asinabka Presentation at Phil Ochs Concert December 2015 – Link on FB William Commanda Legacy - Asinabka page

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