



## A William Commanda/ *Circle of All Nations* Aspirational Mantra Articulated in 2000, Consistent with the United Nations Declaration of a Decade for a Culture of Peace

The following William Commanda/ *Circle of All Nations* Aspirational Mantra was first articulated in 2000, consistent with the United Nations Declaration of a Decade for a Culture of Peace; it is reaffirmed in 2020.

### A Circle of All Nations A Culture of Peace

*A Circle of All Nations ~ A Culture of Peace*

The Vision Of North American Algonquin Elder  
William Commanda  
Keeper Of The Seven Fires Prophecy Wampum Belt

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**The Prophecy Holds A Vision For A Future Where We:**

- Honour Our Relationship And Responsibility To Mother Earth And All Creation
- Celebrate Our Individual Gifts And Diversity, And Still
- Recognize And Respect Our Place Within A *Circle Of All Nations*

**The Steps To This Future Are Few:**

- First We Look Within, So We Know Ourselves First And Best. We Recognize Acknowledge And Forgive Ourselves Our Shortcomings And Any Failure To Achieve Our Best Potential
- We Forgive Others For Any Hardship And Pain They May Have Caused Us And Our Communities. We Trust That This Energy Will Transform Them Spiritually
- We Recognize That Our Thoughts, Words And Actions Affect Ourselves, Mother Earth And All Creation, And We Embrace Peace Mindfully
- We Listen To Our Minds But We Trust Our Hearts Above All

**It Is Of Crucial Importance That The People Of The World:**

- Respond Immediately To The Plight Of The Many Oppressed By Exploitation, Social Injustice, Racism And
- Animate The Human Capacity For Forgiveness, Compassion, Love And Reconciliation; And
- Create A Global Synergy To Ensure The Improvement Of The Lives Of All

This Path Will Lead Us To Love, Sharing, Respect, Responsibility, Compassion, Healing, Reconciliation, Equality And Justice

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**In 2020, *Circle of All Nations* reiterates these aspirational goals in the inclusive legacy work of William Commanda, affirming commitment to *Ginawaydaganuc* interrelationship, a living *GAIA* and global connection.**

Consistent with its grounding belief in a culture of inclusion, *Circle of All Nations* recognizes Indigenous Peoples as the global elder sibling and affirms that respectful relations with First Peoples across the globe is the most critically important responsibility of leadership. The 2007 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) holds provisions on pre-existent internal self-determination which situate Indigenous rights on a jurisdictional level, maintaining and extending these rights between the various Indigenous Nations and others through varied Indigenous legal traditions and governing systems.

It is affirmed that Indigenous knowledge is increasingly important for the maintenance and sustainability of all life on earth, in times declared the *Age of the Anthropocene*. Emergent with this principle is the recognition of the intimate human biotic relationship with a living intelligent *Gaia* that is mediated by the inter-related *Laws of Nature*, the principle ones governing Fire, Earth, Water and Wind, which key elements are essential for all life. There are multiple ways to understand and negotiate the human relationship with Earth. Indigenous experiential and intangible approaches to knowledge acquisition and knowledge generation are of critical importance in these times of dramatic climate change, extreme weather, pandemic contagion and apparent acceleration of evolutionary processes.

Emergent from the Algonquin word used regularly by Late Indigenous Elder William Commanda, *Ginawadaganuc*, *All is Inter-related*, is a philosophy that embraces diversity in a vast multiplicity of forms as the necessary reality of life on earth, and it encourages deep respect for all peoples, and a celebration of different gifts, knowledge and understandings. The current environmental and human crises demand concerted bridge building to co-create a global future that holds a place for all. The United Nations Social Development Goals draw the attention of the global community to dire needs of major segments of the human family, including in the context of escalating environmental crises. May we create ways to become a *Circle of All Nations, a Culture of Peace*.