

**A SPECIAL CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
AUGUST 3RD 2020 ONLINE LIVE FACEBOOK
GATHERING HONOURING**

GRANDFATHER WILLIAM COMMANDA

A CAN Educational Event to Build Bridges Between Indigenous, Grassroots, Institutions and Academia

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CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS FACE BOOK PAGE LIVE ONLINE GATHERING!!

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- JOIN US!! FOR A SPECIAL CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS MOMENT WITH GWC!
 - ADD TO THE CHAT AND SHARE YOUR MEMORIES AND PASSIONS
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 - **Honouring the Life, Work and Legacy of Grandfather William Commanda**
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 - **MONDAY August 3, 2020 1.00 - 3.00 pm EST**

AND WHILE FACEBOOK GETS A BAD RAP FOR MANY THINGS, WE WANT TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS GLOBAL ONLINE GATHERING AND LEARN AND SHARE ON OUR SEVERAL FACE BOOK PAGES SINCE 2009

- **WE CONSIDER THIS OUR CYBER WORK AND STUDIES!**

CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS AUGUST 3, 2020 LIVE VIDEO EVENT ON FACEBOOK CELEBRATING GRANDFATHER WILLIAM COMMANDA'S LIFE, WORK AND LEGACY

- **JOIN US!** for our Circle of All Nations Live Video Event on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/circleofallnations/>
 - **Monday August 3, 2020 1 - 3 pm**
 - **Celebrating Grandfather William Commanda's Life, Work and Legacy**
 - **(11-11-1913 to 3-08-2011)**
 - Live Circle of All Nations Facebook Video Event! AUGUST 3 2020 1 pm - 3 pm
 - *A Photo /Video Bio Presentation Honouring the Life, Work and Legacy of Elder William Commanda
 - *Celebrating the plus 50 years of seed planting with his gatherings of 1967 (Eganville) and 1969 (Bitobi Lake)
 - *Celebrating 25 years since the big Circle of All Nations Gatherings at Bitobi Lake (1996 - 2011)
 - Live chats and sharing with YOU!!
 - JOIN the conversation and share your stories and photos!!
 - Message your interest if you want to join the livestreaming; or,
 - Just join in, chat and post your stories, photos and passions inspired by Grandfather!
 - **Help Keep his Circle ENCORE VIVANT!**
- REJOIGNEZ-NOUS! Pour notre évènement du Cercle de toutes les nations en ligne sur Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/circleofallnations/>
 - **Lundi 3 août 2020 De 1 h à 3 h pm**
 - **Célébration de la vie, du travail et du lègue de Grand-père Commanda (11 novembre 1913 au 3 août-2011)**
 - C'est un évènement vidéo en ligne sur Facebook organisé par le Cercle de toutes les nations! Le 3 AOÛT 2020 de 1 h à 3 h.
 - *Une présentation photo / vidéo de la biographie honorant la vie, le travail et le lègue de l'Ancien William Commanda
 - *Célébration de plus de 50 années de graines semées depuis ses rassemblements de 1967 (Eganville) et de 1969 (lac Bitobi)
 - *Célébration des 25 ans depuis le grand rassemblement du Cercle de toutes les nations au lac Bitobi (1996-2011)
 - Séance de clavardage en ligne avec VOUS!
 - REJOIGNEZ la conversation et partager vous histoires et vos photos!!
 - Écrivez-nous si vous avez de l'intérêt et aimeriez vous joindre au vidéo en direct; ou,
 - Simplement venir nous rejoindre pour clavarder et publier vos histoires, vos photos et votre passion que vous inspire par le Grand-père Commanda!
 - Aidez à garder le Cercle ENCORE VIVANT!

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer with Grandfather William Commanda, Carrier of the Sacred Wampum Belts
Prayer Commanda, William. "Wampum Teachings at Prayer Vigil in Washington DC Video."

Wittenberg Centre for Alternative Resources. 1999. Video, 16:03.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Vs8OmxLcA>

2. Introduction - 2020 Anniversary Year

- * Sun Bow Five; Millennium Peace Gathering and 20 Years since the Big *Circle of All Nations* Gatherings at Bitobi Lake

- * 9 years since the passing of Grandfather;

- * Birth Date of his friend and architect of North American Indian Nations Government, Jules Sioui;

- * 11 years since the August 6 passing of Donald Marshall Junior;

- * August 6 also marks 50 years since my arrival in Canada!!

3. Weekend of the "Moment in Time" Circle of All Nations Gatherings – aligned with coming of Persoid Meteor Showers viewed at Les Isle des Etoiles, Quebec, Territory of Les Petite Nations

AGENDA TOPICS AND THEMES

1. Knowledge and Wisdom bridge building:
Prioritizing Integration of Indigenous, Grassroots, Organizations/Governments and Academia in knowledge sharing and cultural transformation, consistent with Elder Commanda's vision for a global eco-peace community
2. Celebrating the Circle of All Nations "Moment in Time" Gatherings at Bitobil Lake and thanking family, the elders, volunteers, participants and community for creating such incredible energy shift experiences for a vast diversity of people and triggering powerful healing, knowledge and innovative initiatives
3. Seeded in History – In the Americas and in the Global Context North American Indian Nations Country, Jules Sioui, Indigenous and Civil Rights, June 21 legacy (Plus note how GWC has given us a new Day for Reflection – August 3; He is already entrenched in November 11 Remembrance Day!!)
4. Peace and *Ginawaydaganuc*

JUST SHARING ...

**A FEW CORE CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS PRINCIPALS FROM
LEARNING FROM A KINDERGARTEN DROPOUT (2005)**

- A spiritual (not to be confused with religious) foundation is integral to the way of life
- The medicine wheel serves as our conceptual tool to access complexity
- ***Ginawaydaganuc*** relationship operates at multiple complex levels
- The huge distinction between *individuality* (the individual is a unique part of the biodiverse eco-community) and *individualism* (the rights of one supersede the rights of the community as free will) is understood
- The individual and community are inextricably interconnected
- Conflict is negotiated with responsibility, respect, generosity and compassion to access harmony and balance - we call it **“Being Good Enough for Two!”**



PRAYER FOR CONTEMPLATION ...
GRANDFATHER SENT THIS ONE FOR OUR JUNE 21 GATHERING
(AUTHOR UNKNOWN)

- O, Great Spirit
 - Whose voice I hear in the winds,
- And whose breath gives life to the universe, hear me
 - I am your child of light
 - I need to know your love
- Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold
 - The red and purple sunset
- Make my hands respect the things you have made
 - And my ears sharp to hear your voice
- Make me Wise so that I may understand the
 - things you are teaching me
- Let me learn the lessons you are hiding under
 - every leaf and rock
- I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother,
 - But to overcome my greatest enemy, myself
- Make me always ready to come to you with clean
 - Hands and straight eyes
 - So when live fades, as the fading sunset,
 - My Spirit may come to you without shame

WHO IS WILLIAM COMMANDA?

- Carrier of the sacred **Wampum** heritage
- Renowned birch bark **canoe maker** and craftsman
- **Political Algonquin leader**, elder, chief, supreme chief the North American Indigenous Nations Government
- Founder of the **Circle of All Nations**, a global **eco-peace-community** dedicated to advancing environmental stewardship and racial harmony
- **Officer of the Order of Canada** and recipient of two **honorary doctorate degrees**; spokesperson at the **UN**
- University of Ottawa Chancellor Michaëlle Jean (GG) created **Commanda Hall** in recognition of his relevance to **academic knowledge in 2014**
- **Canadian History Hall : Commanda panel and message**

William Commanda, Ojigkwanong
(Étoile du matin - Morning Star)



**« Ojigkwanong -
Nous sommes Tous Ici »**
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WILLIAM COMMANDA, INDIGENOUS ELDER, WAMPUM CARRIER, HON PHD, OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA



THE LEGACY OF ALGONQUIN ELDER
L'HÉRITAGE DE L'AÎNÉ ALGONQUIN

Dr. William Commanda, OC

11.11.1913 - 03.08.2011

*"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."*

*"Nous devons nous unir avec un seul
cœur, une seule âme et une volonté
pour créer un cercle de toutes les
nations et une culture de paix."*

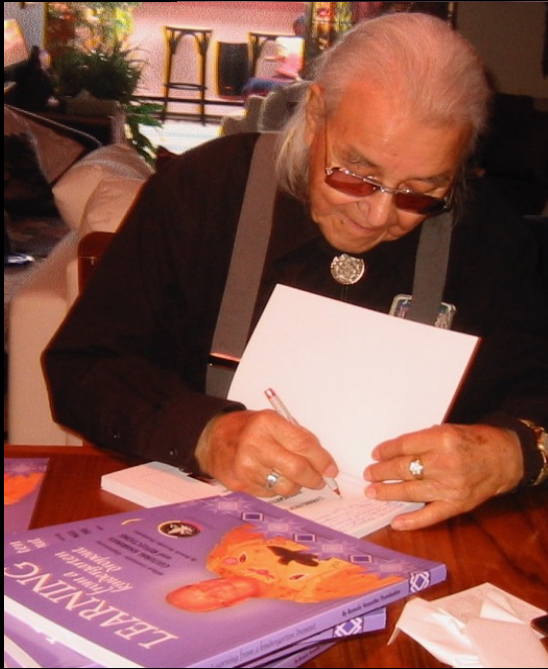


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A CULTURE OF PEACE

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INDIGENOUS SPIRIT AND KNOWLEDGE



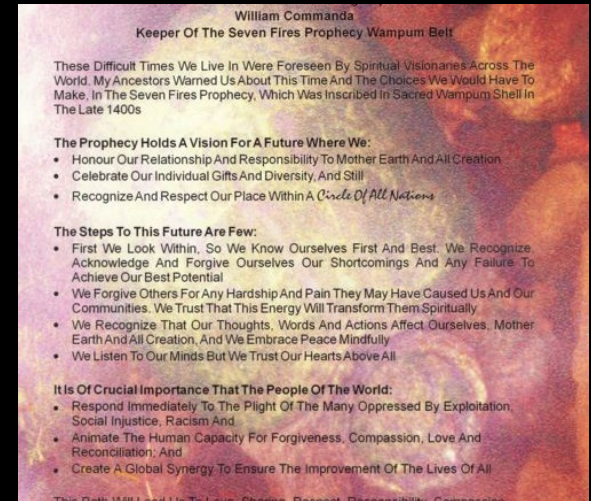
GATHERING ASSERTED

- On ancient limestone rocks of the Ordovician period (5m)
- First international multicultural gathering in Eganville, Ontario
- Canada's 100 birthday Message



MAMIWININI MOTION

- Spiritual Elder For Sunbow 5 Walk for Mother Earth and Indigenous based healing and outreach
- Heal earth besmirched with blood and walks for nuclear disasters
- Learn via movement on Earth



PEACE TURTLE POSTER

- Created for CAN International Millennium Peace Gathering
- UN Decade for Culture of Peace
- Integration of Earth and Peace
- Legacy Global Eco Peace Vision

THE *CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS* GATHERINGS

- Renewal of the Big Gatherings at Bitobi Lake - 1996 – 2011
- “Moment in Time” experience, thanks to the AMAZING Elders, volunteers, security, and participants; thanks also the family and community! Literally thousands of people animated the gatherings and each year, beyond healing, knowledge, sharing, safety and incredible energy, it also got more and more peaceful
- Here is an excerpt about the Gathering from our book, Learning From a Kindergarten Dropout – p. 55 – 56
- [The Circle of All Nations Gatherings](#)
- Here is a link to the photos from our 2010 Gathering
- https://www.facebook.com/pg/circleofallnations/photos/?tab=album&album_id=3096106747091904



GATHERING VIDEO CHAT

Join In!



ZOOM WITH CARLETON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH STUDENTS

April Yu, (Himani Deshpande), Saad Khan, Dilara Erver



**COMMANDA, WILLIAM. "RISE ASHEN &
FLYING DOWN THUNDER LIVE.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z9SQvtFA3kM>

INDIGENOUS ROOTS OF CIVIL ACTIVISM

- Earlier (Pontiac, Tecumseh, etc) then 1920s and 1945 and the Indigenous Roots of Civil Rights Activism in North America – Jules Sioui, John Chabot, William Commanda and NAING
- To understand William Commanda's own thinking about Indigenous activism and rights, check out his own words on pages 144 – 149 of our thesis (see last page for ref)
- Did you know that JULES SIOUI was imprisoned for challenging oppression of Indigenous Peoples in North America at the UN Level?
- Did you know he went on a longer hunger strike than Mahatha Gandhi?
- Did you know that William Commanda intervened to get him out of prison?
- Did you know the case of treason against him had been dismissed – but that they kept him imprisoned for months while he starved?
- Interesting that William Commanda died on Jules Sioui's birthday

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN NATION

- Dedicated to the Memory of Jules Sioui and William Commanda
- Friend, Mentor, Colleague of William Commanda, Supreme Chief of the North American Indian Nation Government, a title he held till his death
- 1945 and the INDIGENOUS roots of civil rights activism in North America which inspired the later anti-oppression movement that are sadly still a part of our reality
- This was the precursor to the Native Indian Brotherhood, now Assembly of First Nations; also to Black Civil Rights movement in States and beyond

The Government of the
North American Indian Nation





VIDEO INTERVIEWS

History, Environment etc



"We are not all equal" by Dilara Erver, Carleton University

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July 2020 contribution to the Circle of All Nations commitment to a Culture of Peace, inspired by Learning from a Kindergarten Dropout William Commanda Ojiglewanong Cultural Sharings and Reflections (R. V. Thumbadoo) during times of global climate change, pandemic, isolation, racism and social justice crisis



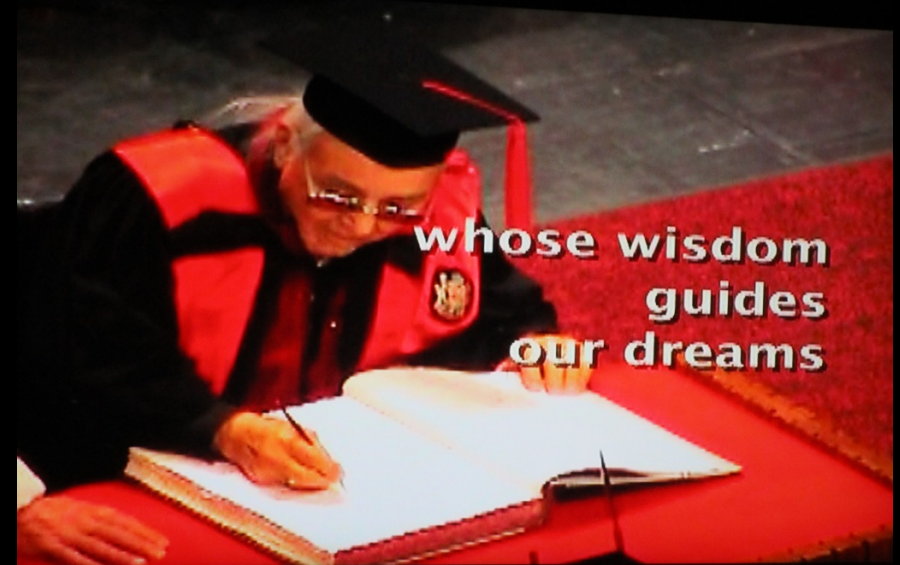
AVA – ASINABKA VIRTUAL ACADEMY!

What was left in Pandora's Box after all the other
Magic Disappeared?

HOPE

It Springs Eternal!

Bridging Indigenous, Grassroots, Institutions and
Academy





ZOOM WITH *LEARNING FROM A KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS*

Andrew Costa, Sandy Stewart, Luc-Anne Salm, Benjamin Ramirez, Dilara Erver



**COMMANDA, WILLIAM. "VIDEO INTERVIEW
ON THE UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF
PEACE." JEAN TRUDEL. 2005. VIDEO, 5:54.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmYs2PtPc4w&feature=youtu.be>



VIDEO INTERVIEWS

ONLINE COMMUNITY – JOIN IN!

ENCORE VIVANT AND NEXT ACTIVITIES

Circle of All Nations 2020 website and atlas under development!

Focus: Donald Marshall Junior

Sept 13: Child Care, Marshall Youth Cultural Camp

Sept 20: Criminal Justice and Restorative Approaches and Systemic Resistance

- Closing
- 2020 CAN 2020 Commemorative Video <https://youtu.be/qVLKwKa-oi4>
- Megwetch for Joining Us! Merci! Thank You!

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