

# **A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS PRESENTATION LEGACY WORK OF INDIGENOUS ELDER**

**WILLIAM COMMANDA**

## **2021 CAN MAR 21 FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO EVENT**

**CAN Facebook Live Video Event**

**Session 3: Equinox, Water, Racial Harmony, Women, Global Links**

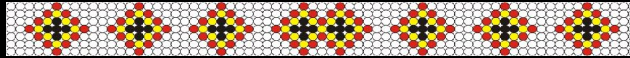
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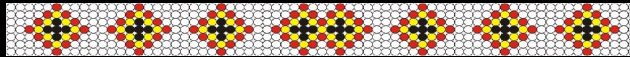
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Grandfather William Commanda Legacy 2020  
A *Circle of All Nations* Geo Cosmic Prayer and Reflection

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Canoe acknowledging the ultimate nurturer, Mother Earth, and symbolizing the enigmatic *Journey of Life*

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# A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS OJIGKWANONG PRAYER

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Heritage de Grand-Père William Commanda  
Un cercle de prière de réflexion Génomiques de toutes les Nations.

Des symboles emblématiques d'importance pour la vision du monde de William Commanda sont incorporés dans cette image:

Grand-Mère la Lune et les Étoiles du matin, invoquant l'esprit de feu, d'illumination et de cosmique;

*Asin* et le *Giant endormi* commémorant la *Création Terrestre dans la roche*;

L'air, le vent, le mouvement animant la vie de l'eau émergent des roches et de l'oxygène du *Kichissippi* rivière des

Le bouleau, le loup, l'anguille et la tortue honorant l'évolution, la vie végétale et animale.

L'île de la Tortue et le canoé reconnaissant l'ultime nourricier, la Terre Mère, et symbolisant le voyage énigmatique de la vie.



**2021 CAN FB LIVE VIDEO EVENT Mar 21 – 1 – 3.30 pm**

**SYNOPSIS OF AGENDA**

**Towards “A Shared Vision for a Better World for All”  
UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres**

JOIN US !!March 21 at 1 pm! <https://fb.me/e/1frZ8KBiX>

**ACKNOWLEDGING**


**EQUINOX**

**WORLD WATER DAY**

**UN DAY for the Elimination of RACISM and Xenophobia**

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY**



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- i. *Water Pumps in Thar Desert Villages; Inter-Faith Bridge Building; Beyond Gender Violence; Friendship with Circle of All Nations* - **Farhan Wilayat**, Philanthropist, Banker; Pakistan; *Water Pumps in Thar Desert Villages; Inter-Faith Bridge Building; Beyond Gender Violence* <https://youtu.be/97DDhe8gVSc>
  
  - ii. *Peace, Indigenous and International Perspectives* - **Dr. Graciela R. Yanovsky** President/CEO FUNDACIÓN ARGENTINA A LAS NACIONES CAMINO A LA VERDAD - FANCV- Regional Coordinator for the Américas - Global Executive Committee of NGOs / UN; Program Project Alezeia Strategy: FANCV's BUILDERS OF PEACE FORUM linked to South-South Meeting both linked to Catedra South - South - UBA /UN
  
  - iii. *UN International Day for the Elimination of Racial Harmony and Xenophobia: A South African Lens* **Jackie Minnaar**, Artist – Canadian Immigrant of South African Heritage; **Dr. Sarifa-Moola-Nernaes** - Ubuntu Life Coach, Consultant, Speaker and Trainer. Bjørnafjorden Municipality and Consultant at the Refugee Service Centre; Umtapo Peace Education Centre Board Membe
  
  - iv. **Emaline Saylor**, Carleton University – Reproductive Justice Via an Environmental Lens

*Summary of Key Points – Andrew Costa PhD Law Candidate, CAN Collaborator*

# INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

REMEMBERING TWO SPECIAL  
CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS ELDERS

**Anne Pennington Mayer**  
Honour of the Crown



**Abuela Margarita**  
Children of the Cosmic World



**Peace Song - Patrice Dauphin,**

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**Artist Musician Activist - Canadian of Haitian ancestry**

I can get us there, when we all get there.

Sumn' pull me on, came to see all this for me.

I could blow the horns, or spread my wings and fly away.

I got to say you earned me to stay.

The mood is right for peace, so now;

Refrain

{The moon is new for peace now

The moon is full, to heal now } x2

Yourself as a whole, it's okay to feel small.

My light will make you tall like this circle shining.

Who's ahead, who's behind

Who's in and who's out

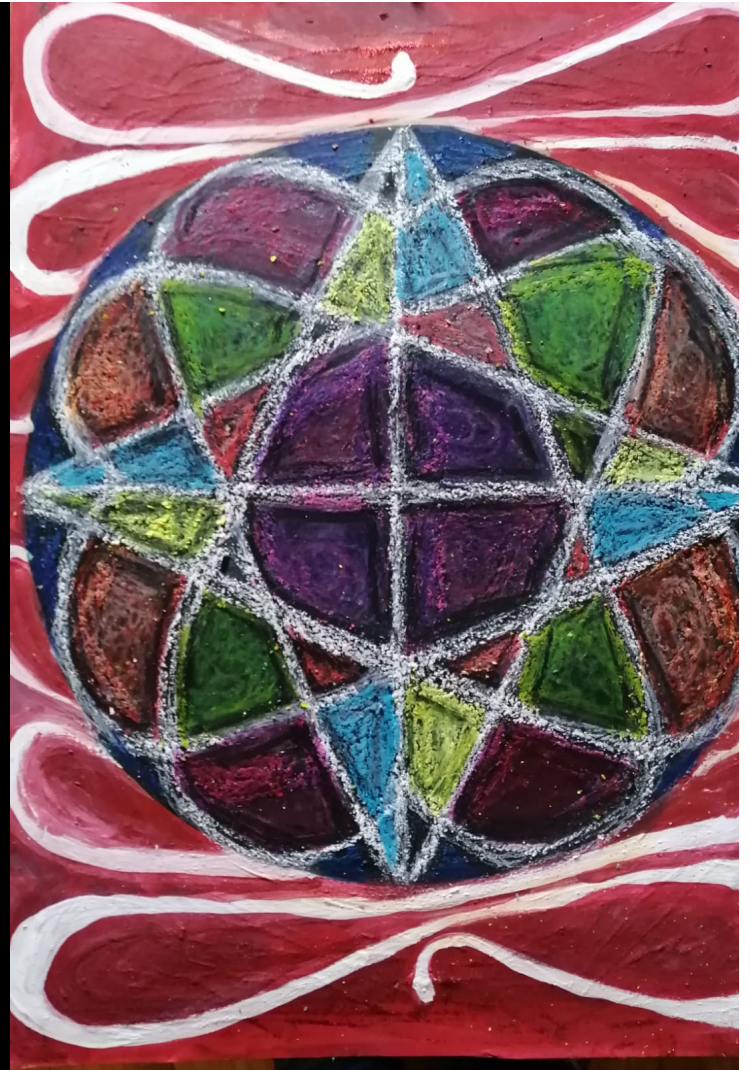
Who's above and who's down

The moon is right for peace now



**Patrice Dauphin**

Artist Musician Activist  
Canadian of Haitian ancestry



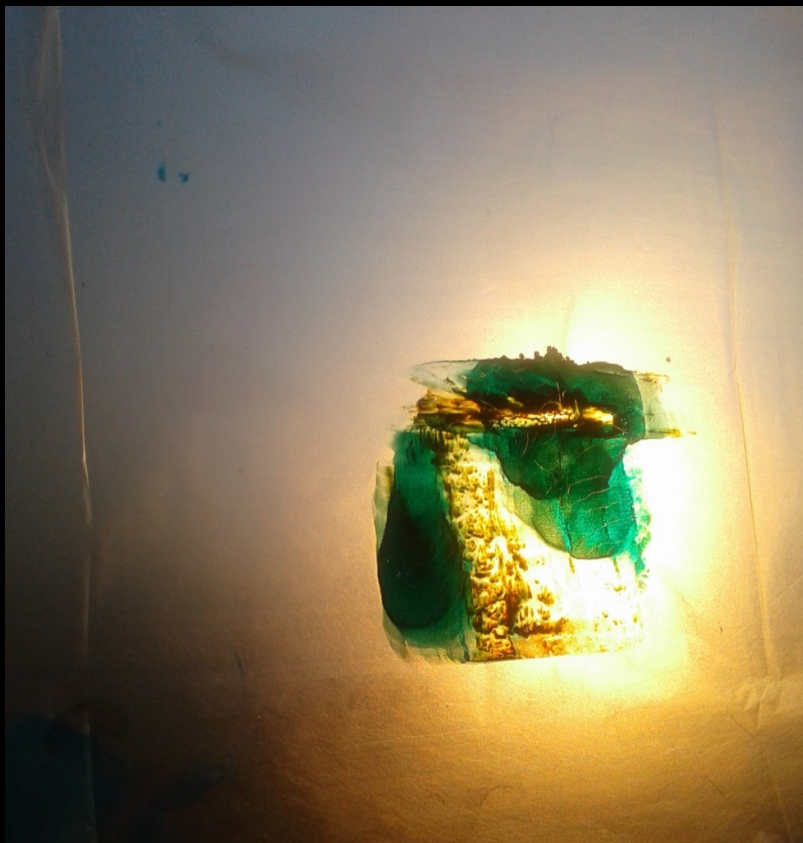


- <https://www.artforaid.ca/>


- Colleen Gray



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**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** – Remembering Anne Pennington Mayer and Abuela Margarita

**NOTE VIDEO FORTHCOMING : Global Climate Coaching Alliance**

and collaboration on a *Circle of All Nations* presentation on March 4, 2021

*Speaking as Nature: Animating a Circle of All Nations Approach in Coaching Practice*  
– Climate Coaching Alliance

**ZOOM and FB Chats with community at large – JOIN US!**

# CLIMATE COACHING WORKSHOP



# 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."*



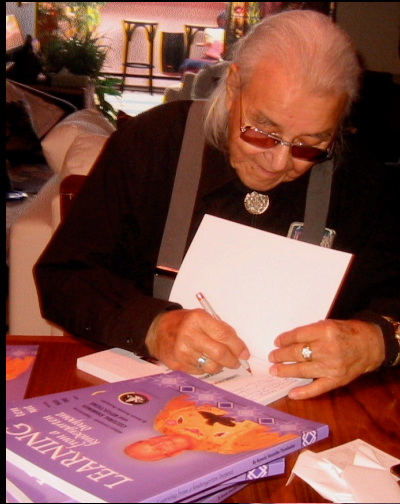
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A CULTURE OF PEACE

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**KINDERGARTEN DROPOUT,  
PEACE (LMT), MOTHER EARTH (VI), HON PHD  
CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS: CAN BRIDGE TEACHING  
AND LEARNING APPROACHES!**



# WILLIAM COMMANDA, CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS (CAN) AND SUSTAINABLE RELATIONSHIPS

## CORE CAN THEMES

### • IDEOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

- Canoe/Kayak Journeys
- Sustainable Relations
- Laws of Nature and Human Animals
- Nature/Tectonic Abrasion/Evolution/Peace
- Circle of All Nations Bridge Building
- Kindergarten Dropout PhD and OC
- Spiritual Trajectory to Knowledge
- 2020 Digital Mapping Retrospective and Reflection
- GINAWAYDAGANUC UBUNTU – All is Related
- CAN Sustainable Relations Goals for a Culture of Peace

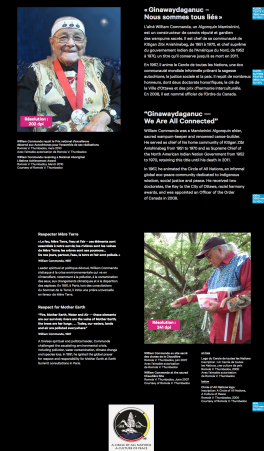
### • ANIMATIVE ACTIONS

- 1945 Activism and Politics – as in Civil Rights!
- 1967 Canada 100; Eganville Gathering
- 1969 Gathering: Kitigan Zibi/Bitobi Lake
- National to Global – 1987, 1991, 1993 – ME and CC
- Agenda 21: Sustainable Development \*1
- Sunbow Five Walk 1995 /96
- 1996 RCAP Report – Who will Drink the Water?\*
- 1996 .... CAN Gatherings and Non-stop Outreach
- 2000 GlobalEcoPeace Posters and Gathering
- 2006 Waterlife Workshop; Sustainable Relations\*2
- 2003 - Asinabka Vision for Sacred Chaudiere Site
- 2012 ... GWC and CAN in ACADEMIA – Bridge Building and Global Outreach

# WHO IS WILLIAM COMMANDA?

- Carrier of sacred **Wampum** heritage
- Renowned birch bark **canoe maker** and craftsman
- **Political Algonquin leader**, elder, chief, 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**
- University of Ottawa Chancellor Michaele 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)





# NEW WORK, NEW COLLEAGUES AND SPECIAL NEW CAN COLLABORATION!



**Farhan Wilayat**

Philanthropist and Activist

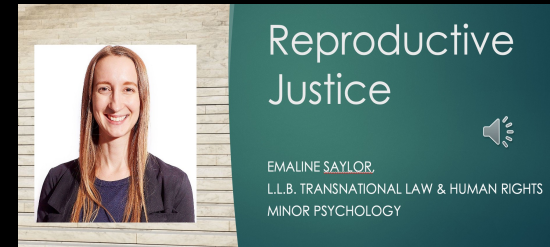
BUILDING WATER PUMPS FOR VILLAGERS IN THE DESERT AREA AND DOING MUCH MORE!



**Dr. Graciela Yanovsky**

Ongoing Collaboration with Circle of All Nations on UNESCO - ECOSOC Priorities

ENVIRONMENT, PEACE and INDIGENOUS PRIORITIES with NGO/UN LIAISON



**Emaline Saylor**

Reproductive Justice Through an Environmental Lens

AND IMPLICATIONS FOR INDIGENOUS AND MARGINALIZED - AND BEYOND!



**CIRCLE OF ALL  
NATIONS HONOURED**

**SIX CAN WATER  
PUMPS HELP  
VILLAGERS IN  
THARPARKAR DESERT,  
PAKISTAN**

**1000 MORE NEEDED**

# CYBERCARTOGRAPHY, CYBERNETIC GUIDANCE, FB LIVE: ENCORE VIVANT WILLIAM COMMANDA!

**CYBERCARTOGRAPHY**  
Ancient Knowledge Base and Contemporary Application

*More than a decade ago, Dr. R. Bruce Taylor, Director of the Center for Geographic Research (CGR) at the Catholic University, the academic pioneer in the field of cybercartography, wrote that this technology would see cartography applied to a much wider range of topics than had traditionally been the case. "It will also utilize an increasing range of emerging media, forms and telecommunication networks such as the Internet and the World Wide Web. It will be a multidimensional cartography using multimedia formats and is more likely to be an integral part of an information package than a stand-alone product. Cybercartography will also be highly interactive and engage the user in new ways. In organizational terms, it will see new partnerships being created between national mapping organizations, the private sector and educational institutions and the products of cybercartography are likely to be compiled by teams of individuals from very different disciplines and professional perspectives working together." (Taylor and Dyn...*

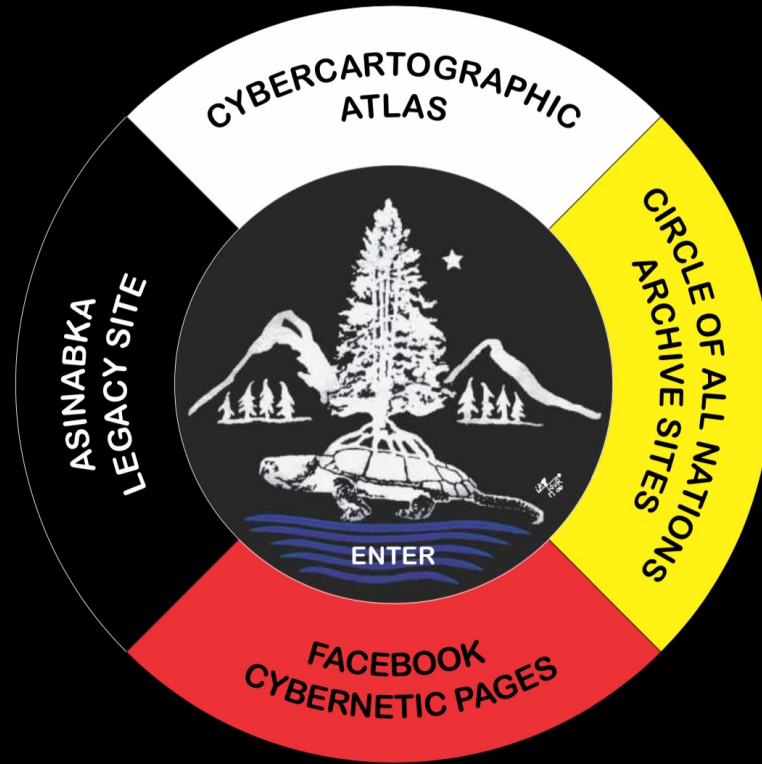


**William Commanda**  
August 3 at 5:40 AM · 🌐

Special Day - It was 8 years ago around this moment that Grandfather William Commanda began his next journey - remembering him and his special life and outreach to the family and friends and Circle of All Nations who animated his work - ever grateful for his example and inspiration and his energy which still embraces all of us. I wondered what photo would present this morning - well, here it is! More later!

7,712 People Reached    1,760 Engagements    [Boost Post](#)

*Circle of Life: Donald Marshall Junior*



WILLIAM COMMANDA LEGACY  
**A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS**  
GLOBAL ECO PEACE COMMUNITY

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