

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

WILLIAM COMMANDA

2021 CAN MAY 30 FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO EVENT

CAN Facebook Live Video Event

Session 5: Peace Gathering 21, Turtle Spirit, Journey of Life and Canoe

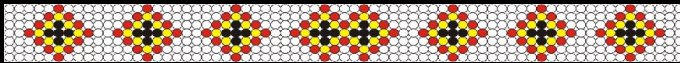
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Grandfather William Commanda Legacy 2020
A Circle of All Nations Geo Cosmic Prayer and Reflection

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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

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.

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Evelyn Commanda Dewache



Opening Prayer

2021 CAN FB LIVE VIDEO EVENT MAY 30

Circle of All Nations Celebrates 21 Years since the launch of Grandfather Willam Commanda's International Millennium Peace Gathering, hosted at Nepean Point in May 2000!
Launching the Journey with Movement!

*Voice of Americas - celebrating song of unity and Indigenous language

*Turtle Journeys, Migration and Borderlessness

*Canoe - Our Metaphor for the Journey of Life, and Material Artifact imbued with Spirit of Nature, invoking Laws of Nature

Special Features - "Good Enough for Two" - Canoe as teaching and methodological research tool
Also - Affirming the spirit of Circle of All Nations Paddle for Peace
PLUS - Bilingual event too! - because some of our French speaking friends will take the lead to animate some of the Canoe discussion!



Special friends on the program:

Valerie Pouyanne, who created the documentary "Good Enough for Two" pro bono for Grandfather William Commanda while Todd Labrador worked hard with the canoe building

GrandeOurs Ron KitchiMak8a Goddard-Fournier

Winnie Studkjaer

William Leonardo

Ellen Hayakawa

Serena D'Agostino ...

and remembering Maureen Bartholemew with love.

Plus SPECIAL POSTSCRIPT: Dr. Graciella Yanovsky – and update on FANCV and UN work

* 21 st Anniversary of the Circle of All Nations (CAN) Millennium Peace

* One Year since the Initiation of the Facebook CAN Live Video Gatherings!

* And the Work Goes on - Organizing our videos Mapping our global reach Sharing and Learning

Youtube Video Playlists

Social Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN 2020 Part III: Criminal Justice and Indigenous Justice Theme - Donald Marshall Junior – October 2020 Fisheries Crisis, Tribute and Hope
Child & Youth Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN 2020 Part II: Child and Youth Care and Social Justice Theme - Donald Marshall Jr – September 2020 Tribute
Racial Harmony /Peace Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN 2020 Part IV: Racial Harmony and Peace Building Theme - 2015 Equitable Education CA Media Video: Asinabka Sacred Chaudiere Site and Algonquin History - Equinox Peace Event 2020 - For the Asinabka Indigenous Eco Peace Centre: At the Sacred Chaudiere Site - CAN 2020 16 December 2020 Preamble - CAN 2020 16 December 2020: South Africa Day of Reconciliation Discussion
Indigenous Wisdom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN 2020 Preamble: Pre event live video - CAN 2020 Part I: Opening Prayer and Introduction Mother Earth and Environment Theme - CAN 2020 Part V: Canoe, Art, Creativity and the Journey On - CAN 2020: Circle of All Nations Solstice 2020 Online Facebook Gathering - CAN 2020 21 December 2020: Mini Year End Discussion - CAN 2020 21 December 2020: Special Solstice Session and Indigenous Knowledge - A Mini Circle of All Nations Medicine Wheel Discussion
Environmental Stewardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CAN Presentation on Indigenous Elder William Commanda Perspectives on Climate Change and Environment - Climate Coaching Alliance and Circle of All Nations: A collaborative workshop



*Circle Of All Nations
Legacy For Hope*



A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
A CULTURE OF PEACE





2021 CAN FB LIVE VIDEO EVENT May 30 1.00 – 3.30

SYNOPSIS OF AGENDA

Peace Gathering 21, Turtle, Journey of Life , Canoe and Language

- 1.00 Welcome and Opening**
Circle of All Nations Geocosmic Prayer
- 1.15 William Leonardo – Opening Song**
- 1.25 Yoshi Turtle**
Ellen Hakawaya

1.40 KEY PRESENTATION – CANOE!

Nature, Craft, Art, Practical, Pragmatic, Metaphoric, Semiotic – William Commanda's epistemological methodological tool!

**Valerie Pouyanne, Loon Production – Director/Producer: Good Enough for Two
Todd Labrador - Mi'kmaq Birch Bark Canoe Maker
GrandeOurs Ron KitchiMak8a Goddard-Fournier
Winnie Studkjaer
In Conversation with Dominique Cote**

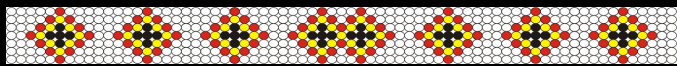
2.40 Jan Skamby Marsdan Video : Re: Meeting with William and Mary Commanda

2.50 Serena D'Agostino , Indigenous Language, and the motionality of the oral

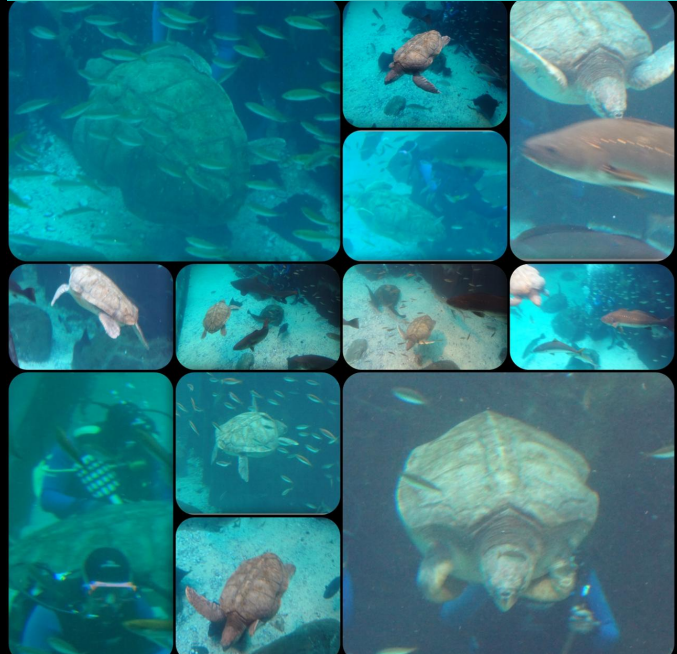
3.00 SPECIAL POSTSCRIPT: Dr. Graciella Yanovsky – and update on FANCV and UN work

FaceBook Chat and closing





**CELEBRATING YOSHI THE AMAZING RESILIENT LOGGERHEAD TURTLE WHO JOURNEYED FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO HER BIRTHPLACE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS PHOTO REFLECTION ON RELATIONSHIP WITH NATURE**



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<https://www.abc.net.au/news/2020-03-07/yoshi-turtle-journey-tracked-37000km-from-cape-town-to-australia/12024088#:~:text=Scientists%20have%20tracked%20a%20loggerhead,turtle%20between%20Africa%20and%20Australia>

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INDIGENOUS MAPPING

TURTLE ISLAND GREAT MYSTERY'S CREATION

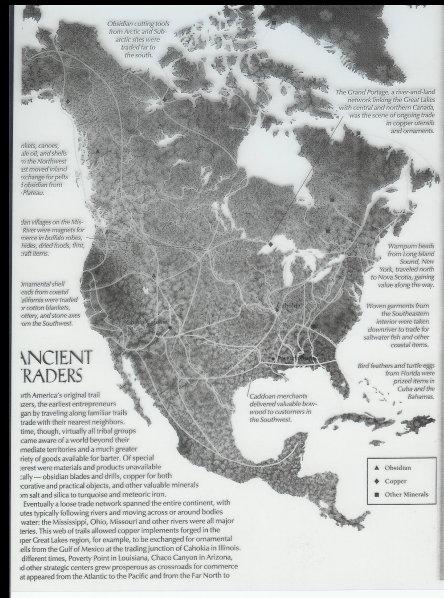
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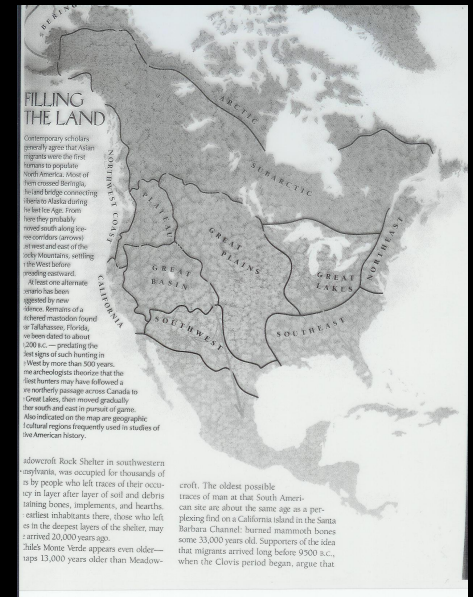
Yoshi Turtle - Purposeful movement on land and water



Artist Arnold Jacob's interpretation



Mamiwiniwini Travelling freely across Turtle Island



North America as we call it now

Studios LOom présente
Un film de Valérie Pouyanne



Good enough for two !

L'art de faire un canot par William Commanda



At ninety, Algonquin spiritual leader William Commanda, builds another birch bark canoe to teach his technique to Todd Labrador, a Mi'kmaq indian from Nova Scotia. During the 10 days of canoe making, in his daily life, we discover William's personality and teachings. With the simplicity and humility of an ordinary man, he nonetheless is an extraordinary person.

À 90 ans, William Commanda, un chef spirituel algonquin, va enseigner la fabrication d'un canot en écorce de bouleau à Todd Labrador un indien micmac de Nouvelle-Écosse. Durant la construction du canot nous découvrons la personnalité de William et ses enseignements. Tout en ayant la simplicité et l'humilité d'un homme ordinaire, il est pourtant bien quelqu'un d'extraordinaire.



Production: Studio LOom
Réalisation & montage: Valérie Pouyanne
Caméra: Maureen Bartholomeus, Valérie Pouyanne
Avec William Commanda, Todd Labrador,
Romola Vasantha
Documentaire - Québec 2005 - 54 minutes
Version française et anglaise

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WILLIAM AND MARY COMMANDA DISPLAY AT CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM



**William and Mary Commanda
William et Mary Commanda**

William (Highwayman or Highway Chief) Commanda and his wife, Mary (his health, deceased) both learned traditional skills from their families, and together built more than 100 birch-bark canoes, as well as numerous, repaired wooden furniture, harness, boat and quilt covers. They strived to keep these skills alive among the children of William's children, through books, documents and workshops, which William continued to conduct.

William lived in Egan's Bay (now Egan's Bay, Manitoba), located 120 kilometers (75 miles) north of Winnipeg in the Canadian prairie. He was a traditional craftsman in traditional fashion, reflecting his life experiences and the knowledge received from his family and the community.

Today, his birch-bark canoe, large enough to harbor the crew, including his own and of his children, is in the hands of his son, William Commanda, who is to maintain the relationship with the family.

"The Commanda gift from the British, has been good and had to all, including an 'Highwayman' and 'Highway Chief'. If we had instead, we can witness the results of our dream for the well-being, it was not for us to compare for work, and for his to witness our relationship with his for us to do so, the one thing and the others will have to know. We will begin to enjoy our own lives for all things and each other. Today is a good day to begin this work."

William and Mary collected some useful knowledge for many years. William and Mary collected some useful knowledge for many years. William and Mary collected some useful knowledge for many years.

WILLIAM COMMANDA, INDIGENOUS ELDER, WAMPUM CARRIER, HON PHD, OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA



THE LEGACY OF ALGONQUIN ELDER
L'HÉRITAGE DE L'AINÉ 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."*

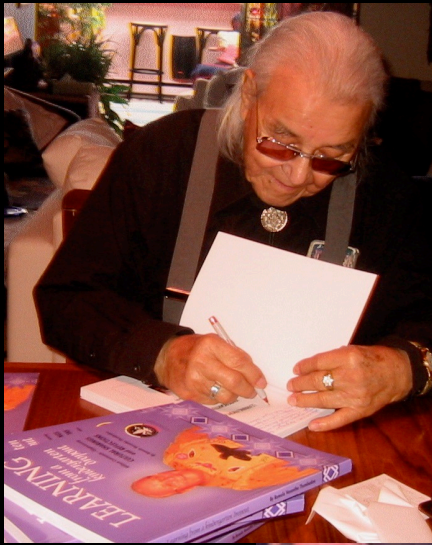


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**KINDERGARTEN DROPOUT,
PEACE (LMT), MOTHER EARTH (VI), HON PHD
CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS: CAN BRIDGE TEACHING
AND LEARNING APPROACHES!**



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)



«Ginawiyagamac –
Nous sommes tous liés»

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



CYBERCARTOGRAPHY
Ancient Knowledge Base and Contemporary Application

More than a decade ago, D. R. Vester Taylor, Director of the Geomatics Cartographic Research Centre (GCRC) at the Carleton 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 informative 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 Pinn 2009).



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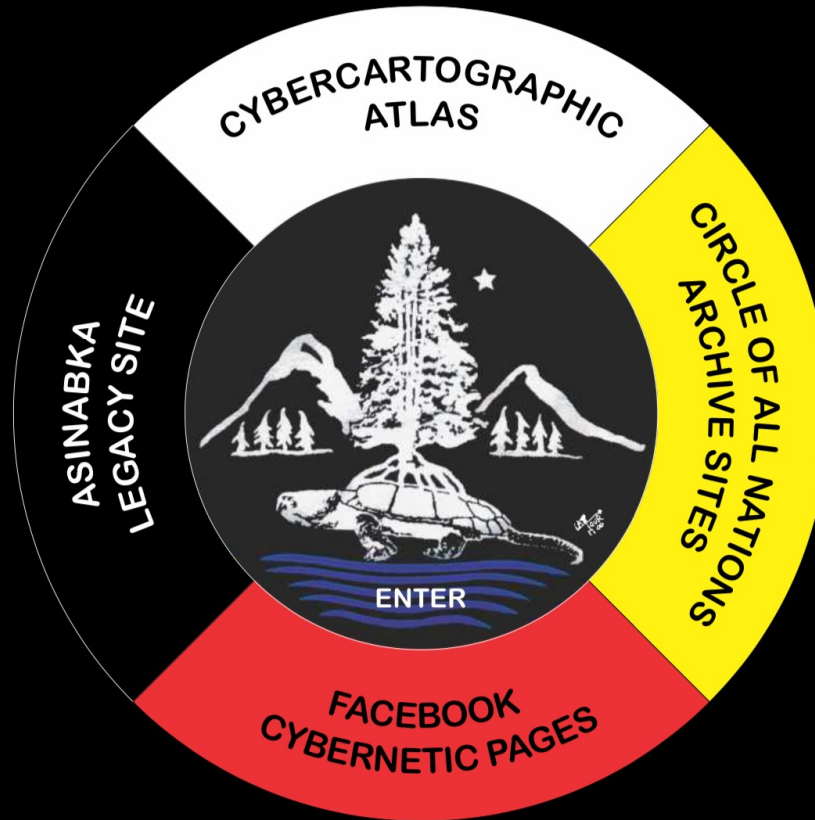
Special Day - It was 8 years ago around this moment that Grandfather William Commanda began his next journey - remembering him and his special life and outreach and the family and friends and Circle of All Nations who animated his work - ever grateful for his example and inspiration and his energy which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



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Circle of Life: Donald Marshall Junior



WILLIAM COMMANDA LEGACY
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GLOBAL ECO PEACE COMMUNITY

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