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WEBSITE LAUNCH BLOG: Circle of All Nations draws the year to a close with the launch of our new WEBSITE and a special acknowledgement of students who have contributed to the academic animation of the work of Grandfather William Commanda!



We are indeed happy and grateful to end 2021 with this promise for the ongoing sharing of the William Commanda legacy of ideas and teachings with the launch of our new website (inclusive of blogs and photo gallery); and the special Circle of All Nations landing page that will take you to our two archival websites, to our sister site, [www.asinabka.com](http://www.asinabka.com), to our five Facebook pages, as well as to our Cybercartographic atlas. (Please note that the latter is still a work in progress and will be finalized in the upcoming months).

We would like to especially acknowledge the tremendous support of Jonathan-Wandrille Bwirukiro who has brought our new website to life! He joined Circle of All Nations on a coop student program and organized our Circle of All Nations YouTube channel and our Facebook live videos; then he continued working with us through the Work Studies program and has just finalized our website! Originally from Burundi, Africa, he is a hardworking and creative bilingual fourth year graphics design student at Carleton University. Initially, he did not know that much about Indigenous issues, and had not heard about Grandfather William Commanda, but he applied himself to learning about his work and understanding about Canada from *his* perspective, seeing its relevance to global environmental and social justice issues – and now has done a super job of making Elder Commanda’s legacy come alive in our website. Needless to say, he has also

had to be very patient with me! In fact he created a training video for me so I can get more competent with the website technology myself – it is great to have such students who teach!

Over the past years, we have had many other hardworking students research, reflect on and revitalize the Circle of All Nations work of man born in 1913 – and see its relevance for today. As such, they have helped reframe our work as both a live archival and an animative legacy.

They are all referenced in a presentation at the IEEE SSIT Norbert Wiener in the 21st Century conference. You can access the link via the message below.

Dear Dr. Romola Vasantha Thumbadoo,

Thank you again for the Keynote during the IEEE SSIT Norbert Wiener in the 21st Century conference.

Your lecture video recording is now hosted by IEEE TV at:

<https://ieeetv.ieee.org/video/circle-of-nations-romola-vasantha-thumbadoo-ieee-ssit-21cw2021>

Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Amongst these students, we acknowledge April Yu, who created the Circle of All Nations Landing Page in 2020 (before we heard about the metaverse!!); Jenny Nyugen who did some work on our photo gallery; and Emaline Saylor, a Carleton University graduate, who worked on our 2022 Circle of All Nations/William Commanda Calendar!

Our students and Facebook – with its live video platform – have enabled us to animate the work of an inspirational Indigenous man born in over a century ago and deceased a decade ago in our Circle of All Nations Digital Global Village!

JOIN US and help keep the seeds of Indigenous wisdom, environmental stewardship, social justice, racial harmony and peace building evolving!

As Grandfather Commanda affirmed, *Ginawaydaganuc, Everything is interrelated; Everything is interconnected, over time and space!* Megwetch! Merci! Thank you all for being part of our work.