

**CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS LAUNCHES ITS
FACEBOOK LIVE VIDEO GATHERING SERIES to
CELEBRATE THE 20th ANNIVERSARY OF THE
MILLENNIUM PEACE GATHERING AND TO
CREATE OUR
DIGITAL GLOBAL VILLAGE in the ERA of
CORONAVIRUS ISOLATION
May, 2020**

**GRAND FATHER WILLIAM COMMANDA AND
THE CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
... THE JOURNEY CONTINUES**

WAYQUAY RE:



TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO,

GRANDFATHER SENT ME ON A WALK

TO MAKE MEDICINE OUT OF PAIN

Music plus following images



JOIN US to Celebrate A Commemorative Moment in the Circle of All Nations Journey!

The Circle of All Nations is a global eco-community created by Indigenous Elder William Commanda to inspire respect for Mother Earth, and Racial Harmony and Peace Building

GLOBAL ECO – PEACE COMMUNITY

This Video is dedicated to Honouring the legacy of Grandfather William Commanda

His Algonquin name is Ojigkwanong and it means Morning Star. Born on the eve of the first World War on 11 November 1913, today, a hundred and seven years later, he is seen by many as a beacon of light in an ever darkening world.

Twenty twenty marks the anniversary of two important pivotal events in the long history of his work and outreach – the 25th year since the launch of The Sunbow Five Walk of 1995/96 and the 20th anniversary of the Circle of All Nations International Millennium Peace Gathering.

Join us for this Morning Star Celebration with HeartHStar

MILLENNIUM PEACE GATHERING

At this precise moment, we are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Circle of All Nations International Millennium Peace Gathering hosted at Nepean Point, Ottawa, Canada from May 22 to the 25. Nepean Point, he told me means “The place where we sleep”; thus he affirmed that Ottawa was the gathering place of his ancestors from time immemorial.

He organized his first international gathering in Eganville Ontario in 1967, affirming Indigenous welcome on the occasion of Canada’s 100th birthday.

He hosted the first gathering of the First Peoples of North America in 1969, affirming connection across Turtle Island.

He said “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”



SUNBOW FIVE WALK FOR MOTHER EARTH

He served as the Spiritual Guide for the Sunbow Five Walk for Mother Earth, from June 23 1995 to February 3, 1996. He gathered up walkers along the long trail from First Encounter Beach in Massachusetts to Santa Barbara, California, the site of the harshest mission in North America, taking Indigenous prayer and ceremony to land besmirched by bloodshed, inspiring healing and reconciliation.

MAMIWININI JOURNEY OVER NORTH AMERICA

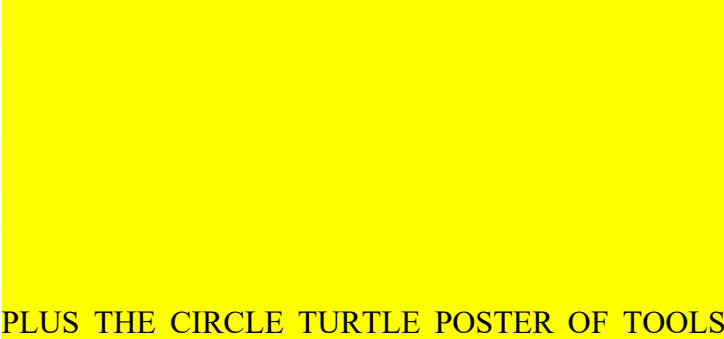
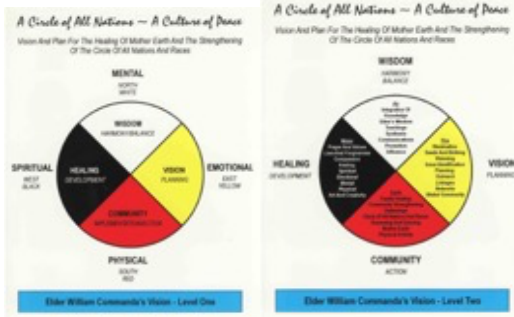
Wayquay created her Tribal Grind cd as inspired by the walk, and as you can hear, she sings about prophecy. Steven McFadden documented this epic journey in his online book entitled ODYSSEY OF THE 8TH FIRE <https://www.8thfire.net/>.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZ818eDWF18&feature=em-share_video_user

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25 years later, many are still walking the course Grandfather set.

CLIP FROM CHURCH OF TREES IF YOU FANCE



YOU CREATED YEARS AGO

Who then is William Commanda?

GRANDFATHER WILLIAM COMMANDA

- Indigenous Elder of North America
- Algonquin of the Ottawa River Watershed
- World Renowned Birch Bark Canoe Maker
- Carrier of the Sacred Wampum Belts
- Carrier of the Seven Fires Prophecy Wampum Belt
- Supreme Chief of the North American Indian Nations Government
- Special Advisor to the Wolf Project
- Founder of the Circle of All Nations

DONALD MARSHALL JUNIOR

During the Millennium Conference, The Wolf Project presented an Award to Donald Marshall Junior, whose historical name is now synonymous with the struggle for Indigenous Justice in the Criminal Justice System, with the Wrongfully Convicted, Indigenous Rights to land and resources, and youth empowerment. Despite the systemic and overt oppression he had suffered from youth, he, like Grandfather Commanda, built bridges with diverse peoples, and was a key advocate for the Asinabka Indigenous Centre at the Sacred Chaudiere Site.



Indeed the Millennium Gathering drew attention to racial harmony and peace building. Garnet Challenger organized a concert that had Indigenous Prophecy Carriers like Martin Gashwaseoma, Hopi, and Arvol Looking Horse, Lakota, and others like Frank Decontie, Algonquin and

Angaangar Lybert, Inuit, tapping their feet to the Reggae beat, and created his song “One Race, Many Colours” for the gathering. Wayquay sang “Grandfather Sent me on a Walk to make Medicine out of Pain”, and quite literally called in the Thunder.

The newly appointed Governor General Adrienne Clarkson joined us for a special circle meeting, and did you know the Northern Cree Singers drummed and danced for us

We had representatives from The Rosa Parks Foundation, the 4 H Program, Peace and Reconciliation Australia, National Association of Child and Youth Care Workers and Umtapo Peace Education, South Africa, Wittenberg Centre, A Healing Among Nations, International Institute for Restorative Practices, Four Worlds International, and many special Indigenous leaders like Douglas Cardinal and Freda Ens.



DR WILLIAM COMMANDA, OC

Over the years, more and more folk began to understand the power and wisdom of this special Indigenous elder. We wrote a book about him and called it *LEARNING FROM A KINDERGARTEN DROPOUT*; later he was presented with two honorary doctorate degrees; he received a *LIFETIME AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL ABORIGINAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS* and was appointed *OFFICER OF THE ORDER OF CANADA*, a penultimate honour for those who “desired a better country”.

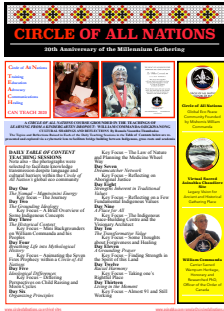
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIR1rgYmHPw>

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SOUND TRACK ONLY WE SHALL USE OUR PHOTO IMAGES – Gwc and CAN

Indeed he did – and Circle of All Nations is celebrating by *LAUNCHING* the *INFORMAL CAN TEACH 101 COURSE* to advance his legacy. We will also be celebrating on our FB page – *JOIN US!*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vy-B45AdG9s&list=PLkV8zgMa57U-4aty9tG3j1I5ztkYN-DYc&index=3>

(Forgiveness and Peace Buiding_

At our Millennium Gathering, we launched the National Film Board Documentary, *Ojigkwanong, Encounter with an Algonquin Sage* by Lucie Ouimet; at one point Grandfather says, AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA, YES THAT’S ME. So too did he want us all to see that we are children of Mother Earth and of her substance.

https://www.nfb.ca/film/ojigkwanong_encounter_with_an_algonquin_sage/

Lucie Ouimet

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SO AMERICA, NORTH AMERICA, YES THAT’S ME

By his example, Grandfather reminds us that (we need all be)

GOOD ENOUGH FOR TWO!



TURTLE PRAYER

WAYQUAY NAVIGATE AND CANOE VIDEO IMAGES (Valerie Pouyanne)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-spQ2kTihvQ>

**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**

These difficult times we live in were foreseen by spiritual visionaries across the world. My ancestors warned us about this time and the choices we would have to make ,

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 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 our selves, 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

We shall then light the eight fire together and become A Circle of All Nations – a Culture of Peace

Finish with Johnny Clegg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-hHpzZeLBQ>

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