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CURRENT NEWS

JOIN US!! TO CELEBRATE THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GRANDFATHER WILLIAM COMMANDA and our 20th PEACE EVENT in the National Capital Region!

SEPTEMBER 22/23 at 233 GILMOUR STREET

2018 Circle of All Nations  September Equinox Event
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JOIN US!
20TH CAN PEACE GATHERING





An Annual CAN Event Launched in the National Capital Region in 1998!

William Commanda Legacy CAN TEACH Did You Know That

Nearly half of youth incarcerated across Canada are Indigenous: Statistics Canada??

“Indigenous Wisdom, Environmental Stewardship, Social Justice, Racial Harmony and Peace Building”

CELEBRATING OTTAWA PEACE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY: Workshop Presentations Honouring Donald Marshal Jr. and Focus on Indigenous JUSTICE Year Two – SPECIAL DISCUSSION – Can Storytelling Contribute to Reconciliation Within the Criminal Justice System? PLUS Treaties as Relational Compacts (Andrew Costa) and Peace Keeping vs Law Enforcement (William Brant)

SUNDAY: PEACE DAY “Paddle for Peace” Special from CANOE as ART and TEACHING TOOL (Good Enough for Two) to JOURNEY! With Daniel Beauchamps who Paddled for GWC

SEPT 22 AND 23, 2018 10.30 AM – 4.30 PM
J.K.WYLLIE BOARDROOM, 233 GILMOUR ST, OTTAWA

2018 Cercle de toutes les nations  Événement du l'équinoxe d'automne

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JOIGNEZ-VOUS À NOUS!

CELEBRATION DE LA PAIX





Un événement annuel dans la capitale nationale depuis 1998!

HÉRITAGE de WILLIAM COMMANDA

CAN VISION – TEACH

L'Ateliers et Documentaires : Venez bâtir des liens pour la promotion de la Paix et des partenariats

Et pour Célébrer les Relations Durables, La Justice Restorative et le Journey de Canit de Daniel

Les 22 - 23 Sept, 2018, de 10.30h à 16.30 h Salle De Conférence J.K. WYLLIE
233, rue Gilmour, OTTAWA

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

THE ANNUAL FOCUS ON JUSTICE, HONOURING THE LEGACY OF DONALD MARSHALL JUNIOR, CONTINUES!

At our August event, we skyped in a regular contributor to our Circle of All Nations events, Andrew - and he made a provocative presentation on the theme of Treaties as Relational Compacts. Please contact us if you are interested in seeing his power point presentation - the file is too large to include here.

September 22

ACROSS THE GREAT DIVIDE

Anishnaabek Legal Traditions, Treaty 9 and Honorable Consent
Circle of All Nations Presentation
By: Andrew Costa, PHD Student, Legal Studies,
Carleton University

This presentation will look at how Anishnaabek legal traditions in the Treaty 9 region challenge common distinctions between Ceded/Unceded territory in the region.

The presentation will also examine how these challenges to divides between ceded/unceded territory encourage a collaborative consent based regime to emerge in natural resource development through the Ring of Fire.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OR PEACE KEEPING

Veteran policeman, social justice worker, teacher and elder, Bill Brant (William Tekasonnake Brant) took us back to Indigenous peace keeping approaches and Peel's mantra, the Police are the Community. We are recalling that Mi'q Maq Elder Alec Denny once told us, in my language, there is no word for justice - IMAGINE a society that had no need to conceive of this concept.

PLUS - Join in the discussion and contribute to our Reconciliatory Justice Storytelling Project

September 23

PADDLE FOR PEACE - a retrospective FROM CANOE EPISTEMOLOGY TO CANOE JOURNEY

A special presentation by Daniel Beauchamps who paddled the Ottawa and St. Lawrence in support of Grandfather Commanda's Legacy Vision for the Asinabka Sacred Chaudiere Site is now writing a book on the journey!



DR. WILLIAM COMMANDA's FORAY into the ACADEMY commenced well before he was presented with his first honorary doctorate degree or his thesis undertaken. Join us for Thesis Reflections - Part 111, and

Note the following retrospective!
[Dr. William Commanda's Outreach at U Ottawa](#)

DONALD MARSHALL JUNIOR

FINALLY, Today, September 13, is the birth date of our friend **Donald Marshall Junior**, legendary fighter for Justice and Indigenous Rights, and also recipient of a Wolf Project Award. Here he is with Grandfather William Commanda in Halifax, maybe 1998 - he joined us to make a Circle of All Nations Indigenous Justice presentation at a Correctional Services Canada conference. That was when he took an elder to offer a prayer at the blanked out residential school site in Schubencadie, where the atmosphere was still steeped in dark heavy energy.



Here he is at our Millennium Peace Gathering at Nepean Point - he had just been presented with a Wolf Project Award (Grandfather William Commanda, President Nelson Mandela, Chief Arvol Looking Horse amongst others are amongst the recipients), and then he meets former Governor General, Her Excellency Adrienne Clarkson



[AND, INNOCENCE CANADA is acknowledging the Fifth WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY, AND designating the first Donald Marshall Junior Award. A Legend Never Dies! Check the links below for information - and join the celebration in Toronto on October 3 at the Law Society of Upper Canada](#)

[Donald Marshall Junior and Wrongful Conviction Day](#)

[Donald Marshall Junior Award - Innocence Canada](#)

WELCOMING HIS HOLINESS THE DALAI LAMA

[Just because it popped today, courtesy of Jean Trudel of Cerce de Paix are sharing a link to a video of Grandfather Commanda with an Algonquian delegation \(Chomis Dominique Rankin, Marie Josee Tardiff, Omer St. Germain and his sister\) who welcomed his Holiness, the Dalai Lama to Canada in October 2009.](#)



Welcoming Committee,
October 2009

Finally, Our CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS LOGO

Attached below find a Discussion of our *Circle of All Nations* Logo. It was developed twenty years and at our inaugural peace event in the National Capital Region, co-hosted with the Wolf Project, we created logo teeshirts which Grandfather presented to our guests. Our logo also served to structure a thesis entitled "Ginawaydaganuc and The *Circle of All Nations*: The Remarkable Environmental Legacy of William Commanda" (I have found that Carleton University has put it online, so I am adding a link below). The discussion elaborates on how the symbolic and semiotic messages of the logo informed the development of the thesis. You will recall that Grandfather Commanda received two honorary degrees. This thesis examines a certain portion of his environmental legacy and *Circle of All Nations* bridge building and materials co-created by multiple *Circle of All Nations* colleagues in greater depth. These include: Oumet, Director of the NFB Documentary on Grandfather, "Ojigkwanong - Encounter with an Algonquin Sage"; and Valerie Pouyanne's pro bono contribution with Grandfather's Canoe Teaching Document "Good Enough for Two" - Have you noted how EVERYBODY NOW wants to learn BIRCH BARK CANOE MAKING, including universities! (Well, we will have to get more determined with environmental stewardship so there will be bark for future generations.) Thanks to the unwavering persistence of Kay Bisson, Proprietor, Turtle Lodge Trading Post, who did the graphic design for our Learning From A Kindergarten Dropout Book, and who has maintained our www.asinabka.com pro bono since inception, we now have CAN teeshirts again, and in our minds, it is legitimately a CAN TEACH UNIVERSITY. After all, it is now associated with four "PhDs"! These items can be found at www.turtlelodgetradingpost.ca and help support our entirely unfunded *Circle of All Nations* work.

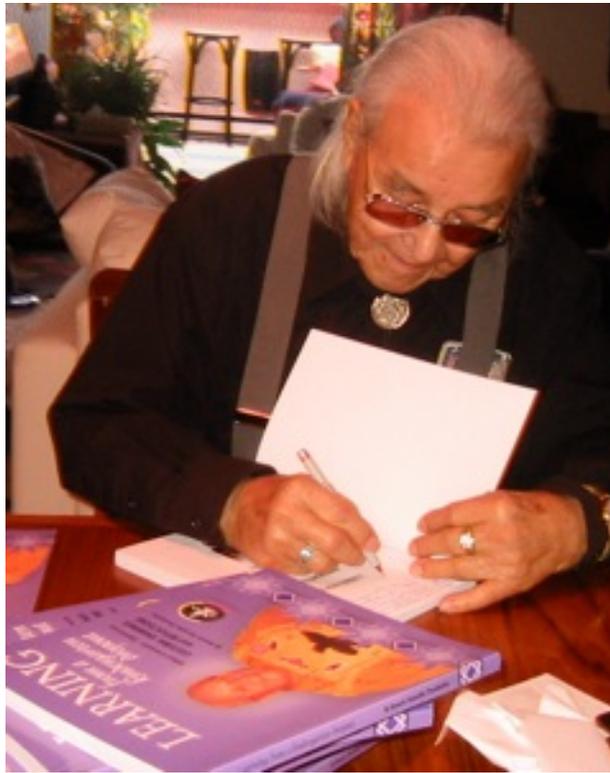
[Thesis Logo Framework](#)





From Learning From A Kindergarten Dropout to Thesis -
Ginawaydaganuc and The Circle of All Nations:
The Remarkable Environmental Legacy of Elder William Commanda

<https://curve.carleton.ca/aa4e3cbb-5b83-464d-8286-a901fcd77b06>



A Teaching Primer

CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGES - and join the discussions!

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 William Commanda

 William Commanda Legacy Asinabka

 Romola's Nature CAN TEACH Photo/Art Pages

Romola Vasantha Thumbadoo

**Circle of All Nations Legacy Work
of Grandfather William Commanda**

11:11:13 - 3:8:11

Indigenous Elder, Algonquin of the Ottawa River Watershed, Sacred Wampum Belt Keeper, Canoe Builder,
Recipient of Two Honorary Doctoral Degrees, Officer of the Order of Canada, and *Encore Vivant*

PRIORITIES

Mother Earth and People

Environmental Stewardship and Peace!

CAN TEACH
Circle of All Nations

Training
Education
Advocacy
Communications
Healing

GINAWAYDAGANUC
ALL IS RELATED!



THE LEGACY OF ALGONQUIN ELDER
L'HERITAGE DE L'AINE 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 idée et une volonté
pour créer un cercle de toutes les
nations et une culture de paix."

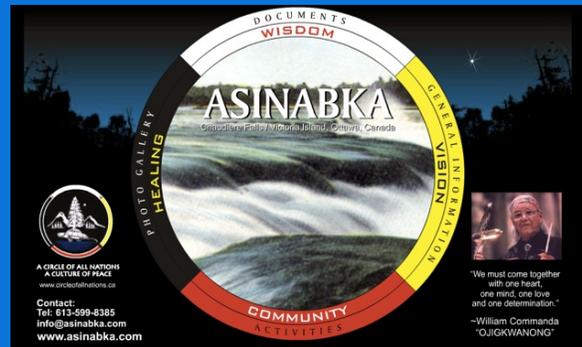
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Grandfather William Commanda's
Circle of All Nations

The Circle of All Nations is a global eco-community unified by Elder Commanda's fundamental and unshakeable conviction that as children of Mother Earth, we belong together and with nature, irrespective of individual colour, creed or culture



Respect for Mother Earth
Promotion of Racial Harmony and Peace Building
Advancement of Social Justice
Recognition and Honouring of Indigenous Wisdom
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LEGACY VISION SACRED CHAUDIERE SITE

Indigenous Centre - healing, heritage, spiritual and cultural expression

Peace Building - reconciliation, cultural exchange, peace and eco think tank conference centre

Central Eco City Park - sanctuary for individuals and communities; biodiversity; Indigenous plants

Historical Park - showcase for ancient Indigenous and recent collective history

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