



**A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
A CULTURE OF PEACE**

*A Circle of All Nations Commemoration
on the*

Legacy Work of

Indigenous Elder William Commanda

*for his
NOVEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY BIRTHDATE*

***Reflections on Discourse,
Discursive Elements &
Semiotics in Systemic Change***

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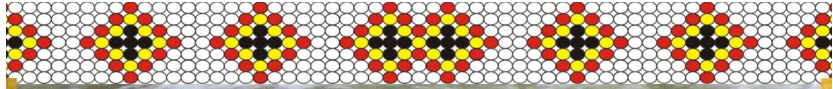
***RECONCILING
CONUNDRUM
and Complexity
in times of
global crisis***

THEME ONE - GEOCOSMIC AND MOTHER EARTH and Ginawadaganuc and The Border Crossing Belt: Interconnection and Borderlessness

THEME TWO - HISTORICAL CHALLENGES and The Seven Fires Prophecy journey, injustice, and Cartesian duality and border creation

THEME THREE - POLITICAL ACTIVISM AND INDIGENOUS ASSERTION and The Three Figure Indigenous Wampum Welcome of Algonquins of the Eastern Seaboard 1492, North American Indian Nations Government, Indigenous Rights across Turtle Island

THEME FOUR - FULL CIRCLE TO THE RAZOR'S EDGE - 2021 COVID, Planetary Limits and the Tipping Point; and the Missing Wampum Belt of Potential



CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS

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

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**Ginawaydaganuc! Peace!
Megwetch for Animating
Circle of All Nations!**
Building Bridges Between Indigenous, Grassroots, Communities,
Governments and Academia

WITH LOVE FROM ROMOLA



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INDIGENOUS MAPPING

TURTLE ISLAND *Great Mystery's Creation* - Adapted

from CAN 2004 presentations



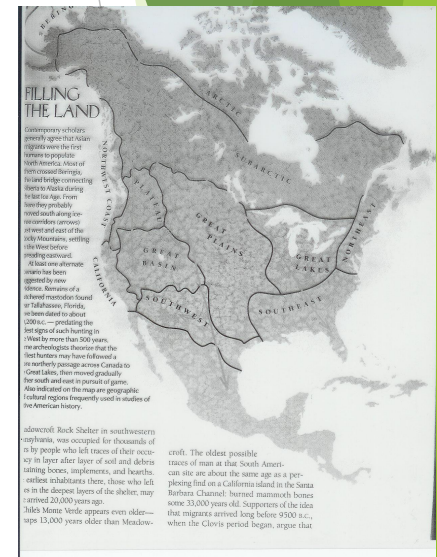
Yoshi Turtle
- Purposeful movement
on land and water



Artist Arnold Jacob's interpretation



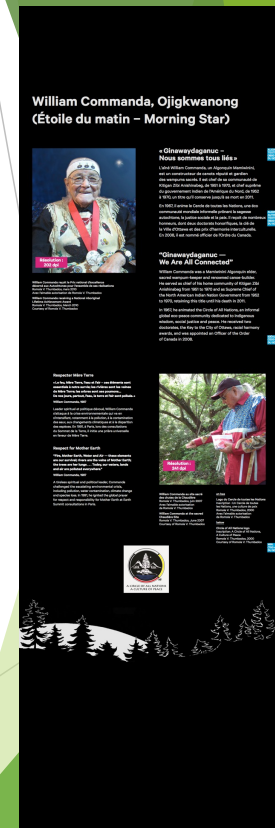
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Travelling freely
across Turtle Island

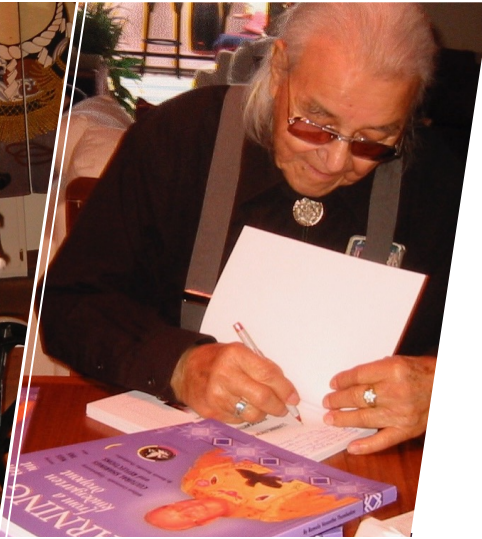


North America
as we call it now

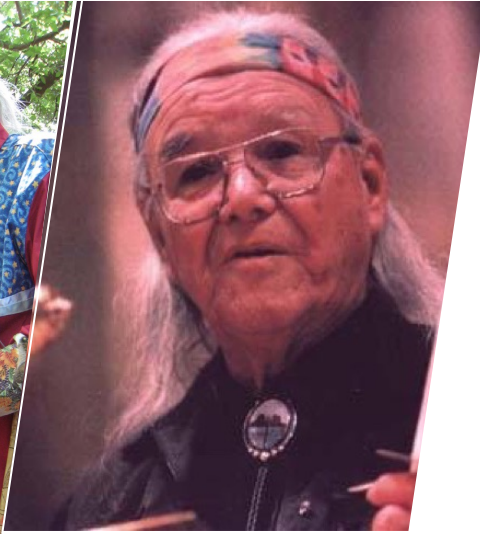
Who is William Commanda?

- ▶ Carrier of sacred **Wampum** heritage of the Algonquins
- ▶ 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 Michaelle Jean (GG) created **Commanda Hall Carleton, Ojigkwanong Centre** in recognition of his relevance to **academic knowledge- 2014;**
- ▶ **Canadian History Hall : Commanda panel and message**

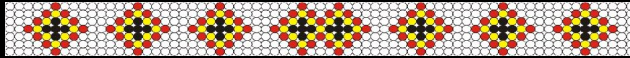




*Kindergarten Dropout,
PEACE (LMT), Mother
Earth (VI), Hon PhD
CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS:
CAN BRIDGE TEACHING
AND LEARNING
Approaches!*



*Indigenous Wisdom
Peace
Prayer for Land
Knowledge*



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

Iconic symbols of importance to the William Commanda worldview are incorporated in this image:
Grandmother Moon and Morning Star, invoking the spirit of fire, enlightenment and the cosmic;
Asin and the *Sleeping Giant* commemorating Earth creation in rock;
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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 The Laws of Nature The Intelligence of Nature

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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.

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What's Religion, what's Sacred and What's Spirit? Carrier of the Wampum

Gathering & Sharing

CAN Gathering



Deep Reflection

Contemplation and teaching



Teaching

Sharing with South Africa



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

ORGANIC Motional IDENTITY

Mamiwinini

I am *Mamiwinini* - We travel every day

Body in Motion like the Cosmic - critical for cognitive functioning


Reserves deprived people of this "brain power"

But William Commanda was *Body in Motion - Unconfined and borderless*

*Canoe was his Teaching Tool and metaphor for the Journey of Life **

Reaffirmed in the fight for the protection of the *American Eel* - and the pivotal paper to ignite Species at Risk protection in 2008

This theme was re-presented in the 2017 International Anthropology Conference at University of Ottawa that honoured WC and profiled Movement



*Ginawaydaganuc
and Circle of All
Nations*

Ginawaydaganuc and the deep understanding of the interrelatedness of everything contributed to the constant prayer and mantra in William Commanda's work - and given all he knew about people and institutions, that required considerable strength to affirm with compassion and "no boxing gloves"

Circle of All Nations continues to make efforts to build bridges and where there are no gates and gatekeepers, the work is magic and evolutionary in nature - and it takes a tremendous biodiversity of talents and capacities to manifest in new forms yet retain consistency with its foundational principles

We say like Grandfather that we need to be *Good Enough for Two*, and need to *Come Together with One Heart, One Mind, One Love and One Determination to Create a Circle of All Nations, a Culture of Peace*

From Kindergarten Dropout to Researched PhD

In 2005 we wrote the book
"Learning From a
Kindergarten Dropout"

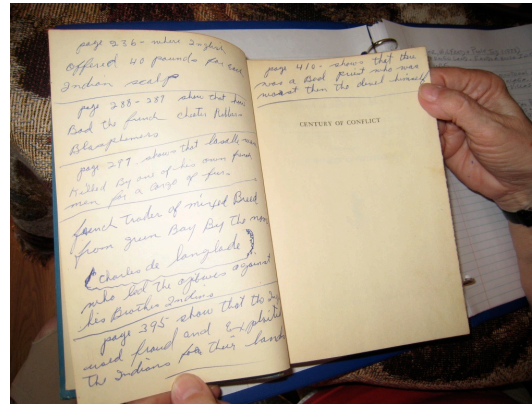
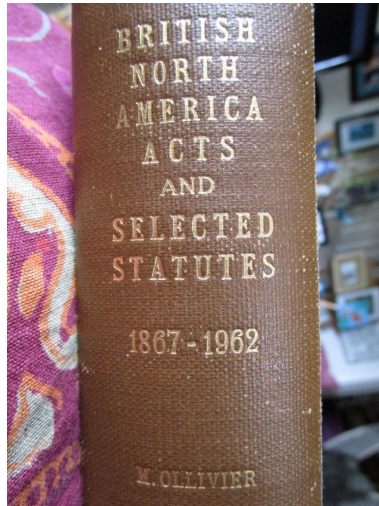
In 2006 he was presented
with an Honorary PhD by
University of Ottawa, and in
2011, second one by
Universitat de Quebec
Outaouise

Chancellor and Former
Governor General Michaelle
Jean created the William
Commanda Hall at the
University of Ottawa in 2014

Carleton University named
the Indigenous Student's
Resource Centre
"Ojigkwanong" after him in
2014

I completed our PhD entitled
"Ginawaydaganuc and the
Circle of All Nations - The
Remarkable Environmental
Legacy of Elder William
Commanda" - structured
around the CAN logo

PS - He was also appointed
Officer of the Order of
Canada, this country's
highest honour - for those
who desire a better country -
as indeed he did!



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Sampling of The William Commanda's Research

The Government of the
North American Indian Nation




In The Indians—

The Directors of this provisional National Indian Government appeal to all the Indians who want to see their rights and privileges protected and their freedom preserved: you must give your full support immediately to the Directors of this National Indian Government without fear and hesitation.

Every Indian understand and knows that he has rights and privileges, and the reason why they are not respected is because you are not united and not administered by Indian Directors; but today we ask you to unite around the same National Indian Flag and this National Indian Government will take the full responsibility to have your rights and privileges respected and to obtain the President of the whole Indian Nation; but has long the Indian people unite together the only to unite together around the same National Indian Flag is by obtaining your Indian Identification Card and to learn how to stand erect its to call for the New Indian Law Enacted, same by the National Indian Government.

The North American Indian Nation
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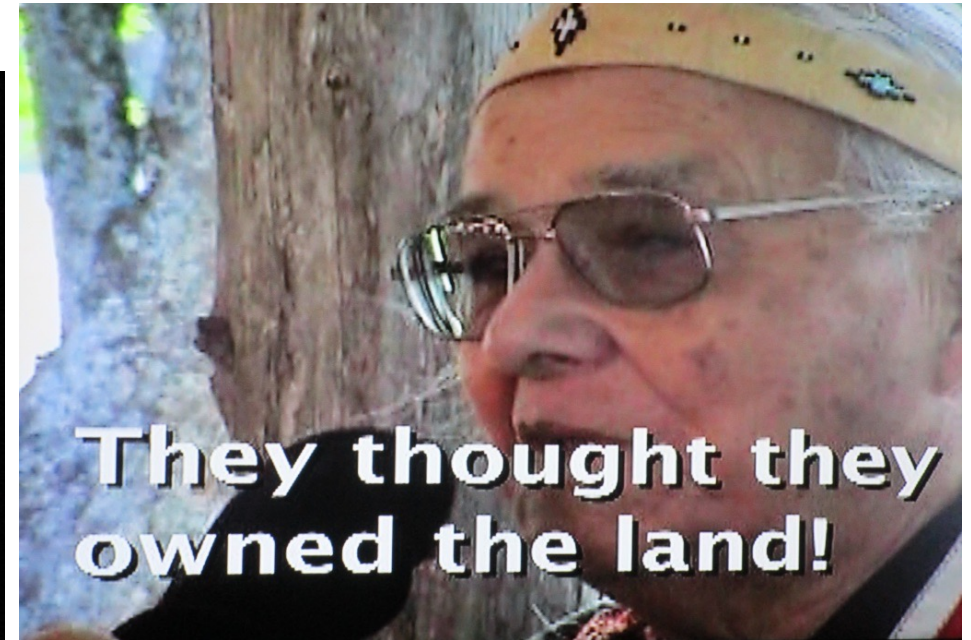
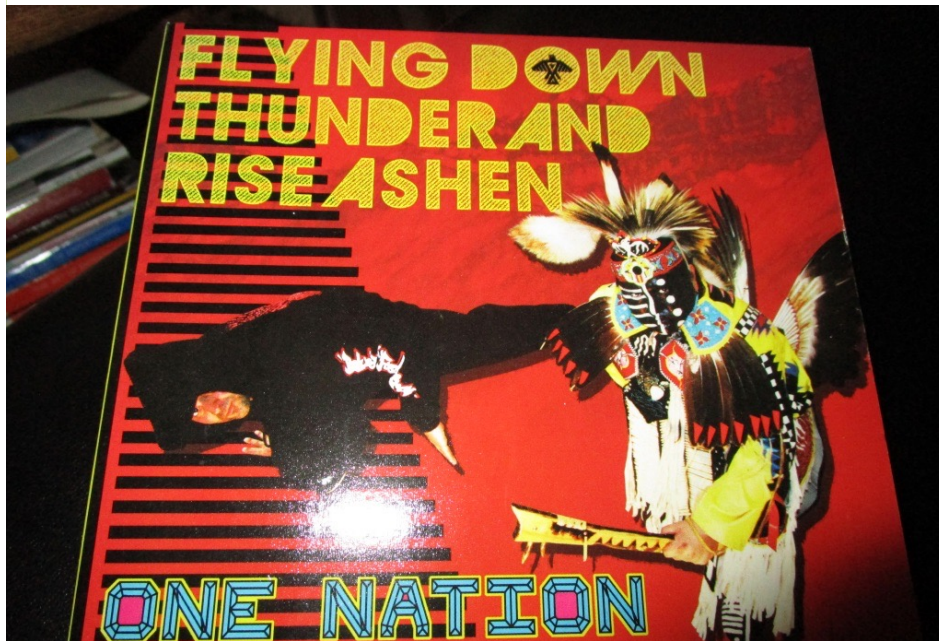
Mrs. William Bonneau
 is a member of the Meriwaki band, tribe, Algonquin
 Date and year of birth 11 November 18, 1938
 The County which he reside Catineau district
 The Province of Quebec The County of Canada
 made by Jules Sioui, sec.
Box 4
JULES SIOUI
SEC.
 Box 4 - Loretteville
 Quebec, P. Q., Canada

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North American Indigenous Nations Government

► GUESS WHO POSITIONED FLAG



1492 - Columbus Arrives with POPE ALEXANDER VI Bull and Edict

The Welcome of the Algonquin People of the Eastern Seaboard to the Newcomers

Re-Affirmed in 1968



And Repeatedly Thereafter



WELCOME TO ALL OTHERS, Including Global Leadership

His Holiness, Dalai Lama

Welcome in Montreal - Ancestral Home



President Nelson Mandela

Welcome: Human Rights Tribute Ottawa



The Queen Elizabeth

Welcome with Coronation Medallion 1952



Climate Change, Covid Borderlessness, The Tipping Point and Digital Global Village

- ▶ Global Warming, Extreme Weather, Climate Change, Extinction of Species and 2021 Tipping Point David Attenborough iteration of what William Commanda raised in 1987 about borderlessness
- ▶ In Ottawa, unprecedented flooding of the key river that contributed to the life blood of Canada (beaver, travel routes, trees, hydro) and tornado - 2017 and 2019
- ▶ Commenced reigniting passion for friendship via launch of the Circle of All Nations Digital Global Village via monthly Facebook Live Video Events
- ▶ KEY PRIORITY - to integrate different styles in knowledge generation - from Indigenous, Grassroots, NGOS, Government and Academy

Digital Global Village

We continue to animate the Circle of All Nations Bridge Building Work virtually

Now, in part it takes the form of this Digital Global Village that social media, the continuing reach of the William Commanda voice and passion, and Facebook technology enable us to animate

The following slides map the global reach and list the topics covered in live videos since the onslaught of Covid as face of contagion and isolation



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

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

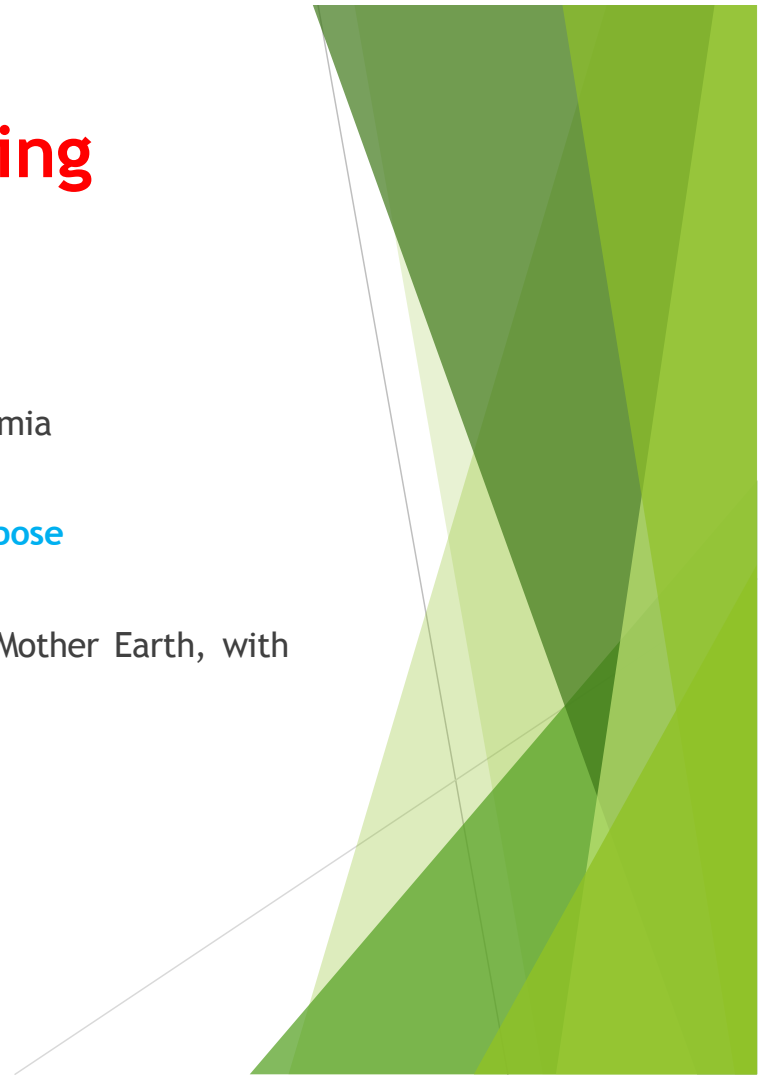
* And the Work Goes on - Organizing our videos Mapping our global reach Sharing and Learning

Youtube Video Playlists

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| 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 |

Digital Global Village - Integrating Knowledge Systems

- ▶ Integrating Indigenous Grassroots NGOs Governments and Academia
- ▶ **Bridge building to integrate diversity and affirm common purpose**
- ▶ Finding our rightful and places on the penultimate provider, Mother Earth, with respect, responsibility and reverence
- ▶ Embracing our common heritage as cosmic beings
- ▶ *Ginawaydaganuc - It is all inter-related and All is Connected*



Cybercartography, cybernetic GUIDANCE, FB LIVE: Encore Vivant William Commanda!



Books, Video and Social Media

- ▶ *Prolific Communications*
- ▶ *Karen Bisson* - our lead with our Graphics Design work and www.asinabka.com
- ▶ Late Normand Champagne created our first William Commanda book of Birthday Reflections in 2003
- ▶ We wrote two [Learning from A Kindergarten Dropout Books](#), and one on my Kayaking Summer at his Lake - [Passionate Waters Butterfly Kisses](#)
- ▶ Several folk created [documentaries](#) on William Commanda - Lucie Ouimet (NFB), Valerie Pouyanne, Jeremy Wright, Patrick Gravel and Jean Lettellier - and CBC and others
- ▶ William Commanda remains a vibrant presence on Facebook - with FB algorithms reminding all regularly about his his timeless messages
- ▶ Since the onslaught of Covid, FB technology has enabled us to animate a [CAN Digital Global Village](#) - and leave a record of our work for the public



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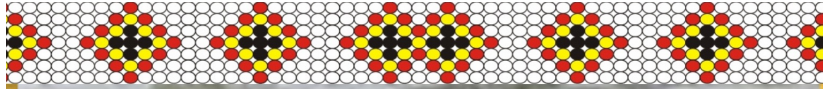
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THE LEGACY OF ALGONQUIN ELDER
L'HÉRITAGE DE L'AÎNÉ ALGONQUIN

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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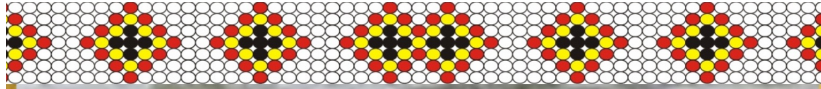
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William Commanda CAN TEACH Calendar
a reflection on our academic work of the past decade

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William Commanda was born on 11 November 1913 at 8.30 under the light of the Morning Star - so his mother named him Ojigkwanong.

For many, he was a beacon of light in an ever darkening marked by the First World War.

An Algonquin of the Ottawa River Watershed, he was born on the first land reserved for his people at River Desert the confluence of the Desert, Eagle and Gatineau rivers, now known as Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg. He identified himself as Mamiwiniwni/nomad and considered North America his home.

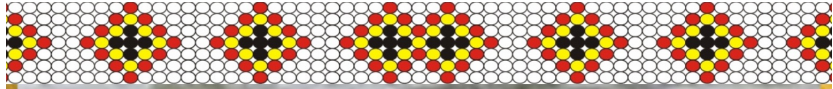
A hard worker all his life, he was a guide, a woodsman, veneer log "company man", renowned birch bark canoe maker, chief by acclamation, Supreme Chief of the North American Indian Nations Government, Carrier of the Sacred Wampum Belts, recipient of many awards, two honorary doctorate degrees and was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada. He is the founder of the **Circle of All Nations** - a global eco peace community

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Hope



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According to the 1945 Chamber of Commerce Publication: an Algonquin type. Abuela Margarita noted the iconic backdrop of Asin - Rock of the Post Glacial Canadian Shield. We note that Grandfather was stylish!

We was also, to many, an exemplary leader of tremendous spiritual strength, unique insight, great political acumen and also love and compassion.

In view of the external acknowledgements of his knowledge and thinking, in 2009, we jointly conceived a plan to research and present his ideas about learning and teaching and present it in the academic world.

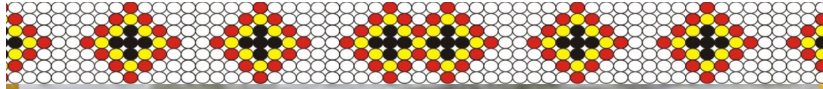
My PhD and Postdoctoral studies of the past decade are the outputs of this commitment. We are most grateful for the tireless guidance and support of my supervisor, Professor D. R. Fraser Taylor, Carleton University. (Geomatics and Cartographic Research Centre <https://www.gorc.carleton.ca>) <http://www.sivabab.com/arcview/2021-10-20/202010RC-POSTDOCTORAL-FOLLOWUP-ARMAS-GMAL-REPORT-091.pdf>

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William Commanda's identity was intermeshed with his Mother Earth:

Turtle Island, North America.

'I am in the earth, wind and water; I am as the bird flies and the wind blows and the water flows' he said at the International Millennium Canada Council for the Arts Conference.

He also pointed out then how environmental abuse meant he could no longer find the birch bark and cedar to create his craft, the iconic canoe, marked by semiotic and evocative symbol.

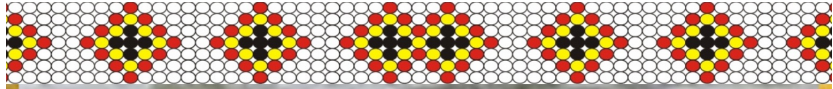
It is foundational as methodological tool in our exploration of his knowledge, and our research into his Cybernetic navigational reach across time and space via social media and In our Cybercartographic digital atlas live archive repository.

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Mamiwinini Journeying



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Law of Nature knowledge was embedded in the sacred mnemonic "oral spirit script" wampum heritage of the Algonquins of the American North East. The earliest known carrier of the four wampum belts of spiritual and historical record keeping importance was **William Commanda's** paternal great, great grandfather Pakinawatik.

He ensured Algonquin territory on both sides of the Ottawa was acknowledged before there was a "Canada" in the first three reserves of land safe guarded for the First Peoples. William Commanda carried the belts during the last forty years of his life and they informed his thinking and way of being.

The ancient Seven Fires Prophecy Belt alerted the 500 years of challenge presented by colonization and ceaseless exploitation of Mother Earth, culminating with COVID, climate change and escalating violence, despite Grandfather's massive efforts to awaken us to the looming catastrophe. The Three Figure Belt positioned Indigenous in the centre of the continent, sharing land, resources and values with early settlers and later immigrants. The youngest belt affirmed borderlessness - As does corona virus.

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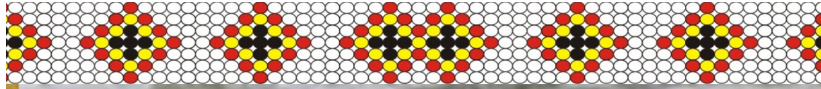


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We first presented our Circle of All Nations Teeshirts at our 1998 Spring Equinox Gathering "Lighting Candles for a Culture of Peace". - cohosted with our Wolf Award Project partner. **William Commanda** and **Romola Thumbadoo** co-created the Circle of All Nations logo with **Claude Latour**. Grandfather photographed the four trunked tree and Claude photographed the Turtle.

The logo incorporates the semiotic in the symbols of the cosmic connection to the Morning Star, ancestral rootedness at the Lake of Two Mountains, waterlife, forest and animal life spanning water and earth, with intimations of the four directions, the chief elements and cyclical spin!

Twenty years later we presented our PhD thesis organized around our Logo and conceptual **Circle of All Nations (CAN) Medicine Wheel**. We now call them our UniTees!
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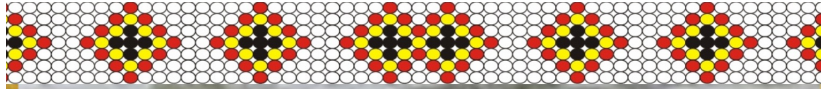


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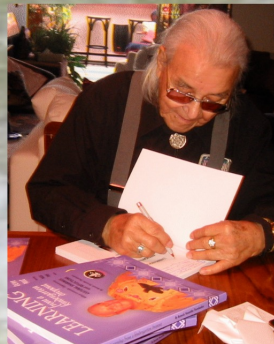
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We were invited to offer a two week workshop at the Kumik Elders Lodge in 2004, and of course **William Commanda**, ever the teacher, took on the project with great enthusiasm - we had to prepare many formal teaching tools and overhead presentations for bridge building. His daughter Evelyn Dewache explained that word "kumik" as meaning "repeated reflections to attain knowledge and wisdom." In 2005 we published our book that evolved out of this session and, somewhat tongue in cheek, called it "Learning From a Kindergarten Dropout!" In 2020 I reflected on the book again and created a course to deepen reflection on its fundamental teachings - Check it out at <https://www.asinabka.com/Archives/2020-CAM-Course-Infographic.pdf>

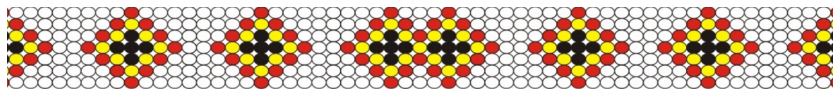
PS Did you know we did word cloud manually before they figured it out digitally! and did cross country skypeing before skype and zoom and even facebook live! And when you check out our new "Oinawaydaganuc" Landing Page, you will find our microcosmic metaverse!
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Gratitude



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In 2006, William Commanda was presented with his first Honorary Doctorate Degree by the University of Ottawa; in 2011, he was presented with the second for 'Causa Honorific' by Université du Québec en Outaouais. In 2001, the former National Aboriginal Achievement Awards presented him with a Life time Achievement Award. In 2008 he was appointed Officer of the Order of Canada. In 2009, William Commanda and Romola V Thumbadoo initiated efforts to undertake joint doctoral studies; in 2012 Romola followed-up on this plan and in 2018 completed their PhD Thesis at Carleton University. In 2021 Romola completed the SSHRC Postdoctoral Research Project: From Campsite to Campus - Is the world of Cybernetics and Cybercartography our CAN TEACH zone! Find us at our Meta Landing Page [www.circleofallnations.ca!](http://www.circleofallnations.ca)



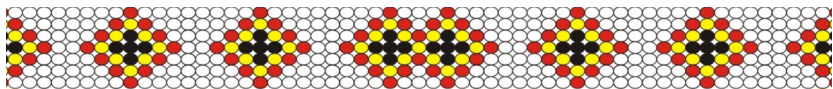
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Celebrate



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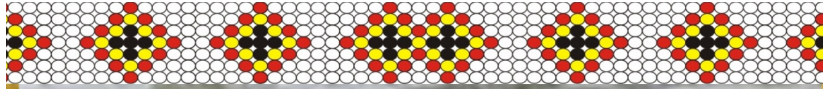
Originally initiated in his 1967 gathering in Eganville, Ontario on the occasion of Canada's 100th birthday, **William Commanda's** land based academy took new life after this nomadic Sunbow Five Walk of 1995/96, across North America in the annual "Circle of All Nations Gatherings" at his home on Bitobi Lake, Kitigan Zibi, Quebec - the first reserve created in Canada. The special folk who made these gatherings happen put a whole different spin to the meaning of volunteer!



The last gathering was held in 2011 and it coincided with his departure - He died on August 3, his wake was hosted in his teaching lodge, he remained there resting in his birchbark canoe till his funeral on August 5, the gathering proceeded over the weekend, and ended with an unplanned sendoff concert with international and local musicians! We have no doubt that this was orchestrated by Grandfather himself!
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Memories





SEPTEMBER

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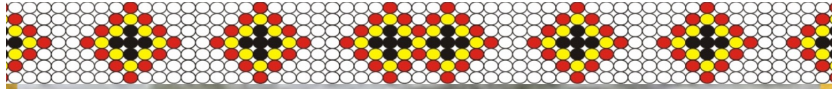
"Make Peace Not War"
William Comanda said after 9/11. We hosted our Millennium Peace Gathering at Nepean Point, at the heart of Algonquin Territory in Canada's Capital, with hope that is regularly challenged.
On 2019 UN Peace Day, 7 Fires Tornadoes here signalled the end of meetings, and ushered in COVID and Climate Change. With syntropic spin, we celebrated the 2000 Peace Legacy at our 2020 Global Anniversary Gathering - online on Facebook Live, and energizing the evolving Circle of All Nations Digital Global Village!
In this photo, Grandfather Comanda offers the prayer at the signing of the Land Mines Treaty, inspired by Princess Diana
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Justice



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Tobacco prayer at one of the ancient "Black Holes" that called the Palaeolithic Peoples of the Americas to the Sacred Chaudiere Site. It is aligned to and older than Giza, Ankara Wat and the Mayan Sun Pyramid.

Elder Commanda hosted countless gatherings on Victoria Island, Ottawa and developed a vision for the Asinabka Indigenous Peace Building Centre in collaboration with all the Algonquin Nations of the Ottawa River Watershed - and other national and international colleagues.

See www.asinabka.com for detailed archival reports. Thwarted by development interests, the vision for healing is animated in the Circle of All Nations Digital Global Village. JOIN US!

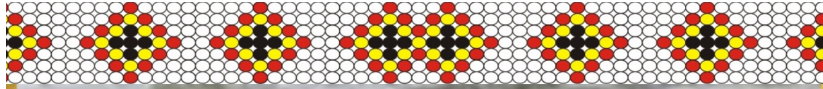
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Reflections



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PERPETUAL LEARNER

TIRELESS TEACHER
 His central argument was a PhD in better understanding and integration of William Commanda's life and work in history and knowledge generation in colonialist systems. He was an environmentalist, a social justice activist and a community organizer. He was a leader in the development and promotion of the Circle of Nations.

November 11 - and Remembrance Day. **William Commanda** was born on this date 108 years ago, on the eve of the First World War. He was born to remember and to remind us of the history and heritage of his people. He was born to light a fire for peace, passion, creativity, knowledge and healing for all.

He hosted the Nov 3-6 2006 Waterlife Workshop, awakened the Capital City to the plight of the historical Kichissippi/Ottawa River and empowered its designation as Heritage River. We celebrated Uncle Gabriel Commanda, WWI Veteran and Founder of Val d'Or, the last Gold Rush city, and in the 40s, he, Anaeheroo and Chief Papatie, Algonquins and the first environmentalists, petitioned government to protect the Ottawa River Watershed.

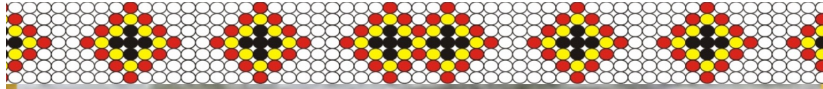
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PERPETUAL LEARNER

TIRELESS TEACHER
 He earned a master's and a PhD in teacher education, and integration of William Commanda's life and work into history and knowledge education are central to his teaching. He has been a teacher, a principal, a superintendent, and a professor. He is a lifelong learner and a perpetual learner. He is a perpetual learner and a perpetual learner. He is a perpetual learner and a perpetual learner.

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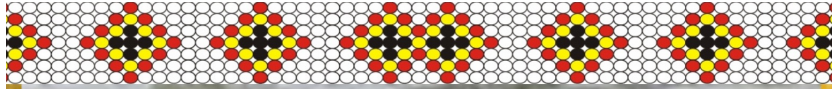
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Seasons Greetings! As hard as he worked for the protection of Mother Earth and to challenge oppression and injustice, so also did **Grandfather Commanda** love celebrations and parties!

A passionate zest for life, learning and hard work marked his inspirational journey on Earth. May his spirit guide and support us these times of prophecy.

With deep gratitude to the countless special people who helped him do his work during his lifetime.

Megwetch to all for breathing life into his Circle of All Nations and animating a Culture of Peace!
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Peace



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