



Transformative Reconciliation Gathering

River Cree, Enoch, AB

September 23, 2021	September 24, 2021
9am - 4pm	8:30am - 1:30pm
6:30pm - 9:00pm	Talent Show & Early Evening Market
Banquet & Concert	

After countless generations of living in constant and close interaction with the natural environment, the ancient Lakota people perceived that everything and everyone are related. Our prayers, whether apart from ceremony or in it, always conclude with *Mitakuye Oyasín*, (all my relatives), a phrase that sums up the simple yet profound reality of our planet. ————— J Marshall III

Hau kola waste elo Miya yele Niya Pte Win Pejuta waste Win Tansi Booshoo
Mitakuye oyasin Great to be on treaty 6 territory and we acknowledge all the
ancestors of this land and the current Indigenous peoples

If you like my hat, a young woman named Dawn Cardinal made it...I believe she
will be around here sometime today!!

Were learning!! This is our first gathering...goes for 4 years – so probably by that
time...we will have it sorted...hopefully outside of a pandemic!!! Loads of changes
in just the last 24 hours due to Covid...we are contact tracing – vaccinated,
masking and social distancing – all good so far.

Elders, Chief Billy Morin of Enoch First Nations, thank you for joining us today, we
have lots to share together in the transformative reconciliation construct....I have
to admit that the word *reconciliation* did not abide well with me when the TRC
came out...I was a sideliner...REALLY....we have been talking about this
generational trauma and reconciliation for decades....kind of like the word

protocol and *ethics* earlier on...our culture is a *way of life*....HOWEVER; in the city, with so many diverse people, how do we define the ebb and flow of thoughts within REASON??? THEN someone, an Indigenous policewoman, Andrea Levy, (not the SCTV character for those of us from that era) put TRANSFORMATIVE in front of it.....and WOW now with each of those words...I can put TRANSFORMATIVE in front and for me, myself and I – these western words take on a new dimension – TRANSFORMATIVE protocols... TRANSFORMATIVE ethics...and presto... TRANSFORMATIVE RECONCILIATION takes on a new meaning...I'm a slow learner....

My late husband was an insatiable Indigenous academic – we are in the process of creating a library at Yellowhead Tribal College for his collection of books on psychotherapy, psycho analytics, psychology, psychiatry, religion, quantum healing, gestalt, anthropological psychology, Jung, Freud, Adler, Jean Houston, Joseph Campbell....his thesis in 1992 was translating Dakota ways of knowing into therapeutic practice....anyway, before he left us, his focus had returned to transpersonal therapy....my slow mind at the time went to transgender therapy...transpersonal is also the name for pastoral therapy....so it consists of you, the therapist, the person seeking therapy and a higher power(s) of your collective understanding- for many of us here, this is ceremonial therapy; like we did yesterday with our wiping of the tears....

Transformative reconciliation is within and without...touches on a number of areas...there are 4 objectives here today that we wish to develop over the next 4 years:

1. Capturing our myriad of laws with all our nations on Turtle Island into a bundle?? With the same force and effect as constitutional law in Canada or the US – except for all of North America – where there is no 49th parallel- THAT IS regarding *the way we live* (or used to live), customary law-natural law-however; including all the other legal achievements that have occurred in the last 100 years such as TRC, UNDRIP, Nisga'a, Delgamuukw, Chilcotin, Yukon First Nations Final Agreement, Protocols and Pipes of various First Nations, Protection of Ceremonies, Blackfoot Sovereignty, Bill c-92, a Turtle Island Bundle of PIPES, and remove those laws that are damaging to our people contained possibly in the Indian Act, some of the Numbered Treaties of the Plains people on great basin – I don't know that much about

anything; however, I believe every Indigenous law or custom that I have come across-children are always at the center....

2. A Longhouse is the second objective– an urban Indigenous home for our abandoned Indigenous babies – that reflects our diversity of nations and our collective Indigeneity - our keynote at NOON looks to the importance of the architecture of place – that reflects the nature of the people

3. The third objective is to have the Youth Memorial Rides between Southern and Northern Tribes...a good red road Exchange of the north and south-our youth are the flowers on our sacred tree that Black Elk envisioned flowering for all races and nations

4. The 4th objective is to carry on this Transformative Reconciliation Gathering forward for the next 4 years

You will notice posters at the front for you to say some words on and sign – and there are gigantic post its all around the room if you care to share some words regarding these 4 objectives initiatives areas ...

An artists showcase is in the large halls where 4 artists; Patrick Ross Dakota – did the poster (who will also be painting a tipi for us), Jody Donald Cree Assiniboine, local from Enoch FN here, Rick No Name Piapot did tribute poster for my late husband’s Wiping of the Tears and Kim Soo Goodtrack Hunkpapa Lakota Wood Mountain

You have the agenda, we are tackling these issues first off with our justice panel, our keynote at lunchtime Dr Douglas Cardinal has had various visionary processes throughout his transformative life; and demonstrative in working on a longhouse collective for our urban indigenous babies

In the afternoon, our students governance and social work panel will take place – with a tea break and fancy dancer- then Dr Carole Hopkins, Anishnabe in Ontario will join us through ZOOM – her specialty is Neuroscience and resiliency and healing through ceremony for trauma, and Westie will provide a brief overview

on their app for suicide ideation, Living Hope will share their supports and resources

There are activities inside and outside for youth – making drums, electric guitars, tipi tales, make regalia, beading, and MORE– today and tomorrow

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US-LETS MAKE THIS HAPPEN FOR OUR CHILDREN
YOUTH AND FAMILIES!!