



Sooooo....we thought last year was extreme...we are still here - pandemic affected - and moving towards the end of 2021!!!

Not sure what happened with the monoliths (that included one in Edmonton's river valley at this time in 2020)...but here we are...slowly emerging out of the corona virus - doubly vaccinated – topped off with a high dose of influenza vaccine - getting ready to activate the 4 objectives of our Transformative

Reconciliation Gathering for September 2022...see previous messages on website - either archived or scroll down on opening pages [www.redroadjourney.ca](http://www.redroadjourney.ca)

Aside from other activities in the New Year, we will have a formal Wiping of the Tears, February 22, 2022 at Enoch Recreation Center; followed by a memorial Round Dance for my late husband and our Senior Elder and Senior Therapist at Red Road; Clifford George Pompana. Our ceremonial gathering was restricted in September 2021 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> wave; and people *unable* to show proof of vaccination. In a perfect world, more will be vaccinated by February 2022; and we can have a proper send off for our beloved Clifford by family and friends.

Many of us have had a tough year with illness and death. The unexpected became the expected; and we plodded from one day to the next, doing the best we could amidst all the chaos. AND; we survived!! I am so very grateful to be *well this year*; and for our many friends and family to be hail and healthy in the midst of this change! Thank you Creator! Thank you to the many who held us up in prayer...we are truly blessed.

This Christmas, will be beautiful wherever it is; and I am hoping the same for all our Red Road Families, Elders, Chiefs, co-workers, volunteers, partners, helpers, funders, friends, supporters...we need to keep ourselves well, so that we can continue to extend healthy compassionate support to others...

Love and blessings,

**RED ROAD**

