



Signals



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Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering

The 18th annual Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering was a one-day event held at Deer Run RV Park and Campground near Osceola, Missouri, September 7, 2019.

Deer Run is a quiet and shady site with an indoor place for some activities. The hospitality could not have been better.

The day began with Going to Water and Prayers at the Fire facilitated by yahuli ᏁᏍᏗᏁᏍᏗ (Ron Owens).



Crafts included choker and necklace making facilitated by Joseph Parish and Feather wrapping facilitated by yahuli ᏁᏍᏗᏁᏍᏗ.



Brunch was a signal event with all sorts of good food brought by everyone and breaded squash blossoms fried on site by nvya ᏁᏍᏗᏁᏍᏗ.



Oshara Meesha gave a thoughtful and well-researched talk and led a discussion on issues of racism. Joseph Parish served as

our designated photographer. Lilly Bleich and James Redden incorporated Cherokee language lessons throughout the day.

Lively games of Cherokee Marbles, Stickball and gata yusti ᏁᏍᏗᏁᏍᏗ were facilitated by nvya ᏁᏍᏗᏁᏍᏗ, Lilly Bleich and others.



Terry Rombauer brought school and office supplies as well as over-the-counter meds for distribution and also directionally-colored cloth for ceremonial use.



Dinner was as wonderful as brunch. Following dinner, nvya 0x0, James Redden and yahuli 0TP facilitated the MAIF Auction, securing funds for next year's gathering.

James Redden did a wonderful job facilitating the Moon Ceremony in the evening.

The dance and story-telling, facilitated by nvya 0x0, yahuli 0TP, jisquoquo 0x0 and others, continued until around midnight.

Wado GA to all who helped to make this happen, including those who helped with set up and take down, brought food and brought themselves. That's gadugi \$SY!



The 19th annual Mid American Indian Fellowships Gathering is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2020 at Deer Run RV Park & Campground, 5055 NW Hwy. B, Appleton City, Missouri 64724, this to be finally decided at the MAIF Council meeting in June. Watch for more information in the Summer 2020 edition of *Signals*.

Mid American Indian Fellowships Meeting Schedule, Etc.

Please call or e-mail for exact meeting locations, dates & times. Please bring a covered dish & lawn chairs to all meetings.

Dh00hU aniyansa Indian Fellowship: Topeka, KS: Meets the second Wednesday of the month. For meeting location, times & other info contact Robert Francis maif77@hughes.net (660) 464-1749.

AA 0TP do'hi soquili Indian Fellowship: Rayville, MO. Meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. For meeting location, times & other info contact Jan Owens kcbodywork@gmail.com (816) 896-1044, Ron Owens ronlowens@yahoo.com (816) 616-4360 or Robert Francis maif77@hughes.net (660) 464-1749.

Indian Fellowship of Joplin: Joplin, MO. Meets the fourth Sunday of the month. For meeting location, times & other info contact Bruce Redden kannonkocker@yahoo.com (417) 291-5848 or Jay Redden (417) 781-6791.

00M0DE kanalusgv Indian Fellowship: Hermann & Holts Summit, MO. Meets the first Saturday of the month. For meeting location, times & other info, contact Bud Moellinger budsheri@ktis.net (573) 252-4494 or Robert Francis maif77@hughes.net (660) 464-1749.

G0W walela Indian Fellowship: St. Joseph, MO, has suspended meetings for the time being. To be contacted when meetings resume or for other info contact Kathy Whitley kathywhitley@ymail.com (816) 244-8942 or Randy Whitley (816) 676-8895.

Traditional aniyvwiya DhB000 or Chickamauga Cherokee Ceremonies are held at the Daksi Gatiyo 00B \$A in Bates County, Missouri. Those *seriously* interested in attending and participating may contact Robert Francis at maif77@hughes.net (660) 464-1749.

To help with Compassionate Veterinary Care, serving indigenous people and their animal helpers in South Dakota and Missouri, contact Sheri Moellinger, DVM (573) 252-4494 budsheri@ktis.net .

To get information about, help with or schedule a “Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relations with Native Peoples” presentation, contact Jan Owens (816) 896-1044 kcbodywork@gmail.com or Ron Owens (816) 616-4360 ronlowens@yahoo.com .

Roots of Injustice, Seed of Change Presentation

by Jan Owens

On October 14th of this year, the official American Columbus Day, my husband Ron and I were scheduled to present “Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relations with Native Peoples” for the Society of the Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty, Missouri*. This group was very excited to have us present, as they have hearts reaching out! What an opportunity to have them experience the interactive sequence of events laid out by this program!

The Room began to fill quite early and we had 28 people in attendance, including the readers (Ron and I ended up being Blanket turners). The crowd was, in large majority, made up of Catholic Priests and Nuns. How exciting for this opportunity to share!

The reaction of most of the attendees was amazement as they learned, through this presentation, about the Doctrine of Discovery** and the connection their Catholic Faith has to the Doctrine of Discovery. Their reaction was similar to the reaction of most people who begin to process the magnitude of the conquest of the American continents and the effects on indigenous peoples. As the evening came to a close, the conversation turned to one of learning more about the Doctrine of Discovery and how they might be able to take a stand against the doctrine at the Renewal Center.

We have been asked to present again at the center for the programs focused on teens and young children. We look forward to working with the Society of the Precious Blood, in an on-going effort to share this project with others.

Editor's Notes:

*“Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relations with Native Peoples” serves to provide interactive presentations outlining the history of colonial/Native interaction in what is now the United States. For more information and/or to schedule a “Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change” presentation for your group or organization, contact Jan Owens (816) 896-1044 kcbodywork@gmail.com or Ron Owens (816) 616-4360 ronlowens@yahoo.com .

**Based in papal bulls issued in the 15th Century CE, the Doctrine of Christian Discover is the pretentious “legal” basis by which Christian European nations claimed ownership of lands occupied by non-Christian peoples or people who were non-Christian upon first encounter with Christian Europeans. It continues to be used as legal precedent in the United States and other countries to deny indigenous peoples rights of free self-determination as peoples.

Heirloom Seeds Available

Several varieties of Native corn, beans and squash (selu ale tuya ale squasi ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ) are grown at the Daksi Gatiyo ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ.

Corn varieties grown include

- Cherokee White Flour Corn or Mother Corn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ giniji selu
- Cherokee White Eagle Corn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ unega uwohali selu
- Cherokee Yellow Dent Corn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ dalonige selu
- Cherokee Red Flint Corn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ gigage selu dewisgala diigi
- Cherokee Gourdseed Corn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ selu wagug ukta yosti
- Cherokee Long Popcorn ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ᄆᄆ ganvhida selu anhtasgisgi

Bean varieties grown include

- Cherokee Cornfield Beans (multicolored, for green or dry beans)
- Cherokee Striped Cornhill Beans (for green or dry beans)

Squash varieties grown include

- Long Neck Squash ᏍᏊᏗᏗ ᏗᏗᏗ ganvhida squasi *Curcubita Mixta* (striped cushaw type)
- Hog Pumpkin ᏒᏗᏗᏗ iya siqua *Curcubita Moschata* (round or oblong tan pumpkin)
- Gete Okosomin (a long winter squash, orange-red with green tips) *Curcubita Maxima*
- Yellow Crookneck Summer Squash ᏒᏗᏗᏗ ᏗᏗᏗ dalonige squasi *Curcubita Pepo*

Cherokee Old Tobacco ᏒᏗᏗᏗᏗᏗ jolagayvli is also grown at the Daksi Gatiyo ᏒᏗᏗᏗ.

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Cameron Avery Klarman

Alonso Rocco DeBrodie

Atlas Garrison Martin Hicks

I am the shining Morning Star that chases away the covering darkness.

**I am the clear day.
Clouds of the sun, sunrise and the Eagle that flies, higher than these, indeed, truly am !!**

- From the Chickamauga Cherokee Baby Blessing, As passed down by our Elders

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