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United Native American Council

he United Native American Council began in September 1984 under the direction of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, (Father Moon). Its mission is to unite all indigenous peoples of the Americas and around the world in shared beliefs of The Creator. My hope is that it will be used as a witnessing tool for our Native brothers and sisters throughout America and around the world. I created this format to bring into dialogue many inspirational topics about family, life, spirit world, history, ancestors and current church events. In this world of divisions, may we see our similarities more clearly than our differences.

This issue of *Harvest* addresses the proclamation by Father and Mother Moon of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, the Interreligious and International Couples' Blessing, the Ambassadors for Peace awards and the chronology of Thanksgiving.

As the editor, it is my sincere hope that you will receive much inspiration, guidance and blessings through this newsletter. Please

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God's Domain:

God Is The Origin Of Peace

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon North American Speaking Tour September, 2002

The Time Has Come: Now, however, the time of peace has come! Heaven's long wait has ended. We are living in the final moment of the Last Days of human history. Heaven cannot extend or allow any further delay of the providence of human salvation.

This is because the True Parents, whom Heaven and Earth have hoped would come and have longed to see, are now on this earth. They are taking all responsibility upon themselves and are successfully completing the providence of restoration. In the world entangled in chaos and debauchery, they are establishing an order of true love.

Ladies and Gentlemen: It is said, that those who believe will be blessed. My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I, who are bringing this truth of Heaven to you, are standing as the True Parents.

The philosophy and thought of True Parents revealed to Reverend Moon is a truth that promises peace to humanity. Both communism and democracy have tried and failed to bring peace. The thought that will prevail is "Godism" the philosophy and tradition of "living for the sake of others". Only this sacrificial way of life based on Heavenly Parentism is capable of leading us to eternal life and peace.

In this way, we will come to the amazing realization that, as God's

reciprocal partner of love, we will come to possess a value even greater than God's. We would praise God for this. This love is the only way that we can at last connect to the eternal world of peace. It is the starting point of eternal life in the Kingdom of God on earth and in Heaven.

In our capacity of the True Parents of humanity, my husband and I have already unified the entire spirit world. We are receiving messages of support and unity from the Founders of the four great religions centering on Jesus, including Buddha, Confucius and Muhammad, and from 120 major disciples of each of these leaders. They sent these messages after having studied our teachings in the Divine Principle and Unification Thought seminars in the spirit world. They are filled with hope, and feel immense gratitude toward the True Parents.

Even Communist leaders from around the world who have gone to the spirit world, beginning with Marx and Lenin, have completed the Divine Principle seminar in accordance with True Parents' command. They too are sending messages soaked with tears of repentance and deep lamentation.

All of these people in the spiritual world now have only one hope. This is that their believers and followers will accept the teachings of the True Parents as quickly as possible, work for peace, and prepare themselves for their eternal life.

Their messages implore us not to waste our precious, fleeting time on earth, but to prepare wisely for life in the spirit world, where all people will live together for eternity after casting off our physical body.

(Excerpt from God is the Origin of Peace

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Current Events:



Father and Mother Moon officiated at the Interreligious and International Couples' Blessing and Rededication Ceremony September 14, 2002 at the Manhattan Center, New York City.



Chief Ernie Peters Longwalker (R) was one of several prestigious religious leaders who provided a blessing prayer.

Throughout America thousands of clergy including American Indian clergy and traditional spiritual leaders rededicated their marriage and received the blessing of the Creator through the anointing of Jesus and the Holy Spirit as part of the 144,000 Holy Blessing Convocation. In addition, these clergy then give their prayer and anointing to their respective church congregations and gatherings. Each couple vowed the following:

- 1. As a mature man and women, we pledge that we will become true husband and wife, consummating the ideal of God's creation with absolute fidelity.
- 2. We pledge that we will inherit and

maintain the tradition of family unity and pass this tradition on to future generations of our family.

- 3. We pledge that we will raise our children to live up to God's will, and educate them to be sexually abstinent until marriage.
- 4. We pledge that we will support all families to uplift these ideals, beyond race, religion and nation, by participating in the Blessing of Marriage, helping create the Kingdom of God on Earth and in Heaven.

During this past year of outreach, thousands of American Indians have participated in the rededication of their marriages which will certainly strengthen their families, communities and nations.

If you would like to participate in marriage enrichment and the Blessing of the Creator, contact the following number closest to you for further information.

The Ambassador of Peace

Award was held September 16, 2002 at the Sheraton National Hotel in Arlington, Virginia. This award is given to exemplary individuals who unselfishly have lived for the sake of others.



Ms. Dottie Tiger (2nd L) of the Yuchi / Sauk and Fox Tribe and Eva Gardipe (R) of the National Indian Council on Aging)



Ms. Dottie Tiger, of the Smithsonian Institution National Musem of the American Indian, receives the Ambassador for Peace Award from Mother Moon (Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon).



Reciving Ambassador for Peace Awards with Ms. Dottie Tiger are the mother of Mayor Anthony Williams of Washington DC, and former US Senator Larry Pressler and his wife.

Chronology of Thanksgiving:

Ancient Wampanoag History

13,500 – 8000 years ago: For 10,000 years before European contact, after the last ice age, Native people inhabited the area we call New

England. They hunted mastodon, caribou, deer, bear, and other animals and birds, and fished in lakes, rivers, and the sea. Fruits, nuts, berries, leafy plants, barks and roots provided food and medicine, shelter and woven mats. Household goods were constructed from wood, bark, and grasses.

8000 – 1000 years ago: After the corn plant was first cultivated in Mexico, it spread through trade networks across the continent. About 2,000 years ago, Wampanoag people (which means people of the first light, native people who ate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims) started growing corn and beans. Seasonal and monthly community celebrations gave thanks for the bounty of Mother Earth.

1000-1700 AD: European explorers, goods, and diseases entered northeastern Native communities.

1524 –1614: Explorers of Cape Cod included Giovanni da Verrazanno (1524), Bartholomew Gosnold (1602), Martin Pring (1603), Samuel de Champlain (1605), and John Smith (1614),

1611 – 1614: English Captain Edward Harlow captured five Native men and brought them back to England. Captain Thomas Hunt captured Wampanoag men: 20 from Patuxet (renamed New Plymouth), including Tisquantum (Squanto), and seven from Nauset, to sell as slaves in Spain.

1616 –1620: Several epidemics of European diseases hit the northeast. In 1618 when Tisquantum returned to him homeland on an English ship he learned he was the only survivor.

November 11, 1620: The Mayflower made landfall at what is now Provincetown. In late December the passengers decided to settle at the then empty village site of Patuxet.

March – August 1621: Samoset visited the Plymouth Settlement and brought Tisquantum who stayed with

the English. Massasoit and Governor Carver made a treaty. Also, Hobbamock (Massasoit translator) moved to Plymouth.

Mid-September – early November 1621: Sometime in this period, the Pokanoket and other Wampanoag met with the pilgrim colonists for a three day harvest thanksgiving celebration. William Bradford offers a prayer before the meal, as was customary for the English. It is likely that the most important men from both cultures dined together. Before this event, Tisquantum had been living with the English for almost six months teaching them how to grow corn and use fish to fertilize their fields. Since long before the arrival of Europeans, the Wampanoag had celebrated festivals of thanks that took place at particular times of the years, including the "Strawberry Thanksgiving" and the "Green Corn Thanksgiving." At these Native festivals, the Creator's gift of food was celebrated with songs, dances and stories that reminded the People to be generous and grateful. The bounty of the harvest was shared with the community.

July 26, 1623: The English colonists observed a religious day of thanksgiving in response to the end of a drought and the safe arrival of more colonists from England.

August 1623: Massasoit, four other sachems, and 120 Wampanoag men were invited to William Bradford's wedding.

1624 – 1636: Trade, settlement, and conflict increased. Plymouth Colony established trading houses on the Kennebec and Penobscot rivers in Maine. More English settled Massachusetts Bay Colony. John Pynchon set his trading house at Matianuck (Windsor, CT) on the Connecticut River. Roger Williams founded Providence Plantation (Rhode Island).

July 1637: Soldiers under Captain John Mason and Captain John

Underhill burned the Pequot fort on the Mystic River; 700 Pequot men, women, and children were killed and the survivors were sold into slavery. The colony of Connecticut observed a day of Thanksgiving: Massachusetts Bay Colony set aside October 12 as a day of thanksgiving "to God for subduing the Pequots."

1650 1663: Ministers began efforts to convert the Wampanoag to Christianity. Thomas Mayhew built a church on Martha's Vineyard. Native translators and printers worked with John Eliot to publish the Bible in the Wampanoag language.

June 1675 – August 12,1676: During "King Philip's War," Massasoit's son, Metacom, led a rebellion against the colonists. Many Native people were killed or sold into slavery in the West Indies. Shortly after Metacom's death. Plymouth declared August 12 as a day of public thanksgiving for the English victory.

1680's – 1770s: Colonial governors proclaimed periodic days of thanksgiving, often in late autumn.

November 1, 1777: The first national Thanksgiving Day was declared by the Continental Congress after the American victory over the British at Saratoga. The actual celebration was December 18.

1770 – 1840s: Thanksgiving days, which still varied from state to state, were occasions for feasting, military parades, shooting matches, and public proclamations that recalled the trails of the Pilgrims.

August 6, 1863: President Abraham Lincoln declared a day of Thanksgiving for Union victories in the Civil War. He declared a second Thanksgiving Day in late November for "the blessings of fruitful field."

1864 – present: The traditional American Thanksgiving Day has been celebrated every year since 1863. Originally the last Thursday of November, the time was amended to the fourth Thursday in 1942.

1970 – present: Each Thanksgiving Day, many Native people meet at the statue of Massasoit in Plymouth, Massachusetts to observe a National Day of Mourning.

October 2000: Several hundred people, including over a hundred Wampanoag and other Native people, gathered at Plymouth Plantation to reenact the 1621 harvest gathering.

1621 A New Look at Thanksgiving: National geographic society copyright @2001.

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