

NOTICES

One Life — One Tribe — One Chance

International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers Sixth Council Gathering • Chinook Winds Casino Resort
Honoring Agnes Baker Pilgrim and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians • Aug. 3-7, 2009

August 2009 marks the time for the Sixth Council Gathering hosted by Take-Ima Siletz Grandmother, Agnes Baker Pilgrim of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The oldest living member of the Takelma Tribe, Grandmother Agnes has been named a living legend of her Tribe. She restored the traditional Salmon Ceremony and has been an outspoken "voice for the voiceless" — animals, trees and all beings. Our intention is to further honor her and her people with the Sixth Council gathering at her homeland. We will come together to light the sacred fire and pray for unity and peace for all people.

Lincoln City is Tribal land, right on the beautiful Oregon Coast.

Mission Statement

The Grandmothers Mission Statement is as follows: We, the International Council of Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers, represent a global alliance of prayer, education and healing for our Mother Earth, all her inhabitants, all the children and for the next seven generations to come. We are deeply concerned with the unprecedented destruction of our Mother Earth and the destruction of indigenous ways of life. We believe the teachings of our ancestors will light our way through an uncertain future. We look to further our vision through the realization of projects that protect our diverse cultures: lands, medicines, language and ceremonial

ways of prayer and through projects that educate and nurture our children.

Tuition and Lodging

Tuition is \$350, with a \$150 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration. The balance of \$200 is due by July 15. All amounts are in U.S. dollars. A sliding fee scale is available to attend different days of the gathering

To pay by mail, please send check or money order to: Center for Sacred Studies P.O. Box 745, Sonoma, CA 95370. Other

payment options are available at www.grandmotherscouncil.com.

Your lodging and food are not included in the tuition. Information on local motels and restaurants is available on the grandmothers' web site. If you are traveling on your own and are interested in sharing a room, contact the registrar, Rebecca Rodriguez, at rebeccarodriguez333@yahoo.com.

Also, please contact Rodriguez if you have any questions or need assistance, or visit www.grandmotherscouncil.com.

Sixth Council Program

Aug. 3 – Blessing Our Elders

Public arrives in Lincoln City

Check-in and registration:
1-4 p.m.

Public Council begins at 4:30 p.m.
with the Opening Prayer at the
Council Fire

Aug. 4 – Blessing Our Water

Aug. 5 – Blessing Our Earth

Aug. 6 – Blessing Our Youth

Aug. 7 – Blessing Our Ancestors
Noon at the Council Fire: Public Council Closing Ceremonies

Aug. 8-9: After the Gathering: Nesika Illahee Pow Wow, Siletz

I would love to have as many of our Tribal people as possible to greet the Grandmothers when they get to Lincoln City, Ore., on July 30, 2009. The exact time will be given so all will know the time they will get there.

My name is Agnes Baker-Pilgrim, the chairperson for the Thirteen International Indigenous Grandmothers. We united Oct. 11, 2004, near Phoenicia, N.Y., for the first time in the history of the world. We go every six months to each of the grandmother's places. This is the sixth gathering and they'll reach Lincoln City on July 30. On July 31, the sacred fire will be lit on the beach.

I'm very proud to have the financial assistance of \$17,000 to offset some of the cost of caring for them. Thank you, Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund, for your donation. I'm proud to have the financial funds you gave. Bless you all.

The Grandmothers will participate in the Siletz pow-wow parade in Siletz on the second weekend in August.

Thank you,
Agnes Baker-Pilgrim
Chairperson

Lakota Oyate Ki 25th Annual Big Yard Pow Wow Saturday August 1, 2009 Salem, Oregon

The Lakota Oyate Ki Circle here at O.S.P. invites you to come to our gathering.

This gathering starts at 7:30am and ends at 3:00pm.

We will be dancing, singing, and making presentations to acknowledge our supporters who have stood by us throughout the years.

Breakfast and traditional foods will be served throughout the day.

We will have a "Give-away", with items crafted by our Lakota Circle Brothers at the O.S.P. Hobby Shop.

No one leaves empty handed!

Things to know:

- Check-in-time is 7:30am-10:00am.
- Dress appropriately.
- No Denim clothing.
- Everyone must bring Photo ID.
- No Minors under 18-years of age.
- You must pass through a very sensitive metal-detector
- If you are a **dancer or a singer**, please let us know in advance so that we can cover guidelines for coming through the O.S.P. Staff.

"Our deadline is July 24, 2009 in order to be cleared by O.S.P. to attend the Pow Wow!"

Lakota Oyate Ki
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O.S.P. Activities Section
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If you are interested in coming in **you need to call** or if you have further questions please **contact** the:

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ALL DRUM GROUPS AND DANCERS ARE WELCOMED!

Deadline Set in Jesuit Bankruptcy Children Abused by Jesuit Priests Must Come Forward by Nov. 30

PORTLAND, Ore. — In early June, a federal court judge in Portland set an important deadline in a case that could affect hundreds of Jesuit abuse survivors in five Northwest states and beyond, including Washington, Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Alaska.

According to a group of Northwest attorneys, the abuse is certainly not limited geographically to the Northwest.

"Jesuit missionaries serving here often served internationally or elsewhere in the country, where they continued to abuse," stated John Allison, Spokane attorney representing claimants.

It's estimated that many of the victims were American Indian children abused at remote missions and reservations in Washington, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska (including the Colville reservation in Central Washington, the Nez Perce/Lapwai mission in Idaho and the St. Paul, St. Anne and St. Ignatius missions in Montana).

"The Native American reservations were remote, the children were ordered to comply with the Jesuit authority figures and the result is shattered adult lives," said Tim Kosnoff, Seattle attorney representing survivors of Jesuit abuse throughout the country and Canada. "Sometimes survivors of childhood abuse try to bury it, deny it, disassociate from it, abuse drugs and alcohol to numb the pain or to distract themselves from the terrible memories. It is important that survivors know that their anonymity can be protected."

The Nov. 30 deadline, entered June 1 by Judge Elizabeth L. Perris, a federal court judge in Portland, requires that

claimants (survivors) must file a claim form before that date or they could forever lose their rights to seek justice for physical, sexual or mental misconduct against the Society of Jesus, Oregon Province (a Jesuit Order of the Catholic Church). The monetary award figure to compensate the abuse survivors is yet to be determined.

"The brave men and women who are stepping forward in large numbers are together shining a bright light on a tragic past. They are stepping up to protect today's children so this never happens again," Allison stated. "These courageous victims have all made the same decision. They realize they are not alone and it was not their fault."

Those wanting to view a list of accused Jesuit perpetrators, as well as locations, can view that information at www.JesuitAbuse.com. A toll-free number has been set up for abuse survivors, 888-667-0683. All calls made to the number will be confidential.

As part of the notification process, the court will demand that ads be placed in newspapers across the five states in an attempt to reach claimants who have not yet come forward. Because the abuse happened over many decades, some claimants may be elderly.

"We hope that the children and grandchildren of some of these victims will help their family members gather their courage to come forward," James said. "Coming forward now sends a clear message to the church that such abuse will no longer be a secret kept by victim and the institutional change must be made to protect children now and in the future."