

Kennedy speaks at U.N. panel session

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NEW YORK CITY — In the 1850s, Native people living in the western United States signed “peace” treaties with the federal government in exchange for land that was to provide a safe homeland and economic opportunities, said Cheryle A. Kennedy, chairwoman of the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde, during an ecumenical panel discussion on Monday, May 7, at the United Nations Church Center.

A century later, in 1954, in an “act of termination,” when the government took the land back and stripped the Native people of their indigenous status, “many bad things happened, but we were not broken,” she continued.

In the 1970s, members of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde resolved to overturn the government’s decision and by 1983 their indigenous status had been restored. In 1988, almost 10,000 acres were returned.

Since then, Kennedy said, they’ve been buying back land “acre by acre.”

The Episcopal Church and other faith groups were among the sponsors of the U.N. panel session, titled “Churches Disavow the Doctrine of Discovery: Calling for Poverty Alleviation and Healing,” which sought to address education, land rights, reconciliation, healing and practical next steps. It was attended by almost two dozen people.

The panel discussion took place



Cheryle A. Kennedy

on the first day of the 11th session of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues meeting held May 7-18 and

themed “The Doctrine of Discovery: Its enduring impact on indigenous peoples and the right to redress for past conquests (articles 28 and 37 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples).”

The “Doctrine of Discovery” refers to international laws that set forth the ways in which colonial powers laid claim to newly discovered territories beginning in the early 1500s and continuing through the 1700s. Throughout the 19th century, it was believed that the United States, specifically people of Anglo-Saxon descent, were destined to expand across the continent, in what was referred to as “Manifest Destiny.”

The 2009 meeting of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church passed a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. The Anglican Church of Canada took a similar action in 2010, followed by the World Council of Churches in 2012.

In addition to Kennedy, the panel included Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts

Schori; Robert J. Miller, a professor at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Ore., and chief judge of the Grand Ronde Appeals Court; and Sarah Augustine, director of the Suriname Indigenous Health Fund and a member of the Mennonite Church.

Sarah Eagle Heart, the Episcopal Church’s missionary for indigenous ministries, moderated the panel, which began with the screening of a video produced by the Episcopal Church that explores the lasting impact of the Doctrine of Discovery.

The hurt left by the doctrine on North America’s Native people can be seen in the form of high suicide rates, alcohol and drug abuse, and the prevalence of violence and rape. It’s not easy to enter into the work of reconciliation, and it’s easier for non-Native people to walk away and ignore the acts of their ancestors, said Eagle Heart.

“It’s much, much harder to sit together and face the pain,” she said. “Healing from excruciating pain is still needed today.”

Following the eviction from the Garden of Eden, the Bible is full of stories that focus on human communities and their striving to return “to a homeland that will be a source of blessing for the whole community,” said Schori during the panel.

Miller talked briefly about international law and the Doctrine of Discovery, going back to the Crusades when Rome and the Christian monarchies of Europe set out to dominate the world and subjugate and enslave all non-Christian people.

In 1436, Pope Eugene IV issued a papal bull giving control and sovereignty of the Canary Islands to

Portugal, rather than Spain, which then sent Portugal on the path to colonization down the western coast of Africa. Spain, feeling left out, headed west. In 1493, Pope Alexander V, issued four papal bulls that, in effect, divided the world in half; splitting it between Spain and Portugal, said Miller.

“When the Europeans showed up, Native people lost title to their land,” he said.

Other European nations followed, staking claim to territories by planting flags and crosses, but it wasn’t until 1823, with Johnson v. McIntosh, that the United States defined the Doctrine of Discovery as “discovery” and “conquest,” limiting Tribal land and sovereignty rights. The court case, which involved a land dispute between two white men in Indiana, became the international model, added Miller.

Even today, said Augustine, indigenous people are being “colonized.” Augustine works with indigenous people in Suriname who have been displaced and made sick by the growth of the mining industry in that small South American country, which until 1975 belonged to the Netherlands.

“The people I help need help every day,” said Augustine, urging those present to encourage aid to indigenous people through the support of grassroots movements. She also urged support for nations, such as Suriname and the United States, to adopt the U.N. rights of indigenous people into their constitutions.

In addition to Kennedy, Tribal member Greg Archuleta attended the panel discussion. ■

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IN THE TRIBAL COURT OF THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE GRAND RONDE COMMUNITY OF OREGON

In the Matter of: CASHATT, SUMMER, Petitioner,

CASE NO. C-12-03-001
DECREE NAME CHANGE

Based on the allegations set forth in the Petition for Change of Name filed by Petitioner on March 21, 2012.

THE COURT FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the Petitioner and the subject matter of the Petition herein;
2. The Petitioner is over 18 years of age;
3. The Petitioner is an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Community of Oregon;
4. The Petitioner has not petitioned and been granted a change of name by the Tribal Court within the past twelve (12) months;
5. The Petitioner has served Notice to Creditors and has served Notice to Former Spouse, and no other persons are entitled to notice of the Petition.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED AND DECREED:

1. The name of the Petitioner is changed from Summer Rose Cashatt to Summer Rose Mercier;
2. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall cause a copy of this order to be published in the Tribal Newsletter;
3. The Clerk of the Tribal Court shall submit a certified copy of this order to the Grand Ronde Tribal Enrollment office;
4. The Clerk of the Court shall provide a certified copy of the Order to the Oregon State Department of Vital Statistics.

DATED THIS 3rd DAY OF MAY, 2012.

Suzanne Ojibway Townsend,
Chief Judge

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