Standing with Standing Rock
An Episcopal Peace Fellowship Event Equipping Cross Cultural Allies
September 6 – 9, 2018

Standing with Tribal Nations
Standing for Peace & Justice
Standing in the Care of Creation

An Experiential Conference weaving together lessons in

Becoming a Cross Cultural Ally by Engaging Story, Traditions, Customs and Practicing Respect

Exposing Our Christian Tradition & The Doctrine of Discovery
When we had it wrong
When we had it right
What reformation is to come of repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery

Discussion of the practice of Civil Disobedience

Harnessing Passion for Justice into Sustainable Practice

Developing strategies that resist violent escalation in Water Protection and Peaceful Protests

“While we were here, by burning copies of the Doctrine of Discovery we were signaling an end to a past that has affected millions and millions of people. People who have been colonized and people who have been enslaved, but also the enslavers and the colonizers, it’s affected us all.”
The Rt. Rev. Marc Handley Andrus as told to Episcopal News Service. Andrus, who serves as Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of California and attended the November 2016 rally with 10 parishioners, believes he witnessed “the end of an age.”
So you heard about Standing Rock...
What did you hear? Where did you hear it? Social Media, private Security Forces, Local News Outlets, National News including Networks, and first person reporting have all been used to spread the #NoDAPL, Standing With Standing Rock, and Pro-oil industry stories. This weekend long conference will tell the story from the viewpoint of the Church and Clergy Standing With Standing Rock.

For me it began while I was away on a short sabbatical. Standing Rock people started to gather at the bottom of what became known as Sacred Stone Camp. They were preparing to take a stand.

I watched from afar – sneaking some time on Facebook to see pictures and hear songs on live stream video. I was in Norway for the month of June of 2016.

I listened for what I could not anticipate. For me it was like a clap of thunder without the flash of lightning. Something was taking place along the valley floor or the Cannon Ball River. There was a stirring that spun the open field into an encampment of hundreds, then of thousands and then to tens of thousands. The tribal nations of Turtle Island – those territories that stretch between great oceans and from the frigid north to heat of the south – they came.

Indigenous people from the four winds came. There were so many languages spoken, sung and used in prayer on the floor of that valley and around this one sacred fire.

I witnessed them coming. I sat with them along highway 1806 and in its ditches. They hung their flags on the fences that lined the road until the fences had no room. I looked and I saw flags from tribal nation after tribal nation. They were standing together. They were standing with Standing Rock.

Our flags – flags representing the Christian faith - were missing. Our support of Standing Rock was unknown. The absence of the church was as visible. As the local priest standing ground with Standing Rock I didn’t need the church to come in order to offer prayer. I didn’t need the church to come in order to provide leadership. I didn’t need the church to come to provide its resources. The church needed to get there to stand with, to be present among these nations and it needed to witness for justice. I needed its witness that is communicated in presence and risk.

Justice is beginning to pour from a well that has been plugged with the refuse of church and civil doctrines: Discovery, Manifest Destiny, and America as the Great Melting Pot. We are a diverse nation with many cultures existing within and alongside of one another. The first – the Indigenous – have unique claim to this territory as its keepers and protectors.

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When: September 6 – 9, 2018

Where: Our time will be divided between being on Standing Rock and staying at St. Gabriel’s Episcopal Camp and at the United Tribes Pow Wow in Bismarck. St. Gabriel’s is a rustic Camp about 35 miles south of Mandan and is on the northern border of the Standing Rock Nation. We are planning for a group of no more than 24 participants. They will be at home for the weekend in cabins with bunks and mattresses so bring your own bedding, towels and toiletries. It can begin to get chilly (or still pretty hot) this early in September so plan accordingly.

Transportation: Arrive in Bismarck by car, bus or plane. American Airlines, Delta, United and Allegiant (limited access) fly into Bismarck. Transportation from that point will be coordinated for you.

Cost?
1. Your Transportation to Bismarck (please arrive prior to 4:00 pm into Bismarck)
2. $200.00 Registration Fee to include food, lodging, Pow Wow entrance fee and local transportation.

Schedule:
Thursday, September 6: Arrive in Bismarck by 4:00 pm (estimated arrival time/airline is noted on your registration)
6:30 pm: Sack lunch supper at Tribes
9:00 pm: Make our way to St. Gabriel’s and assign cabins

Friday, September 7:
8:00 am: Wake up, Showers, and Coffee
9:00 am: Breakfast
9:45 am: Session #1 – Welcome to Lakota Territory
Noon: Lunch
1:00 pm: Session #2 – The Doctrine of Discovery
2:30 pm: Session #3 – Understanding Privilege
4:00 pm: Prepare sack lunches and return to Tribes Pow Wow
9:30 pm: Return to St. Gabriel’s

Saturday, September 8:
8:00 am: Wake up, Showers, Coffee
9:00 am: Breakfast
9:45 am: Session #4 – Tribal Traditions and Care of Creation
Noon: Lunch
1:00 pm: Session #5 – The Story of the Backwater Bridge
2:30 pm: Session #6 – Making friendship to become an ally
4:00 pm: Prepare sack lunches and return to Tribes Pow Wow
9:30 pm: Return to St. Gabriel’s

Sunday, September 9:
7:00 am: Wake up, Showers, Coffee
8:15 am: Leave for worship St. Luke’s in Ft. Yates*
9:00 am: Breakfast
10:00 am: Leave for worship at St. James’ in Cannon Ball*
1:00 pm: Lunch at St. James’
Leave for Airport**

* Choose to attend worship in Ft. Yates or Cannon Ball or both
** Please include estimated flight departure time on registration form
Registration Form:
Or register online:  https://tinyurl.com/EPFStandingRock

Name: _____________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________
City: _______________________________________________________
State: _____ Zip: _______ Telephone: _______________________
Email address: _____________________________________________

Are you over 18 years of age? Yes or No (please circle)

Any special dietary needs?

Please bring your bedding and a towel with your toiletries.

Registrations will be capped at 30.
Minimum Conference Size is 7 registrations.

Registration fee to include all meals, entrance to events and local transportation is $200.00
Checks may be made out to St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Registration form and fee may be sent to:
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Whatever we do as individuals or a group during our time together will be done prayerfully, peacefully, nonviolently and lawfully.