

## SACRED WATER CIRCLE GATHERING

May 2 - 4th, 2014 | Peter Growski College, Trent University

Leading with prayer and walking together for solutions and action.

# With International Elders and Spiritual Leaders

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Registration now open for 2014 Sacred Water Circle Gathering

**Peterborough, Ont (March 1, 2014)** Registration opened this morning for the 2014 Sacred Water Circle Gathering being held in Peterborough from May 2nd to 4th. Those interested in attending the three-day event are asked to register by visiting sacredwater.ca

2014 marks the third year for the Gathering, which honors the sacredness of water by bringing sacred teachings to those who work with the water in science and policy. This unique conference celebrates the water with ceremony, ancient teachings, and interactive dialogue for action between sectors. Within the three day conference there will be vendors, art exhibits, film screenings and performance art entertainment. The event is centered in Peterborough with activities taking place at Trent University and Petrogylphs Provincial Park. This year's Sacred Water Circle Gathering is expected to draw visitors from across Canada and the United States to the Peterborough region to explore and honor the sacred connections between water and our communities.

The 2014 Gathering is featuring guests from around North and South America. Organizers have confirmed the attendance of several First Nations Elders, Community Leaders and Spiritual Leaders including members of the Hopi Nation from the Village of Shungopavi, Charlie and Morris Neyelle Sahtu Dene, Deline First Nation in the North West Territories; Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19<sup>th</sup> Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe of Sioux Nation South Dakota; a family of La Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta, Columbia, the People of the Earth; Grandmother Josephine Mandamin the founder of the Mother Earth Water Walks; Jhaimy Alvarez-Acosta Andean Wisdom Keeper; and Angaangaq Angkkorsuaq Kalaallit Nunaat, Greenland.

The 2014 Gathering will bring together all of these nations with other teachers, local elders such as Elder Shirley Williams member of the Bird Clan of the Ojibway and Odawa First Nations and Dan Longboat Mohawk from the Six Nations of the Grand River to pass on teachings of their ancestors to one another and to all those who work for the water. This gathering will offer insight, hope and spiritual courage for the next seven generations. More information and a full list of event dignitaries will be released in the coming weeks.

The registration fee for the three-day event is on a pay what you can basis ranging from \$200 to \$300 which includes all events, activities, meals, and transportation to the Petrogylphs Provincial Park. Full registration information can be found at sacredwater.ca. You can also register in person by visiting the GreenUP Store at 378 Aylmer Street in Peterborough. Registration closes April 18<sup>th</sup>. It's recommended to register early, to ensure admission to the various activities taking place during the course of the weekend. Registration is limited to only 150 participants.