

Gathering of Indigenous Spiritual Elders of South America & The Abya Yala

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A CALL FROM THE HEART OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE PLANET FOR HEALING AND RECONNECTING WITH MOTHER EARTH

We the representatives of the First Nations of South, Central and North America, India and Japan, are responding to the call of Mother Earth (PACHAMAMA). As her children we feel the pain she is experiencing. We resolve to fulfill our responsibility to protect and heal Mother Earth and also bring about the healing of humanity.

Around the Sacred Fire, through many days and nights we shared memories of our origin-of times we lived in peace, unity, and in harmony between the peoples and the Universe.

Around the Sacred Fire we shared the pains of many centuries of slavery, colonization, invasions and violence that bathed our territories with blood and tears and disrupted the natural order. All of these were the result of a development paradigm centered on excessive individualism and a fragmented vision of life. Despite these circumstances we did not lose our ancestral connection; and over time the resistance of our peoples has been growing stronger. We have always lived according to the pillars of spirituality, reciprocity and an integral vision, living in harmony with the cycles of space and time.

It is clear that today Mother Earth suffers from the serious destruction of the rivers, lakes, seas, and the essential sources of life (four elements), putting at risk the existence of everyone and all life on the planet. The cause of all of this is the economic, political and cultural systems that are driven by greed and avarice.

Spiritual disease manifesting in the form of mining-extraction, mono-culture based agro-industries, drug trafficking, hydroelectric plants, war and conflict, and extremist views that disharmonize and generate imbalance. All of these things call us to return to the origin, to the roots, to our sacred sites, and to the original governments, which were based on the great representative council of the four cardinal points (North, South, East and West).

Consequently, we representatives agreed to re-establish the Council of the First Nations and Indigenous Peoples of the World, the legacy of our ancestors, as guiding principles for our self-governments that should consist of wise spiritual elders, men and women, leaders of the original peoples organizations, and the leaders of the four directions.

The word spoken by the representatives guides this Council to help heal ourselves and to heal Mother Earth, to preserve and transmit the ancestral wisdom to the present and future generations. The Council of the First Nations and Indigenous Peoples of the World has the purpose to lead humanity back to the Good Living.



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In this way we commit ourselves to weave the knots that connect the local to the global, to revitalize the centers of ancestral thought and knowledge, the centers of the action and knowledge of women, to revitalize ancestral communication, music, songs, dances, rituals and sacred ceremonies of the peoples, the ceremonial lunar and solar celebrations, and the recovery and purification of the sacred sites. We commit to working with sources of energy to re-establish balance and restore natural order.

This is a call from our hearts to the hearts of all those who feel this collective conscience of caring for and protecting our common home. We call upon the following:

1. To the social and political organizations: so that they can listen to this message and realize that the wisdom of our ancient peoples is the solution to heal the illness that our Mother Earth is experiencing.

2. To governments: to recognize and value the wisdom, knowledge, science and ancestral spiritual authority that has maintained the integrity of indigenous territories.

3. To the United Nations: to support the endorsement of the rights of Mother Earth.

The new dawn ushers in unity, happiness, peace and harmony and the continuation of the spiral of life.

We call on all Indigenous Peoples to do translate this document in their native languages.

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To communicate, spread and fulfill.

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