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Ministry Moments

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Dear friend,

In April, the fourth annual **Tribal Ministry Conference** (TMC 25), that I helped plan and lead, was again very successful in bringing together Native leaders, their people, and many others who are committed to Native ministry, from across the spectrum of theological and worship traditions in a spirit of unity. As in past conferences, most participants have expressed a strong desire to continue these events annually. Networking and building relationships among attendees from around the Pacific Northwest was a valuable part of TMC 25.



Native leader panel at Tribal Ministry Conference



Saldie White (Haida), Sacred Path Fellowship member

The conference theme this year was, **“Caring for ourselves so we can care for others.”** Our plenary speakers and workshop leaders gave very helpful presentations on gaining and maintaining a healthy spiritual lifestyle as well as ways to help people who struggle with the harmful effects of various kinds of trauma. One ministry model presented was material from the **Multiplying Hope** small group healing model developed to serve refugees in the Middle East and Africa. (See the Multiplying Hope website for more

information). There is a widespread need for these types of healing ministries among our First Nations people.

I thank you who prayed for the conference and helped fund it. Now I'm asking you to pray with me for God to bring someone to take over my role in the TMC 26 planning process. I want to stay involved but not in the lead position.

Please pray for God to raise up workers and effective strategies to reach Native youth with the gospel. Currently, there are no youth ministries focused on the thousands of Native teens in our area.

Also, please continue to pray with me regarding the desire to launch a ministry in Seattle. (I mentioned this in my last two letters.) Despite the multiple thousands of Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Canadian First Nations people in the greater Seattle area, I have very few contacts among them and our initial home meetings there did not draw anyone. We are seeking God's timing and strategy regarding a fresh effort to launch a ministry in Seattle.

We continue to enjoy the blessing of the Creator as Sacred Path Fellowship, our urban Native-friendly church develops. It's encouraging to welcome new attendees. However, we desire to reach more young families and Native youth. Please join us in praying for these and for younger leaders to be trained up in the work.

Nancy and I are grateful and blessed to have friends that support us in this exciting ministry. Thank you!

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