

Doctrine of Christian Discovery: After Repudiation, What Next?

May 24-25, 2014

The Skä·noñh — Great Law of Peace Center

(former site of St Marie Among the Iroquois)
6680 Onondaga Lake Parkway, Liverpool, NY 13088

Saturday, 24 May:

- 9 AM Opening and Welcome to Skä·noñh Center
- 10 AM Onondaga Nation Land Rights Action
- 11 AM Presentations by Christian groups working on repudiation statements
- Lunch and film discussion
- 2 PM Breakout sessions
- 5 PM Conference discussion of 'What's Next?'
- 6 PM Dinner and Social

Sunday, 25 May:

Closing Ceremony, breakfast and summation

\$30 REGISTRATION INCLUDES MEALS DURING THE CONFERENCE

Please register by May 16th so we can provide everyone with enough food.

Discounted hotel information available. No one will be turned away from the door.

Registration Contact: Sandy Bigtree, sbigtree@syr.edu or 315-254-0288

Conference description:

From initial contact over 520 years ago, Indigenous leaders have brought into discussion the insidious role that Christianity has played in colonization and environmental destruction. Over the last several decades the Doctrine of Christian Discovery has been seen not only in historical and contemporary subjugation of indigenous human rights and land rights, but also in the ongoing devastation of the environment we all share.

We seek to bring together people who have worked on addressing and repudiating this doctrine so that we might learn from each other and develop strategies for moving forward with this work. How can we use the momentum from repudiation to change the colonial paradigms that drive decisions in our settler society? What are core issues that will benefit from alliances between Indigenous Peoples and FaithBased Communities? What have we learned about people and what impacts our understanding?

Co-sponsors include: Onondaga Nation, Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation, Religion Department @ Syracuse University, Onondaga Historical Association, Loretto Community (Denver, CO), New York Yearly Meeting (Quaker) Indian Affairs Committee, NYS Committee on Native American Ministries of the United Methodist Church, Zen Center of Syracuse, All Saints Catholic Parish.



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Speakers and Schedule

Saturday 24 May at Skä·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center:

8 AM light breakfast and registration

9 AM: Tadodaho Sid Hill, opening

Sandy Bigtree, Sue Eiholzer welcome and orientation

Phil Arnold: Skä·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center and the DoCD

Joe Heath: Onondaga Land Rights Action, the OAS, and the DoCD

Betty Lyons: (report from Tonya Gonnella Frichner on 13th UNPFII)

10:30 AM: Break

11 AM: Religious groups Repudiating the DoCD Panel:

Episcopalian: John Dieffenbacher-Krall

Loretto Community: Libby Comeaux, Sandra Hareld, Theresa Kubasak, Sally Dunne

Friends: Susan Wolf and Tom Rothschild

Unitarian-Universalist: Clyde Grubbs

United Methodist: Kae Wilbert

Disciples of Christ: David Bell (Skype)

12:30 PM: Lunch

Break out sessions: What's Next?

3:30 PM: Break

4 PM: Robert Miller (Skype)

5 PM: Coming together for discussion of strategies

6 PM: Dinner

7 PM: Film Screening: "Cowjews and Indians" (<http://cowjewsandindians.com/>)

Discussion with Joyce Tekahnawiiaks King and Mark Halberstadt

25 May at Skä·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center:

Thanksgiving Ceremony, closing

Concluding breakfast and sharing, future plans