Evening Activities

7:00 pm Mass in St. John’s Church at Creighton University
8:30 pm Social Dance in the Skutt Student Center of Creighton University
10:30 Rest

Registration

The cultural events on Friday and Saturday are open to the public free of charge and without registration. The conference on Saturday does, however, require a $20 registration. This will go toward providing quality lunch, dinner, and refreshments to conference attendees.

One may either register online at the following address and pay at the door.

http://cmp1.wufoo.com/forms/conference-rsvp/
Alternatively, one may register and pay in advance at the following locations:

El Caribe Grocery Store: 7711 L St, Omaha (77 & L)
Supertienda el Quetzal: 1941 Vinton Street, Omaha
Simple Wireless Solutions: 4111 L St, Omaha (L & 41)
Supertienda La Economica: 5520 S. 36th St, Omaha

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International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

Organized by:
Comunidad Maya Pixan Ixim, Creighton University Office of Multicultural Affairs and Native American Studies Program, and the Voiceless Speak Fund of the Guatemala Human Rights Commission USA

August 9 – August 10, 2013

Overview

Pixan Ixim, Creighton University, and the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, with the support of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Nebraska Cultural Endowment, are pleased to announce the first annual Omaha Celebration of the International Day of Indigenous Peoples held at Creighton University. This celebration highlights the presence of First Nations Communities in Omaha, Nebraska and the surrounding region. We have arts and culture events planned, as well as a conference on Mayan community organization. This is an opportunity to reflect on progress in Mayan communities and to organize collaborative community-building efforts.

This year, we have invited the following speakers:

• Bishop Ramazzini of Guatemala
• Miguel Francisco Nicolás of Guatemala
• Angelina Antonio Ramón and Pedro Ramón of Guatemala
• Prof. Daniel Caño of Guatemala
• Dr. Rudi Mitchell of Omaha
We kick off on Friday, August 9th at 6:00 pm at the Skutt Student Center on the Creighton University campus for some opening remarks before an Omaha Nation Cedar Ceremony and a Maya ceremony and social dance.

We are holding a conference in the morning and afternoon of Saturday August 10th, with registration beginning at 8:30 am in the Skutt Student Center. Here, Bishop Ramazzini will give a keynote address on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and a panel discussion will follow. We will consider issues such as immigration and human mobility, exploitation of resources in indigenous Guatemalan communities, and indigenous peoples’ rights. Moreover, we will work on developing concrete proposals for addressing shared problems. This is an ideal opportunity for Maya leaders and activists to discuss their work and the issues affecting their own communities.

We all gather back together on Saturday evening at 7:00 pm for mass at St. John’s Church. Afterward, we will adjourn to the Skutt Student Center to conclude the festivities with music by the Pixan Ixim marimba group and a social dance. Attendees will have the opportunity to observe and learn traditional Mayan dance with the Association of Maya Students.

**Schedule**

**Friday, August 9th**

5:00 pm Social Hour
in the Skutt Student Center of Creighton University

6:00 pm Opening Remarks by

Dr. Rudi Mitchell - Former Tribal Chairman and Elder of the Omaha Nation,

Ricardo Ariza - Creighton University, and

Franco Gaspar - CMPI President.

in the Skutt Student Center of Creighton University

6:15 pm Introductions
in the Skutt Student Center of Creighton University

This is an opportunity for Indigenous Organizations to introduce themselves and the work they do.

Dr. Rudi Mitchell and Daniel Cano explain the Cedar and Maya Ceremony, and Bishop Ramazzini invites everyone to participate.

7:00 pm Cedar Ceremony by Dr. Rudi Mitchell
in the Jesuit Garden of Creighton University

7:15 pm Maya Ceremony (traditional Maya Prayer
in the Jesuit Garden of Creighton University

We will connect with our Creator, Humanity and Mother Earth through prayer in the Maya spiritual tradition led by

Miguel Francisco Nicolás,
Angelina Antonio Ramón and Pedro Ramón, and

Professor Daniel Caño.

9:30 pm Rest

**Saturday, August 10th**

**Conference: Morning Session**
in the Skutt Student Center of Creighton University

8:30 am Reception and Registration

9:00 am Opening Remarks from a Representative of Creighton University

Mr. Franco Gaspar, CMPI president, welcomes guest speakers

Aj Txaj Miguel Francisco Nicolás,
Aj Txaj Angelina Antonio Ramón Pedro Ramón,

Prof. Daniel Caño,

Judy gaishkobos, and

Kathryn Johnson

9:15 am Juana Marcos, CMPI Executive Director, recognizes partners of the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples.

10:30 am Coffee Break

10:45 am Panel Discussion on the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Judy gaishkobos: an Overview of the UN Declaration and the Rights of Native Americans in Nebraska

Prof. Daniel Caño: Maya Spirituality

Juana Marcos: Indigenous Rights and Immigration

Juanatano Caño, Pastoral Maya: Maya Catholics and the USCCB

Kathryn Johnson: the Guatemalan Human Rights Commission

12:15 pm Lunch Break

1:15 pm Bishop Ramazzini: Transnational Corporations and Natural Resource Exploitation in Indigenous Guatemalan Communities

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Paper Presentation by Luis Marcos: On Human Mobility (US Immigration Policies) in light of the UN Declaration on the Rights of the Worlds Indigenous Peoples, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other International Treaties.

3:30 pm Break

4:15 pm Next Steps: Action Plan and Timeline

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5:00 pm Concluding Remarks from Maria Gaspar

5:15 pm Dinner