

“Breaking of the Dawn...Arrival of a New Day” Celebration Gathering

Aug. 17 & 18, 2012 on Muckleshoot Reservation, Auburn WA at the Pentecostal Church

Sponsored by Firestarters Ministries

A documentary DVD will be available of this event

What a glorious, memorable event to honor our Creator and bless the people! The gathering was a huge success, very empowering and igniting to all who attended.

The church was beautifully decorated. Hanging from the ceiling from the entrance all the way to the dining area were red salmon cut-outs to represent the tribes west of Mt Rainier; while yellow teepees represented the tribes east of Mt Rainier in WA State. Close to the dining area on the walls was the “Wall of Honor” with 33 poster-size plaques acknowledging all the tribal people in WA State. The sanctuary was adorned with teepees, native dolls, drums, and cradle boards. A huge mural hung in the gym. The Creator gave the vision for “Breaking of the Dawn” and it was represented in the mural. On one side of the mural hung a large yellow banner of a plains native woman raising her hands with the words “Worshiping Creator Jesus”; on the other side, hung a large red banner of a native coastal warrior also raising his hands in worship to the Creator. On the warrior banner were the words...“every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne...Rev 7:9”. On Saturday, tables would be set up with red tablecloths, fresh cedar boughs, and pine cones. The center of the gym will be opened for dancing, with the focus being the beautiful, colorful, large mural and banners.

Prayer walks inside and out, decorations in place ... the stage was set for the celebration!

The event began on Friday evening with a flood of people signing in. Over 250 people in attendance. Some of the tribal affiliation included Yakama, Snoqualmie, Upper Skagit, Quinault, Cowlitz, Quileute, Nooksack, Puyallup, Makah, Muckleshoot, Lummi, Colville, Duwamish, Algonquin, Choctaw, Cheyenne-Pueblo, Apache-Navajo, Coeur d’Alene, Kickapoo-Sac & Fox, Sioux, Yavapai Apache, Wyandotte, Pima-T’hono, Dodlam-Nez Perce, Cherokee, Ojibwa, Abenaki, Athabaskan, Haida, Tlingit, Sto:lo, Blackfoot, Blackfeet, Eskimo, Turtle Mountain Chippewa, Creek, Siletz, Northern Cheyenne, T’hono Dodlam, Kiowa, Ottawa, Fountain Band, and Carrier. There were more people from Hawaii, Texas, and Pennsylvania. Other indigenous representation included Korea, Japan, Germany, Poland, Australia, Kenya, China, Sami, Philipians, Israel, Sweden, Holland and South America. There were lots of people there to honor Creator Jesus and bless the tribal people of Washington State. What a gathering of the NATIONS!

Friday was a time of celebration with singing, drumming, and dancing. The wall between the sanctuary and gym was pushed back to make room for the women dancing with their shawls and flags. Some men joined the group too. It was absolutely beautiful!

On Saturday, with over 350 people in attendance, the time of honoring began. Three dance groups blessed the crowd...the African Kenya Group, Pacific Islander Group...Warriors’ Cry, and the Soaring Eagles Native Messianic team from Arizona. All the groups were dancing for The Creator within the context of their culture.

Just as our Creator fed the 5,000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes, the Creator provided for the delicious feast with salmon from three different sources, delicious meat and lots of food and beverages for the celebration, with plenty left over. Almost a 1000 people were fed over the weekend.

There was a huge giveaway Saturday evening that went on for hours. A u-haul was needed to bring all the donated items to the church. Many said they had never experienced anything like it...it was awesome! This was just the beginning of the blessings the Creator has for the Native people!

Following the giveaway, Gary & Pat Walker passed the "potlatch spoon" to Dan and LaRita Lundy, Siletz with Sacred Grounds and Messenger Ministries to host the next celebration most likely on the Siletz Reservation in Oregon. No date has been set and already people want to donate for the next celebration. It's been requested the mural for WA State be used at the Siletz celebration.

Sunday, many stayed for service to hear an anointed word on the significance of "breaking". There was more drumming, singing, dancing and many received prayer. The meal served after service wrapped up the weekend's activities.

We raise our hands in gratitude to Creator Jesus, our faithful, hardworking committee, the volunteers who served before, during and afterwards, our grandchildren who helped load the u-haul, wash dishes, and serve the elders, the Muckleshoot Tribe and Pastors Kenny & Charlotte Williams. Without everyone's help, the celebration would have not been possible

Various comment we heard: "I have never felt such peace!"; "I felt so loved and accepted"; I'm new in the area, with little money but now I have many items for my apartment." "The meeting was a not a church meeting per say, yet everywhere you looked there were these little groups of people praying for each other...in the building, in the parking lot." "Healing happened, acceptance happened, relationships established and some restored and unity came forth!" "It was a wonderful time!" "Can we do this next year?" "Can we make this an annual event?" and many, many more.

History of the event to honor our Creator:

"Honoring the Creator" potlatch began in Fairbanks with the Rev Chief David Salmon, who broke tradition, as only a chief can do, and said yes to a potlatch being held to honor Creator. That potlatch was hosted by Rita Pierce, Battleaxe Ministries in 2007. From Fairbanks, the potlatch was passed to Norman and Sonya Scan of Kee Ya Aa Ministries in Ketchikan, AK. They hosted Celebrating Creator potlatch in 2009. From Ketchikan, Gary and Pat Walker of Firestarters Ministries in Tacoma, WA where given the spoon with the words..."it's time for the state of Washington to host the next potlatch"... thus "Breaking of the Dawn...Arrival of a New Day" celebration. We say thank you Creator for allowing us to sponsor this event in your honor!

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