

A Partnerships for Peace

*Built upon a Foundation of Love in Action – Changing the World
Together by Engaging the Soul of Humanity*

Trail of Dreams CC • NOWTIME Radio CC • Spirit of Truth
Foundation CC • South Eastern Indigenous Interfaith Council CC

In 2015 four CCs (Trail of Dreams; NOWTIME Radio; Spirit of Truth Foundation; and South Eastern Indigenous Interfaith Council CCs) decided to combine our efforts to have a greater impact on the communities we serve, communities that span North America and the Multiregion.

The Southeastern Indigenous Interfaith Council (EarthKeepers) CC...

Looking forward to re-awaken the heart to the ancient dream of rhythms & migrations, members of the South Eastern Indigenous Interfaith Council (EarthKeepers) CC share Ceremonies, Rituals, Rites of Passage. They also form Community Councils, generate Interfaith Dialogues and exchange earth based knowledge in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia. Tom Blue Wolf is the contact for this CC.



Ongoing projects include: Earthkeepers Native American Cultural Awareness Program/ A Federal Prison Ministry for the US Dept. of Justice; Earthkeepers Ceremonial Creek Asi's (sweat lodges) every full moon for a large local community in the Cohutta Wilderness Area; Earthkeepers Tribal Revival; Lodge



ceremonies several times a year in The USA, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Africa, Japan, South America, Switzerland and the Czech Republic; **Earthkeepers Public Speaking Engagements**; **Earthkeepers Retreats and Workshops**; **Earthkeepers Tribal Academy**- offering classes in Healing Arts, performing Arts, Martial Arts and all manner of earth based Primitive Skills; **Earthkeepers Zoo and animal care ministry**; **Earthkeepers Edible Landscape Designs** and workshops; **Earthkeepers Boy Scouts of America** – educational programs on earth based knowledge; and **Earthkeepers Urban Tribal Peace Initiative**- on going school program in the Atlanta, Ga area. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wI8EM0yZSk&feature=youtu.be>

The Trail of Dreams World Peace Walk CC...

The Trail of Dreams WPW CC focused efforts this year on combining our work for justice, interfaith dialogue, empowering communities and creating sustainability within our CC. We published the book: *[Awakening the Heart of the Beloved Community](#)* (available on Amazon) and a compilation CD companion called, *AWAKENING* (the theme song, is currently available at <http://bc-awakening.bandcamp.com/> full CD will soon to be available on Bandcamp and on Amazon). With both tools in hand, we have begun the Beloved Community Awakening Movement (BCAM). The BCAM builds upon the values, strategies and tools expressed by Josiah Royce, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, and Desmond Tutu in regards to their contributions to the concept of the Beloved Community and Ubuntu to assist communities in overcoming separation, discrimination and bias.



During 2015 our CC worked with faith based and community organizations and citizens to organize intergenerational walks, and peace pole plantings for communities during the [International Day of Peace](#) events in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Alabama. We also sponsored two young people to represent our CC and the community of Sandtown, in Baltimore, where the police murder of Freddie Gray and subsequent riots has had a profound impact on the community. This experience had a profound impact on these young community leaders, Jerron Wallace and Jadzia Floyd. Pictured to the above, Jerron was among the four youth selected to speak about their programs. Jerron spoke about the work of Holistic Life Foundation's work in Baltimore to bring meditation and yoga to inner city school children from elementary through high school.



We received support and collaboration from the URI Multiregion, URI North America, Spirit of Truth Foundation CC and URI at the UN. Thank you Monica and Sari for all of your assistance with coordination.



The Trail of Dreams WPW CC, NOWTIME Radio and the Spirit of Truth Foundation CC collaborated on marriage equality in the State of Alabama. Karen Watson of the Trail of Dreams WPW CC, performed the first legal marriage of a same gender loving couple in the state of Alabama. It was broadcast over every major media print, television and online outlet.

In August, Amelia Boynton Robinson, a member of our CC and historical figure/mentor passed at 104 years wise after passing the torch to Audri Scott Williams to continue in her footsteps. Audri was also featured in *The*



Catalyst, a publication of *The Shift Network* and a speaker at the Global Indigenous Summit on the Shift Network. She was also featured in the University of Tampa Alumni Magazine, as an alumni, and for her work as a peace activist. The Trail of Dreams WPW CC was featured in Newspapers in Maryland, Pennsylvania and Alabama. Audri was also on three panels at the Parliament of the World's Religions: Healing Hearts at Wounded Knee (Part

1 and 2 with Jean Flurey, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, Saniel Bonder and Stephen Dinan), and My Life is My Message (with Charles Gibbs, Heng Sure, and Elisabeth Lheure).



Recently the Trail of Dreams WPW CC and the South Eastern Indigenous Leadership Council (SEILC) CC collaborated on a retreat for alumni of the Institute for Divine Wisdom to offer an "on the earth" experience and sweat lodge



ceremony on the sacred grounds of EarthKeepers and the SEILC. This is an ongoing effort to engage diverse groups and organizations to experience meaningful retreats in natural settings to regain appreciation for the environment, each other and Indigenous wisdom.

The Spirit of Truth Foundation (STF) CC...

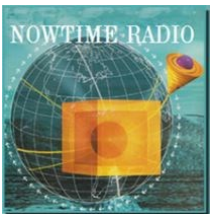


Collaborated with Trail of Dreams WPW CC to make the peace pole for our walk in Baltimore, and to organize and walk with us there. Michael Ware of the STF CC and young leaders from the Beyond the Global Divide are collaborating to offer a global gathering of young leaders in October 2016. They will be coordinating their efforts with URI North America, URI at the UN, and the Multiregion early in 2016. This will be the 7th Beyond the Global Divide



Gatherings which combines young leaders and elders in a 5 day intensive of presentations (panels and workshops), exhibits, performing arts, relationship building and ceremony. Co-Sponsors with STF CC are the Trail of Dreams WPW CC, NOWTIME Radio CC and SEILC, CC. Michael's goal is to engage the Young Leaders Program of URI.

NOWTIME Radio CC ...



[NOWTIME Radio](#) CC is a division of NOWTIME Media, LLC. It continues to schedule programs and interviews over the blog talk internet radio platform. Current shows include: Indigenous Voices, Peace Talks, Dynamic Aging, the Movement, and Synchronicity. The NOWTIME Radio has a following of over 8,000 listens and nearly 20,000 viewers. In a recent program on Indigenous Voices, Audri interviewed Jean Flurey of [Healing the Heart at Wounded Knee](#) and Grandmother Flordemayo, one of the founding members of the International Council of the 13 Indigenous Grandmothers and founder of the Temple of Seeds and followthegoldenpath.org.

In 2016 ...

It is our goal to expand our impact through partnerships with other CCs for human rights, interfaith bridge building, Indigenous wisdom, environmental sustainability and peace-building. To that end the following initiatives are being developed:

1. A series of walks (San Francisco, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta, Washington, DC and Philadelphia) to raise awareness of and to Abolish Sex Trafficking for Women, Children and Men – Modern Slavery, 34 Billion dollar industry, beginning in May 2016;
2. A series of walks and community engagement to raise awareness of the impact of mass incarceration on families and communities beginning in November 2016;
3. Organize the 7th Beyond the Global Divide Intergenerational Gathering of Global Leaders, October 19 - 23, 2016;
4. Organize the LGBTQ CC to address issues of inclusion in interfaith and human rights (Multiregion);
5. Continue to participate in projects meant to: preserve sacred sites around the world; promote environmental sustainable practices; and programs that create the opportunity for integrative experiences on the earth that reawaken a sense of “place” and relationship to all life;
6. Support the rights and protection and preservation of knowledge systems of the Global Indigenous; and
7. Connect with CCs in various regions that have similar interests to expand our partnerships and strengthen our potential outcomes.

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