

A More Just World For All!



CSJ Community Assembly Meeting
November 13, 2021



Seeking Formal **Support
through CSJ Community
Consensus for a “Journey of
Truth and Healing”
which includes a “living”
CSJ land acknowledgment
and future actions.**

Reminder:

**We came to the
CSJ Community Assembly on
May 8, 2021
for an initial presentation on
this proposal and took a leaning.**

Who supports this work:

The CSJ Native American Awareness Working Group

CSJ Justice Commission

Ministries Commission

Relationship and Association Commission

The CSJ Province Council

****St. Catherine University****

Gichitwaa Kateri Parish & Arch. Indian Ministry

Along with numerous individuals who have offered their input, word-smithing/editing skills, and support.

The ESSENCE of this proposal is

**A journey -- a process of
seeking truth and healing
for our time on this land
with a commitment of
words and actions.**



**This CSJ Journey of
Truth and Healing**

has many pieces...

One (1) piece is
using a land
acknowledgment

along with future
evolving actions.

**We are called to
seek justice**

along with striving to and...

DARING TO BE PROPHETIC

We are doing this because

this is WHO we are.

What changes have been made to this proposal especially what slight updates have been made to the Land Acknowledgment?

REMEMBER: This is a living document - **Land Acknowledgment (resource text):**

The actual words of
the land acknowledgment
will change over time
and members of the community are encouraged to
**adapt, personalize and use
a Land Acknowledgment**

Land Acknowledgment

We begin (our program/event/meeting) with honor and respect **for the land** and **for the first people** of this land.

We are on the ancestral homelands, of
the Dakǎ́óta People.

We *desire to honor and respect* the first peoples and recognize their caring for our common home.

Other sovereign American Indian nations including the Anishinabe also have a long history with these sacred lands: past, present, and future.

We, both personally and institutionally, continue to have a **deepening awareness of our complicity**, of the complex history of colonialism, genocide and broken treaties. We seek to understand the troubled acquisition of this land by unjust U.S. Government practices including the stealing of these lands and the forced removal from the birth place of the Dakǎóta people without any compensation to the American Indian communities.

We acknowledge the past, current, and future impacts of this history on our relationship with our American Indian sisters and brothers.

In our commitment to social justice and “the love of dear neighbor without distinction,” we are called to acknowledge and to deepen our understanding of our participation in interlocking systems of oppression.

We seek to journey farther together to respond boldly in working toward dismantling these systems.

We, St. Catherine University and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Consociates, know that these words are inadequate, imperfect and must extend beyond this verbal acknowledgement. This is only our beginning of a much larger journey of listening, learning, building relationship and advocating for and with American Indian nations for a more just world for all.

- PAUSE -



Can you support our CSJ Journey of Truth and Healing?

which includes:

- the use of a Land Acknowledgement
- and future actions

THANK YOU!

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