



# SACRED CIRCLE 2012

## WALKING THE DREAM

Daily Report: August 8

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**MEMORY KEEPERS:**

CHARLES BOBBISH,  
MOOSONEE

ARTHUR ANDERSON,  
QU'APPELLE

**SONG IN OUR HEADS:**

THAT AMAZING VERSION  
OF "AMAZING GRACE"  
SUNG BY MEMBERS FROM  
THE EASTERN ARCTIC

**WEATHER:**

COOLER, WITH A BIT OF  
RAIN, AND LOTS OF SUN

**WILD LIFE:**

LOTS OF DEER, AND  
RUMOURS OF TWO BEARS  
IN THE TENT THE NIGHT  
BEFORE

**National Indigenous  
governance**

Today members heard about plans to establish formal structures for national Indigenous Anglican governance in national church law, Canon 22. The changes would include the process for electing the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, the membership of the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and the membership of Sacred Circle.

Members heard presentations from members of the national Governance Working Group. Memory keepers

noted that the historical overview by Bishop Sue Moxley of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, was very helpful.

The topic of national governance inspired many comments from the floor of Sacred Circle. Some were eager to move forward and have these Indigenous bodies established in the national church's laws. Other members were concerned about moving too quickly. They said there was not adequate communication or consultation around this subject.

The memory keepers, both former members of ACIP, said they know how hard it is for leaders to shape this kind of document. Being on ACIP requires commitment and sacrifice.

“Canon 22 is a very important and visionary document in front of us,” said one memory keeper. “ We need it in our churches, our government bodies, our National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, our youth—we all need it.”

Sacred Circle members will return to these questions later in the week.

### **Young film makers**

The young adults were busy all day, running around with cameras, interviewing people, uploading files, and working away on their computers. They are making a movie that (Lord willing!) should be ready on Thursday afternoon. It will capture their responses to the questions that the talking circles have been working through. There will be songs, art, and lots of insight.

“I think the youth will lead us to a new church,” said one memory

keeper. “They will build alongside our old church, not abandon it.”

### **Words heard**

“ I like the rejoicing and singing that we make together and that other people bring. I also like the service in the morning and the evening when the different dioceses come together. That's very uplifting. We have very gifted people.”

“I'm concerned about spontaneous prayer in plenary. We used to stop for a moment to think of where we're going. We've assimilated too much to the style of the dominant church and we're not allowing people to consider the issues. As Indigenous Anglicans we have a story to tell about good news and also diversity and that's not being heard properly because it's hurry hurry, this new style of ministry.”