

10th TREATY CONFERENCE

The Tenth International Indian Treaty Conference will be held June 28th through July 3rd on the Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota reservation in northeastern South Dakota. It is our sincere hope that you can join us for this historic event. Indian Nations from throughout this hemisphere will be sending delegations to Sisseton to exchange information and develop strategy for our survival as nations and peoples. Many Indigenous Nations, organizations and movements are seeking international support and recognition and we must seize this opportunity to inform each other and develop a mutual strategy and common understanding of the basic principles on which we can agree and occasionally disagree.

This year we will once again be submitting the International Covenant on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to the people of the conference for their review.

International Human Rights Law is an area that the Treaty Council and our allies need to concentrate, especially with the establishment of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations in 1982. There have been major changes in the make-up of the Working Group which will be meeting 30 July through 3 August in Geneva, Switzerland, and we need to be prepared to deal this year with the definition of Indigenous peoples and protection of indigenous land and resources.

As many of you know, the struggle in Latin America is an Indian struggle for human dignity, land rights, self determination and sovereignty. There will be Indians from Latin America to address this issue and we also expect our relatives from Australia, New Zealand, Canada, the Middle East, Africa and Asia to be in attendance, as well as various support groups from Europe.

Fargo, North Dakota is the nearest airport to the conference and we will provide transportation to and from the airport. Most of the participants will be camping, but there are hotels in the area. In the evenings we will have cultural presentations of music and dance. Movies and slide shows will be shown throughout the conference.

There will be a minimum registration fee of ten dollars U.S., which includes two hot meals per day and admission to the nightly concerts and cultural activities. If you cannot afford the ten dollars, we ask you to pay whatever you can.

The weather should range from 60° F at night to 85° F during the day. We expect from fifteen hundred to three thousand people to attend.

Enclosed is the tentative agenda, if there are any questions, please contact our office in New York or San Francisco.



Treaty Conference: 1974 - Mobridge, South Dakota

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Dennis Banks Reminder

Dennis Banks is still under the protection of the Haudenosaunee. However, his, and his family's well being is still jeopardized by the Department of "Justice". He still needs the support of concerned individuals. People are encouraged to write their congresspeople and ask for an end to the use of the judicial system to persecute Indian People. Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. It should also be noted that The Longest Run, which Dennis Banks organized, got off to a successful start and at press time was in Minneapolis, Minn. For more information: Dennis Banks Defense Committee, P.O. Box 881984, San Francisco, CA 94188, 415-641-9010; Syracuse Cultural Workers Project, Box 6367, Syracuse, N.Y. 13217, 315-474-1132. Also write the following to ask an end to Dept. of "Justice" persecution of Dennis: Associate Attorney General Lowell Jensen, Dept. of Justice, Washington D.C. 20530.

UPDATE

Here is a list of important happenings that people should try to attend and support. For more information call IITC.

- July 19** - The Longest Run arrives in L.A.
- August 9-12** - Pit River Elders and Youth Conference
- August 13-16** - Northwest Elders and Youth Conference
- August 22-26** - Great Basin Elders and Youth Conference.
- Early October** - Pit River International Gathering