

# 2021 Pursuing Peace Conference

September 17, 2021

## Agenda

8:30 AM

### ***Opening Session***

Introduction to the conference, our speakers, our agenda, and all things logistical!

### ***Blessing and Prayer of Peace***

Stephen Adkins – Chief, Chickahominy Indian Tribe

8:50

### ***Roots, Resilience, Reconciliation the Indigenous Way***

Jeannie Hovland – Commissioner, National Indian Gaming Commission

As Indigenous peoples of North America, we honor our ancestors by remembering where we came from – Roots, how our people have overcome adversity for decades – Resilience, and how we find peace through our Indigenous culture in today's world – Reconciliation. Not all Americans have the same historical experience. We must acknowledge those differences and change the dialogue to allow for discussions on sensitive topics. This session will provide an opportunity to hear from the Indigenous perspective as to how we can unite and heal our communities.

9:30

### ***Listening, Connecting & Moving Forward***

S. Martin – Peace Fellow & Facilitator, Mediators Beyond Borders International

The path for our deeper understanding stems from how well we listen and connect – the foundation for meeting our universal needs and ultimately improving our postures for peacemaking.

10:10

### ***Breakout Session #1***

10:30

### ***How Dads Can Create a Peaceful Home***

Christopher Brown – President, National Fatherhood Initiative®

President Christopher Brown will discuss ways in which dads can create a peaceful home. He will share tips on how dads can build trust and respect with their partners and how to resolve conflict when it arises, two vital skillsets for creating a peaceful home.

11:10

### ***The Best Environment for Helping Our Youngest Thrive***

Marilee Dal Pra – CEO, Arizona First Things First

Let's talk about the importance of creating a family-centered, comprehensive, collaborative, and high-quality environment for young children in our homes and our communities.

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### ***Breakout Session #2***

12:10 PM

### ***Lunch***

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- 12:40 PM ***Civility Dialogue – The New Narrative***  
Dr. Clyde Rivers – Founder, iChange Nations
- A discussion on the key components to having civil dialogue in the 21st century. The “When Histories Collide” method will be taught as a mitigation tool for healthy disagreements. We will also discuss what a new “win” looks like in this modern society. These two processes will bring understanding for a better today and tomorrow for us all.
- 1:20 ***The Heart of Peace***  
Dr. Nancy Frigaard – President, Freedom Family Counseling & Director, Fuller Seminary Arizona
- Peace is empowered by wisdom. The historical King Solomon, touted as the wisest man to ever live, penned the following proverb: “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Please join Dr. Nancy Frigaard in identifying and exploring where peace is found, nurtured, and unleashed.
- 2:00 ***Breakout Session #3***
- 2:20 ***How are You Showing Up?***  
Lisa Jernigan – Co-Founder, Amplify Peace
- Every day we decide how we are going to show up: for ourselves and for others. Peace starts within each of us and flows outward into our relationships, into our homes, into our communities, and into our world. How will you show up as a peacemaker?
- 3:00 ***What in the World is a Peace Radius?***  
Chuck Fitzgerald – Conference Host
- Some things we have complete control over, other things not so much control, and still other things we have virtually no control over. Let’s spend a couple of minutes unpacking this!
- 3:10 ***Breakout Session #4***
- 3:20 ***Closing Session***  
Two new local peace efforts come to life, and we’ll announce both this year’s \$500 Grant Awardee, and the winner of the Artistic Peace Pole raffle.
- 3:30 ***Adjourn***