



Becoming Beloved Community from an Indigenous Perspective

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Your Panelists:

Forrest S. Cuch is an enrolled member of the Ute Indian Tribe. Forrest was raised in the sacred Ute/Shoshone Sundance religion, and he became a sun dancer as were his father and uncles. He has a BA in Behavioral Sciences from Westminster College. During his 38-year career, Forrest has held many challenging positions beginning with education director for the Ute Indian Tribe, as well as tribal planner/administrator for an east coast tribe (Wampanoag Tribe of Aquinnah, MA), social studies department head/teacher for his high school alma mater, and Executive Director, Utah Division of Indian Affairs (1997-2011). If you would like to invite Forrest to speak about the Doctrine of Discovery at your church, please contact hmelton@episcopalchurch.org to be connected to Forrest. <https://utahindians.org/archives/ute/history.html>
<https://thehistoryjunkie.com/ute-tribe-facts-and-history/>

Robert Fox is a member of the Old Scouts and Dead Grass Societies of the Arikara (Sahnish) Nation; the American Legion Post 253 Young Hawk-Bear, White Shield, ND; and the White Shield Spirit Riders. He served in the US Air Force, with honorable discharge in 1992, and received the first-ever Young Sahnish Warrior Award from the Sahnish Cultural Society. Robert serves as the Cultural Wellness Specialist at United Tribes Technical College.

The Rev. Kurt J. Huber and the Rev. Ellen B. Huber are the superintending presbyters of the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission, 12 churches in the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Reservation in the Diocese of South Dakota. Cheyenne River is the 4th largest (by land) reservation in the United States. Black Horse Ranch and its Equine Wellness Programs are an evolving ministry of the Cheyenne River Episcopal Mission. It is a place for horses, kids, adults, healing, compassion and joy! They welcome mission partners, mission teams, donors and retreat groups! To learn more about their UTO Grant and how you can help, reach out to them and follow them on Facebook -<https://www.facebook.com/BlackHorseRanchEB> and <https://www.cheyenneriverepiscopalmission.com/>
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The Rev. Rachel Taber-Hamilton is an Indigenous ordained priest in the Episcopal Church. As a Shackan First Nation person, she represents the Episcopal Church on the board of the Anglican Indigenous Network. She is the founder of Circles of Color, serves on the board of Paths to Understanding, and is a Board Certified Healthcare Chaplain. Rachel is currently the Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Everett, WA and serves as the Vice President of the House of Deputies of the Episcopal Church General Convention. www.greeningspirit.com
To read a recent article visit: https://covenant.livingchurch.org/2022/05/04/the-great-burning/?utm_source=rss&utm_medium=rss&utm_campaign=the-great-burning

Bude VanDyke is an Episcopal Priest serving at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Decatur, Alabama. He is a Cherokee descendent through his Mom's family, and lives on the Bells Trail of the Trail of Tears. He served as the FireKeeper in 2010 for the Oklahoma IV Consultation between Indigenous Elders and the Presiding Bishop. He has performed music for various workshops focused on Indigenous Issues with Brad Hauff and others. www.tsalagisoul.com and to learn more about his UTO grant project visit: <https://www.gsdecatur.org>

Moderators and Who to Contact for More Information:

The Reverend Dr. Bradley S. Hauff (panel moderator) is the Indigenous Missioner for The Episcopal Church, a member of the Presiding Bishop's staff. He is originally from South Dakota; born in Sioux Falls and raised in Rapid City, and he is enrolled with the Oglala Sioux Tribe (Lakota) of Pine Ridge, as were both of his parents. He has been an active Episcopal priest for over 30 years and has served congregations in the dioceses of South Dakota, Minnesota, Florida and Pennsylvania. He has written articles and made numerous presentations around the country on Native American issues. bhauff@episcopalchurch.org
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The Reverend Canon Heather L. Melton (chat moderator) is the Staff Officer for the United Thank Offering, a member of the Presiding Bishop's staff. She has worked for the church for over 20 years, half of those years in promoting gratitude through the work of UTO. She currently lives in New Mexico, which is home to 23 federally recognized tribes (and many other Indigenous people) and lives on land which once was a part of the Isleta Pueblo. She is also a certified trainer in The Daring Way™ with the Brené Brown Research and Education Group. hmelton@episcopalchurch.org
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Links to other information shared:

Information on The Episcopal Church and the **Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery** can be found here:

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/indigenousministries/repudiation-of-the-doctrine-of-discovery/>

Information on the **United Thank Offering**, an organization for all Episcopalians who wish to commit to a spiritual practice of gratitude, can be found here: www.unitedthankoffering.org/how. To learn more about the UTO grant process, through which 100% of thank offerings received by UTO are given away to support mission and ministry, visit

www.unitedthankoffering.org/granting. To support this work you can donate online at www.unitedthankoffering.org/give.

To learn more about the **Garrison Dam**, which caused the land to dry where Robert Fox's UTO Grant Project is located visit:

<https://www.culturalsurvival.org/publications/cultural-survival-quarterly/taking-garrison-dam-and-tribal-taking-area>

To learn more about **Three Sisters Gardens**, you can visit: <https://www.nativeseeds.org/blogs/blog-news/how-to-grow-a-three-sisters-garden> and to read one of the legends of the three sisters visit: <https://www.oneidaindiannation.com/the-legend-of-the-three-sisters/>

Recommended Books from the Panelists and Moderators:

All links will take you to *Bookshop.com*, an online store that supports independent bookstores with every purchase.

My Grandmother's Hands: Racialized Trauma and the Pathway to Mending Our Hearts and Bodies by Resmaa Menakem is available [here](#).

The Four Vision Quests of Jesus by Steven Charleston is available [here](#).

A Native Way of Giving by Forrest S. Cuch and Michael Carney is available [here](#).

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer is available [here](#) and a young adult version [here](#).

Books for Children:

Kimotinâniwîw Itwêwîna – Stolen Words by Melanie Florence is a dual language book in Plains Cree and English. It is available [here](#).

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message by Chief Jake Swamp is available [here](#).

We are the Water Protectors by Carole Lindstrom is available [here](#).