

LOGO for SOCM 2008 THEME: "Living the Sacred"

Spiritual Growth Study: I Believe in Jesus; Geographical Study: Israel and Palestine;
& Social Issue Study: Giving Our Hearts Away: Native American Survival

God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good" concludes the unfolding story of God's creation of the earth and all its living creatures as revealed in Genesis, Chapter 1.

How are we as God's people to understand the story in the midst of human acts of racism, violence, and earthly destruction?

Native American traditions teach us that creation includes all that comes from God and all that comes from the heart and mind of God is sacred. Native traditions call on its people to value life as God values life. To be a created people is to be relationally connected to all people everywhere, as well as to all God has created.

To believe in Jesus is to love as God loved and live as Christ lived, valuing all creation. To believe in Jesus is to live in the way of Christ, freeing the oppressed, healing the sick and wounded, clothing the naked, welcoming all. To believe in Jesus is to follow the sacred commandment to love as God loved. To believe in Jesus is to embrace the sacredness of life.

While God has given humanity the gift of life and relationship, too often we have created barriers between people and lands. We have acted in ways that violate the sacredness of life and do not make for peace.

As followers of Christ, as Christians in community, let us deepen our understanding of what it means to live in sacred harmony. Then, let us walk together in ways that lead to peace and reconciliation.

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it" (Psalm 24:vs1)

Detail descriptions/ objectives available on request.

- The logo design is to illustrate the artist's conception of the theme and include the three studies.
- The logo must be submitted on 8 ½" X 11" white paper, copy ready.
- Logos may be black/white or color, but should be reproducible in black/white.
- A brief statement. 50 words or less, explaining the drawing must accompany the submitted art. Back of form may be used to write statement.
- Do not include any copyrighted graphics or design.

The form below must be completed by the artist and submitted along with the logo design. Designs and forms are to be sent to the Conference Representative to the Regional School Planning Team by February 3, 2008.

Name of artist(s): _____

E-mail address: _____

Address: _____

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Conference: _____ Church: _____

Permission to use artwork is given with the signature of the artist below.

Artist signature: _____

Return artwork and form to: Lynn Travis – umw@igrc.org