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[A first-person account of the cultural renaissance happening at Standing Rock.](#)

In Solidarity With Workers and the Oppressed Everywhere

Standing Rock and white supremacy

*Gen. Wesley Clark Jr., middle, and other veterans kneel in front of Leonard Crow Dog during a forgiveness ceremony at the Four Prairie Knights Casino & Resort on the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016.*

**By CHRIS MATO NUNPA**

Ho Mitakuyapi, Owasin cantewasteya nape ciyuzapi do! In the Dakota Language, this is a greeting that means, "Hello, my relatives. With a good heart I greet all of you with a handshake!"

On Sunday, Dec. 4, the Army Corps of Engineers announced that it would not issue a permit for the DAPL to drill underneath the Missouri River. As an Indigenous person, a Dakota man, I was absolutely delighted to hear the news and I rejoiced. One reason for my happiness and thankfulness—no Native person had been shot and killed.

Since the violence, on the part of the neo-Nazi Morton County Sheriff's deputies, was escalating against the unarmed water protectors, it was only a matter of time before one of our people would be murdered. So, there was a temporary respite with the news of the denial of a permit to DAPL.

As it is, one young woman had her arm almost blown off by a concussion grenade (a war-time weapon), and another teen-age woman lost eye-sight in her right eye when a canister of mace was thrown in her face. This young Indigenous woman is having difficulty getting medical treatment since she doesn't have insurance or sufficient financial resources.

As of Monday, Dec. 05, DAPL was still there. They still had their planes and helicopters flying low over the Oceti Sakowin ("Seven Fires") Camp all night. They, DAPL, still had lights shining on the drill pad all night. These are intimidation tactics designed to disturb sleep and reduce morale so that the water protectors will leave camp. However, these scare tactics have been going on for months, and I do not think they will work now.

I am absolutely amazed, but not surprised, at the blatant racial hatred and discrimination displayed by not only the Gestapo-like Morton County Sheriff's deputies in their violence, in which they appear to take joy against the water protectors, but also by the Euro-North Dakotans. A number of our Native people have been asked to leave places of business, or they wouldn't sell to them, in Mandan and Bismarck.

One of the Native journalists was followed and intimidated by a man who was wearing a skull mask. Fortunately, he was not hurt. Others are followed and sometimes stopped by white men in their cars and vans. I even heard that in one black van, it turned out that these intimidators were actually police, which is chilling. As I understand, advice is given to the campers: don't go into town alone and travel the road alone—take one or two persons with you.

The nearby towns of Mandan and Bismarck, in their relation to Cannonball and Ft. Yates, are bastions of racism, discrimination, and white supremacy. Or to use a phrase of one of our Dakota poets, these towns "are stained with hate."

It reminded me of my Dakota/Lakota/Nakota colleagues who have said to me that South Dakota was their Alabama, their Mississippi. Then, when I was talking, at breakfast in the Prairie Knights Hotel, to a Lakota man, a member of the Standing Rock, about what I heard about South Dakota, he replied, "Well, North Dakota is like our Alabama and our Mississippi, too." So I will consider South Dakota as Alabama, and North Dakota as Mississippi.

I wish to say that my home state of Minnesota is no slouch, either, when it comes to racism and white supremacy. Minnesota placed bounties on the scalps of my Dakota People (\$25, then \$75, finally, \$200). And they also forcibly removed ("ethnically cleansed") my Dakota People out of their ancient homelands,

Mini Sota Makoce, “Land Where the Waters Reflect the Skies, or Heavens, or Minnesota. The name Mini Sota Makoce is a reference to the thousands upon thousands of lakes in our homelands, of which the state of Minnesota is a part.

Minnesota used concentration camps (“death camps”), forced marches (“death marches”), mass executions, and uttered savage cries—“extermination or removal,” “exterminate the wild beasts” (the Dakota); “utterly exterminate” (the Dakota), or “kill the lazy vermin,” referring to the Dakota—to name a few of the recorded racial epithets. The above-mentioned acts are genocide. This is what “genocidaires,” perpetrators of genocide, do.

Another thing I would like to mention here is that a number of clergy came up to Standing Rock to stand in solidarity with the People and with the water protectors in their resistance to DAPL. Several of them went into the State Capitol in Bismarck, N.D., and prayed in a foyer. They were arrested.

One of the things I noticed right away is the “gentle” way they were treated, they were treated differently. That is, there was no beating on their heads with batons, no spraying of mace in their faces, no shooting in the face with rubber bullets or on the bodies with bean bags, no strip-searching of these men of the cloth, no being placed in dog-kennel-like cages, or being kept in jail for several days, like many of our women and men were (including my younger daughter). The clergy were non-violent, just like the non-violent unarmed Native water protectors.

Of course, there were a number of non-Indigenous peoples, allies, who were shot with rubber bullets. One had her arm almost blown away, others were arrested, and appeared in court to fight the trumped-up charges. Some of these white people were treated just like Native Peoples.

In the past 524 years of what I call Wosice Tanka Kin (Dakota for “The Great Evil”), there have been times, along the way, when the Church, and its clergy, worked hand-in-hand, or cooperated, with the state and with the military. They were complicit in the invading, killing, stealing, destroying, occupying, and the exploiting. I was glad that these clergy, in 2016, were trying to be supporters of Standing Rock People, of the water protectors, and of our allies, instead of helping to kill us.

Dr. Cornel West, one of my intellectual heroes, came to the Oceti Sakowin Camp. There were two comments that I will mention here. One was the possibility that the water-protectors group might, eventually, be considered a domestic terrorist group. This would occur with some legal shenanigans by the big oil corporations, the neo-Nazi police, and the state governments. And, later on, this would be done with the full cooperation of the U.S. government under the fascist-type U.S. president.

Dr. West, when asked about what he felt about the Oceti Sakowin Camp, said that he could feel 500 years of resistance and resilience. The Indigenous Peoples there at the camp resonated with that comment.

As I indicated in the opening paragraph, the victory is temporary, and many of our people are saying we need to be vigilant. Energy Transfer Partners have indicated they are committed to finishing the Dakota Access Pipe Line. Some say that DAPL is already starting the drilling under the Missouri River. Others say there is no evidence that the DAPL drilling is occurring.

There is a lot of uncertainty and apprehension as to what is going to happen when the president-elect becomes the president in late January 2017. However, no matter what happens, the water protectors are in this struggle for the long haul, to protect the water, to protect Ina Maka, "Mother Earth," to protect the animal relatives, to protect the sacred sites, and the burial sites.

Mini Wiconi, "Water is Life!" Ho Mitakuyapi, wopida tanka owas eciciyapi do! "My Relatives, I express my deepest appreciation to all of you!"

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<3 National Nurses United for traveling to Standing Rock to support any medical needs of our Water Protectors there. Nurses know it's always the right time to do what's



right! 😊 :-)

### **Bucky Harjo**

Had the greatest dream ever! Saw this great encampment, nations from all over, indigenous peoples stood together, prayed and sang in the most beautiful way. Saw the ancestors dance and smile from the Milky Way Trail. Saw people of all walks of life unite in a way that has never happened before. I saw canoes coming down the great river, horses all over the hills and the Buffalo Nation running all around, eagles of all kinds flying in all directions. I saw people who were blind... [Continue Reading](#)

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Well I'm up it's 530 back home at Oceti Sakowin, 330 here. I was dreaming of camp and woke up thinking I was in the tent. Guess I'll go out for a walk and find a spiffy! It's warm here I got shots and tank top on. My daughter is happy to see me, I really missed her. She watched some video and couldn't believe what she was seeing. My dogs were kinda happy but my Bella she stayed close to me sat at my feet rested her head on my lap. The little one well she's just ornery. Once she settled down she never stopped loving me, she's all cuddled up next to me. Strange feeling being home. Still coughing but not as bad or often, I miss our camp hope those who

stayed are good. Love you all, get home safe and sound.

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If I don't seem the same, just leave me be, I have a lifetime of thoughts, I'm sorting out, I'm in a moment at Standing Rock, maybe a song touching my heart again, or listening to a prayer, or watching DAPL spraying water on a cold winter night on our Water Protectors and shooting women and elders. Or maybe I'm stuck between worlds when all is coming and going too quickly, just let me stand still, in time....

[Nikusi Mihe](#) Yup once you adapt and live the way the ancestors did, its pretty shocking to readjust to the prison planet that is run by crazies in this realm!!! Rest up warrior, pineapple juice may help that cough!



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## **Protesters cheer Standing Rock victory, say 'fight not over yet'**

BY TONY LANE AND KEVIN DWIRE

OCETI SAKOWIN CAMP, N.D. — “We want to thank everyone who played a role in advocating for this cause,” Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II said Dec. 5, hailing the victory won when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers denied an easement for the Dakota Access Pipeline to cross Lake Oahe here, and announced it will begin looking for alternative routes for the oil pipeline.

“We thank the tribal youth who initiated this movement. We thank the millions of people around the globe who expressed support for our cause,” Archambault said. “We thank the thousands of people who came to the camps to support us, and the tens of thousands who donated time, talent, and money to our efforts to stand against this pipeline in the name of protecting our water.

“We especially thank all of the other tribal nations and jurisdictions who stood in solidarity with us, and we stand ready to stand with you if and when your people are in need,” he said. Hundreds of Native Americans from all across the country have come to back the Standing Rock Sioux in their monthslong fight to protect their water supply, tribal burial grounds and sacred cultural lands.

The decision of the Barack Obama administration to back down and halt efforts to run the pipeline through the area follows a marked escalation of attacks on the protesters by state and local authorities. They have used rubber bullets, pepper spray, explosive grenades and water cannons against the thousands of “water protectors.”

North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple announced Nov. 28 that he was ordering evacuation of the area, citing “anticipated harsh weather conditions.”

In response to this order and recent attacks, a group of armed forces veterans named Veterans Stand for Standing Rock announced they were organizing to come to the reservation and lend a hand. Over 2,000 veterans volunteered to participate. Organizers said they would serve as “human shields” between protesters and the cops.

They were also raising funds to build housing, heating and medical facilities to enable protesters to make it through the winter. Through Nov. 30 over half a million dollars has been donated.

During the evening of Dec. 4 there was a mile-long line of cars waiting to get into the main camp. "The way the militarized police were treating U.S. citizens broke my heart," Wayland McIntire, a retired and disabled Army veteran from Oklahoma, told the *Militant*. "I came here to stand between the police and the protesters. Working people need to be more active."

Manuel Valenzuela, a Vietnam veteran, came from Colorado Springs. He told us he is facing deportation for a more than 20-year-old misdemeanor.

"I got pissed off when I saw the violence being used against the protesters," he said. "In the military we took an oath to protect U.S. citizens against enemies foreign and domestic. Well, here the domestic enemy is the U.S. government."

Art Woodson and two other vets drove 17 hours straight from Flint, Michigan, to join in defending the protest. Workers in Flint have faced a health crisis because government authorities let water laced with lead from rotting pipes poison children there.

"In Flint water is in dire need," the 49-year-old Gulf War Army veteran told the Associated Press. "In North Dakota they're trying to force a pipeline on people here. And in Flint we're trying to get pipes for safe water."

Many protesters said the mobilization against the pipeline is the largest outpouring of Native Americans in decades. The decision of the government to deny a permit for the pipeline, which threatens the Standing Rock Sioux and their sacred ground, is a "victory for all of Indian Country," said Brian Cladoosby, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

Other recent arrivals here include a contingent of U.S.- based medical professionals who got their training at the Latin American School of Medicine in Cuba. They said they came "to humbly serve in solidarity with the Sacred Water Protectors on the front lines of the current human rights and ecological crisis occurring right now in North Dakota."

"This is an enormous victory," said White Buffalo Boy, a Hunkpapa Sioux, speaking for the Voice of the Camp at a news conference here Dec. 5. "But last night the lights were still on at the pipeline site, and the company's helicopters were still busy. Until we go to the drill pad and see they are no longer drilling, this is not over," he said.

The company says they are going to finish the pipeline without changing the route. Their lawyers went into federal court Dec. 5 to seek a judgment against the Corps decision.

"The White House's directive today to the Corps for further delay is just the latest in a series of overt and transparent political actions by an administration which has abandoned the rule of law in favor of currying favor with a narrow and extreme political constituency," Energy Transfer Partners, the owners of the pipeline, said in a Dec. 4 statement.



## Morton County Officials FINALLY Being Sued For “Excessive Force” Against Standing Rock Protesters

MANDAN, N.D. (Valley News Live) On Monday, the National Lawyers Guild (NLG)...  
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## How Indigenous Activists in Norway Got the First Bank to Pull Out of the Dakota Access Pipeline

Indigenous Sami activists in Norway and Americans of Sami descent forced the first bank to divest from the Dakota Access pipeline. This is how they did it.  
truth-out.or

*How about an international social dance?!*

<http://www.trendingly.com/100-people-of-dance> John Arthur Anderson's post.

<http://www.truth-out.org/opinion/item/38558-the-loving-contagion-of-courage-veterans-standing-for-standing-rock>

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<http://www.economist.com/blogs/erasmus/2016/11/church-and-dakota-pipeline-protests>

[John Arthur Anderson](#)

**Here's my choice for Time Magazine 2016 "Person of the Year," Dave Archambault II,** Chairman of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe. Not only the Person of the Year, and add seven generations for good measure. Thank you Chairman Archambault.

*(Time has actually chosen the President-elect)*

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IVfAWEI-i0A&app=desktop>

### **North Dakota Could Be Biggest Loser in Ruling Against Oil Pipeline**

By CLIFFORD KRAUSS

Delays are costing the pipeline's builder hundreds of millions of dollars, but the nation's energy supply is unlikely to suffer.



### **Trump Formally Announces Support for the Dakota Access Pipeline**

[http://www.ecowatch.com/trump-support-dakota-access-pipeline-2124215548.html?utm\\_source=EcoWatch+List&utm\\_campaign=1007a5866a-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_49c7d43dc9-1007a5866a-85895669](http://www.ecowatch.com/trump-support-dakota-access-pipeline-2124215548.html?utm_source=EcoWatch+List&utm_campaign=1007a5866a-MailChimp+Email+Blast&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_49c7d43dc9-1007a5866a-85895669)

**Water is life.** That's the meaning of the Lakota saying "Mni wiconi."

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Oceti Sakowin elders, International Indigenous Youth Council, and Sacred Stone and Oceti Sakowin camps led a movement that won against tremendous odds.<sup>1</sup> In the course of the past year, we have said often that we are protecting our sacred sites and the Missouri River for all, Native and non-Native, who live and work along the river. Our struggle to protect our sacred sites is to protect our ancestors and their ability to lead us along a path that will save Mother Earth.



**MoveOn members like you helped to lift up and defend the Standing Rock Sioux's struggle** for sovereignty and to protect our environment by sending more than 400,000 petition signatures to the White House, calling on President Obama to act; making 13,000 phone calls to the White House and North Dakota authorities; and much more. Thank you for the actions you've taken to stand in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and all of the water protectors.

**Now, I'm writing to you, Shayne, with the hope that you'll join me in thanking and supporting the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe for standing resolutely and fiercely—for all of us and the rights of sovereign nations—by contributing whatever you can to replenish its budget, drained by the struggle to stop the pipeline and support the prayer camp.**

**Yes. I want to contribute to express my thanks. (Your contribution is tax-deductible and will be made to the Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, which has established a special fund for the exclusive use of the tribe.)**

**I can't contribute, but please include my name and message in a thank-you card to be sent to Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman David Archambault II.**

Please allow me to share an excerpt from a message from Chairman Archambault:

*We want to thank everyone who played a role in advocating for this cause. We thank the tribal youth who initiated this movement. We thank the millions of people around the globe who expressed support for our cause. We thank the thousands of people who came to the camps to support us, and the tens of thousands who donated time, talent, and money to our efforts to stand against this pipeline in the name of protecting our water. We especially thank all of the other tribal nations and jurisdictions who stood in solidarity with us, and we stand ready to stand with you if and when your people are in need.<sup>2</sup>*

We have a long road ahead to protect Mother Earth and reverse the damage done by profit-driven fossil fuel corporations. And even as we celebrate this victory, we recognize that there will be immense challenges ahead for the #NoDAPL movement—especially in light of the incoming administration.

**Please help make sure that the Standing Rock Sioux community has the resources it needs to chart the way forward by contributing whatever you can now.**

**I can't contribute, but please include my name and message in a thank-you card to be sent to Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman, David Archambault II.**

This victory has come at a critical moment, not just for the fight against the pipeline but as many of us consider the tough road ahead with a new administration. But as this struggle demonstrates, faith, courage, and unity of peaceful action by our tribes and communities can defy all odds and provide a real challenge to overreaching corporate and state powers.

We need to remember that now more than ever, and draw strength from our collective histories, even when the odds feel insurmountable.

Sitting Bull was a Hunkpapa Lakota holy man who said, "Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children."

**Remember that Standing Rock is everywhere now. Water is life, and your solidarity is our collective water.**

Hawwih,

Judith LeBlanc  
Member of the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma  
Director of the Native Organizers Alliance

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<http://act.moveon.org/go/7053?t=8&akid=174520.1227130.HXL-hV>

**Louinda Garity**

**Good Morning all you lovely people out in FB Land. Remember..... A true warrior never gives up, no matter the circumstances.**

**Bixi Nibe**

Mother Earth is in crisis. But no one will tell us.

**Deanna Busdieker** mother earth is telling us, but too many have forgotten how to listen

**Betsy Shepardson** Been waking up in tears for almost 30 years now,

not understanding my own connection to the planet. But I do have faith, that others have experienced the same thing, and that WE can and DO work together to do what we can. There is life outside of thi...[See More](#)

**[Roberto Ceballos](#)** I remember as a kid, I use to play by an orange river. No fish or frogs in the water. I didn't understand, why would somebody kill a river. It was pollution from the steel mills, little did I know. One thing I did know, it was killing Mother Earth.

\*\*\* POLLUTION MAN \*\*\*

[Arashi Shines](#) she tell us and the cries of her children

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**[Bixi Nibe](#)** [I know, i have followed since Rio 92, Earth Summit to the Paris accord.](#)

**[Bixi Nibe](#)** [All other solutions, are as giving aspirin to a cancer patient.](#)

**Its like the world was enslaved and did not notice, until Standing Rock woke everyone up.**  
**Bixi**

**Christmas In The Clouds Benefit For Standing Rock At Grand Lake Theater Oakland**  
12-14-2016 [#Oakland](https://t.co/CjGbks2VwJ)

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**50 Side Jobs You've Never Heard Of That You Can Start Tomorrow**

Here are some companies you can trust. [ThePennyHoarder.com](#)

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**Scholarship Opens Doors to Study Abroad for Students of Color**

Students of color represent only about 27 percent of all students who study...

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**AMENDED CALL FOR ABSTRACTS For the 2017 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program**

The 2017 [National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program \(NEJC\)](#) planners are inviting individuals to submit abstracts, not to exceed two pages, related to environmental justice. There is no form to fill out for abstract. Each abstract should include the submitter's name, affiliation, full contact information, and the amount of time being requested. The overall theme of the NEJC is "Enhancing Communities Through Capacity Building and Technical Assistance."

The conference planners are interested in panel presentations, workshops, training modules, case studies, best practices and success stories in all environmental justice related areas. Individuals selected to present or moderate will serve on a voluntary basis. All moderators and presenters must register for the conference.

**Submissions:** Abstracts must be sent to: [email@thenejc.org](mailto:email@thenejc.org)

## Important Deadlines

- **December 16, 2016:** Last day to submit Abstracts
- **January 6, 2017:** Notification of acceptance of Abstracts

**Conference Location:** Washington Marriott at Metro Center (775 12th Street, NW Washington, DC 20005)

### REPORT FROM STANDING ROCK: SIOUX-SHOSHONE FOREIGN RELATIONS



Mr. Ian Zabarte, Principal Man for Foreign Affairs of the Western Shoshone government, recently returned from meeting with three of the Seven Council Fire Chiefs including the Principal Chief, Manape LaMere, at Standing Rock. The Shoshone are party to the 1851 Treaty of Ft. Laramie that is the point between Sioux and Shoshone County. At Standing Rock, Mr. Zabarte and the Sioux Chiefs shared information about radioactive fallout that fell in the Dakotas. They talked treaty. They talked passports. Mr. Zabarte will share these discussions and provide illustrative handouts. He will also bring updated information about the Havasupai Tribe's lawsuit to protect the Grand Canyon from mining for uranium for use in nuclear reactors. The Canyon Mine not only threatens the Havasupai people and land but, potentially all Colorado River users downriver including Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

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