

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society

October 24, 1993

Prelude

Welcome

Julia Bonser, President

Chalice Lighting

Celebration of the United Nations Year
of Indigenous Peoples

Pat Cautley

Responsive Reading

Voices of the Indigenous People

The Quechua Indians in Ecuador

Martina Masaquiza

Discussion

Quechua Folk Song

Sallqa Tusuy
The Ethnic Connection

Offering

Joys and Concerns

Introduction of Guests

Announcements

Song: Amazing Grace #31

Postlude

Leader: Every part of the Earth is sacred.

All: Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore, every mist in the dark woods, every clearing and humming insect is holy.

Leader: The rocky crest, the meadow the beasts and all the people, all belong to the same family. Teach your children that the Earth is our Mother.

All: Whoever befalls the Earth befalls the children of the Earth. We are part of the Earth, and the Earth is part of us.

Leader: The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

All: The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the air is precious, for all of us share the same breath.

Leader: The wind that gave our grandparents breath also receives the last sigh.

All: The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

Leader: This we know; the Earth does not belong to us.

All: We belong to the Earth.

Leader: This we know; all things are connected.

All: Like the blood which unites one family, all things are connected.

Leader: We did not weave the strand of life.

All: We are merely a strand in it.

Leader: Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

All: Let us give thanks for the web and the circle that connects us.