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SACRED JUSTICE — THE POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI NATIVE JUSTICE MODEL: *UNLEASHING THE POWER OF THE CIRCLE*

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Chief Judge Michael Petoskey

(Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa)
Pokagon Band Of Potawatomi



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► POKAGON BAND OF POTAWATOMI (MICHIGAN AND INDIANA)



▶ KEEPERS OF THE FIRE



★ Pokagon Band of Potawatomi



▶ COMMUNITY IMPACT

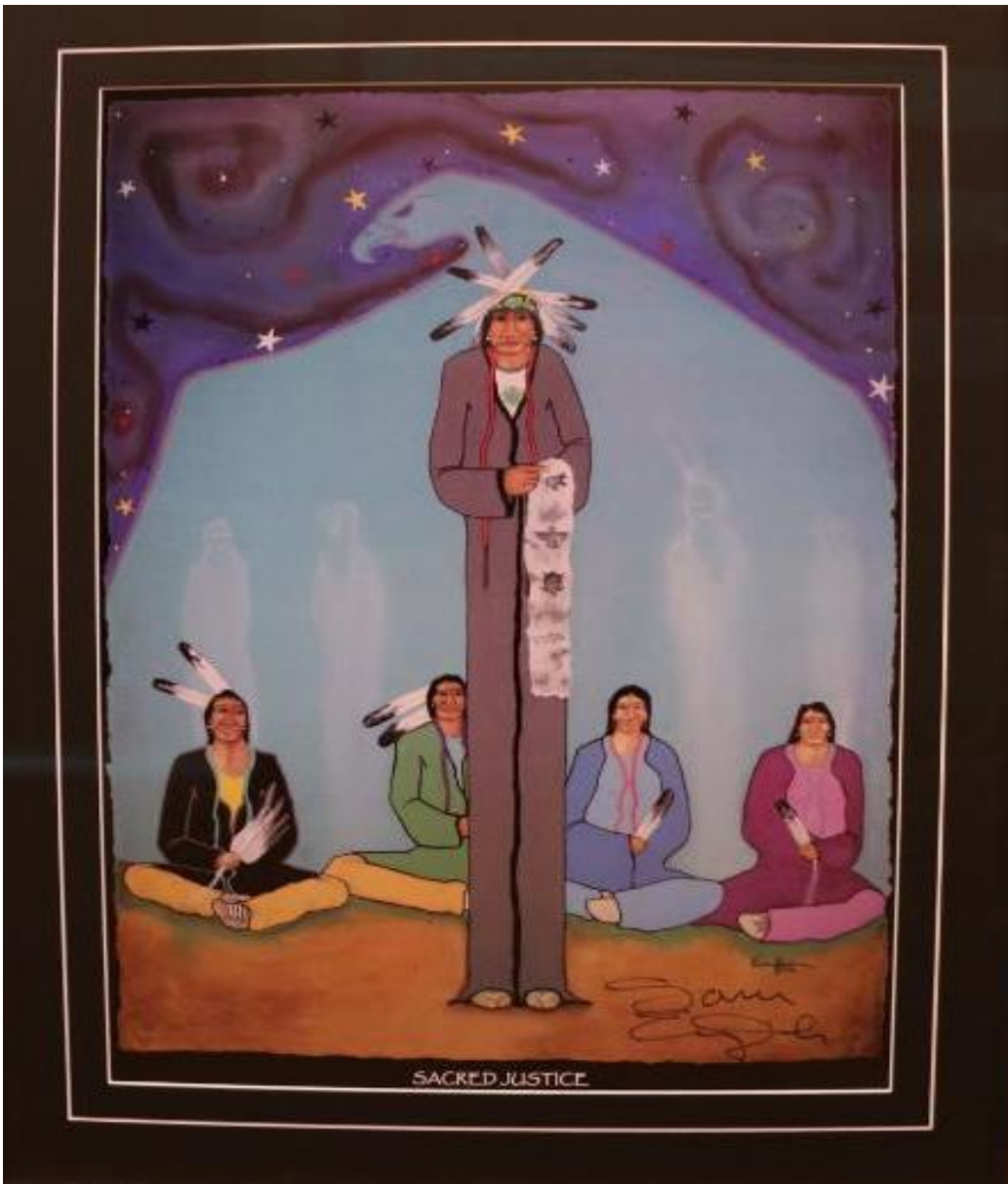


▶ **NAVAJO TEACHINGS**

- Relationships
- Respect
- Responsibility



THE DIFFERENCES IN OUR WORLDVIEW ARE REFLECTED IN OUR CONCEPTS OF JUSTICE



“Sacred Justice”
(A poster by Sam English, Turtle
Mountain and Red Lake Chippewa)



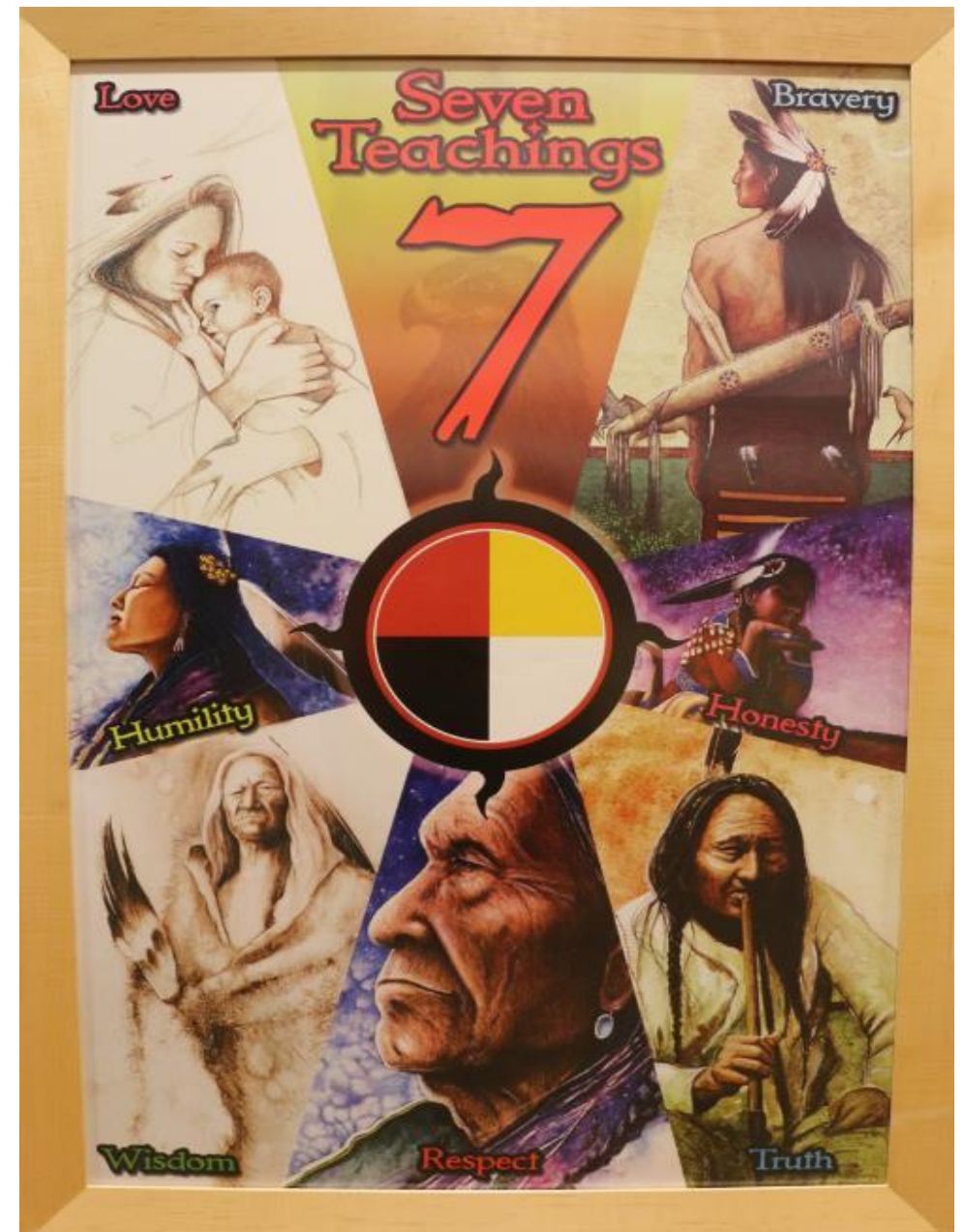
▶ OUR CHILDREN ARE SACRED

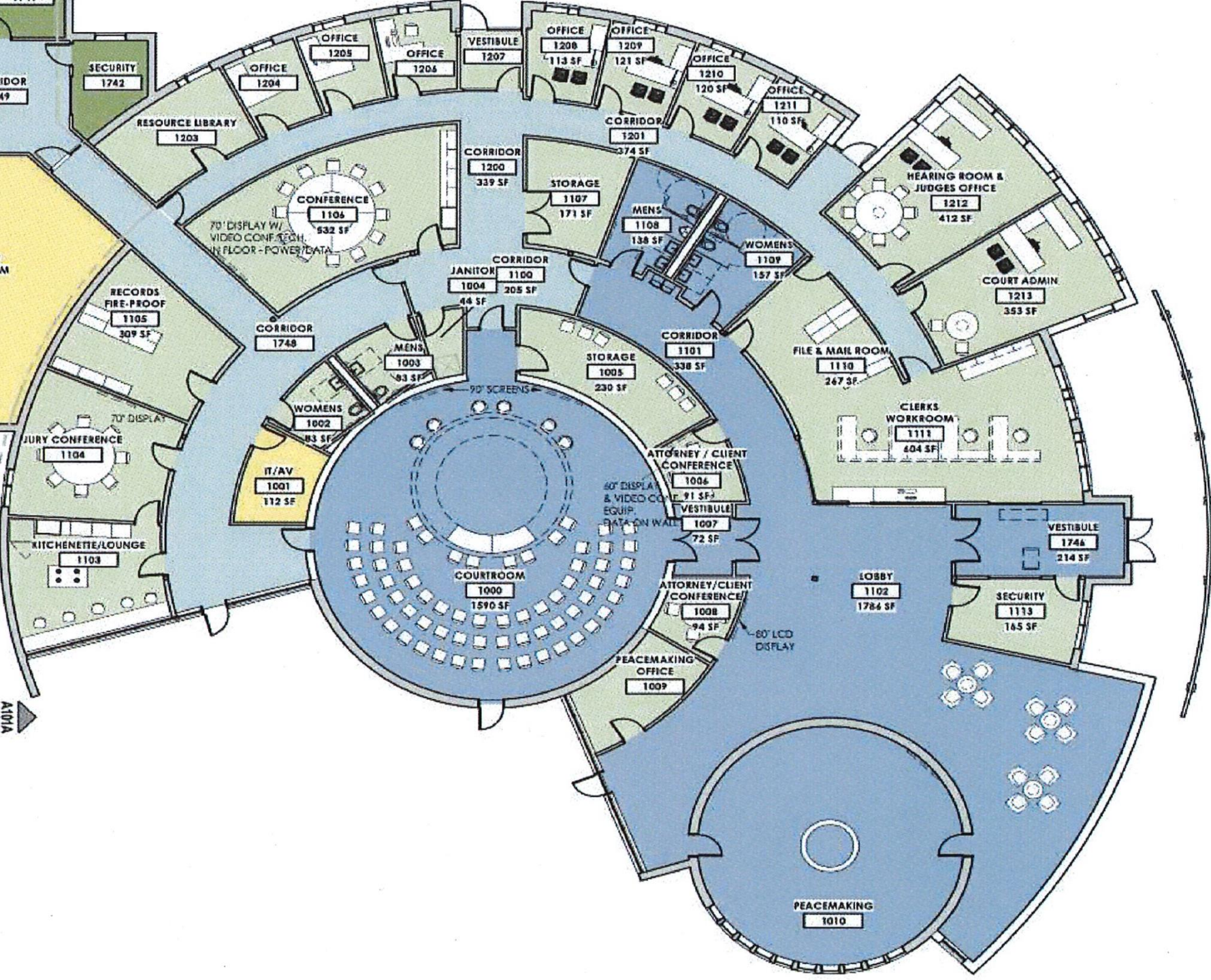
- Each is a gift from the Creator.



▶ 7 GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

1. Wisdom
2. Love
3. Respect
4. Bravery
5. Honesty
6. Humility
7. Truth







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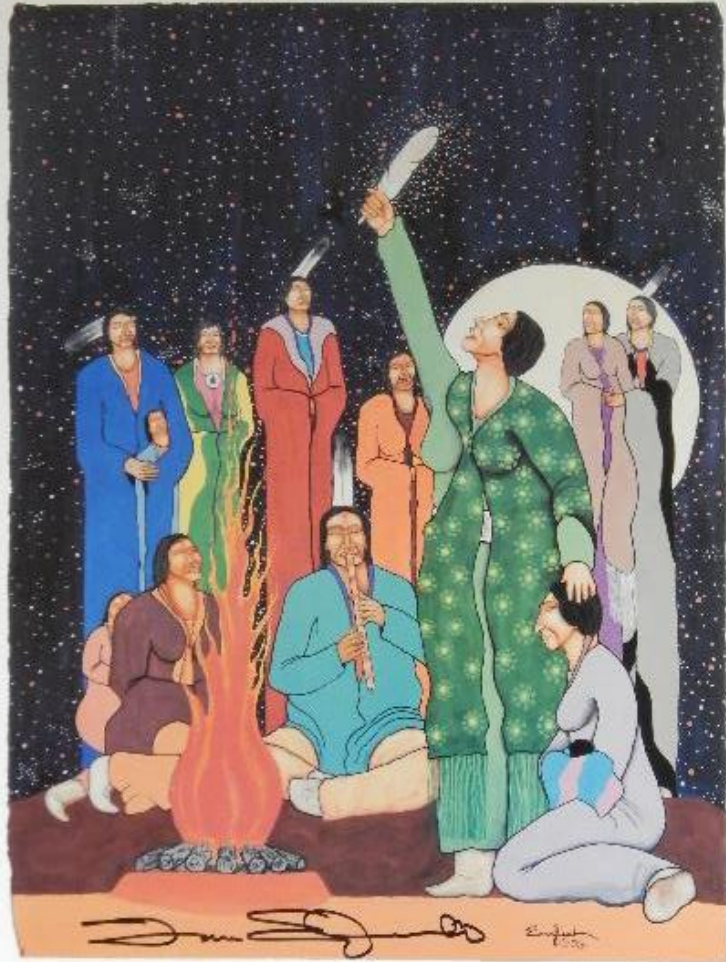








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▶ **WHAT IS PEACEMAKING**

- Is it Restorative Justice?
- Is it Alternative Dispute Resolution?
- Is it like Drug Court?
- Is it like the many other Specialty Courts?
- Is it like recent expansions of Mediation?
- Can it be done from the Bench?



▶ PEACEMAKING IS MULTI-DIMENSIONAL

- Restorative
- Healing
- Preservation of Relationships
- Maintenance of Community Harmony
- Reconciliation
- Transformative
- Issue-Focused
- Collective Problem-Solving
- Wisdom of Collaboration



▶ PEACEMAKING QUALITIES

- Recognizes the Power of the Circle
- Brings People Together
- Fosters Active Listening
- Provides Each Participant a Voice
- Inherently Provides Equality to Each Participant



▶ PEACEMAKING QUALITIES (CONT.)

- Focuses on the Issues
- Exposes the “Wisdom Pieces”
- Fosters Consensus Resolution
- Brings about Transformation
- Connects People to Culture & Their Native Identity



► POKAGON PEACE CIRCLE PROCESS

A. TWO CIRCLE KEEPERS (one female & one male) and Talking Piece

B. SIX STEPS (STAGES):

1. Set the Stage (Create the Environment); includes Opening Ceremony
2. Disclosures
3. Responses to the Disclosures
4. Free-Flow Discussion of Interests & Needs
5. Developing Solutions & Agreements
6. Closing Ceremony





USE OF CIRCLES (LIMITED ONLY BY OUR LACK OF IMAGINATION)

- Conflict/Dispute Resolution Circles
- Preparation Circles
- Breakout Circles
- Sentencing Circles
- Talking/Listening Circles
- Teaching/Mentoring Circles
- Healing/Therapeutic Circles
- Support Circles
- Celebration Circles
- Reintegration Circles
- Community Building Circles





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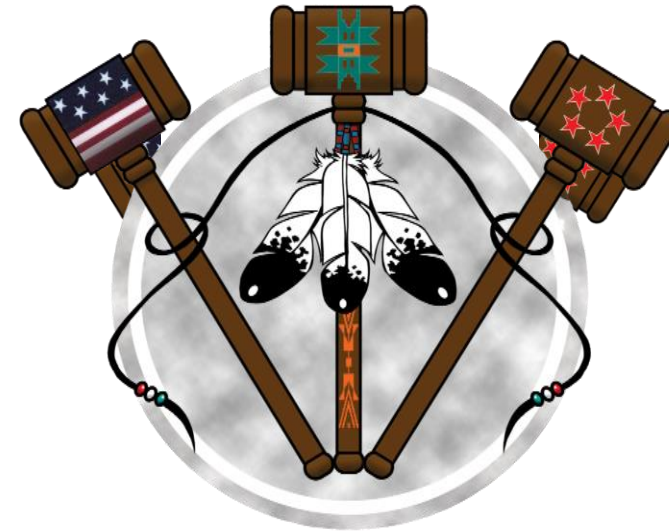
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