

Greetings!

**THE FOLLOWING IS A SPECIAL MESSAGE
 from Romola, Coordinator, Circle of All Nations
 Legacy work or Dr. William Commanda, OC**

A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS

The Circle of All Nations (CAN) is the unfunded informal global eco community founded by the late Indigenous Elder William Commanda, Algonquin of the Ottawa River Watershed, to inspire and advance respect for Mother Earth, plants and animals, and to promote racial harmony and peacebuilding. I met Grandfather Commanda twenty years ago and have supported his work since then; and I continue to maintain and coordinate this work entirely pro bono.

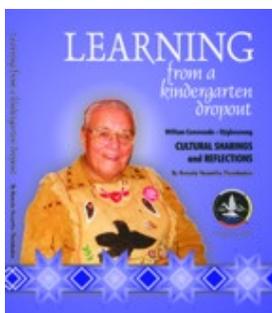


A CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS
 A CULTURE OF PEACE

CAN colleagues will be pleased to know that our doctoral thesis entitled "**Ginawaydaganuc and the Circle of All Nations: The Remarkable Environmental Legacy of Elder William Commanda**" was completed successfully this winter. Already a recipient of two honorary doctoral degrees, and honoured with appointment as Officer of the Order of Canada, Wolf Project, Harmony, Lifetime Aboriginal Achievement, Master Canoe Builder and countless other awards, our "Kindergarten Dropout" is now entrenched in the western academy; our thesis explores his Indigenous ideology, Circle of All Nations bridge building work, canoe epistemology, and leadership and outreach in prisons and in and social justice and environmental work. Our thesis is developed around the Circle of All Nations logo and it highlights the contribution of our book (Thumbadoo), our canoe teaching documentary "Good Enough for Two" (Pouyanne), NFB documentary "Ojigkwanong" (Ouimet) and our CAN team (you!) to the study and continued relevance and emergence of his critically important earth-based knowledge and wisdom.

This teaching logo has been featured on our CAN t-shirts since 1998, when it was presented at our first Peace event in the National Capital Region. Well, twenty years later, our [t-shirts are available again!](#)

Check out our Circle of All Nations (CAN) products at Turtle Lodge Trading Post. All funds are dedicated to CAN TEACH work!



- [T-shirts with CAN logo](#) (designed by William Commanda, Claude Latour and Romola) - high quality t-shirts are now available!! Reserve yours now.
- [NEW CAN logo magnets](#) (created by Karen Bisson)
- [Learning From a Kindergarten Dropout book](#) (Romola V. Thumbadoo) An invaluable full colour book



Grandfather William Commanda holding up a t-shirt with the Circle of All Nation's logo

on history, work, critical teachings and priorities of Indigenous Elder, Dr. William Commanda, OC

- [Good Enough For Two Bilingual DVD](#) (Valerie Pouyenne) World renowned canoe maker William Commanda launches renewed interest in the birch bark canoe and Indigenous teachings with the construction of his very last birch bark canoe at the age of 92.

Learn about Grandfather William's vision for www.Asinabka.com, the sacred site at the Chaudiere Falls/Victoria Island in the heart of the Ottawa River Watershed and what you can do to help save and restore it. For more information on CAN archival reports, visit www.circleofallnations.ca. Find us on Facebook (Circle of All Nations, William Commanda, William Commanda Legacy Asinabka, Romola Vasantha Thumbadoo, Romola's Nature CAN TEACH), reach us at circleofallnations@sympatico.ca, and [sign up for our periodic emails](#).

JOIN US FOR THE CIRCLE OF ALL NATIONS SPRING EQUINOX EVENT MARCH 24, 2018

506 Stratas Court, Kanata, ON K2L 3K7

Circle of All Nations Conversation - Theme Education - 2 pm

(Please confirm participation at circleofallnations@sympatico.ca)

Circle of All Nations Socialization and Supper - Just show up!

Thank You, Karen!

Finally, Circle of All Nations would like to take this opportunity to **thank Karen Bisson and Turtle Lodge Trading Post** for super support over the years. Karen did the graphic design work on our "Learning from a Kindergarten Dropout" book and countless other CAN reports, has generously hosted and maintained our www.Asinabka.com website since its inception, and enables us to reach **you** with our educational and healing materials through **Turtle Lodge Trading Post**.

Megwetch Karen!

To Dr. Romola Thumbadoo,

I'm deeply honoured by your recognition, and even more so to have been along for parts of the ride on this amazing journey with you and Grandfather over the past couple of decades. I'm incredibly blessed and grateful.

I also offer a HUGE congratulations to you on the success of your thesis submission. I know Grandfather is smiling brightly, so proud of all your hard work, and grateful to you for finishing what he started. I have always been amazed by the depth of your knowledge and understanding of his work. You truly are a living encyclopedia!

I have witnessed, first hand over the years, how selflessly you sacrifice and contribute to Grandfather's work. You protected him like a fierce lioness and your love and support gave him great joy and comfort during his final years, as well as contributing to his enduring legacy. You continue to honour his work and keep his important legacy alive and for all that we're very grateful. I am in awe of you my dear friend.

With love, light and deepest respect

Karen

Karen Bisson
Turtle Lodge Trading Post

Rock steady since 2006!