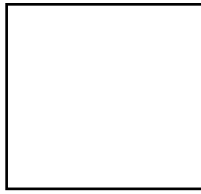


Prayer before the U.S. Senate - 1975  
by Frank Fools Crow  
Ceremonial Chief and Medicine Man of the  
Lakota Nation:



In the presence of this house, Grandfather, Wakan-Tanka,  
and from the directions where the sun sets,  
and from the direction of cleansing power,  
and from the direction of the rising sun,  
and from the direction of the middle of the day.

Grandfather, Wakan-Tanka,  
Grandmother, the Earth who hears everything,  
Grandmother, because you are woman, for this reason  
you are kind,  
I come to you this day.

To tell you to love the red men, and watch over them,  
and give these young men the understanding  
because, Grandmother, from you comes the good things,  
good things  
that are beyond our eyes to see have been blessed in our  
midst  
for this reason I make my supplication known to you  
again.

Give us a blessing so that our words and actions be one  
in unity,  
and that we be able to listen to each other, in so doing,  
we shall with good heart walk hand in hand to face the  
future.

In the presence of the outside, we are thankful for many  
blessings.  
I make my prayer for all people, the children, the women  
and the men.

I pray that no harm will come to them,  
and that on the great island, there be no war,  
that there be no ill feelings among us  
From this day on may we walk hand in hand

So be it.

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# The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Heart of America Spiritual Gathering



Honoring  
Frank Fools Crow  
September 16th - 19th  
2004

Temerity Woods  
Rolla, Missouri

## About The Heart of America Spiritual Gathering

The Heart of America Spiritual Gathering began in 1996. It has consisted of returning attendees, new attendees, a wedding, adoptions, healing ceremonies, dancing, drumming, sweat lodges, circles, the Sacred Fire, the Medicine Wheel and its yearly renewal, the building of the new Sweat Lodges, the ceremonial grounds, good food, meeting new friends and renewing old friendships, opportunities to serve, learning experiences, talks by Elders, circles by invited guests, blanket dances, education in histories and traditions, good stories, native regalia, musical instruments, artists and performers, giveaways, “thank you” ceremonies, opportunities to express feelings, children and youth serving, and more than ample expressions in prayers, devotions and appreciation of the Creator, experiences which bring tears, laughter, joy and unity!

The fact that the event has been going this long shows that we are serious and successful in DOING what we say that we are GOING TO DO.

As Believers in the equality of the races of Mankind and in recognition of the principle of One Creator, we have worked hard and brought about this meeting of Peoples. Black, White, Yellow, Red and Brown skin tones predominate—and when it comes together—those colors are forgotten and HUMANNES prevails as the pre-dominant qualification for enjoyment.

*Oh, God, make me a hollow reed, from which the pith of self hath been blown so that I may become as a clear channel through which Thy Love may flow to others.*

*- Abdu'l-Baha*

## What to Expect

There are twin processes at work at the gathering, complementary to each other, in harmony and balance.

One aspect of the Gather is the honoring of Native American ceremony and ways. It is an honoring of traditions and cultures along with learning and experiencing how important that honoring is to all of us.

The second is the Baha’i focus, elements of which demonstrate unity, racial and social equality, and a new perspective on social justice.

These ways celebrate the building of a better world on the foundation of the lives, histories and contributions of the generations that have preceded us in time. Elements of these two processes are woven together, interlaced and overlapping, while enabling the attendees to experience all aspects of the Gather.

Schedules at the Gathering will be flexible, flowing and changeable as needed. Ample free time will be given for all to socialize, rest, eat and enjoy the spirit of the Gathering, a spirit of unity and togetherness.

We encourage drumming, dancing, and singing. We include encourage and wholly support Traditional Ceremony and Ways.

We will honor the Creator, find Friends, and have FUN!

*“I cured with the power that came through me. Of course, it was not I who cured, it was the power from the Outer World, the visions and the ceremonies had only made me like a hole through which the power could come to the two leggeds. If I thought that I was doing it myself, the hole would close up and no power could come through. Then everything I could do would be foolish.”*

*- Frank Fools Crow*

## Events Planned\*

### Thursday(Arrival) 9/16/04

- Lighting of the Sacred Fire (Dawn)
- Dedication of the Sweat Lodge
- Rededication of the Medicine Wheel
- Music, drumming and singing
- Evening Sweats

### Friday 9/17/04

- Open Drumming
- Healing / Medicine Circles
- Conversations with family of Fool’s Crow
- Evening Sweats

### Saturday 9/18/04

- Speaking Circle with Karen Wicahpi Luta Win, (Red Star Woman), on the Teachings of Frank Fools Crow.
- Giveaway
- Dinner Hosted by Temerity Woods and served by the local Baha’i youth
- Evening Sweats

### Sunday (Departure) 9/19/04

- Closing Ceremonies
- Dedication of memorial flower gardens in the name of honored elders

\*other events will occur as Spirit dictates