

Leading Our Nations: Sovereignty, Purpose & Integrity in First Nations Leadership

1808 Wellington Avenue Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H 0G3, Canada

September 1, 2026

Continental Breakfast & Registration

September
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08:00AM - 09:00AM

Opening Ceremony

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09:00AM - 10:30AM

Morning Break

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10:30AM - 10:45AM

Keynote: Senator Sol Sanderson

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10:45AM - 12:00PM

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| Senator Sol Sanderson | |
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Lunch Buffet

September
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12:00PM - 01:00PM

Keynote: Katherine Whitecloud

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01:00PM - 02:15PM

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| Katherine Whitecloud | |
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Afternoon Break

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02:15PM - 02:30PM

Breakout Session #1 - The Decision to Run: Understanding your

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Breakout Session #2 - Young Leaders & Rising Expectations

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Breakout Session #3 - Leadership Wellness & Boundaries: The 24/7 Myth

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Breakout Session #4 - Council Protocols, Meetings & Professional Conduct

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Breakout Session #5 - What Leadership Looks Like in First Nations Governance

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**Wellness Circles, Cedar baths, Reiki, Open mic reflection circles, Q&A
with Leadership experts**

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Breakfast & Registration

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08:00AM - 09:00AM

Keynote: Steven Newcomb

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09:00AM - 10:15AM

**Steven Newcomb - Doctrine of Discovery &
Decolonizing Governance**



Steven Newcomb (Shawnee/Lenape) has been researching the history of U.S. federal Indian law and policy for four decades. He is recognized as one of the world's leading experts on the Doctrine of Christian Discovery and Domination and on the continuing influence of the Vatican papal decrees of the fifteenth century on U.S. and Canadian law. He has published several law review articles on the subject. His book *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery* (Fulcrum/Chicago Review Press, 2008), is the basis for *The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code*, a documentary movie directed by Sheldon Wolfchild (Dakota). Originalfreenations.com and Indigenous Law Institute are two websites where some of his work can be found. He can be contacted at stv4newcomb@yahoo.com or info@originalfreenations.c

Morning Break

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Breakout Session #1 - Campaign Foundations: From Vision to Action

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10:30AM - 12:00PM

Breakout Session #2 - Governance, Accountability & Transparency

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**Breakout Session #3 - Managing Criticism, Conflict & Community
Politics**

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Breakout Session #4 - Public Speaking & Leadership Communication

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**Breakout Session #5 - Legacy, Mentorship & Sustainable Leadership
Pathways**

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Lunch & Elder Teaching: Unmasking Entitlement & Power Dynamics

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12:00PM - 01:00PM

Keynote: Michael Birch

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01:00PM - 02:15PM

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| Grand Chief Michael Birch | |
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Afternoon Break

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Breakout Session #1 - Running an Ethical, Values-Based Campaign

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Breakout Session #2 - Unmasking Entitlement & Power Dynamics

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Breakout Session #3: Managing Leadership Stress

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Breakout Session #4: Life After Leadership, Developing an Exit Plan

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Breakout Session #5: Council & Administration: Understanding the Distinction

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Breakfast & Networking

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08:00AM - 09:00AM

Panel #1 - Supporting Your Leaders

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Panel #2 - Moving On Without Losing Yourself

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Lunch

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Closing Keynote - Sophie Pierre

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| Chief Sophie Pierre - TBD | |
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Closing Remarks & Ceremony

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02:00PM - 02:30PM

