

iEMERGENCE OVERVIEW

VISION

We are a catalyst for building pathways towards reconciliation through transformation in indigenous communities. Encouraging youth, young adults, and their families to engage in culturally appropriate holistic transformational development while training the next generation leaders.

MISSION

iEmergence creates pathways which will enable indigenous people to reclaim and redeem that which was created as good and beautiful in their culture and creates pathways for intentional transitions of leadership, from generation to generation.

VALUES

1. Empowerment. Seeing indigenous people and communities to be self-directive and self-determining in their development.
2. Culture and Identity. Seeing indigenous peoples raised up in dignity and honor, embracing who they are, and being valued for the contribution that they have to offer the world. Understanding that through the uniqueness of culture, each people group will develop in different ways to embrace and encourage a distinct expression of who they are. A strong foundation in one's identity and security in one's place in the world allows a people the freedom to live life in the fullness of who they were created to be.
3. Generational flow. Valuing the wisdom the older generation, community leaders and mentors can impart to the younger generation and seeing the next generations empowered to be fundamental contributors to the development of their communities.
4. Relationship. Sharing the love of God through relationship. Through building relationships with the communities iEmergence works with, the organization is able to gain understanding and share in the community's vision for development. This in turn allows iEmergence to empower the community in realizing its own dreams for the future.

HISTORY

iEmergence has its beginnings with the World Christian Gathering on Indigenous People (WCGIP). It was during the first WCGIP in New Zealand in 1996 that redemption of the treasures of indigenous cultures began in a unique way. This also began the process of reaching out to other indigenous peoples as the WCGIP endeavored to harness, develop and equip emerging indigenous leaders for the next generation in their own contexts. From May to September 2008, two individuals traveled to eight countries (both western and non-western) to dialogue with indigenous youth and others from their communities about what they aspire to be in their future. The knowledge gleaned from these dialogues was merged with that already gathered from the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the indigenous youth from thirteen different countries who attended the 7th WCGIP in Israel in September 2008.

The mentorship of elders and the dialogue with peers throughout the years of WCGIP birthed in the iEmergence founders a desire to have an impact in their generation that would have a lasting affect on the generations to follow. The experiences and vision of these young people, combined with the stories and information gathered in 2008 became the foundation for the iEmergence initiative.

PROGRAMS

Gatherings

The gatherings, emphasizing cultural affirmation and exchange, serve as a primary means to identify community aspirations and need in the emerging generations. The regional focus will also provide the foundation for a social and cultural networking strategy supplemented by the growing use of technology-driven social networking platforms. Through the relationships and networks developed during these gatherings, participants for the second element of the program will be identified.

Osmosis

Osmosis recognizes the dearth of emerging indigenous leadership and, in part, assigns that lack to the loss of traditional leader recognition and development in indigenous communities. Historically, young leaders engaged with mentors in the day-to-day tasks of leading a community and family. At present, much of this knowledge is gone or has become dysfunctional. Osmosis seeks to restore and build upon these pathways through a “coaching model” of learning with indigenous leaders and mentors-in spirituality, community, business, and sustainable living practice. Osmosis is a process where participants will live in community - taking part in and contributing to its daily life.

Economic Development

Fully integrated, culturally enriched and locally specific economic development initiatives spearheaded by those identified by iEmergence and other partners in the initiative are established. These will include cultural tourism (in-person, interactive, internet-driven), arts and crafts import and export, and sustainable food provision practices in the local and international marketplace. Not only will these initiatives provide local incomes, they will also ensure the overall community initiative is funded meaningfully and fairly in the long-term.

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