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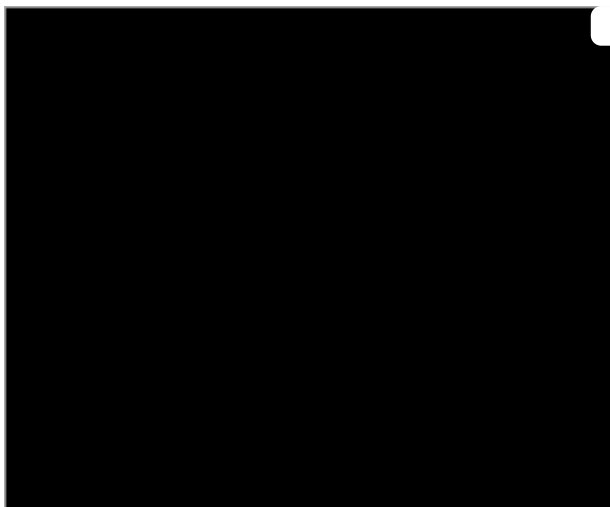
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## Native Americans, members of Kingston-area Christian congregations join for Thanksgiving unity worship service



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By [Patricia Doxsey](#), Daily Freeman

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Patricia Doxsey — Daily Freeman The Rev. Nick Miles, left, and members of the Cloudbreaker Society and Red Feather Singers perform a Native American song at the Old Dutch Church in Uptown Kingston Sunday.

KINGSTON >> In a service featuring both Native American and Christian traditions, members of several Kingston congregations and the Association of Native Americans of the Hudson Valley joined together Sunday to give thanks and begin down the road toward reconciliation.

As part of the year-long celebration of the 400th anniversary of the Two Row Wampum Treaty signed between the early Dutch settlers and the native peoples of the land, members of the Powhatan Nation and the Association of Native Americans of the Hudson Valley joined with the congregations of the Old Dutch Church, the Fair Street Reformed Church, the Church of the Comforter and the St. Remy Reformed Church for a Thanksgiving unity worship service.

Throughout the roughly 90-minute service, which blended the Native American customs with Christian traditions, the Rev. Nick Miles, of the Powhatan Nation, and other Native Americans, offered Native American songs of prayer, healing, and blessings.

Congregants also took part in a traditional “smudging ceremony,” which is likened to a prayer of confession and intended to purify the minds and hearts of those taking part in the ceremony, and the “Green Corn Ceremony,” which “celebrates the beneficence of the creator,” by giving man the gifts of meat and crop to eat.

The service was highlighted the presentation of a condolence pipe to Rev. Renée House, of the Old Dutch

## Church, from Miles.

In offering the condolence pipe, Miles used traditional wampum to symbolically open House's eyes, ears and throat, that she might be able to again see, hear and speak words of comfort and reconciliation.

"There is much to grieve and there is much to name and there is much to repent of in our history with Native Americans and so in receiving this pipe we commit ourselves to become a part of that lament and we commit ourselves to become people who are reconciled with our Native American brothers and sisters," said House.

"We commit ourselves also ... to live in harmonies that we have neglected," she said.

"To me, this is extremely, extremely important, said House of the morning service. The treaty, she said, was a covenant between the Dutch settlers and the indigenous peoples that the two cultures "would row through life together.

"We broke that covenant," she said. "To have the Native Americans move toward us and say to us, we need to reconcile what happened in the past, to me, it just feels so huge and important for us as part of God's whole movement to bring us all together."

Miles said Sunday's Thanksgiving and reconciliation ceremony is similar to one he has been leading for several years in Bloomington. "We want to offer thanks," he said. "Before you can have reconciliation, you have to give thanks."

## About the Author



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Statements like THIS . . . "there is much to name and there is much to repent of in our history with Native Americans" are what fuels the problem. Still BLAMING. The key is to put DOWN the hatchet and begin anew NOW! None of us are responsible for WHATEVER actually happened back then and it's time for the injustice of castigating innocent human beings to end. Many of our ancestors (ALL of mine) came from countries that didn't even send immigrants here until after 1900!

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Did the Christian churches share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with their guests? If not, this was meaningless and just another feel-good exercise.

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Arent ALL religious events meaningless and feel-good exercises?  
Come on now, arent we all a bit old, to actually believe imaginary friends are real?

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Says the man who believes a fish grew legs ...

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This is perhaps the most hilarious ad hominem attack i have received.

If I showed you not just one, But many fish that have a variety of ambulatory capabilities, I have a feeling it wont change your mind about there being fish with legs.

Please feel free to prove me wrong. Just dont delete your comments like last time and leave me hanging!

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/W...>

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I had to deactivate my account while changing e-mail. It was only temporary. I don't believe a fish turned into an amphibian. If you want to, you can. Did its fins really turn into legs? Did its gills really turn into lungs? Believe whatever you want, but scientists have found millions of fish fossils. The only problem is not one that had turned into an amphibian. I think deep down you realize this is ridiculous, but you have to keep repeating what you've been told rather than thinking for yourself. Think for yourself. Do a little research. Romans 1:20.

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So you dont believe it was god's plan for evolution to exist, as the catholic church, and the church of england have said?

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/new...>

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Nor the overwhelming evidence through science?

Nor that feeling deep within you, that the only thing backing up your beliefs, is faith?

Please dont get me wrong, there's absolutely nothing wrong with that. If you need a faith structure to be a good person, I am all for that. and wish to encourage that. Its done wonders for manv

for that, and wish to encourage that its done wonders for many people in hard spots. But if one day, you feel comfortable enough with your life, that it wouldnt hurt you to be open to other ideas that are relatively newer than yours, I invite you to entertain some differing view points.

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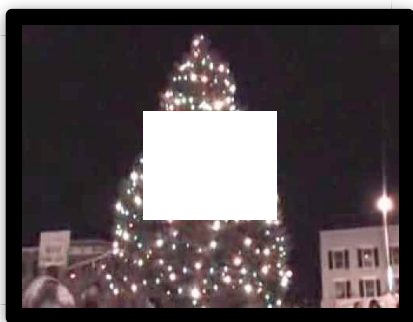
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