

Dear Friend,

Native American Evan Pritchard is planning to come to our area in mid-March to lead workshops and ceremonies about prayer ribbons. In this Algonquin tradition, the ribbons—yellow, red, black and white--represent the four original races of man; the green, Mother Earth; the blue, Father Sky. When we tie them together and display them publicly, we affirm that we choose to honor and respect each other, the natural world, and the Spirit that guides us. What a potent symbol at this time!

After the election, I made and gave the bundles to friends of all political persuasions, to neighbors, to my mechanic, my hairdresser, the local extension agent, politicians, and people on the street. Most everyone smiled; their spirits lifted and they received the message, “We are One.”

Evan offered to come to White Rose Farm to lead a prayer ribbon ceremony. I accepted! Here on the farm, the atmosphere is open and lively! Imagine the surface of the earth as skin. The pores on the farm are open and energies are flowing easily. When I traveled to Baltimore City several weeks ago, the atmosphere there felt stagnant, stale or disturbed. How could I help get the energy moving again?

Evan confirmed that a prayer ribbon ceremony can get subtle energies moving again. It wordlessly conveys a message of harmony with nature and each other. The bright colors speak to our hearts and to the elemental forces in Nature herself. As the ribbons dance in the breeze, they remind us to move with the wind of the Spirit, to open to new energies and forms. They can also honor and invite spirits of the ancestors to help us now.

We tentatively suggest this schedule: workshops in Frederick, Maryland on Friday, March 10, in Ellicott City or its surrounds on Saturday, March 11, at the farm on Sunday, March 12, and in Baltimore City on Monday, March 13. Any event could include music and storytelling.

The events will work best in places where the land is naturally potent: near running water, on high hills, and at various power spots. (Churches were traditionally built on such spots.) If you have an interest in sponsoring or helping to organize any of these events, please let me know.

Thanks!

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