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RECOGNIZING OUR RELATIONSHIPS

Fostering Growth for Healthy First Nations Communities

You Are Invited to Attend

A One Day Conference on Crime Prevention
to be held at Cape Breton University
Wednesday, April 19, 2006
in the Royal Bank Lecture Theatre of the
Student, Culture & Heritage Centre

Keynote Address by
Honourable Judge Graydon Nicholas, BSc, LLB, MSW, LLD



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- 8:30 – 9:30 am **Gathering Relations – The Great Hall**
Registration and Coffee/Tea and Muffins
- 9:30 – 10:00 am **Welcoming Events**
- ✦ **Opening Prayers and Ceremony**
Mr. Albert Marshall – Elder, Eskasoni Mi'kmaq First Nation
Mrs. Sylvia Denny – Eskasoni Mi'kmaq First Nation
 - ✦ **Opening Comments – Cape Breton University President John Harker, LLD**
- 10:00 – 11:30 am **Healthy Communities and Crime Prevention: Various Considerations**
- ✦ Mrs. Jane Meader, BACS – Elder, Membertou Mi'kmaq First Nation
 - ✦ Mr. Albert Marshall – Elder, Eskasoni Mi'kmaq First Nation
 - ✦ Dr. Jane Lewis – Dean, School of Education, Health and Wellness, Cape Breton University
- 11:45 – 1:00 pm **Keynote Address: Recognizing Our Relationships**
Honourable Judge Graydon Nicholas, BSc, LLB, MSW, LLD
New Brunswick Provincial Court, Fredericton
(questions, answers and discussion)
- 1:00 – 1:50 pm **Lunch (free of charge) – Multipurpose Room**
- 2:00 – 2:30 pm **Nova Scotia Minister of Aboriginal Affairs Michael Baker – TBC (to be confirmed)**
- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **Diversity Management Advisor Ms. Candy Palmeter – Nova Scotia Public Service Commission**
- 4:00 – 5:00 pm **Perspectives from First Nations' Young People**
- ✦ Mr. Clifford Paul – Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources – Moose Management Co-ordinator
(and resident of Membertou Mi'kmaq First Nation)
 - ✦ Mr. Jaime Battiste, LLB – Instructor, Mi'kmaq Studies, Cape Breton University
- 5:00 – 5:15 pm **Closing Comments**
- ✦ Chief Edgar MacLeod – Cape Breton Regional Police Services
 - ✦ Superintendent Robert Upshaw – Royal Canadian Mounted Police
- 5:15 – 5:30 pm **Closing Prayers – Mr. Albert Marshall – Elder, Eskasoni Mi'kmaq First Nation**
- 6:00 pm **Supper Banquet (free of charge) – Multipurpose Room**
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CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Participant Information

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Title/Position: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Address: _____

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Do you require a display table? If yes, please specify your requirements: _____

(Display tables are available free of charge, on a first-come first-serve basis. Limited number available, therefore advance reservation essential. Tables are 8 feet long and skirted. Please indicate if an electrical outlet is required. Display set up will take place the evening before in the Great Hall, however, there is limited security overnight.)

Will you be attending the lunch and/or banquet? Please indicate here. Lunch Banquet

Registration is free, and lunch and banquet are also free of charge.

Please return this registration form by Friday, April 11, 2006 to:

“Recognizing Our Relationships”

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HONOURABLE JUDGE GRAYDON NICHOLAS

The Honourable Judge Graydon Nicholas is from the Maliseet Nation. He was born and raised on the Tobique Indian Reserve, New Brunswick. He holds a Bachelor of Science (Math) from St. Francis Xavier University (1968) in Antigonish, N.S., a Bachelor of Law from the University of New Brunswick Law School (1971) in Fredericton, N.B., and a Masters of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University (1974) in Waterloo, Ontario. He was awarded Honourary Doctorate of Laws Degrees from St. Francis Xavier University in 1994 and from Wilfrid Laurier University in 2002.

He returned to Fredericton, N.B. to work with the Union of New Brunswick Indians in 1974 as a Researcher, Policy Analyst, Legal Adviser and was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 1976-1980. He was elected as President from 1980-1988. He defended Indian people in the Criminal, Family and Civil Courts. The concentration was on Treaty and Aboriginal Rights, Land Claims and Constitutional Rights. He was the first Aboriginal person to obtain a Law Degree in Atlantic Canada.

He was a member of New Brunswick Law Society, the Canadian Bar Association and the Indigenous Bar Association. He worked extensively in the field of Indigenous political development at the regional, national and international levels and maintains a keen interest in these areas.

Mr. Nicholas was appointed to the Chair of Native Studies at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, N.B. in January 1, 1989. He was involved in Teaching, Research

JANE MEADER

Jane Meader, BACS, BEd, was raised in Membertou First Nation, with Mi'kmaq as her first language. She holds deeply and lives daily the traditional teachings and values that she has learned from Elders throughout the course of her life, beginning in early childhood. Today, she provides and participates in traditional ceremonies and gatherings at home and across North America. Mrs. Meader also has extensive, diverse experience in the professional educational arena: almost 20 years as a kindergarten teacher at the Wallace Bernard Teaching Centre including time as Acting Director; resource person for elementary through high school for the Cape Breton-Victoria School Board including substitute teacher and in-service provider; developer and/or implementer for Mi'kmaq cultural activities and events for many schools throughout Nova Scotia; Project Co-ordinator for a Community Wellness program under the Healing Foundation; Elders Research Group for the Integrative Science program at Cape Breton

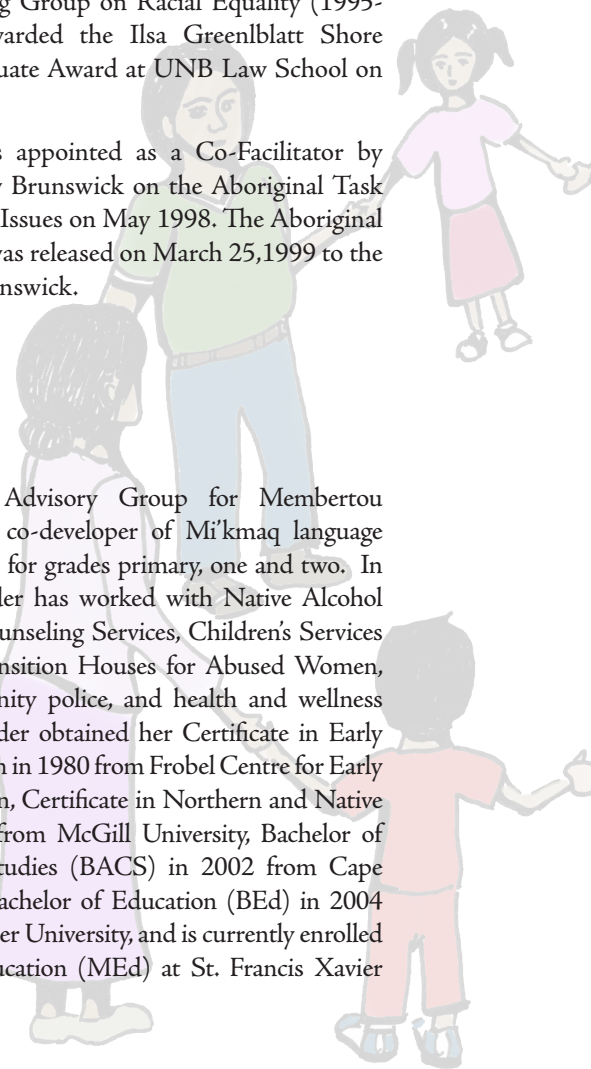
and Community Interaction. He and his wife, Elizabeth, are the parents of two sons. He and his wife are active in the Christian Life Community (CLC.).

He was appointed as a Provincial Court Judge on May 31, 1991 in Woodstock, N.B. He was transferred to the Provincial Court in Burton, N.B. in November, 1997. He was transferred to Provincial Court in Fredericton in January 2005. He was a Lecturer, part time, in the Native Studies Program at St Thomas University (1991-1999). He lectured at the Vancouver School of Theology in the Native Ministries Consortium program in 1999-2001.

Judge Nicholas was awarded the New Brunswick Human Rights Award in December, 1991, and a Recipient of The Peace Medallion from the Fredericton YMCA in November, 1992. He is a recipient of the Canada 125 Medal. He was awarded the Inaugural Golden Jubilee Medal on June 29, 2002. He was a member of the Board of Governors of St. Thomas University 1992-2000, 2005-present. He was a member of the Canadian Bar Association Working Group on Racial Equality (1995-1999). He was awarded the Ilsa Greenblatt Shore Distinguished Graduate Award at UNB Law School on November 2, 2004.

Judge Nicholas was appointed as a Co-Facilitator by the Premier of New Brunswick on the Aboriginal Task Force on Aboriginal Issues on May 1998. The Aboriginal Task Force Report was released on March 25, 1999 to the Premier of New Brunswick.

University; Elders Advisory Group for Membertou Heritage Park; and co-developer of Mi'kmaq language immersion programs for grades primary, one and two. In addition, Mrs. Meader has worked with Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling Services, Children's Services of Nova Scotia, Transition Houses for Abused Women, and various community police, and health and wellness agencies. Mrs. Meader obtained her Certificate in Early Childhood Education in 1980 from Froebel Centre for Early Childhood Education, Certificate in Northern and Native Education in 1996 from McGill University, Bachelor of Arts Community Studies (BACS) in 2002 from Cape Breton University, Bachelor of Education (BEd) in 2004 from St. Francis Xavier University, and is currently enrolled in a Masters of Education (MEd) at St. Francis Xavier University.



HONOURABLE MICHAEL G. BAKER, Q.C.

Michael Baker graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 1980 and practised law at Hennigar Wells Lamey & Baker in Mahone Bay and Chester. He has acted as the Mahone Bay town solicitor, and was the past president of Lunenburg Co. Barristers Association. Mr. Baker is a former member of NS Barristers Society Council, a former director of Marine Atlantic, and was appointed to the Queen's Counsel in 1999.

He was first elected to the House of Assembly on March 24, 1998, and re-elected in July 1999 and August 2003. His cabinet duties have included Minister of Transportation

and Public Works and Justice, and he is presently Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Minister of Finance.

Mr. Baker was a member on the board of directors of Family and Children Services of Lunenburg County and the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal, former vice-chair of the South Shore Residential Tenancies Board and the Lunenburg County Regional Housing Authority, past president of the Lunenburg Academy Foundation, and former chair of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Michael lives with his wife Cynthia (nee Corkum) and two sons in Lunenburg.

ALBERT MARSHALL

Albert Marshall is a graduate of the University of Life. Although not possessing initials after his name, Albert has been a valued lecturer internationally on tribal consciousness, collaboration with non-Aboriginal society, traditional healing, traditional teachings, Mi'kmaq language usage, and First Nations vision of science. Also, he was the creator of the "Two Eyed Seeing" label for CBU's Integrative Science initiative, which became the theme of the Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society conference, an international event held in Membertou First Nation in Fall 2005, the first time this conference had been held in Eastern Canada.

Albert was raised in a First Nation community impacted by cultural devastation and geographic relocation. An inmate of the Residential School system, Albert was profoundly affected by this experience, which led him through a lifelong quest to connect with and understand both the culture he was removed from, and the culture he was forced into.

A tradesperson in his youth, Albert practiced his profession both as a machinist and skilled carpenter. Struggling with the pressures within a First Nation community, pressures of cultural disconnection and

an internal search for forgiveness for the Residential School experience, Albert lived through the impacts of addiction from age thirty until his early fifties.

From this experience, Albert emerged strong and whole through re-connection with his traditional teachings. Always blessed with the preservation of his First Nation language, Albert has become a gifted orator in both English and Mi'kmaq of Mi'kmaq cultural beliefs, many of which are shared with other Aboriginal communities.

Today, Albert is a sought after lecturer and a revered spiritual leader among both First Nation and non-First Nation communities. He is a specialist in collaborative initiatives and is a skilled ambassador for the Mi'kmaq Nation. Albert sits on many committees which serve First Nation issues, and he works to promote ethical environmental, social and economic practices.

Albert has, with his spouse Murdena Marshall, developed KECCA as an entity to promote positive work within First Nation communities, to seek preservation and understanding of cultural beliefs and practices among all communities, and to effect a strong vision for his people and for the future.

CANDY J. PALMATER

Candy was born and raised in northern New Brunswick. Her father is a member of the Eel River Bar Band. Candy has practiced both Aboriginal and labour law during her career as a lawyer and has many years of experience in the public sector.

Candy has been providing training in Aboriginal and diversity issues for more than a decade. She currently delivers corporate training on Aboriginal Perspectives to the Nova Scotia civil service as well as a number of private sector clients.

She has lectured extensively throughout Canada on Aboriginal legal, education and employment equity issues.

She has provided commentary to print, radio and television media, nation-wide, on Aboriginal legal issues. Candy is sought after as a public speaker with a reputation as a dynamic and provocative orator, who speaks with passion about the struggle and survival of her people. As of late, Candy has emerged as an extremely vocal advocate for the rights of Aboriginal peoples, earning her the support and respect of her community.

JANE LEWIS

Jane is a native Cape Bretoner who has degrees from Mount Saint Vincent University, St. Francis Xavier University and the University of Toronto (her latter degree a Doctor of Philosophy [Education] received in 2002). She spent the first part of her career as a Regional Home Economist with the Department of Agriculture and Marketing, but has been at Cape Breton University since 1994, where she has held a number of positions. Her most recent and current position is Dean of the School of Education, Health and Wellness, home

of the University's Nursing program, the Bachelor of Technology Public Health program, Nutrition and all Education programs at CBU.

Among other duties, Jane has recently assumed the Chair of the Cape Breton Community Partnership on Drug Abuse. She is the primary researcher and author of that entity's Baseline study and is actively pursuing and directing research related to the Partnership under an Nova Scotia Health Research Foundation Community Capacity grant.

CLIFFORD PAUL

From the First Nation Community of Membertou, Clifford Paul brings a strong perspective on youth issues to the Nenaqik No'kmaq - Recognizing Our Relationships: Fostering Growth for Healthy First Nations Communities conference. From an award winning science student to his work in moose management with the Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources, Clifford volunteers much of his free time to the youth. For example, he assists in the Donald Marshall Sr. Youth Camps, Business Development Canada's E-Spirit Conference, and the Netapi STATS (Science, Technology and Tradition Saturdays) workshops with youth of all ages.

Crime Prevention, youth involvement and community activities are important to Clifford as he believes in proactive solutions to the issues that affect Mi'kmaq youth. "I work hard to promote positive values for all youth," Clifford notes, having worked as Criminal Records Manager for the former Unama'ki Tribal Police for six years. "I encourage youth to live great lives, to set a good example, and make their best effort to enjoy each day with a positive outlook."

A Mi'kmaq person with much life experience, Clifford Paul is a parent to five grown children, and also a grandfather. He will be emceeding the conference and will also speak on the values and perspectives of youth.

SYLVIA DENNY

From the First Nation Community of Eskasoni, Sylvia Denny is a mother of five children, and a storyteller to her many grandchildren. Sylvia practices sweet grass ceremonies with respect to the Four Directions, and prepares traditional meals. A graduate of the Nova Scotia Community College in the Cooking program, Sylvia now runs a catering business in Eskasoni, specializing in traditional foods. Her partner was the late Eugene Eagle Denny.

SONS OF MEMBERTOU

A Mi'kmaq drum group, from Membertou First Nation, The Sons of Membertou perform traditional and contemporary music. The group was formed in 1990 and consisted of fourteen members. They have performed in many events in the Maritimes and across Canada including the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards in Toronto, the G-Seven Summit in Halifax, and more recently, at the Canadian Aboriginal Science and Technology Society 2005 Conference held in Unama'ki.

JAIME BATTISTE

Jaime Battiste is a member of Potlotek (Chapel Island) First Nation. He has been on the Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council for three years. He was selected by his regional chief as the Nova Scotia representative and by the Assembly of First Nations National Youth Council as the co-chair and sat on the AFN Executive.

Jaime has a Bachelor of Arts and Public Administration Certificate from Cape Breton University, as well as a Law Degree from Dalhousie. He is currently working

at the Cape Breton University as a Lecturer in Mi'kmaq Studies where he teaches Intro to Mi'kmaq, Mi'kmaq Government, and Aboriginal & Treaty Rights.

Jaime believes the Mi'kmaq culture is important and he speaks the Mi'kmaq language fluently. He is passionate about Aboriginal rights in Canada, and believes that youth need to educate themselves about issues relating to their nation and that Aboriginal youth should know where they have been as a nation, to know where they are heading today and in the future.

PRESS RELEASE

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April 6, 2006

One-Day Conference to Focus on Fostering Growth for Healthy First Nations Communities

Guest Speakers include The Honourable Judge Graydon Nicholas and Minister Michael Baker

(Sydney, NS) – Fostering growth for healthy First Nations communities is the main focus of a one-day conference on **Wednesday, April 19**, entitled “Nenaqik No’kmaq - Recognizing Our Relationships.” The conference, which takes place in the **Royal Bank Lecture Theatre at Cape Breton University**, is designed for individuals in community services, policing, and education as well as First Nations youth and Elders. The gathering will be the largest of its kind in Nova Scotia.

Cape Breton University, the RCMP and the Cape Breton Regional Police Service have come together to host the full day agenda, which includes a keynote address by the Honourable Judge Graydon Nicholas from the New Brunswick Provincial Court. Nova Scotia’s Aboriginal Affairs Justice Minister Michael Baker will be the guest speaker at the closing banquet.

“This conference is a clear example of CBU actively engaging with its communities and community partners at an exciting, innovative, and challenging nexus: police and First Nations,” notes Dr. Cheryl Bartlett, Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science at Cape Breton University. “We believe this conference is a first in the country -- bringing a university into partnership with two distinct policing services.”

Similar but smaller sessions were held on the Island last year and garnered a great response. This year, through the partnership, 120 participants will have the opportunity to interact with one another and hear from a range of speakers on topics such as Healthy Communities and Crime Prevention; Diversity Management; CBU’s Crime Prevention Through Social Development certificate, and Perspectives from First Nations’ Young People. The overall goal is to help identify crime prevention needs of the communities and provide various perspectives.

“It is a conference like this at Cape Breton University where leadership has been taken, providing a positive example where the law enforcement, educational, justice, and First Nation communities have come together to review how our communities have been working towards health, wellness and safety while continually looking at ways to reduce crime,” says Myles Burke, Inspector with the Cape Breton Regional Police Service.

“The RCMP is proud to support this initiative. This truly is inspirational, seeing these three partners come together and take the concept to a new level and make a significant difference,” says Staff Sergeant Jeff Christie with the Eskasoni First Nations RCMP. He notes one of the RCMP’s priorities is leveraging partnerships around this topic and they were pleased to provide funding through the national crime prevention strategy.

“I am looking forward to the events of the day”, notes event MC Clifford Paul who is with the Unama’ki Institute of Natural Resources. “To me, the conference sets precedence for the rest of Canada to evaluate such relationships with First Nations Communities and their respective partners and police services.”

Registration is free and includes lunch and the closing banquet. Interested participants must register by Tuesday, April 11; space is limited to 120 participants.