

PUBLIC FORUM

IN COMMEMORATION OF
35 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
OF FALSE IMPRISONMENT FOR
AMERICAN INDIAN MOVEMENT
POLITICAL PRISONER:
LEONARD PELTIER
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TRADITIONAL PRAYER VIGIL & FEAST

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2011
1 PM TO 6 PM

(OISE) ONTARIO INSTITUTE OF STUDIES IN EDUCATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO,
252 BLOOR ST. W.,
THE PEACE LOUNGE, 7TH FLOOR
(ST. GEORGE SUBWAY STN).

VIGIL ELDER & DRUM:

Howard Elijah,
[Elder, Oneida Nation]

Chippewa Travellers,
[Award-Winning Aniishinaabeg Family Drum,
Neyaashingaming First Nation -Cape Croker-]

SPEAKERS:

Frank Dreaver, Mistawasis Plains Cree, LPDCC Founder, Cdn/International defense since 1983

Michael Kuzma, Attorney for Leonard Peltier

Daire Irwin, Attorney, former director of N.Y. Civil Liberties Union (Western region)

Jean-Paul Restoule, Professor, Aboriginal Education, OISE/UT

Lee Maracle, Salish/Cree Author, Professor, UT

Dr. Arnold Itwaru, Professor/UT, The People's Poetry, Music & Art Festival

Terry Downey, Executive VP, Ontario Federation of Labour

Joanne Web, VP representing Aboriginal Workers, CUPE (Ontario)

Pam Lepine, CUPW-STTP (National)



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This Vigil is dedicated to the people who had the courage to stand up and defend their indigenous rights and freedoms and to the many who gave their lives in this historical struggle for justice.

The Canadian Campaign for Justice and Freedom for Leonard Peltier and the Indigenous Education Network of OISE/UT invite you to attend the 18th annual Traditional Prayer Vigil in honour of the People's Struggle to free Leonard Peltier, North America's longest-serving indigenous political prisoner.

For 35 years, people have tirelessly worked and sacrificed for justice and freedom for Leonard Peltier. He was falsely extradited from Canada to the U.S. in 1976 and wrongfully convicted in the deaths of two FBI agents. Today, no evidence exists to support his conviction. On the contrary, there's massive evidence of wrongdoing and complicity by the FBI and U.S. government.

Yet, for the past 30 years, all of Leonard's appeals have been denied; including his right to a fair trial. On October 25, 2000, The Hon. Justice Fred Kaufman, Q.C., a foremost authority on wrongful conviction concluded that Leonard should never have been extradited. Today, Leonard's case rests in a grant of clemency from president Obama.

Join us in our search for justice!

One day, the truth and the will of the people will set Leonard Peltier free!

Join us for a traditional feast.

As is customary, please bring a small gift for the give-a-way. Migwetch!

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