

Prophetic Prayer Summit Intercedes for Reconciliation, Healing With Native Americans

An *anishinaabekwe*, or Indian woman, from Canada's Ojibway tribe, Mary Faus, prays for Native Americans and the nation her people affectionately call Turtle Island. As the director of the Reading House of Prayer in Pennsylvania and leader of the Native American Prayer Watch, Faus sees a fractured nation that she and others believe God wants to reunite.

Faus and prayer leaders like Lou Engle believe the first people of Turtle Island are hosts of the land now called the United States, Canada and Mexico. The first people—as hosts of the land—hold the welcome for healing and reconciliation through Yeshua (Jesus), Faus and others say.

That belief is shared by the co-founders of a national and global prayer network that includes the Native American Watch, which Faus leads.

The USA and Global Watch co-founders Fred and Susan Rowe—along with Faus—look to the Bible for an example of different cultures working together.

“The Scripture that we point to in terms of working with our different cultures is Acts 28 where Paul lands on Malta and the natives receive him. Subsequently a lot of healing breaks out,” says Susan Rowe who, with her husband, Fred, helps lead the USA and Global Watches from California.

The verses provide the model of how a nation is blessed when the host people are recognized and respected, Rowe says.

An ophthalmologist by training, Susan Rowe traces her ancestry to pilgrim William Brewster of Mayflower fame. She and Fred traveled to Plymouth, Massachusetts, for the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing. While there, the Rows learned that the Pilgrims worked hard at cultivating relationships with Native Americans.

Susan says a chief, Massasoit, was ill and word got to the Pilgrims. "A group of them traveled 40 miles into the wilderness to minister to him. He was healed.

"America has a parallel story to Acts 28 how, when we get aligned and work together relationally with our various cultures and communities, God will release healing," she says.

With healing and reconciliation in mind, the USA Watch is calling all people—native and immigrant—of Turtle Island to a prophetic prayer summit in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

"I believe this is going to have a place in releasing healing for our nation," Susan says.

Faus says that, as a representative of Native American hosts of Turtle Island, she prays for the body of Christ to demonstrate the Heavenly Father's original intent for this nation: Love for one another as Jesus prayed for in John 17:21.

Acts 16 provides another demonstration of hospitality between different cultures, Faus says. Verse 13 states that Paul and his travel companions went to a riverside where "prayer was customarily offered. And we sat down and spoke to the women who had assembled.

"A woman named Lydia, a seller of purple fabric of the city of Thyatira, who worshipped God, heard us. The Lord opened her heart to acknowledge what Paul said. When she and her household were baptized, she entreated us saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and

remain there.' And she persuaded us" (Acts 17: 13-15).

The Re-United as One summit, slated for June 17-19 in Colorado Springs, is prophetic in several ways, Susan adds.

"About 20 years ago we were in Colorado Springs, and we went with a group up to the Continental Divide to pray. Fred felt led to leave his wedding ring at the Continental Divide, and we just declared that this country would never be divided," she explains.