

Contributors

Marcus Briggs-Cloud (Maskoke, son of the Wind Clan) is from Tvlvhasse Wvkokiye Etlwv and belongs to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. He is an activist, musician, and scholar. He sits on various boards and committees that seek to protect the rights of indigenous peoples globally. As a musician he served as the choir conductor and composer in Rome, Italy for the Vatican Canonization Liturgy of the first Native American Catholic Saint, Kateri Tekakwitha, and in 2011 he was nominated for two Native American Music Awards for his Maskoke hymn album *Pum Vculvke Vrakkuecetv (To Honor Our Elders)*. A graduate of Harvard Divinity School, he is currently completing a Ph.D. in Ecology at the University of Florida. Marcus is partnered to Tawna Little (Kvlice Maskoke, Skunk Clan) and together they have two children, Nokos-Afvnoke and Hemokke.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Brokenleg, OSBCn, is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Nation of South Dakota. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1971. He is a founder of the Circle of Courage philosophy promoted by Reclaiming Youth International. For thirty years he taught Native American Studies at Augustana College of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was the director

of the Native Ministries Program and professor of First Nations Theology at the Vancouver School of Theology at the University of British Columbia. In retirement, he serves as an honorary assistant at Christ Church Anglican Cathedral in Victoria, British Columbia and the Prior of the Benedictine Community of St. Aidan of Lindisfarne in Victoria.

Steven Charleston is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. As a priest in the Episcopal Church he served as the director for Native American ministries throughout the United States and then, as a bishop, his diocese was all of Alaska. He has served as a professor on three seminary faculties, most recently at Saint Paul School of Theology. He is the author of several books, including *The Four Vision Quests of Jesus* (2015), and is recognized as an international advocate for both indigenous people and environmental justice.

The Honorable Ada Elizabeth Deer, an enrolled member of Wisconsin's Menominee Tribe, has dedicated her life to empowering the powerless and giving voice to the voiceless. In so doing, she has compiled an admirable record of firsts: first American Indian to receive an MSW from Columbia University; first woman Chair of her Tribe; first American Indian woman to run for statewide office (Wisconsin); first American Indian woman to win a partisan primary for federal office; and first woman to serve as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. Ms. Deer was a distinguished lecturer at the University of Wisconsin (Madison) in the School of Social Work and director of the American Indian Studies Program. She retired in Emerita status.

Lisa Dellinger is a pastor in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference appointed to New Town United Methodist Church in Okmulgee, Oklahoma. She received her Master of Divinity with high honors from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Oklahoma

in 2008. Currently, she is working toward her Ph.D. in Theology and Ethics through Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Lisa is a United Methodist Woman of Color Scholar and Fellowship recipient and a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation. She is the wife of Kevin W. Dellinger and mother to a son and a daughter, Atticus and Rhoen Dellinger.

Thom White Wolf Fassett (Seneca) is emeritus General Secretary of the General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church. Dr. Fassett has served as a seminary teacher, pastor, founder of urban mission in Rochester, New York, a corporate executive, superintendent of the United Methodist Church in Alaska, an NGO representative to the United Nations, Special Assistant to the American Indian Policy Review Commission, author or co-author of four books, Chair of the Manpower Planning Consortium for the Seneca Nation, and founding member of the Institute for the Study of Harassment of African Americans. Fassett has participated in mediation/conflict resolution of international dimensions and negotiated with Fidel Castro related to religious freedom in Cuba.

The Rt. Rev. Carol Gallagher, Ph.D., is a member of the Cherokee tribe and has recently completed her new book titled *Family Theology*. Her first book, *Reweaving the Sacred* (2008), focused on congregational development. Bishop Gallagher presently serves as the Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Montana and Bishop Missioner for the Bishop's Native Collaborative. Previously, she has served as Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Newark and as Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Southern Virginia. Carol is married to Mark Gallagher and they have three daughters, Emily, Ariel, and Phoebe, as well as one grandchild, Lillian. As the first American Indian female bishop in the Episcopal Church and the first indigenous female bishop in the

worldwide Anglican Communion, Carol shows her gratitude to God by honoring her elders' love and teachings, and by offering her gifts and skills for Christ's service and to do justice within and beyond the church.

Rev. Chebon Kernell (Seminole) is an ordained Elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church. He has served as the pastor of two local congregations. Currently, he serves as the Executive Secretary of Native American & Indigenous Ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries. In addition, in July of 2013 he was appointed to staff the Act of Repentance follow-up work and relates to the Justice and Reconciliation Leadership Team of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church. Chebon has been married to Sara for fourteen years and has four children: Kaycee, Josiah, Raylen, and Solomon Jacoby. He is a member of the Mekusukey Band and is Wind Clan. In addition, he is a member of Helype Ceremonial ground near Hanna, Oklahoma.

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