# Grandmother Moon Lodge welcomes you to the: 14th Aboriginal Women's Gathering

## grandmothers, bring us back home

St. Laurent, Manitoba August 23 – 25, 2013

**Grandmother Wisdom Keepers:** 

Mae Louise Campbell Ojibway/Saulteaux

Verna Ironstar Nakota

> Belinda Vandenbroeck Ininiw/Cree

## Grandmothers' Message to Our Daughters

My Daughters, never shame or blame yourselves for the continuing trauma of our history of colonization and residential schools. Our Ancestral Wisdom shows us a better way to live, love, and support one another. Originally, Grandmother Councils and Clan Mothers led our systems of self-determination and self-governance. This is barley visible today. Our Earth Mother and all our relations knew their rightful places in our societies. We lived in balance of Body, Mind, and Spirit.

Despite today's trying times, you must always remember that all of you belong to our One Human Tribe. You are worthy and loved, in spirit of our Beloved Mother Earth, who calls the women to gather. Many of our sisters, mothers, daughters, and aunties are being lost to a system that has broken the spine of our community: our Mothers "Life-Givers". We need the Mothers of our children to come Back Home, in order for our communities to heal. We the Grandmothers and Leaders, know that change will come through supporting one another in the Spirit of Love. Come and join us on a healing Journey Back Home.

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

We will camp together on beautiful land in St. Laurent, Manitoba, creating a healing village on our Mother Earth, in the way of our Ancestors. The registration fee includes all meals and teachings. An information package will be sent to you 2 weeks prior to gathering. Many of you will remember at the last gathering, there were 275 women too many for the land to sustain comfortably, so we must cap registration at 150.

**REGISTRATION FEE:** \$195.00 PER INDIVIDUAL, \$180 GROUP RATE (groups of 8 or more) DEADLINE TO REGISTER: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6

### **TO REGISTER CONTACT:**

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Invited Guest: Lakota Grandmother, Beverley Little Thunder