

TREE OF LIFE

The 'Tree of Life'. Spirituality was shared by our group as a whole way of life. It is life itself. In the Bible we read that Jesus when he came he said "I am the way the truth and the Life". Our Group is illustrating about life, about Jesus.

As you see there are roots and a main tap root and we all know that every tree that grows on this earth has a main tap root that burrows right down to where they can receive nourishment from the ground, right down to the water level where it can draw water for life. This tap root is Jesus for he is the source of our life. The roots are the church, the teachings of the church. The sap that comes from the main tap root nourishes and helps us to grow. We also see that land is very important, we see the hills, the earth, the green grass and sky. We also see God in that Creation to and Aboriginal people have always looked at creation and became aware that someone has created all these beautiful things around us. The branches and flowers represent every one of us here. As you see some of them are blooming and that represents us sharing and giving out that spirituality deep within us to other people and they in turn are sharing with us, to help us to grow.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Pastor George Rosendale, I would like to ask if you would please applaud and accept him into this family, our family, the Catholic family, because we are all one, every one of us, no matter what race, color or creed. The 'Tree of Life' signifies that God made all of us equal, all those colored flowers and leaves. Pastor Rosendale is a Lutheran Minister and is also with Wontup.

See also the dead leaves signifies that when we are not connected to that tree, the 'Tree of Life', we die and shrivel up like that leaf. We must always remain as family, as community, as parish and diocese. Each of the flowers and leaves radiate the beauty of different colors the beauty of spirituality in us. Sometimes that same tree is faced with cyclone storms which is the storms of our lives, the suffering, the pain all the things that we go through in our lives. It tries to uproot us and destroy us, but in calm weather we should always be still and listen and learn through stillness. If we have to grow we need to be connected to this main 'Tree of Life', feeding from it's main tap root and branching out toward other people in sharing.

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