

**"The present is not a time for desperation but for hopeful activity."
(Thomas Berry)**

Dear colleagues,

We wanted you to have another group of articles on the Standing Rock water protectors camp in North Dakota. Their resilience and fierce spirit is what we wish for each of you going forward.

Environmental and justice work are deeply challenged by last night's election, although the popular vote gives us some grounds for hope. It is hope that we must keep alive.

In that spirit, today is the anniversary of Thomas Berry's birthday, November 9, 1914. His message is even more relevant today as our nation seeks a new dream that works for all, not just an American dream of materialism now preached around the world. As Thomas said so often, this new dream will need to be in alignment with Earth and the larger Earth community. We need to do everything we can to foster this dream collectively.

To this end, we will continue to offer online classes on Thomas Berry and on *Journey of the Universe*. We will encourage the world's religions to engage in ecology, justice, and peace building. We know you will be doing the Great Work as well, as Thomas described it. This collective energy will indeed sustain us going forward.

With gratitude for all you are doing for our beautiful planet,

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Human Beings Suffer

By Seamus Heaney

From "The Cure at Troy" in *Opened Ground*

<http://inwardoutward.org/quote-source/from-the-cure-at-troy-in-opened-ground/>

Human beings suffer.
They torture one another.
They get hurt and get hard.
History says, Don't hope
On this side of the grave,
But then, once in a lifetime
The longed-for tidal wave

Of justice can rise up,
And hope and history rhyme.
So hope for a great sea-change
On the far side of revenge.
Believe that a farther shore
Is reachable from here.
Believe in miracles
And cares and healing wells.

A Prayer for People and Planet: 500 Clergy Hold 'Historic' Mass Gathering for Standing Rock

By Lauren McCauley

Common Dreams

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<http://www.commondreams.org/news/2016/11/04/prayer-people-and-planet-500-clergy-hold-historic-mass-gathering-standing-rock>

Roughly a hundred protesters and clergy members shut down the North Dakota state Capitol with a lawn prayer circle. In a "historic" show of interfaith solidarity, 500 clergy members [prayed](#) along the banks of North Dakota's Cannonball River on Thursday where they "bore witness with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation," which has faced intimidation, violence, and arrests for protecting their sacred land and water supply from the threats of a massive oil pipeline. [According to](#) the *Episcopal News Service*, "The interfaith group spent more than five hours on site, marching, singing hymns, sharing testimony, and calling others to join them in standing with the more than 200 tribes who have committed their support to the Sioux Nation as they protest the route of the [Dakota Access Pipeline](#) (DAPL)."

Larger faith community comes to Standing Rock in solidarity

By Brian Roewe

National Catholic Reporter

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<https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/larger-faith-community-comes-standing-rock-solidarity>

In silence they processed. In a circle they prayed. With Standing Rock they stood. More than 500 clergy and people of faith across religious denominations joined the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and its supporters in their stand against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. The gathering Nov. 3, described as "a day of protective witness in solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation and with the water protectors," brought the interfaith group to the main Oceti Sakowin camp on tribal land in south-central North Dakota that has served as the base for the pipeline resistance.

Image Gallery: 500 interfaith clergy and laity answered the call to stand with Standing Rock

By Lynette Wilson

Episcopal News Service

November 3, 2016

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/11/03/image-gallery-500-interfaith-clergy-and-laity-answered-the-call-to-stand-with-standing-rock/>

Cannon Ball, North Dakota - In a historic show of interfaith support and solidarity, more than 500 interfaith clergy and laity answered a call to come to North Dakota to stand in peaceful, prayerful and lawful solidarity Nov. 3; and to bear witness with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation as they continue to protect the tribe's sacred land and water supply. The interfaith group spent more than five hours on site, marching, singing hymns, sharing testimony and calling others to join them in standing with the more than 200 tribes who have committed their support to the Sioux Nation as they protest the route of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The White Horse and the Humvees—Standing Rock Is Offering Us a Choice

By Robin Wall Kimmerer and Kathleen Dean Moore

YES! Magazine

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<http://www.yesmagazine.org/people-power/the-humvees-and-the-white-horse2014two-futures-20161105>

Right here, between the barricades on a North Dakota highway, is a pivotal confrontation between two world views, two futures. Two lines, facing each other on a North Dakota highway. On one side, concrete barriers protect a row of armored vehicles and helmeted police with assault rifles. On the other, a young man rides a white horse whose legs are stained with blood. A woman, wearing a scarf to protect her lungs from tear gas, wafts sage smoke over a boy to give him strength, wash away hate, and remind him of his sacred purpose. Here, on a highway stretching across trampled prairie grass, the fundamental contest of our time is playing out.

Why Dakota Is the New Keystone

By Bill McKibben

New York Times

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MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — The Native Americans who have spent the last months in peaceful protest against an oil pipeline along the banks of the Missouri are standing up for tribal rights. They're also standing up for clean water, environmental justice and a working climate. And it's

time that everyone else joined in. The shocking images of the National Guard destroying tepees and sweat lodges and [arresting elders](#) this week remind us that the battle over the Dakota Access Pipeline is part of the longest-running drama in American history — the United States Army versus Native Americans. In the past, it's almost always ended horribly, and nothing we can do now will erase a history of massacres, stolen land and broken treaties. But this time, it can end differently.

NYC Stands with Standing Rock Collective

“#StandingRockSyllabus”

2016

<https://nycstandswithstandingrock.wordpress.com/standingrocksyllabus/>

This syllabus project contributes to the already substantial work of the Sacred Stones Camp, Red Warrior Camp, and the Oceti Sakowin Camp to resist the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, which threatens traditional and treaty-guaranteed Great Sioux Nation territory. The Pipeline violates the Fort Laramie Treaty of 1868 and 1851 signed by the United States, as well as recent United States environmental regulations. The potentially 1,200-mile pipeline presents the same environmental and human dangers as the Keystone XL pipeline, and would transport hydraulically fractured (fracked) crude oil from the Bakken Oil Fields in North Dakota to connect with existing pipelines in Illinois. While the pipeline was originally planned upriver from the predominantly white border town of Bismarck, North Dakota, the new route passes immediately above the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, crossing Lake Oahe, tributaries of Lake Sakakawea, the Missouri River twice, and the Mississippi River once. Now is the time to stand in solidarity with Standing Rock against catastrophic environmental damage.

Taking a Stand at Standing Rock

By Rev. John Dear

Common Dreams

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Like millions of other concerned people, I've followed the standoff at the Standing Rock Sioux Nation in North Dakota for months. The good people of Standing Rock—including the Dakota, the Lakota and the Sioux—have stood their ground since April to block the evil 1,170 mile, \$3.7 billion Dakota Access Oil Pipeline which will dig beneath the three-mile-wide Missouri River, potentially poisoning the water for hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions of people, and desecrating the sacred land of Indigenous people. They've built several large camps and a permanent campaign that has gained the support of 200 other tribes.

At Standing Rock, A Native American Woman Elder Says "This is What I Have Been Waiting for My Entire Life"

By Ann Wright

Common Dreams

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<http://www.commondreams.org/views/2016/11/08/standing-rock-native-american-woman-elder-says-what-i-have-been-waiting-my-entire>

This time I have been at Standing Rock, North Dakota at the Oceti Shakowin camp to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) for four days during a whirlwind of national and international attention following two terrible displays of police brutality toward the water protectors. On October 27, over 100 local and state police and National Guard dressed in riot gear with helmets, face masks, batons and other protective clothing, carrying assault rifles stormed the Front Line North camp. They had other military equipment such as Mine Resistant Ambush Protected Personnel carriers (MRAP) and Long Range Acoustic Devices (LRAD) and a full assortment of tasers, bean bag bullets and clubs/batons. They arrested 141 persons, destroyed the Frontline camp and threw the personal possessions of those arrested in garbage dumpsters. The Morton county sheriff reportedly is investigating the purposeful destruction of personal property.

The Standing Rock victory you didn't hear about: The day 40 to 50 Native water protectors kept 250 militarized police from attacking camp.

By Desiree Kane

Nation of Change

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<http://www.nationofchange.org/2016/11/05/the-standing-rock-victory-you-didnt-hear-about/>

Last week, the world watched in horror as a massive militarized police force attacked prayerful indigenous water protectors fighting for the water of 18 million people. Over and over, people were brutalized, pulled out of sweat lodges while in ceremony wearing only their underwear. Medics and journalists were arrested alongside water protectors. Cars were searched and impounded, personal possessions were taken by police. Everyone by now has seen the videos of the assault last Thursday. Here at Standing Rock, the age-old story of government forces raising arms against Native people is being repeated in real time through social media. But lost in that day, in the horrific stories of degradation, is a small story of victory, of how 40 to 50 Native people stood against more than 250 police on a bridge on County Road 134 in rural North Dakota.

"This is a good day!" News from Standing Rock (and Hoquiam!)

By SeattleTammy

Daily Kos

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<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2016/11/5/1591414/--This-is-a-good-day-News-from-Standing-Rock-and-Hoquiam>

There has been a lot of [Standing Rock](#) news happening late Friday, and I don't see it being posted here. Let me know if someone else has covered this. It's really, *really* good news! Kandi Mossett (@mhawea) posted a FaceBook Live video earlier today. She took it down, and has posted an update to clarify the news items. [Watch this video](#) for the good news! She explains so many of the various new articles, and what our actions should be. How the Army Corps will halt future constructions for 60 days, and perhaps these delays will cost the Dakota Access too much to continue. How the implications of a re-route are also financially harmful to the project, and that was an important statement from President Obama.

Why understanding Native American religion is key to resolving Dakota Access Pipeline crisis

By Rosalyn R. LaPier, Religion News Service

National Catholic Reporter

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<https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/eco-catholic/why-understanding-native-american-religion-key-resolving-dakota-access-pipeline>

In recent weeks, protests against the building of the Dakota Access Pipeline across North Dakota have escalated. Native American elders, families and children have set up tipis and tents on a campsite near the pipeline's path in the hope of stopping the pipeline's construction.

Dave Archambault Jr., the leader of the [Standing Rock Sioux Tribe](#) that is leading the efforts to stop the pipeline, summed up what is at the heart of the issue. In a [brief two-minute statement](#) before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, he said, "Oil companies are causing deliberate destruction of our sacred places."

Armed With Riot Gear, Militarized Police Begin Forcibly Clearing DAPL Protest Camp

By Deirdre Fulton, staff writer

Common Dreams

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<http://www.commondreams.org/news/2016/10/27/armed-riot-gear-militarized-police-begin-forcibly-clearing-dapl-protest-camp>

'We will be peaceful, we will be prayerful, we will not retreat.' Arrests have begun at the recently erected frontline camp in the path of the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL), as police and military move in on Indigenous water protectors and their allies in North Dakota. With law enforcement seemingly interfering with cell signal, it is difficult to get a live feed from the ground. Some social media users were able to post video and updates from the scene:

Indigenous Youth Travel from Standing Rock to Clinton Headquarters to Demand Answers on Dakota Access Pipeline

Greenpeace Press Release

October 27, 2016

<http://www.commondreams.org/newswire/2016/10/27/indigenous-youth-travel-standing-rock-clinton-headquarters-demand-answers-dakota>

Brooklyn, New York - Today young people from Oceti Sakowin, the Seven Council Fires, and the Standing Rock Sioux Nation traveled to Hillary Clinton's campaign headquarters in New York City to demand that she speak out against the Dakota Access pipeline. The Clinton campaign has thus far remained silent about the 1,100-mile pipeline that threatens sacred Indigenous land and water supply. The water protectors urged solidarity actions at local Clinton campaign offices across the country. The group also visited Trump tower to urge the Republican candidate to weigh in.

Planning to Travel to Standing Rock? Now Is The Time

By Sarah Sunshine Manning

Indian Country Today

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<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/10/24/manning-planning-travel-standing-rock-now-time-166193>

“Non-violent direct action has been vilified in the media, but it’s a major way that things have gotten done in this country,” said Marty Aranaydo, Mvskoke of Oakland, California. Speaking from the Standing Rock reservation in North Dakota, Aranaydo, who is Tohono O’odham, Akimel O’odham, and Phillipino, emphasized, “that organizing is the power, and direct action is the muscle.” Aranaydo is right. Everything from women’s suffrage, civil rights, Native American rights, LGBTQ rights, (the list really is too long to continue) were accomplished as a result of non-violent direct action – that is, taking direct action to stop injustice and bring greater attention to matters.

83 arrested at Standing Rock yesterday, Dakota Access Pipeline wants war. Native drones shot down!

By Navajo

Daily Kos

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<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2016/10/23/1585874/-83-arrested-at-Standing-Rock-resistance-yesterday-Dakota-Access-Pipeline-wants-war-over-oil>

Last night on October 22, 2016, [Dallas Goldtooth reported, via Facebook Live](#) about the 83 arrests that happened yesterday near the Standing Rock Sioux reservation where American Indian Nations are resisting the construction of a four-state oil pipeline being constructed under

the Missouri River, the [water source for 17 million people](#). My detailed news timeline on Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL) v. The Water Protectors [can be read here](#) if you need it. Goldtooth, (Mdewakanton Dakota and Diné) the *Keep it in the Ground* Organizer for the [Indigenous Environmental Network](#) is the frontline's go-to reporter for the Water Protectors in North Dakota. I transcribed his impromptu video update.

How Far Will North Dakota Go to Get This Pipeline?

By Mark Trahan

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The militarized response is escalating, Dakota Access construction is accelerating. To be clear: North Dakota is acting as trustee for the company, using what it considers the powers of state to make this project so. A peaceful protest against the Dakota Access Pipeline ended in the arrests of 83 people in North Dakota on Saturday morning amid a chaotic scene in which police in riot gear used pepper spray to break up and subdue a group of 200 to 300 protesters. It is the highest number of people arrested in a single day in North Dakota during the last several months of protest actions against the oil pipeline, bringing the total number of arrests up to 222. Though the protesters behaved non-violently and cooperated with the police, North Dakota law enforcement officials described Saturday's events as a riot.