



January 28, 2019

Boozhoo.

It is our honour to invite all Anishinaabe leaders to the *Anishinaabe Nation Gathering* in Keeseekowewin, Manitoba, Canada on August 13-16, 2019.

The inaugural *Anishinaabe Nation Gathering* seeks to reunite our prosperous Nation and breakdown the Federal and Provincial borders that divide us. Language, culture, taxation, trade, jurisdiction and autonomy are some of the areas that will be discussed at the *Anishinaabe Nation Gathering*. When we gather, we will also explore models to address pressing and concerning social issues affecting our people. We aspire to strengthen our relationships with one another and develop successful partnerships.

This initiative has been a joint collaboration between our respective territories and has undergone ceremony and spiritual guidance. The ceremonies will continue to be held and support the planning process. You are all welcome to attend and participate at the planning meetings and ceremonies.

We are also looking for you to identify and support representatives for our Elders Advisory Committee. We would like the Elders to be present at our next ceremony at Wauzhushk Onigum Nation, near Kenora, Ontario on March 20, 2019. For more information or to identify your representatives for the Elders Advisory Committee, please contact Chantell Barker at chantell.barker@scoinc.mb.ca.

In the next couple months we will continue to provide you with more information and look forward to welcoming you to the *Anishinaabe Nation Gathering*.

Miigwetch.

In solidarity,

Soong-Comigi-Nang Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh

Grand Chief of Treaty #3

Ogema-Makwa

Grand Chief Jerry Daniels

Southern Chiefs Organization