Togendowagan Society article from Advent Christmas 2017 Newsletter

St. Peter’s Cathedral

Okii Ni-Kso-Ko-Wa Welcome all my relation!

For those unfamiliar with the society, we open our service with “The Togendowagan Society was born on Christmas Eve, 2004. We thank you for being with us.” Togendowagan is a Lenape word for “awakening.” We are an inter-trival “spirit society” and community of Native and non-Native people who are journeying together to the creator. Our ceremonies incorporate many traditional Native spiritual practices that are familiar to many of our community members: smudging, the Honor Circle, the Burden Bundle, and the Pipe Ceremony. We are held together by the powerful music of the Sacred Drum that is the heartbeat of the community. Join us on the second and fourth Saturday at 5:30 and we’ll feed you afterwards.

We all share the same belief in Ihtsi-pai-yopa, “Essence of life,” Creator, we just express it in another way. ALL are WELCOME. We honor seven philosophies:

1. To the Woman; Treat them sacred

2. To the child; Teach them to pray as well as respect, they belong to Creator

3. To the family; I am accountable for the strength of the family

4. To the Community; give back time and talent when able, be a friend

5. To the earth; Honor all forms of life, winged, four-legged, two-legged, that what grows, even the rocks have life.

6. To Creator; tradition, spirit, honor our ancestors

7. To myself; did I walk an honor path today?

Please join us for service, until then, remember “Life is too short to ride an ugly horse.”

Weli Kischku “Today is a Good Day.” **Bill Felton**