



INDIGENOUS SOLIDARITY AT SCAN!

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“Keepers of the Water came into existence during the first Keepers of the Water Gathering in Liidlilii Kui, Denendeh-Fort Simpson, NWT held on September 7, 2006 as an urgent need for Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) holders to be heard, understood, respected and embraced as a critical solution to overcome our clean water crisis. Western science is and will remain incomplete without the centring Indigenous Science in ongoing scientific data collection.”

Keepers of the Water vision is “Water is life. We embody water. It is a sacred gift. Love, honour, and respect for water are essential to human existence. We honour the life-giving Waters and the Lands we are genetically connected to. We share a vision of unity based on Elders’ guidance, ceremonies, Traditional Ecological Knowledge exchange and the natural laws that govern all life.

No matter who you are, each of us is born from the water before we ever breathe our first breath of air. It is up to each of us to keep the water for those yet to come. We must all be Keepers of the Water.”

While its geographic focus is in the Arctic Ocean Drainage Basin, its educational, research, and advocacy is highly relevant to Indigenous Peoples and all inhabitants of Canada and the world. Its focus on the clean water crisis directly connects to one of the primary effects of, and solutions to, the climate crisis.

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