

# WINTER TALK 2025

## Coming to Center: Wholeness, Healing and Right Relationship

January 17-21<sup>st</sup>

St. Crispin's Conference Center, Seminole, Okla.

*Sponsored by The Episcopal Church Office of Indigenous Ministries. This is a hybrid (in-person and virtual) event.*

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### Friday, January 17

*Arrivals begin*

Travel day. Arrangements for those who will be present in person and are not DFMS staff are to be made through the Office of Indigenous Ministries and Altour Travel. Please book flights by December 22, 2024. Upon arrival at Oklahoma City, transportation to the Conference Center will be provided. Bags of swag and name tags will be available at the Conference Center. Spanish interpretation services will be available virtually during the program events.

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### Saturday, January 18

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST
- 9:00 am Opening music, Bude VanDyke
- 9:00 am Morning devotions in the Conference Center room: Disciples PB without Bible study
- 9:30 am Missioner statement and announcements
- 10:30 am BREAK
- 11:00 am Opening music, Bude VanDyke
- 11:00 am Building the Altar: A tradition of Native American gatherings in the Episcopal Church has often included a practice of creating an “altar” at the start of the gathering. Participants, representing diverse Native cultures and traditions, have often brought items of significance to them (their culture, tradition and ministry) and placed it on the altar. Some items are also placed on the altar and used as “give-aways” at the end of the gathering (according to the participants culture) but this practice in no way suggests that participants are to bring give-away items. These are personal decisions. It is also true that not all participants bring something to place on the altar. All of these represent the practice that results in “building the altar.” Each person is asked to limit their comments to no more than three minutes and will be reminded of their time. Please remember that this is an altar, a holy space in our midst that will remain until the end of the conference. It is not a tract rack or distribution desk.
- 12:00 pm LUNCH



- 1:00 pm Opening song, Bude VanDyke
  - 1:00 pm Building the Altar, continued
  - 2:15 pm BREAK
  - 2:45 pm Opening music, Bude VanDyke/others
  - 3:15 pm Missioner's "State of the Church in Indian Country" Address
  - 5:00 pm DINNER
  - 6:00 pm Opening music, Bude VanDyke/others
  - 6:30 pm Conversation with the President of the House of Deputies
  - 8:15 pm BREAK
  - 8:30 pm Holden Evening Prayer
  - 9:00 pm Close of Day
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## Sunday, January 19

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST
  - 9:00 am Sunday Eucharist (need assignments)  
Building the Altar cont'd., announcements and introductions
  - 11:00 am Group photo
  - 12:00 pm LUNCH
  - 1:00 pm Song by Bude VanDyke/others
  - 1:00 pm Youth formation discussion
  - 2:00 pm ITEC presentation by Mary Crist and panel
  - 2:45 pm Greetings from the Bishops and VIPs (hybrid)
  - 3:00 pm BREAK
  - 3:30 pm Opening music by Bude VanDyke/others
  - 3:30 pm IMAC panel discussion (hybrid)
  - 4:30 pm BREAK
  - 5:00 pm Executive Council members panel discussion (hybrid)
  - 6:00 pm SUPPER
  - 7:30 pm Boarding School commissions panel discussion (hybrid)
  - 8:30 pm Diocese of Arizona boarding school presentation
  - 9:00 pm Holden Evening Prayer
  - 9:30 pm Close of Day
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## Monday, January 20

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST
- 9:00 am Music by Bude VanDyke/others
- 9:30 am Morning Prayer, A Disciple's Prayer Book with study
- 10:00 am Reports from our dioceses
- 10:45 am BREAK
- 11:15 am Reports from our dioceses cont'd.



- 12:00 pm LUNCH
  - 1:00 pm FAM excursion (sign-up sheet) bus transportation
  - 6:00 pm SUPPER
  - 7:00 pm Taking down the altar and closing service
  - 9:00 pm Close of Day
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## **Tuesday, January 21**

*Departure day*

- 7:00 am BREAKFAST
- 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Check out of rooms and depart for airport (transport provided)

*Questions? Email, text or call Missioner Brad Hauff*  
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