

Virtual Women's Leadership Luncheon

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Welcome and Prayer

Sister Debra Marie Sciano, SSND Provincial Leader, Central Pacific Province

Shalom Presentation

Tim Dewane Director of Shalom Office of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation

Introduction of Presenter

Laura Marsala Peterson Executive Director

Living Earth Center

Luncheon Presentation

Megan Schnitker

Owner and Indigenous Traditional Herbalist, Lakota Made, LLC "Sharing the Voice – Women Caring for Creation"

Q&A

Sister Kathleen Bauer, SSND

Moderator

Closing Remarks

Mary Kay Murray Resource Development Director

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Meet Our Speaker



Megan Schnitker

Owner and Indigenous Traditional Herbalist, Lakota Made, LLC

"Sharing the Voice - Women Caring for Creation"

Megan Schnitker is an Indigenous traditional herbalist and founder of the Mahkato Revitalization Project. Her parents, Charles Wayne and Marla Bull Bear, have always been a strong foundation for her by providing Lakota teachings and traditions growing up. Her father is hereditary Chief Bull Bear of the Kiyaksa Band of Oglalas of Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, and comes from a long line of traditional spiritual leaders and teachers. She is proud and humbled to be a part of a traditional family.

The Mahkato Revitalization Project strives to provide space and programming that promotes and practices well-being through indigenous arts, culture and education. They offer adult and child classes, as well as community learning in order to bring cultural and traditional education to the Mankato, Minnesota area.

Her company, Lakota Made, LLC, makes medicinal teas, lotions, soaps and more from Lakota traditions passed down from her elders and through her own research. Her Native American culture has always valued taking care of the Earth, as the Earth took care of them. In her ancestry, women leaders in the Lakota culture had strong connections to the land. She expresses the importance of a sustainability-centered existence, and to strive to be one with nature, in all her work. VitalDyne Medical Inc. wishes to honor all sisters and associates who work together to respond to God's call to address social needs of the times through education.



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