

2011

Ambassadors1000

A Financial Support Campaign
Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
Rocky Boy's Reservation

All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ.

II Corinthians 5:18-20a

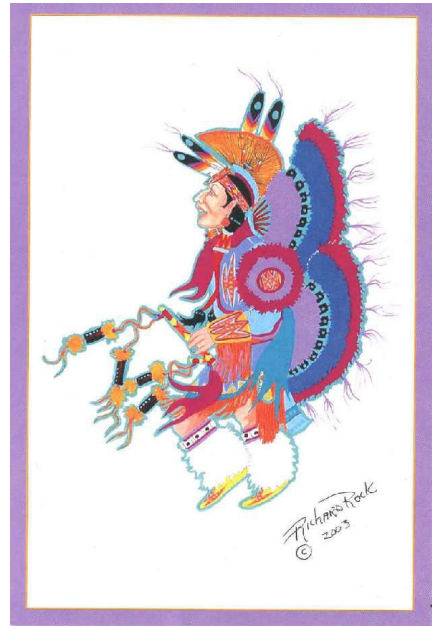
We are Ambassadors for Christ.

*Our Saviour's is here
with the Ministry of Reconciliation
on behalf of individuals and congregations
all across the United States
who are Ambassadors for the Gospel
on the Rocky Boy's Reservation.*

Ambassadors1000

is a three-fold Support Campaign
for the Christian Mission
at Rocky Boy's Reservation, Montana.

We seek 1000 new units of financial support (a minimal regular dollar commitment), word-of-mouth support (personal representation to others), and prayer support (individuals and groups interceding for the ministry here). We especially value people who believe there is an important ministry here with these people and their life on the Reservation and who believe their culture and spirit needs to be shared with others around the country.



Indians dance with purpose before the Creator. One might think of dance as "prayers in action." Dress and style define the purpose and spiritual function. Grass Dancers precede new use of space with a prayer for the cleansing of the land. Chicken Dancers pray for strength before and after battle, and Traditional Dancers lead in prayer for protection in battle. Fancy Dancers celebrate Indian identity and tribal unity. Women dance also with Traditional Dances to support their warriors and Jingle Dances to bring energy to their leaders. Fancy Shawl dancers express individual joy for the gift of life from the Creator. The Round Dances are for the whole community to enjoy relationship and fellowship before the Creator. Pictured here is a Fancy Dancer from a 2003 original by the nationally renowned artist Richard Rock of the Chippewa-Cree Nation of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation. Permission for its use was purchased by OSLC for this campaign.

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THE PURPOSE

The purpose of this campaign is to increase our ongoing support so that we may sustain our current budget, increase our staff to full time positions, hire special staff to assist with our summer programs and retreat ministries, and maintain adequate supplies in order to continue to develop the physical space for future ministry as well as maintain current programs.

THE GOAL

The goal of this Support Campaign for 2011 is to identify 1000 new Ambassadors for this ministry by identifying 1000 or more persons who will commit to sponsoring this ministry for \$25.00 or more per calendar quarter—that's \$25.00 every three months, \$25.00 four times a year. We pray that this will be accomplished through personally sharing the message and spiritually sharing the load.

THE NEED

Recent funding patterns show a decline in support. Maybe this is a reflection of contemporary economic struggles in our country. Or, possibly it is a result of the significant but competing national and international needs for all our care and support. Here, we need to maintain our present staffing level and our current basic budget, and we need to begin to build in both staffing and budget for future opportunities.

THE OPPORTUNITY

The installation of our new pastor, Rev. Linda E. Webster in August 2008 brings new inspiration and leadership. Pastor Webster's experience within Native congregations and open creative style brings promise for expanded ministry through our congregation to our community. Pastor Webster seeks to help us better partner our Christian faith with traditional First Nation spirituality here on the Reservation, as well as, to find ways to accommodate people who come here from elsewhere to serve or to retreat.

THE STRATEGY

Resources of most households these days are limited even as their hearts might desire to help. Asking a smaller commitment from a greater number will help reach our goal. By combining monetary support (financial commitment) with personal sharing (individual recruitment) and spiritual power (intentional prayer), we believe God will produce the resources needed to do what God leads us to do.

THE PLAN

We will utilize a form (mailed, or downloaded from [html://www.ttc-cmc.net/~oslcrb/](http://www.ttc-cmc.net/~oslcrb/)) for individuals to indicate participation on this three-fold sponsorship for Our Saviour's mission at Rocky Boy. Individuals may use the same form to reach out to others for their support. Or, referring persons may send in the names with addresses, phone numbers, e-mail addresses to the office here at Our Saviour's.

We will be grateful for all who join us in furthering the support for this mission. In Christ,
The Church Council, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, Rocky Boy's Reservation