

Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr. is an enrolled citizen of the Ihanktonwan Dakota and Chickasaw Nations and a distinguished Indigenous educator, author, human and community-development practitioner, and advocate for planetary peace. Born in 1944 at Haskell Indian School in Lawrence, Kansas, he has devoted 58 years of continuous service to Indigenous Peoples and the Human Family. His work has reached communities throughout the Americas, Southeast Asia, China, India, Africa, Micronesia, and the Pacific, always emphasizing that lasting development must arise from within communities and be rooted in culture, spirituality, justice, and the recognition of our shared humanity.

Chief Lane's academic preparation spans political science, economics, psychology, Native American Studies, education, public administration, curriculum development, and international arts administration. He earned a Master of Public Administration from the University of Washington and a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from National University, where he also pursued doctoral studies. He completed advanced professional training through institutions including Harvard Business School, the University of Chicago, and California Polytechnic University. From 1980 to 1996, he served for sixteen years as a tenured Associate Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Lethbridge, specializing in holistic education, curriculum and instruction, Indigenous education, and human and community development.

In 1982, Chief Lane co-founded the Four Worlds International Institute with Indigenous Elders and spiritual leaders from across North America. Under his leadership, Four Worlds became internationally recognized for culturally grounded approaches to healing, education, community development, economic self-reliance, and environmental stewardship. He has directed and evaluated major Indigenous education, health, and development initiatives; produced influential books, curricula, films, and public-television programs; and advanced the Fourth Way, Deep Social Networks, and the Reunion of the Condor, Hummingbird, Quetzal, and Eagle. He has also served in international leadership roles with the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, the United Religions Initiative, Four Directions International, and Compassion Games International.

Recognized as a Hereditary Chief in 1992, Chief Lane has received numerous honors, including the Windstar Award, the Year 2000 Award for Freedom and Human Rights, the Center for Healing Racism's Ally Award, and the Stellar Award for Service to Humanity. His contributions helped advance healing and justice concerning Canada's Residential School legacy, including the historic settlement benefiting survivors. Across nearly six decades, his life's work has brought together Indigenous wisdom, academic knowledge, spiritual principles, and

practical action in service to the sovereignty and well-being of Indigenous Peoples, the unity of the Human Family, and the protection and restoration of Mother Earth.

With Warm and Loving Greetings,

Brother Phil

Hereditary Chief Phil Lane Jr.

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