

# National Longhouse Ltd.

Native Sons and Daughters Programs®

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## ETHICAL ASPIRATIONS

*(“debweinendamowin” Ojibway: Belief)*

### Our Mission Statement

National Longhouse is organized and shall be operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes as well as for the prevention of cruelty to children within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, including the following specific purposes:

Advancement of Christian ideology through offerings of information, programs, and services as guided by our statement of Ethical Aspirations;

Rendering relief to the poor, the distressed, or the underprivileged through the belief that you help yourself by helping others;

Advancement of education through instruction, research, and exploration of Native American cultures;

Elimination of prejudice and discrimination through the integration of ethnically diverse memberships with Native American awareness;

Prevention of cruelty to children through the fosterage of the relationship, understanding, and mutual respect between parent and child;

Combating community deterioration and juvenile delinquency through the intervention of Christian programs that bolster fun and challenging activities;

Lessening neighborhood tensions through the development and fortification of inter or intracommunity relationships;

Furtherance of religion, charity, education, or the prevention of cruelty to children through the assistance or preservation of family programs embracing Christian or Native American themes.

## Our Aims

Our NATIONAL LONGHOUSE® programs are based upon the Ojibway Six Aims, as related to us by the families of Joe Friday and Harold Keltner. The Six Aims are as follows:

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| 1. <i>"Binideewin"</i>                 | (Purity of Heart)       | To be clean in body and pure in heart.   |
| 2. <i>"Inawendiwin"</i>                | (Friendship)            | To always be friends with my<br>dad/mom/son/daughter.  |
| 3. <i>"Sâgiiwewin endashiiân"</i>      | (Love my whole family)  | To love the sacred circle of my family.  |
| 4. <i>"Nâgasotawa"</i>                 | (Listen with attention) | To be attentive while others speak.  |
| 5. <i>"Sâgiiwewin kidj'anishinâbe"</i> | (Love thy neighbor)     | To love my neighbor as myself.   |
| 6. <i>"Dabandendamowin akki"</i>       | (Respect Earth)         | To seek and preserve the beauty of the<br>Great Spirit's work in forest, fields<br>and stream. |

## Our Given Precepts

The NATIONAL LONGHOUSE® programs are further based upon Christian and Biblical ideals, and they specifically incorporate the Ten Commandments; namely:

1. You shall have no other Gods before me.
2. You shall not bow down to or sever any carved image.
3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. (swear)
4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness. (tell a lie)
10. You shall not covet.

## Our Mutual Respect

Although our NATIONAL LONGHOUSE® programs are based upon Christian ideology, we invite families of all faiths and beliefs to participate. For those who are Christian, we hope our nondenominational programming will reinforce your family's faith. For those of differing faiths or beliefs, we hope that the program will provide your family with an enriching experience and insight into Christian programming.

We pledge to respect the faiths and beliefs of all non-Christian participants. Likewise, we ask that all non-Christian participants respect the faith and belief of all Christian participants. No attempt will be made to try to convert you, so please, make no attempt to try and convert other participants.