

Pipe Ceremony

Smudge yourself, and all items to be used in the ceremony. As the pipe is filled, describe the reason for this Pipe Ceremony, or simply ask for guidance. Once the pipe is started and is smoking well, rotate the pipe clockwise twice to indicate a change in directions, and point the stem-end to the direction being addressed. You may need to draw on the pipe between directions to ensure that it continues to smoke; avoid inhaling the smoke – it is meant to go to the Creator, not to you. Proceed as follows, rotating between each direction, and again at the end:

Kwey to Wàbanong, Spirit of The East, Keeper of the Animal World. Thank you for the all two-leggeds, the four-leggeds, those that swim, and fly, and creep, and crawl. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Shàwanong, Spirit of The South, Keeper of the Plant World. Mègwetch for all that grows lush & green on Mother Earth and gives us food to eat and oxygen to breathe. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Epangishimodj, Spirit of The West, Keeper of the Stone World. Mègwetch for the stone people, the rock people, the Sacred Mountains, and the Thunderbirds. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Kìwedinong, Spirit of The North, Keeper of the Tree world. Mègwetch for the Sacred Trees: the Cedar, the Poplar, the Birch, and the Willow, the White Pine, the Maple, and the Oak. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Nòs Kizis (Father Sun), Keeper of the Sky Nation: the Cloud People, the Star People, the Aurora Borealis, and all the others. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Djòdjò–Aki (Mother Earth), the ground we walk on, whose water is our life-blood, and whose breath is the Four Winds. Let me learn their medicines and their teachings so that I may share them with others in a good way.

Kwey to Kichi Manidow, who is the Centre of all things. Thank you for allowing me to know you in my heart, and for reminding me of my reason for being. Let me recall my original instructions, open my heart to your guidance, and realign myself to your service.

Mègwetch, Mègwetch, Mègwetch, Mègwetch

After all the tobacco is burnt, clean the bowl, and take the bowl & stem apart. As you wrap each separately, and put them away, listen/pay attention to the Gifts of Spirit offered. If any message is received for others, it should be shared in a respectful & appropriate way.