

VCPC Land Acknowledgement Action Steps

ACTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS TO CONSIDER:

Read books about/by Native authors-

- Spirit Car: Journey to Dakota Past by Diane Wilson
- The Night Watchman by Louis Erdrich
- Braiding Sweetgrass by Robin Wall Kimmerer
- Night Flying Woman by Ignatia Broker

Shop at Native-owned businesses-

- Birchbark Books - <https://birchbarkbooks.com/>
- Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop and All My Relations Art Gallery - <https://www.powwowgrounds.com/> <http://www.allmyrelationsarts.com/>
- Check out the Indigenous vendors at the Dayton's Project

Visit Native-owned restaurants-

- Gatherings Cafe - <https://www.facebook.com/gatheringscafe/>
- Owamni by the Sioux Chef - <https://sioux-chef.com/owamni-by-the-sioux-chef/>

Visit local museums-

- Visit Hockata Ti, the Mdewakanton museum in Shakopee
- Golden Valley History Museum
- Minnesota Historical Society: Trading Post, MN History Center, and more
- Fort Snelling Interpretive Center
- The Science Museum of Minnesota (Exhibit: Race, Are We So Different?)
- Minneapolis Institute of Art see exhibits here
- Pond-Dakota Mission Park

ACTIONS FOR OUR CHURCH TO CONSIDER:

Education hour topics

Update the peace pole with Dakota and Ojibwe languages

Schedule a group Sacred Sites tour

Provide space for a food garden to be used by Indigenous food businesses

Use Indigenous business to cater Fall Festival

Ask Session to use Native/Indigenous ways of knowing for decision making processes