

The Four Colors Ceremony

conducted by Maestro Tlakaehl

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Jillson Square Willimantic CT



The Four Colors Ceremony was created in 1990 by Tlakaehl with other Native Elders to honor the four sacred directions and the four colors of humanity and their contributions over 48,000 years of history. The ceremony reminds us that we are four colors of humanity and their mixtures but one human race, and that we all are citizens of one small planet Earth, truly cosmic citizens. It is a ceremony in which all present may participate, each giving honor to all of our human ancestors.

Tlakaehl tells us;" The Ceremony of the Four colors is an effort by indigenous peoples to inspire the new generations to work for Peace and Dignity among all the people of all the colors and their mixtures who inhabit this planet in which live , so we can improve it to leave it to the coming generations better than how we received it. We are planting the sacred seed that believes in the greatness of the ancient civilizations, that have been in silence the last five centuries."

Tlakaehl is a Mexika -Tolteca indigenous Elder from Mexico, raised in a special way for his mission. He has been traveling the world sharing ceremonies and speaking about the common origin and basic unity of all peoples of the four colors, reminding us that we are truly cosmic citizens sharing this Earth. He has an amazing ability to synthesize the Indigenous traditions with a vast knowledge of the modern world. His message is one of universal brotherhood, peace and the indispensable value of indigenous wisdom and tradition to all of us in the modern world. He is building a Peace Pyramid in San Martin, just two miles from the pyramid the Moon in Teotihuacan.

Kalpulli Chaplin is an indigenous styled organization that serves to encourage and support personal and spiritual growth and sharing. Kalpulli Chaplin was founded in January of 1991 on the suggestion of Tlakaehl. Although its foundation is partly based on the work of Tlakaehl and the Mexika oral tradition, the Kalpulli is an independent and autonomous group that supports and encourages all spiritual paths.

FORM OF THE CEREMONY;

The Four Colors ceremony generally takes from 1 to 2 hours generally, depending on the number of people involved. Everyone is invited to participate in the ceremony. First, Tlakaehl (or other conductor of the ceremony) talks a bit about the ceremony and it's history. There are 4 very small fires, and as he goes around lighting each one, Tlakaehl talks about 48,000 years of history and some of the contributions of each of the four colors of peoples. After all the small fires are lit, The Elders and honored guests go around and each one offers a pinch of sacred tobacco to each of the fires (each person is given a little tobacco previously), then all the rest of the people are invited to also go around and offer tobacco to the four fires. Everyone present is encouraged to offer tobacco and prayer. Often there is a drum playing during the whole time. There are some variations depending on conditions, etc, so the ceremony looks a bit different each time it is conducted. Some times, when fires are not possible, people offer the tobacco into bowls and we burn it afterwards. Often, we light the fires in small metal bowls so as not to damage grass or be a danger.. It is a beautiful ceremony and always, people are very touched by it's message of peace and unity of all peoples.

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