

Navajoland's Sacred Awakening

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Have you ever had a spiritual awakening? What a journey this has been and continues to be with praying and discerning God's call and vision for Navajoland to empower its Diné and community to be seen by the faith church we were raised in. When our deputies of Navajoland drafted the D080 resolutions for the 79th General Convention, we were unsure if we were ready. During the 80th General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, we felt the overwhelming support from many dioceses for our petition of resolution C009. While on the floor of HOD, I also felt that our deputation was together; we had a vision of truth that we all shared with our church family. One deputy from another diocese approached us and said,

“NAVAJOLAND HAS FOUND ITS VOICE.”

I agreed. I watched our deputation share their experiences and passion for who we are as a community of (Ke') family. We can trust our fellow deputies to honor our sacred stories. When the Resolution had passed in both houses, we were all in tears and emotionally lifted, but that wasn't the end. Soon after we all returned to our seats, the convention center was showered with the blessing of rain, and it was not a quiet shower. We believe we are connected to God's creation, and we felt very blessed to receive the affirmation that we were in the right place according to God's plan.