

NATIONAL LONGHOUSE®
ETHICAL ASPIRATIONS

(*“debweinendamowin” Ojibway: Belief*)

Our Purpose/Mission Statement

The purpose of this organization is to operate a not-for-profit entity whose purpose is to establish and strengthen parent-child relationships in a manner that is based upon Christian ideology and the theme that you help yourself by helping others.

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 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 akk”</i> | (Respect Earth) | To seek and preserve the beauty of the Great Spirit’s work in forest, fields 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 non-denominational 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.