Our Course Covenant

This course will honour and model the relationship established at the Great Council of Niagara between the Crown (represented by Sir William Johnson) and twenty-four Indigenous Nations (including the Anishinaabe and Haundenosaunee).

Two great wampum belts were made by the Crown and presented to the assembled nations at this Council to represent the relationship established on these lands. The belt depicted above is called The Covenant Chain Wampum and was the first to be presented by Sir William Johnson after he crossed the Niagara River into these lands following a month of negotiations.

Numerous stories are embedded into this wampum, including the following pledges we affirm in this course:

We are on this journey together as equals. Bound together in Treaty, we are all Treaty People.

We will always strive to polish the Silver Covenant Chain of Friendship. We do this by communicating with each other regularly. Everyone’s perspectives must be honoured and respected in order for the relationship to be strong.