

Public Adoption Ceremony

Open with Full Bundle Ceremony.

Smudging -- Put sage, cedar and sweetgrass in a bowl and smudges the person to be publicly adopted. As the prayer proceeds, smudge (put the smoke on) the appropriate area.

**May your hands be cleansed
That they create beautiful things.**

**May your feet be cleansed
That they take you to where you most need to be.**

**May your heart be cleansed
That you might hear its messages clearly.**

**May your throat be cleansed
That you might speak rightly when words are needed.**

**May your eyes be cleansed
That you might see the signs and wonders of this world.**

**May this person and space be washed clean
By the smoke of these fragrant plants;
And may that same smoke carry our prayers,
Spiraling to the heavens.**

Welcome by Stone Carrier

Have new adoptee sit in center of the circle. Around them form a circle, as with a Healing Circle. Group focuses on feelings of welcome, light, and love. The Stone Carrier then pronounces a blessing upon the newly adopted individual as directed by the Creator. The Stone Carrier then welcomes the new family member into the Church.