

# SOLIDARITY AT STANDING ROCK

**UU Engagement and Support re: #NODAPL**

**"We have not been consulted in an appropriate manner about...the traditional cultural properties, sites, or landscapes vital to our identity and spiritual well-being."** - protester quoted in a Mother Jones article



# FRAMING THE ISSUE

Standing Rock  
Sioux Reservation

Dakota Access  
Pipeline (DAPL)

Sacred Stone Camp



Source: Energy Transfer Partners

LARIS KARKLIS/THE WASHINGTON POST

# 2016 TIMELINE

August 4: Injunction filed by the Standing Rock Sioux, represented by Earthjustice.

August 22: Protestors/Protectors block construction.

September 3: Dakota Access bulldozers through sacred tribal burial ground; Video surfaces of private security attacking Native protesters with dogs and mace.

September 6: US District Judge agrees to temporarily halt construction on a portion of the pipeline.

September 8: ND Governor calls for the North Dakota National Guard to increase law enforcement efforts.

September 9: District Judge denies injunction. Dept. of Justice issues a statement, refusing to authorize construction.

October 9: Still no injunction.

October 10: Dept. of Justice still refuses to authorize construction.

October 13: Journalists charged with trespassing.

# JUSTICE ISSUES

Environmental Justice  
Racial Justice  
Economic Justice  
Native Sovereignty



Indigenous Rising

# SOLIDARITY-BUILDING

- Spread information to bring people in
- Express yourself to build political power
- Contribute material resources, especially labor
- Connect to local organizing
- Reflect on the deeper social issues and your own position in them
- Deepen your connections to your own culture and the Earth

# DIRECT ACTION TIPS/STRATEGIES FOR NON-NATIVES

- Behave as an ally
- Understand historical context of the DAPL
- Respect the need for Native autonomy, space, and spirituality
- Follow instructions of the Native leadership
- If you're here to protect the water, you need to be willing to risk lawsuit
- Take supplies for yourself, for fellow travelers, and for the camps

# REMOTE SOLIDARITY TIPS

1. Divest from your DAPL-supporting banks
2. Show material solidarity with the Standing Rock Sioux Nation, Sacred Stone, and the Red Warrior Camp
3. Petition your elected officials to bring an end to the entire DAPL
4. Become involved in your local #NoDAPL groups and organizations fighting to bring an end to resource extraction.
5. Last, but not least, stand as an ally for Indigenous People in all our of our battles.





# RESOURCES

Resource Page from UU Church of Bismarck-Mandan: [Click here](#)

Facebook group:  
[Sacred Stone Camp](#)

CLF's (Church of the Larger Fellowship) VUU Episode: [Click here](#)

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