

**Wanuskewin & the University of Saskatchewan
Memorandum of Understanding, August 23, 2021**

Once again, the tree is pierced.
Pressed onto its parchment
are asotamatowo, the exchange of desires.
Much like breaking Bannock
pahkwinamawew
this shared understanding
of askiy, land based education
and cultural richness are the hopes
beaded into its skin.

Unlike the signing of the treaties,
the Whiteman's agenda will not hold
promises they will not fulfill.
Like a marriage of mutual understanding,
shared responsibility and consequences
their kiskeyihtamowin – this knowledge
will be painted on canvas.
Shared berries pollinated by bees,
nurtured by the rain, ripened by the sun,
will be picked to feed the people.

Aspeyimowin - trust
Manacihtowin - (mutual) respect
Tapahteyimisowin – humility
Tapwewin - truth
Sahkitowin - love

These grandmothers and grandfathers,
are the energies
that must be adhered to.
They are your witnesses.

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