

Invitation to the Parish of Central Saanich:

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Sent: May 23, 2015 5:22 PM **To:** 'DWWILSON'

Subject: RE: volunteers

Dear Pastors and Leaders

My name is Muavae Va'a and I am involved with a family of ministries of YWAM in Victoria specifically focus on First Nations communities. My wife Marie and I and our family live here on Tsartlip First Nations community and continue to engage in the community in practical ways to serve and be a blessing to the Saanich People. Recently I have had the opportunity to be involved with the core planning committee for the one of the biggest gathering of elders in BC –the 39th Annual Aboriginal Elders Gathering which will be hosted locally by the host nation of Tsawout working with the collaboratively with all the Saanich People. The reason for this letter is to seek volunteers from the local churches in the area. My experience over the years and being connected to the local churches, there has always been a desire to make connections to the local first nation's community and I believe that there have been a lot of efforts being made to nurture that relationship. So here is another opportunity for the church to connect once again, we are currently looking for volunteers and we need your help. The elders gathering will be July 7, 8, 9th at the Panorama Recreation centre, the volunteer application deadline is June 26h. At this point we are hoping to have at least 400 volunteers to help make this event successful for our First Nations community especially for our elders. As one of the core planning members, alternate volunteer coordinator and the youth coordinator for the gathering I would like to extend an invitation for your church to join us on our volunteer team. I am open to meet with you to give further information if needed. Please prayerfully consider my invitation. Thank you very much, the links are below for more information website, volunteer page and 39th annual facebook pages.

Muavae Va'a

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Volunteer page 39th Annual Elders Gathering-2015: <http://www.bcelders2015.ca/index.php/volunteer-application>

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