

WE MUST DETERMINE THE NATURE OF THE CEREMONY alternatives are:

WHAT? & WHERE?

- > a one day meeting at a significant site: perhaps Tahlequah?
- >or simultaneous commemorative meetings (perhaps with short marches) all along the trail route from the Carolinas to Oklahoma, with big ceremony at beginning or end?
- >or a several day procession? (a moving group that marches a few miles each day - joined in by locals, with a substantial group riding on to the next location for local meeting(s) along a significant portion of the trail route.)

WHO? alternatives

- > whoever wants, following advertisements and appeals by media, and mobilization by local co-sponsorship committees?
- > primarily (or only) those who participate in the planning process?
- > select people from both communities we actively recruit, regardless of their involvement in the planning process?

WHEN? alternatives

- > mid to late 1998 for dialogues as well as ceremony itself, as 160th anniversary of the main removals
- > dialogues and promotion in 1998, including participation in Wayne State Univ. conference, with main ceremony in 1999?

OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF CEREMONY PROJECT: should we? and how to organize the following:

- > an Executive Committee specifically for the ceremony project, separate from the service and other programs? (that includes KIAANAFH Board & members who want to participate AND Cherokee and other Native American reps) or just leave it to KIAANAFH BOARD?
- > an ADVISORY Board (somewhat honorific, and including people like Alice Walker, Jesse Jackson, Dr. "Skip" Gates, Rev. Joseph Lowery and other prominent clergymen such as Andy Young? and the current Chair of whatever council of N.A. nations exists?, Congressman Wheat and perhaps include OK politicians and leaders if of Cherokee descent, or if the Nation approves or recommends them)
- > local/regional committees (at least for the Eastern and the Western components, and for along the route?) What specific organizations, people should we contact?
- > staff selection: should we draw from a combination of KIAANAFH, Cherokee Heritage Center (or other allies) and people loaned to us from other organizations, (which would need our own paid staff supervisor) or, assuming sufficient funding, concentrate on our own one paid coordinator?

PLEASE THINK ABOUT EACH OF THESE ISSUES - WE NEED YOUR INPUTS