



George de Benneville (1703-1793)

Dear Ones, did you know that our beloved camp is named after the 18th century Universalist physician and pastor, George de Benneville, who was born in England and soaked in French Huguenot rootage?

De Benneville immigrated to America and practiced medicine among the Native Americans in Pennsylvania as well as preaching our Universalist gospel of God’s love for everyone, a love bridging all cultures and religions—a universal love with no exceptions.

The exact words of his core message were: “I believe my happiness will be incomplete as long as one creature remains miserable.”

So, during this turbulent time of viral and violent pandemics we would do well to pay tribute to George de Benneville, our religious forebear of unyielding compassion and acceptance. I know not the circumstances of why our camp was specifically named after him, but truly it was the right choice. We couldn’t have done better.

Let us close our 2020 virtual adult camp by singing, three times through, an earth-based chant of healing:

***I am a circle, I am healing you,
You are a circle, you are healing me,
Unite us, make us one,
Unite us, make us one!***