



Presbytery of Yukon

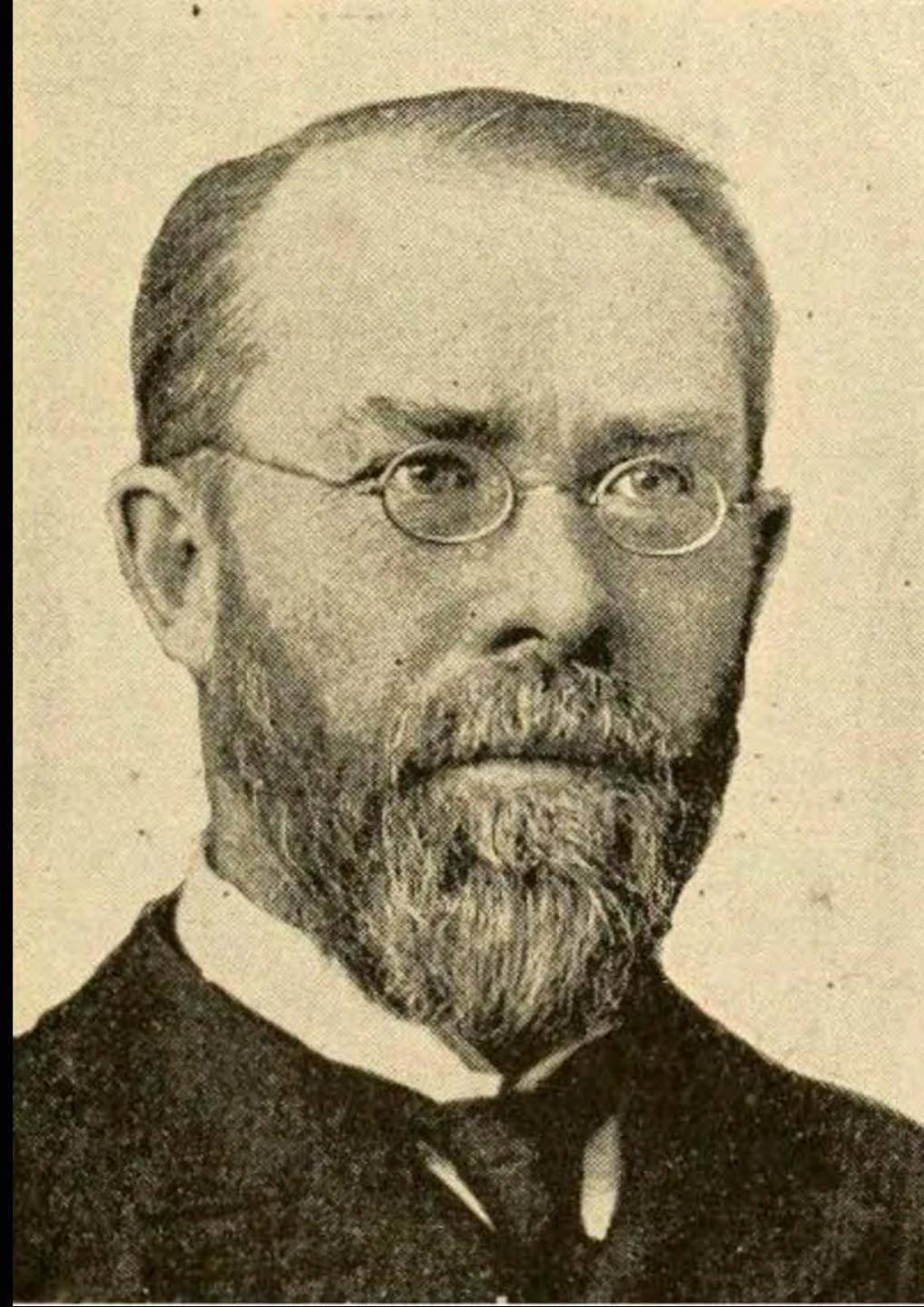
Historical Trauma
and
Early Presbyterian History in Alaska





23%







Presbyterian Medical Missions

- Samuel Simmonds Memorial – Utqiagvik (Barrow)
- Cordova Community Hospital – Cordova
- Valley Presbyterian – Palmer
- Anch. Presbyterian (Regional) – Anchorage

Presbyterian Schools in Alaska



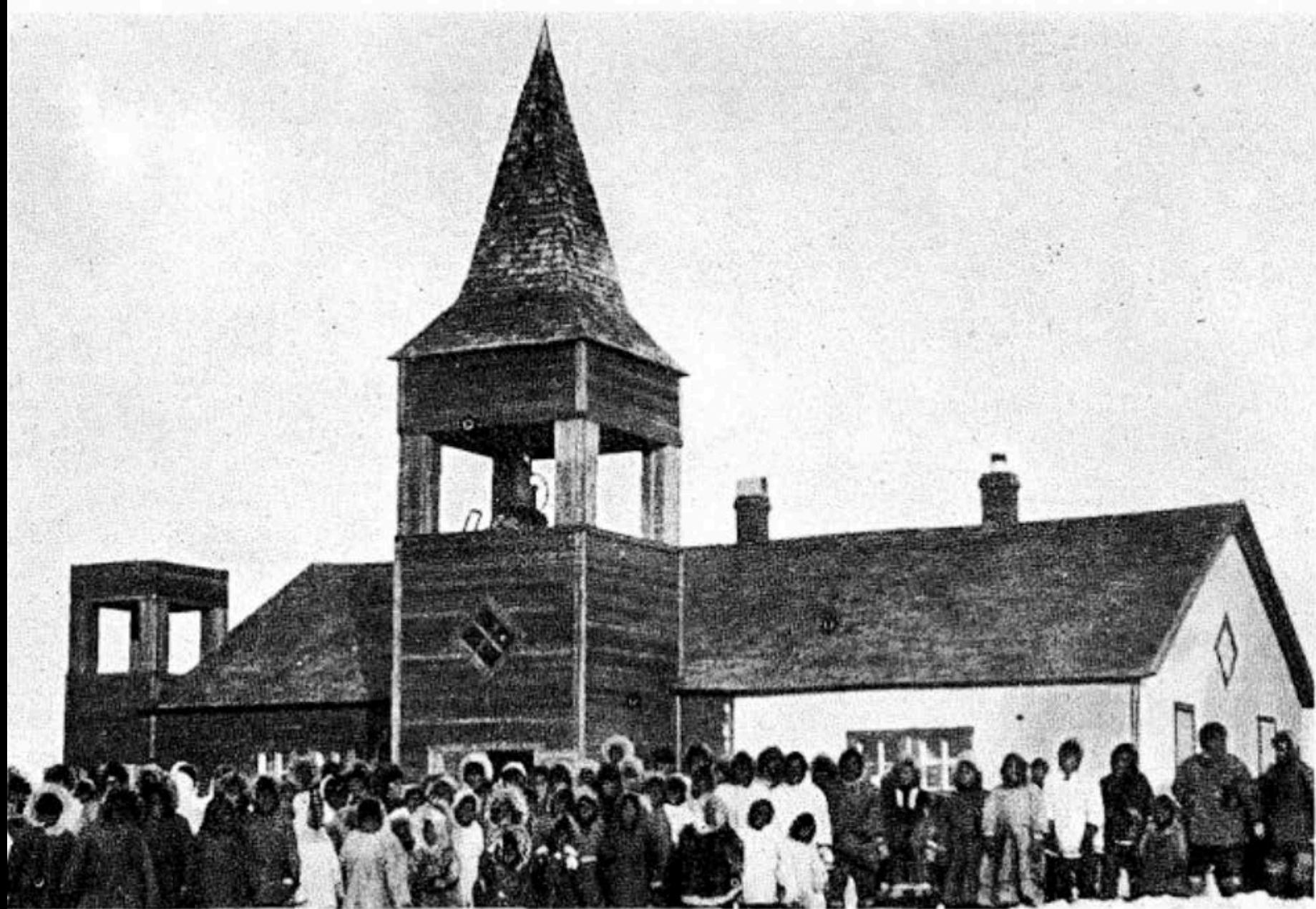




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REV. S. HALL YOUNG.



The Presbyterian Church and Congregation at Point Barrow.
Photographed by Hudson Stuck in 1917.



Seventeen
Years
Among
the
Eskimos
of the
Arctic

Talks
Illustrated
with
Unusual
Motion
Pictures



DR. HENRY W. GREIST

Famed Head of the World's Farthest North Hospital at Point Barrow, Alaska

REDFATH















Isaac Akootchook
Christmas 2006



1971

Presbyterian

Self-Development of People Fund

Helps with the founding of

The North Slope Borough

and

The Arctic Slope Regional Corporation



So...

Why Apologize?



23%





Thirty Years Later: The Long-Term Effects of Boarding Schools on Alaska Natives and Their Communities

September 2005

Diane Hirshberg

Suzanne Sharp

Institute of Social and Economic Research

University of Alaska Anchorage

Positive Aspects

- Opportunities to learn about the outside world;
- Independence and Discipline;
- Lifelong Friendships.

Negative Aspects for Individuals

- Difficulty Integrating back into family or community.
- Failure to learn parenting skills.
- Loss of Culture and Identity
+ a need to connect and to heal

Negative Aspects for Individuals

- Loss of language.
- Loss of identity.
- Lasting Trauma was passed on to next generations

Negative Aspects for Communities

- Drug and alcohol problems
- Learning to deal with teens
after 30 years of sending them away

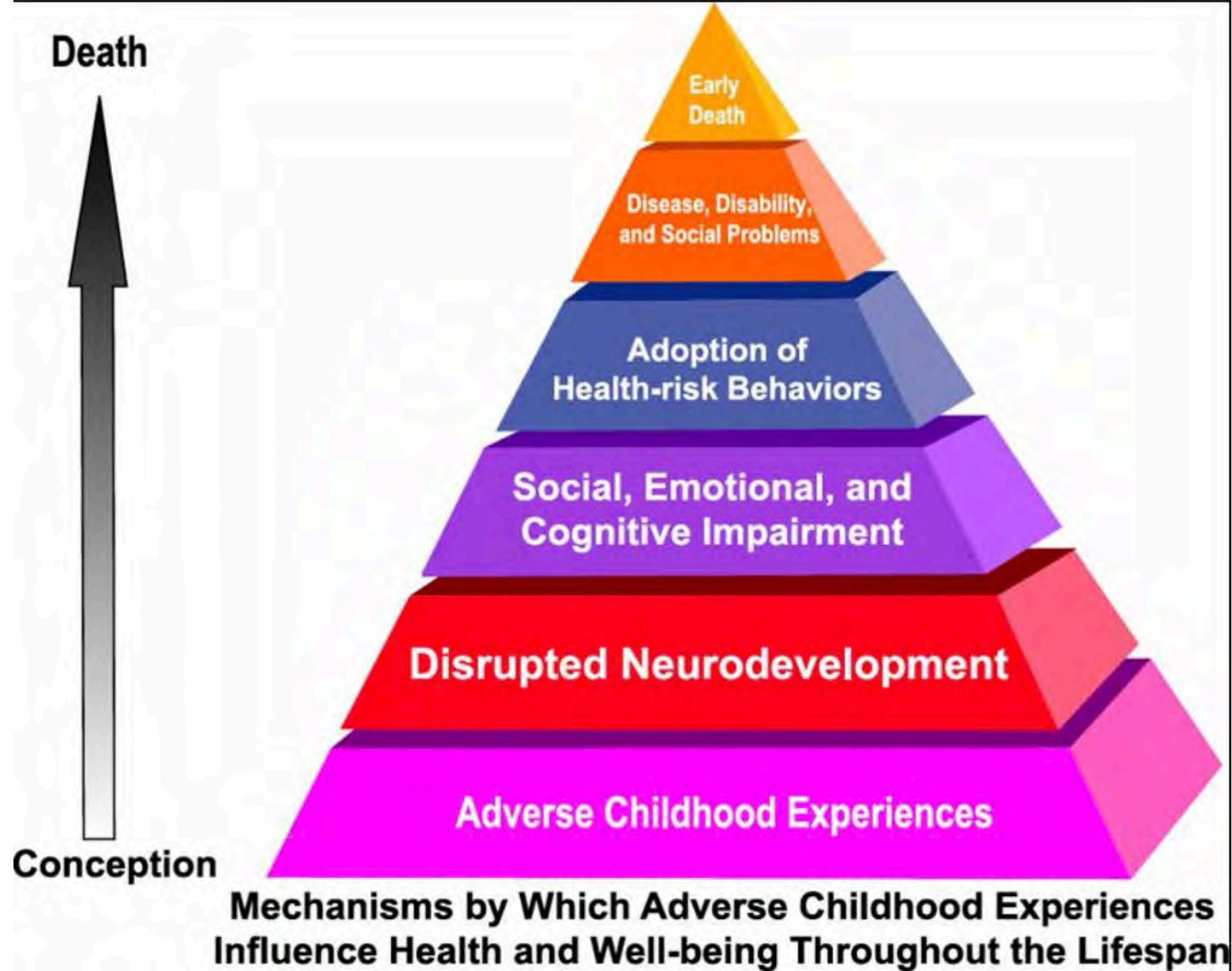
ACES

A d v e r s e

C h i l d h o o d

E x p e r i e n c e s

S t u d y



1 . Abuse of Child

- Psychological Abuse
 - Physical Abuse
- Contact Sexual Abuse

2. Trauma in Household Environment

- An alcohol/drug abuser in the household
 - An incarcerated household member
 - Someone chronically depressed, institutionalized, mentally ill, suicidal
 - Mother is treated violently
- Biological parent absent from household

3. Neglect of Child

- Emotional Neglect
- Physical Neglect

Comparing 0 ACEs to 4

- 390% more likely to be a Smoker
- 390% more likely to have chronic Pulmonary Lung disease
- 240% more likely to have hepatitis
- 250% more likely to have sexually transmitted diseases
- 460% more likely to suffer depression
- 1,220% more likely to commit suicide



Public Acknowledgement and Apology

“...an apology, no matter how sincere or effective, does not and cannot undo what has been done. And yet, in a mysterious way and according to its own logic, this is precisely what it manages to do.

Nicholas Tavuchis

One must consider the political, cultural, and social contexts of the group(s) being targeted for an apology.

Corntassel and Holder, (2008), “Who’s Sorry Now”

Eight Requirements for an Authentic Apology

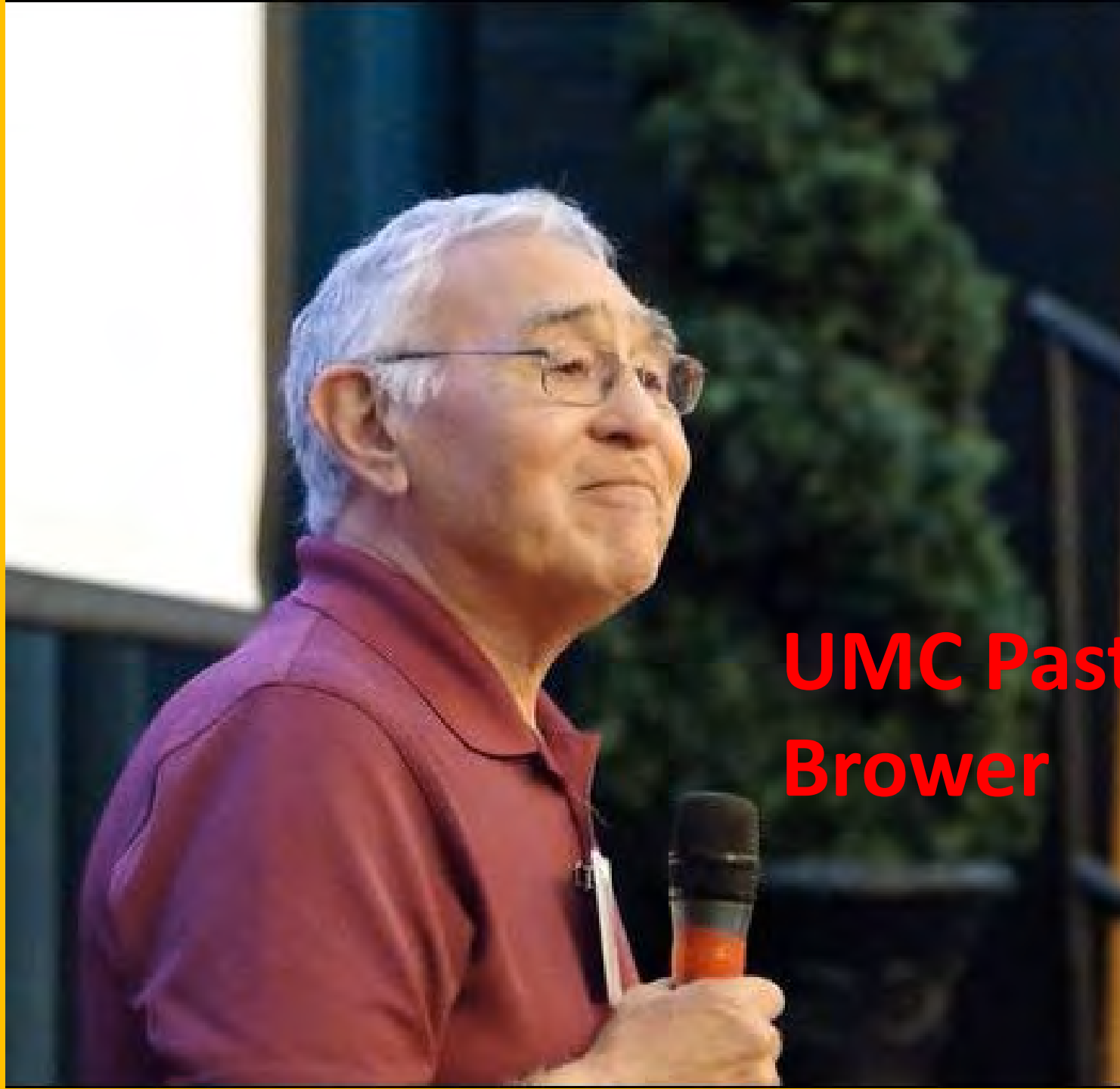
1. Recorded officially in writing
2. Names the wrongs in question
3. Accepts responsibility
4. States regret
5. Promise non-repetition
6. Does not demand forgiveness
7. Is not hypocritical or arbitrary
8. Undertakes-through measures of publicity, ceremony, and concrete reparation-to engage morally those in whose name the apology is made and to assure the wronged group that the apology is sincere.

Matt James (political scientist)

What Next?



Employ Indigenous Leadership In Recruiting and Training Leaders



**UMC Pastor Charles
Brower**



New Partners



Official Website of the

NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH



arctic slope regional corporation



Mayor Harry K.
Brower

COB Crawford
Patkotak





Rediscovering Healing Ministries



Dorothy Bekoalok →

← Lucy Apatiki





Healing For Urban People

Sharing



Dominion



Matthew 20:25-28

You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”



Healing For Urban People

Dominion—
Lording
over others



Sharing—
Serving one
another



Healing for Indigenous People

Christian
Faith



Modern
Wisdom

Study Blogs

<http://pbyukonhealing.blogspot.com>

<http://poyonsalvation.blogspot.com/>