

**IAM Report to Presbytery  
October 2023**

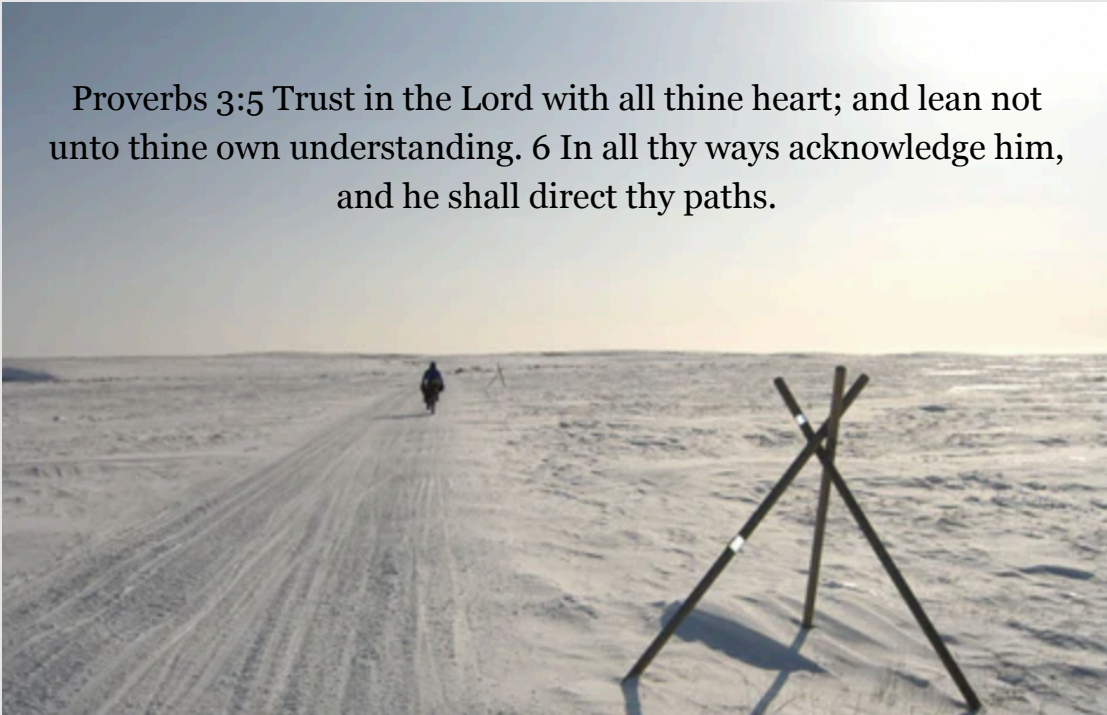
1. IAM's Healing and Renewal Program is seeing great enthusiasm among students getting trained in Faith-based Trauma Recovery through Elijah House Ministries. So far, students have largely been from Utqiagvik. However, Lucy Apatiki and Susan Apassingok from Gambell will be starting Elijah House's online program this month. Their classes both provide a path for healing for the students, and train the students to eventually become facilitators of these classes in their own communities.
2. IAM is grateful to the presbytery for providing funds for Gambell's Starlink hardware. IAM is proud to share future data costs with the presbytery. We believe this online capability will benefit the people in Gambell, and will strengthen Christ's ministry both through the Presbytery and through IAM.
3. IAM's Iluaqsiñmun (Faith-based 12-step Program) is available to all Alaska Native people through our Zoom link. The program combines 12-step wisdom with Christian faith and Alaska Native Cultural Values. We meet online, Monday nights at 7 p.m. Please see our flyer for how to join the dial up, or by Zoom link.
4. We are happy to work with the Presbytery of Yukon to provide quarterly pastoral visits to those communities that do not have resident pastors. IAM partners with the presbytery to send Rev. Curt Karns or Rev. Charles D. Brower to provide sacraments and pastoral services to Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, Atqasuk, Nuiqsut, and Savoonga. We believe that strong congregations are essential for personal and community health in all our communities.
5. We operate in all eight North Slope Borough Communities: Utqiagvik, Nuiqsut, Anaktuvuk Pass, Kaktovik, Atqasuk, Wainwright, Pt. Hope, and Pt. Lay.  
We also operate in both St. Lawrence Island communities: Gambell and Savoonga
6. Our biggest problem at the moment is funding for St. Lawrence Island ministry. All our grants, at the moment, are restricted for use in the North Slope Borough region. Although we have applied for grants for Gambell and Savoonga from the Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering, and the Cook Native American Foundation, we do not know if these grants will be approved, and if approved the funds will not be available until next summer.

In these two villages, we are therefore operating only on a volunteer basis at the moment. We have people we would like to hire as local staff, which would allow a real expansion of our work, but we do not have funds. We are seeking immediate funds for the first 6 months of 2024. A 6-month budget would be approximately \$30,000.

# ILUAQSIÑMUN

## “Toward Wellness”

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.



EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE:  
Breaking New Trails for life and family with IAMs  
new gathering “Toward Wellness”

Mondays, 7pm, Presbyterian Church  
Zoom- <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85359560356>  
Call in number- 833 548 0276  
Meeting number 85359560356  
In-person-enter by the back door Christian Ed Bldg  
“Use the stairs right by the building numbers: 1264”.