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Lenny Foster (Navajo) was involved in the occupation of Alcatraz. After Alcatraz, he served as the Spiritual Advisor and Director of the Navajo Nations Corrections Project, where he was responsible for the traditional spiritual guidance of 1500 inmates in 89 state and federal penitentiaries. Until his retirement in 2017, he still served as the spiritual advisor to AIM Leader Leonard Peltier, who is considered a political prisoner by many.

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Levi Rickert (Potawatomi), publisher/editor of Native News Online, travels across the nation to highlight the concerns and advances of Native people. He has worked with AIM Leaders, such as Dennis Banks, to protest the closing of Bimaadiziwin Native American Program at Grand Rapids Public Schools. Mr. Rickert covered the Standing Rock Movement in support of water protection across Indian Country.

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