



William (Bill) White

William A. White, BA is a Snuneymuxw First Nation member and carries two ancestral names Xelimulh and Kasalid.

Our Ancestors wanted to ensure children and grandchildren had an understanding of our values so much so that when nieces and nephews have children an uncle immediately becomes a grandfather. As such, Xelimulh is a grandfather to 11 children. His father died when he was five and his grandparents and uncles/aunts filled that huge gap. They wanted to ensure the great hurt and sorrow was covered in order to make him stronger and to carry teachings. He is interested in the application of values called Snawayalth including ritual, ceremony and talk. All of which to maintain balance, healing and order.

Since the seventies he was a student of the trained elders/Sulsalewh, (Kay George/Cowichan), (Chief Adam Dick/Kingcome Inlet-Qualicum), (Dr. Samuel Sam, OC/Tsartlip), (Agnes Pierre/Katzie). He is currently a member of Chief Michael Wyse's Elders Advisory Committee, a teacher/Titimels for the Nanaimo Museum, and an advisor to St. Michaels' University School, Victoria, BC. He has also been an advisor to the Canadian Based Research Centre, Vancouver BC, Traditional Teachings for STI & HIV 2019 World Congress, 2019.

He has major concern that the young of our nations are not receiving consistent teachings to enable good and healthy living and eventually to fill their roles as Sulsalewh/Elders. In the last 20 years he has had at least five students who wanted to know more about maintaining balance.