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Hello Everyone and Welcome Faith-Based Partners:

I would like to welcome our presenters, guests and most importantly faith-based grantees to the 4th Annual Resource Forum. It's truly an honor to have everyone here again for another promising year.

The purpose of the Faith-Based Resource Forum is to provide resources, tools, and introduce skill sets to assist victim service programs and faith-based collaborators in supporting victims of crime in Indian Country. The goal of the Forum is to identify methods to increase a multi-disciplinary approach in responding to victims of crime in Indian Country.

The Office for Victims of Crime appreciates, all of the faith-based grantees for their commitment to the Counseling & Faith-Based Services Crime Victims in Indian Country Grant Program. A hearty thanks goes to you that traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota taking time away from your family and work to represent your Faith-Based Program.

My deepest appreciation goes out to Melissa Riley, who was deeply committed with planning and implementing the Resource Forum. She worked day and night to get this Forum up and running. My hat goes off to her!

Additionally, we learn when Tribal Leaders are involved and aware they can make policy decisions – it sends a message to perpetrators that crime is not acceptable.

Your willingness to share your thoughts and experience's are invaluable. In turn, the knowledge we gain will help OVC to develop and implement a more effective Counseling & Faith-Based Services Grant Program.

Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is process; working together is success.

Sincerely,

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