"The Lord Will Provide": The History and Role of Episcopalian Christianity in Nets'aii Gwich'in Social Development--Arctic Village, Alaska

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Abstract
This paper addresses the history and development of Episcopalianism in the Nets'aii Gwich'in community of Arctic Village, Alaska. It is argued that Christianity in the village well represents communal resistance to colonial domination, as well as the ability to blend past and present traditions. This development is due largely to the role played by the Gwich'in Reverend Albert E. Tritt, whose efforts, including his building of the community's first church, were central to the community's embracing of Christianity. The paper concludes with a discussion of Gwich'in Episcopalianism in the twenty-first century, and its role in the battle against oil drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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The Gwich’in people of the northern Interior region are primarily known today for their dependence on the caribou within the much-contested Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The North Slope and Little Diomede Island are occupied by the widespread Inuit people. The First Settlers. The first written accounts indicate that the first Europeans to reach Alaska came from Russia. Alexandr Baranov, "Lord of Alaska," not only played an active role in the Russian–American Company, but he was also the first governor of Russian America. The selling of Alaska to the United States did not erase the history of Russian commercial interest in Alaska, and the wreck of Kad'yak is probably just one small part of underwater remains that the Russians have left behind. Climate change Arctic Indigenous peoples Nets’ai Gwich’in Arctic Village. This is a preview of subscription content, log in to check access. Citearticle. Appendix 1: Arctic Village public opinion survey questionnaire 2009. The following is a series of 20 questions for a research study concerning Arctic Village/Vash’rai K’oo. It will take roughly ½—45 min h to answer all the questions. You will be paid $15 for your time. The way that the survey works is that if you don’t know an answer, please feel free to tell me. If you don’t wish to answer a certain question, please tell me that also. The information from this survey will be used solely to assist my research concerning your village. Your name will not be used in any way in this research and