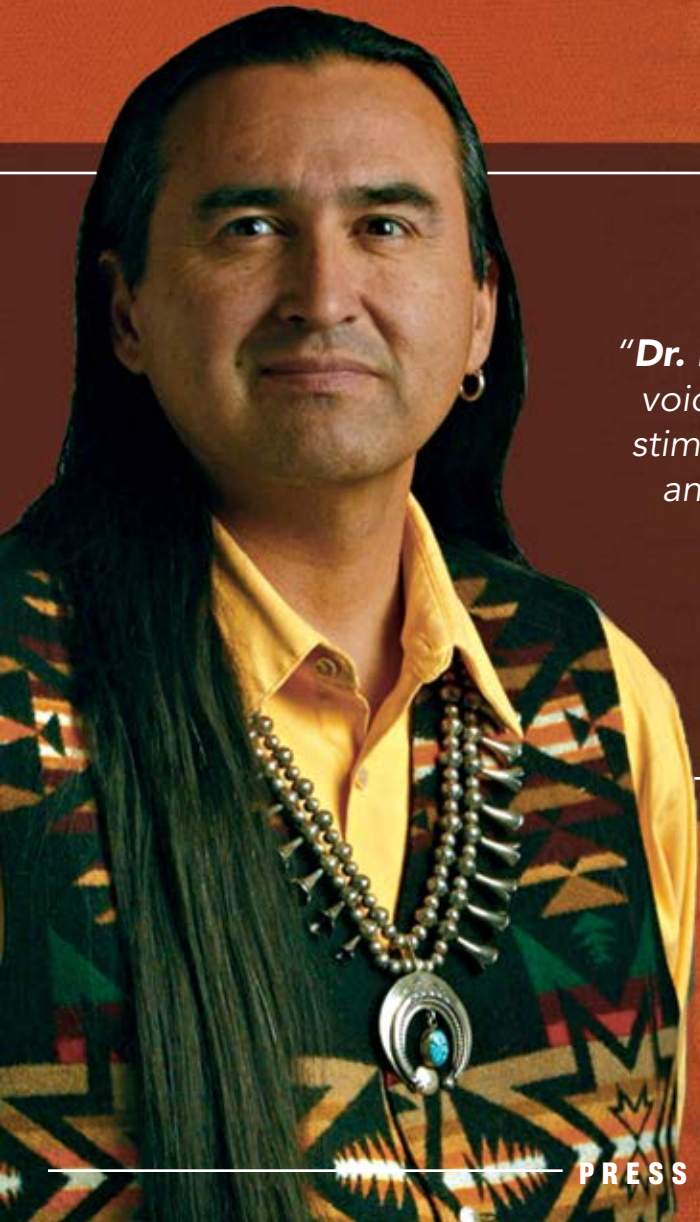


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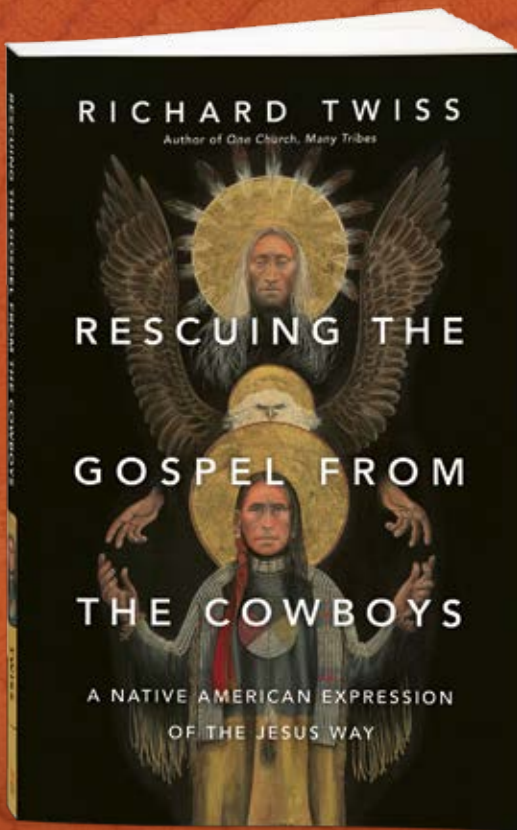


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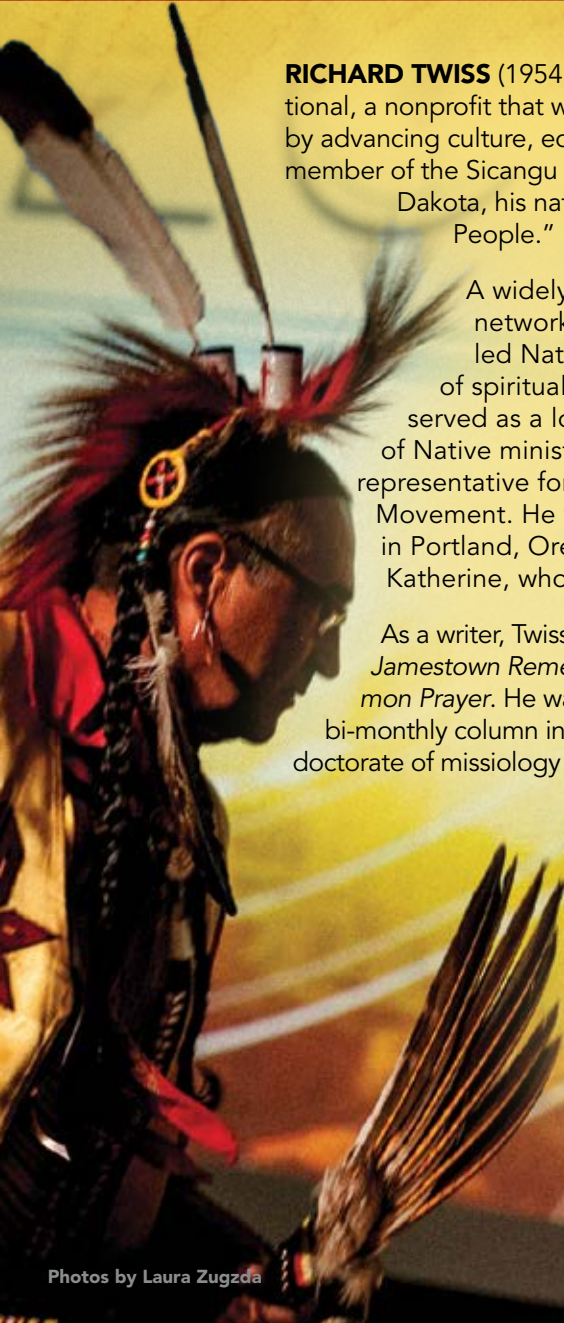
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THE LEGACY OF



RICHARD TWISS (1954–2013) was the founder and president of Wiconi International, a nonprofit that works for the betterment of Native people and communities by advancing culture, education, spirituality and social justice in the spirit of Jesus. A member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from the Rosebud Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, his native name was *Taoyate Obnajin*, or “He Stands with His People.” He is the author of *One Church, Many Tribes*.

A widely traveled speaker, activist, educator, author and networker within the Native North American community, Twiss led Native American performing arts teams and addressed issues of spirituality and justice in hundreds of venues worldwide. He served as a local pastor for thirteen years, worked as national director of Native ministries for the International Bible Society and was the US representative for the World Christian Gathering of Indigenous People Movement. He was committed to serving the local Native community in Portland, Oregon, and was a respected spiritual leader with his wife, Katherine, who continues his vision today.

As a writer, Twiss contributed to *The Justice Project*, *Holy Bible: Mosaic*, *Jamestown Remembered*, *Coming Together in the 21st Century* and *Common Prayer*. He was a contributing editor for *Cultural Encounters* and wrote a bi-monthly column in *Charisma* magazine called “Smoke Signals”. He earned a doctorate of missiology in intercultural studies from Asbury Theological Seminary.

“Minority believers generally take a backseat in the wider Christian community, so when Richard was featured in his full ‘Indianess’ as a Christian, it gave me great comfort.”

JANE LEONG

Portland resident, reflecting after hearing Twiss speak at a missions conference

RICHARD TWISS

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