

(Do women go to peyote meetings very much?)

Oh yeah. Yeah. Most of them. Young men--most of the men's wives--they go in with them--as long as they're not nursing mothers. And as long as they've got someone to take care of their kids. And babysit for them at the night they go to peyote meeting.

LEARNING TO CONDUCT MEETINGS

(Are any of these young men learning how to conduct meetings and take part in any of them?)

Yeah. They know them but they have to be ordained. They have to be authorized--by some form or another--whether it's their own volunteer or desire or they're put in position, or given authority to run meeting. Oh yeah.

(How would they become authorized or get authority to--?)

Well, for instance, say like in a case that I remember--a young man and his wife were faithful participants of peyote, and then later on their child of school age got sick. So they vowed to have a series of peyote meetings for their child--and that child got all right of course--got well. But their faith was that that child was cured by the prayers of those that prayed for that child in peyote meeting. And then there was this fellow--his brother usually conducted meetings--he got interested and his brother found out that he was interested, so his brother said, "From here after, you're going to go with me. Either going to carry the drum or else you're going to carry the cedar."

Which he did, of course, he knew all those songs and ways--the Midnight, Morning, Water Time, Quitting Time (songs). So after that his brother asked him, "You know all these ways?" He said, "Yeah, I learn all of them." He said, "From now on, the next meeting that I have, I'm going to ordain you, you know--pastor--give you authorization in this meeting." So the next meeting they had--he happened to be with his brother--he sat with his brother either