





# Real Talk


A Birth Justice Perspective:  
Why and how to provide  
cultural congruent midwifery  
care in all childbirth  
settings.


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12-1PM PST

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CULTURE IN CARE IN ALL SETTINGS

## AGENDA

- Transition time (5 min)
- Presentation- recorded (30 min)
- Discussion- not recorded (20 min)
- Post survey (5 min)





**MMB: Real Talk**

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9min

Enhance

+ Add songs

X Intro  
The xx

DDU-DU DDU-DU  
BLACKPINK

Waka Waka (This Time for Africa) [The...  
Shakira, Freshlyground



# CULTURE CARE is a Birth Equity Initiative to achieve culture centered holistic healthcare services in all childbirth SETTINGS. A syncretism of Community Traditions and Heritage with Midwifery

CULTURE, Storytelling cultural traditions of February Second

CARE, Midwife narrative on culture centered care, three birth stories

Midwives and Culture Care

Childbirth Equity in Homes, Birth Centers and Hospitals Settings

Syncretism of health services and traditional culture to Birth Equity

Birth Settings, People's heritage and syncretism as a resilient strategy

Colonization, Acculturation and Decolonization

Midwifery Heritage and Community Traditions

Culture Care Implementation, Dismantling fragmentation

Midwifing Diversity Equity in All Childbirth Settings

CULTURE CARE Proclamation

## February Second Cultural Celebrations



Midwifery and Culture Care  
Community Traditions and  
Heritage

### CULTURE

2/2 Groundhog Day, USA  
German roots

How is the weather?  
Ask OYA!

2/2 OYA DAY, CUBA  
Yoruba roots Orisha,  
Catholic Santa Teresa  
Santo Candelaria

OYA  
Winds Rain Storms  
Tornados and Gentle Breeze

To Achieve  
JUSTICE  
OYA Clears the Air  
Unleashing Change

In upheaval Oya brings  
Reassurance and Stability

Female Strength  
Honesty and Integrity

Protects and Heals:  
The Vagina, Blood, Fallopian Tubes,  
Pelvic Bones, Stomach and Breast

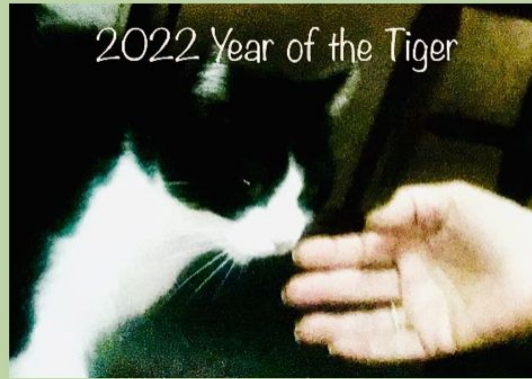
Guardian of Passing Souls  
Works with Ancestors

Warrior  
Male Aspect Conduit of lightning

Partner of Shango  
King of OYO  
His totem the TIGER

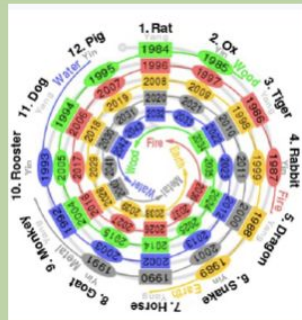






2022 Year of the Tiger

Chinese New Year  
Of the Water Tiger  
Royal Fearless Just  
And Compassionate



Felines  
Guard  
their vast  
territories  
Midwives  
Protect  
Family  
Integrity  
in ALL  
Birth  
Settings

## Midwives Birth Culture Care



Text



*World Wetlands Day is annually held on February 2 to celebrate how wetlands, which are lands saturated by water, help maintain biodiversity on Earth.*

**Oya brings light rain and Rainbows**



Culture Care is to Midwife Diversity and Deliver Equity in All Childbirth Settings



CANDELARIA



2/2 Traditional Heritage  
Inti=Sun MamaQuilla-Moon  
Quechua, At Islands of  
the Sun and the Moon,  
Lake Titicaca, Bolivia

Candelaria Festival, Bolivia  
Dia de la Candelaria,  
Catholic, Colonial Spain



Syncretism  
of Care

In 2021  
Bolivia  
Initiated a  
National  
effort to  
bring  
ancestral  
wisdom  
from  
traditional  
healers  
and  
midwives  
into all  
levels of  
their  
healthcare  
system

Commemoration of the BIRTH of the Incas. A yearly Traditional Ceremony on February Second, Midpoint between Solstice and Equinox, a Syncretism of Heritage and Colonial Spain's Candelaria





Syncretizing Traditions  
Resilient People's Strategy

2/2  
Celebrations  
Yemanjá  
Mother of the Sea  
Festival  
Yoruba Orisha  
Bahia, Brasil



Brigit Bridget  
Catholic Colonial  
Portuguese & Irish  
Celtic Gaelic roots

Patron of Midwives  
Justice Inner Fire







Processions  
Mother and Child  
Holding a Candle

2/2 Candelaria  
Originated in the  
Canary Islands  
PreColonial roots

Converted as Catholic  
Madonna by Spain,  
later brought into  
the Americas by the  
Spanish and Portuguese  
Colonization

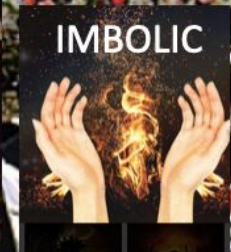
2/2 Brigit/Bridget  
Strength Caldron, Womb,  
Gaelic, Wiccan, Europe , USA

2/2 Catholic Irish Saint

2/2 Catholic Celebrated  
Mother of Jesus  
presenting him in the  
Temple/Church for the first  
time 40 days after his birth  
Jewdeo Christian

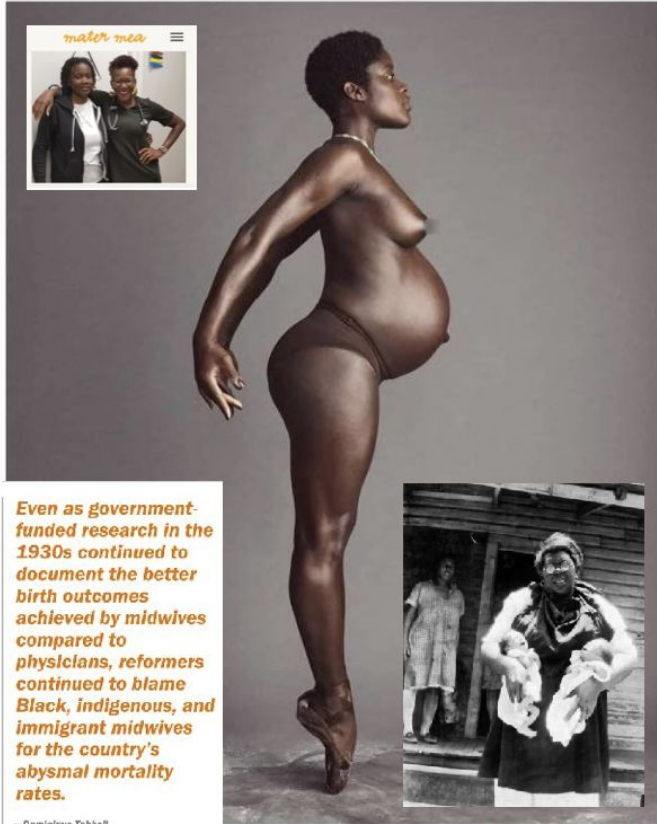


Candlemas  
Blessing





## February BLACK HISTORY Month USA



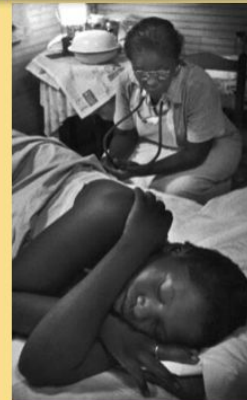
*Even as government-funded research in the 1930s continued to document the better birth outcomes achieved by midwives compared to physicians, reformers continued to blame Black, indigenous, and immigrant midwives for the country's abysmal mortality rates.*

— Dominique Yobbeff

#GOODETIMES



Black Midwives  
A Legacy of Care  
Heritage



African Diaspora ancient roots



## Home Birth Center Hospital



**CULTURE CARE** Implementation,  
Requires midwives to dismantle fragmentation  
and decolonize services. Embody our heritage in  
active, productive and cohesive midwifery services  
to: Syncretize healthcare systems with community,  
culture, heritage and traditions, in respectful  
partnerships for Births in all Settings



A Conduit of Culture Care:



Midwife Diversity Equity  
In All Childbirth Settings

Midwife  
Life affirming Care and  
Respectful Joyful Births



Partner with People,  
Families and Communities to  
Live and Thrive with Dignity

Guard Birth's Domain with Grace



Fearlessly Midwife  
Just and Compassionate Care



# Culture Care

Proclaims the Birthright of People to have:

Life Affirming Care,

Respectful of Culture,

Traditions and Heritage.

Equity in all Childbirth Settings

Care Before, During and After Pregnancy

Midwives and Resources

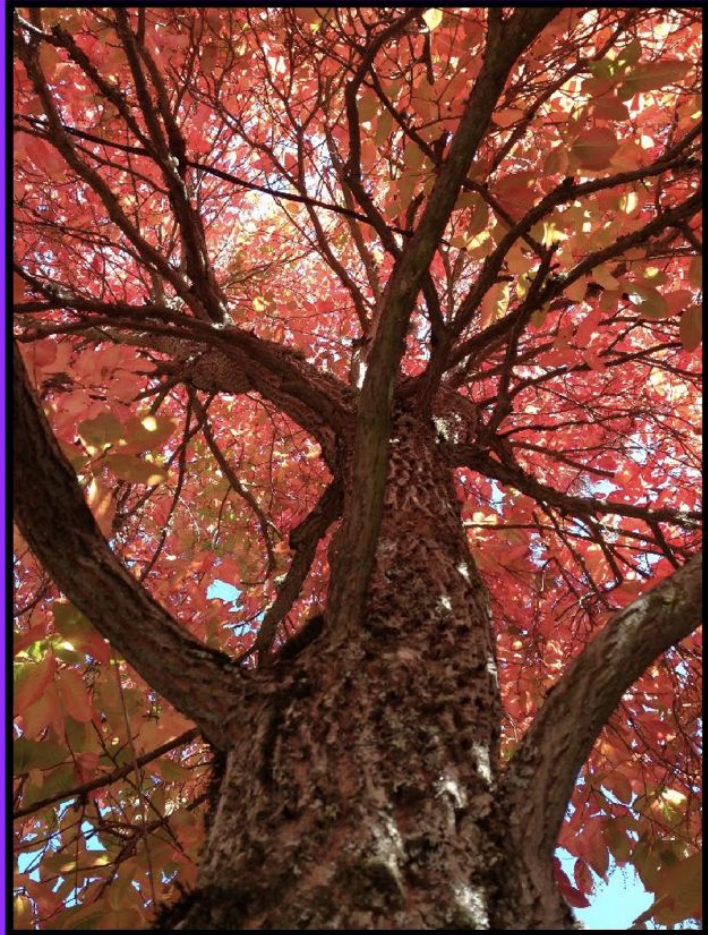
Free from bias Healthcare Services

that Center the most impacted

Rural and Urban Communities

and

Values Personal and Family Dignity



# Post Survey (5min)

<https://forms.office.com/r/k5MiFRQ21f>

