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EXPLANATION: Some terms are difficult to translate into English. In literal translation, "Pax+twayt" translates "being friendly." It also means "friendship" and "relationship."

A lot of times you will hear this phrase at the longhouse dinners

"inmima tiinma" or "inmima x+twayma" - "my people" and "my friends"

Inmima tiinma would fit an occasion where there are a lot of people who are at a gathering of mixed people, including some strangers from another reservation, or even some non-Indians.

At an occasion where a private ceremony or gathering of close relatives, in-laws, and distant relatives are in attendance, then using "inmima x+twayma" would be appropriate.

There is another term used, usually in a church meeting, you will hear "inmima atawitma" "My beloved people."

The short phrases above, refer to plural number. If you were to address a single person, then you would "Inmi x+tway", or

"Inmi atawit." My friend/my relative, and my beloved .

My beloved does not pertain to a sweetheart, husband/wife, only, but anyone who is a special person in your life, such as a relative, friend, and, of course, a spouse or sweetheart.