

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



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When you support Native American Ministries Sunday, you equip seminary students who will honor and celebrate Native American culture in their ministries. And you empower congregations that are finding fresh, new ways to minister to their communities with the love of Christ.

“My dear sisters and brothers in Christ! My dear Tribal Peoples! Remember who Creator God has made us to be. We have survived the very worst which humanity can hurl. And we still possess the greatest of all treasures: We are made beautifully in the image of our Creator as Native American Peoples, and we have as our brother, Jesus the Christ, the one who gave his life for us.”

– THE REV. ANITA PHILLIPS, RETIRED ELDER, OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE,
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

“The first step in reconciliation or rebuilding a presence in Native communities is that you have to acknowledge what has happened.”

– THE REV. CHEBON KERNELL JR., A MEMBER OF THE SEMINOLE NATION AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OF THE DENOMINATION’S NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

“We highlight diversity and inclusiveness within the church. For us to understand the diversity of God’s world, it is important for us to understand the contributions that Native American people make within the church. We contributed much and have so many more contributions to make in the future of our church.”

– THE REV. DAVID WILSON, CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENT, OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE



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One of United Methodism's six special Sundays with offerings, Native American Ministries Sunday equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

For example, last year, the offering provided funding for:

- Native American Rock and Community Interaction, event, a three-day event implemented by the Native American Ministries of the Tennessee Annual Conference. The event was created to deepen the understanding of Native American cultures and traditions with participants.
- Support for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference to send 25 Native youth and leaders to the national Youth 2019 event held July 10-14, 2019, in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Support for Chihowa (Oklahoma) United Methodist Church to complete the final stage of construction of a new church building.
- Delegation funding that provided travel and lodging to a 13-member team that attended the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on behalf of The United Methodist Church.
- Native American Seminary scholarships totaling \$95,245.00

Please write your check to your local church with "Native American Ministries Sunday" in the memo line.



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