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This offering talk is part of the Native American Ministries Sunday pastor and leader kit and connects with the theme “God’s Promise of Restoration” based on Acts 2:14a, 36-41. It can be adapted for your church’s context. Consider inviting someone from the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries to speak.

The United Methodist Church, the world and our communities are in a time of transition and we are invited to partner with God in this season of restoration. One of the ways that we do this as a denomination is through our Special Sunday offerings. Today our offering joins with other United Methodist Church offerings to celebrate and strengthen Native American ministries.

For example, the 2021-2024 Quadrennial Vision for the United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan emphasizes four areas of focus:

- preserving Indigenous language,
- understanding Indigenous spirituality,
- addressing the epidemic of violence against Indigenous women and children, and
- seeking climate justice globally.

On Native American Ministries Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support these focus areas by equipping and empowering Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to worship and serve Jesus freely as Native American United Methodists. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.

For example: in Pennsylvania, CONAM was part of a Mauch Chunk Pow Wow sponsored by the Lenape Nation. CONAM set up a table among the other vendors and food trucks. Using multimedia, they raised awareness and support for the children and families who were traumatized in boarding schools. They shared information about



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Missing and Murdered Indian Women (MMIW).
CONAM offered channels for further action through
participation in upcoming events.

Today we can be part of restoration, reparation and
celebration through our support of Native American
Ministries Sunday.

Please write a check to the church with “NAMS”
written in the memo line or give online or set up
monthly giving by going to **UMC.org/SSGive**.



OFFERING PRAYER

God of all generations, thank you for all of your blessings. Thank you for the diversity of culture and tradition in The United Methodist Church. As we present our gifts to you today, multiply them to ensure all your children receive your promises. Transform them into ministries for Native American churches to restore your promises by repairing harm, bringing healing and offering hope. Amen.



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