

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Holy Presence: Declaring Divine Love

“Remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.”—1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3, CEB

“Native people of this land did not disappear in 1492. They have been contributing to American culture before Turtle Island (North America) was called America and will continue to do so.”

The Rev. Larry Jent—pastor of Grace Hartwood United Methodist Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and director of Virginia UMC Native American Ministries

“More than anything, I think getting to know one another, encouraging one another, lifting each other in prayer and sharing information has been the biggest blessing.”

—Sherry Wack, former cochairperson of EPA's CoNAM

The Rev. Calvin Hill, a Navajo holy man and senior pastor of Blackfeet United Methodist Parish (BUMP) in Browning, Montana, explained that their language, culture and land have been stolen. “Their trauma is inherent to their identity, and it is tragically ongoing. Yet, despite having experienced this severe trauma, he continues to feel called to ministry in The United Methodist Church.”

—Terri Leone, psychiatric nurse practitioner and third-year student at Drew Theological School, located in Madison, New Jersey

Native American personal and collective relationships with their ancestral lands is the focus of “This Land Calls Us Home: Indigenous Relationships with Southeastern Homelands,” an exhibit at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport.

The exhibit is presented by the General Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church in collaboration with the church's Native American Comprehensive Plan.



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On Native American Ministries Sunday, we partner with other UMC congregations in a special offering to support United Methodist Native American ministries.

One of the denomination's six special Sundays with offering, Native American Ministries Sunday equips and empowers Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to worship and serve Jesus while honoring the Native American cultural traditions. Half of our gifts stay with local ministries in this conference and half support the work of Native American United Methodist ministries nationally.



At a time when it may feel like we have lost so much, embracing God's love for us can shift our perspective to recognize and share abundant grace.

United Methodist Special Sunday offerings celebrate vibrant ministries while investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support these important ministries equips us to work together, empowered by God's love.

When you give generously to support Native American Ministries Sunday, you honor God's holy presence and declaration of love to all people.

United Methodist Special Sunday celebrations invest in transforming communities, empowering leaders and building up ministries of peace with justice. Concentrating our resources to support shared ministries equips us to offer God's grace and to partner with God's children of all cultures, languages and traditions.

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HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write, "NAMS" in the memo line.
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