

SPECIAL
SUNDAY

NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY



United Methodists are called to recognize and honor the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society and church. The United Methodist Church acknowledges a gap in understanding Native American life and culture, while affirming the sacredness of Indigenous peoples, their languages, their unique identities and their contributions to the church and the world.

Contributions help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within each United Methodist annual conference and provide scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed pastoral ministry.



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Funds raised support these vital ministries through the Native American Ministries offering:

- **Fifty percent of the funds collected on Native American Ministries Sunday stay within annual conferences to support Native American ministries.** Each annual conference has a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) to develop these programs, advocate for ministry with Native Americans, and promote Native culture, history and traditions. CONAM also oversees the distribution of offerings, coordinates the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday and monitors Native ministries in annual conferences.
- **Twenty-five percent of donations fund scholarships for Native Americans pursuing ordained or licensed ministry at any approved theological school.** These scholarships address the significant shortage of Native American pastors and trained professionals, supporting higher education recruitment, retention and development efforts.
- **Twenty-five percent of donations collected are allocated to develop impactful programs.** These funds enable the UMC to collaborate with established Native ministries to create new initiatives for Native American communities. Some of these efforts include mentoring programs, peer support systems, funding for economic development projects and the revitalization of traditional practices that cultivate new leaders.

Worldwide, we celebrate the voices and ministry of Native Americans together.

HOW TO GIVE:

Write a check to your local church and write “**Native American Ministries Sunday offering**” in the memo line.

To give online or set up monthly giving, go to donate.gcfa.org/NAMS.



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