



FAQs

Native American Ministries Sunday

Every year, we set aside one Sunday to give generously to Native American ministries and scholarships. It's one way we recognize the unique value and contributions of this community. There are 149 Native American congregations within the United Methodist denomination and over 21,000 Native American individuals. Read on to find out how and why we celebrate every April.

How long have we been celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday?



We've been honoring the rich history and presence of United Methodist Native Americans since 1988.

When do we celebrate?



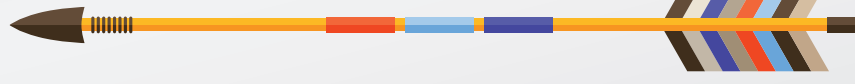
We typically celebrate on the fourth Sunday after Easter.

How does a Native American United Methodist service differ from my own?



Like every United Methodist congregation around the world, worship services are unique to the local community. It is not uncommon to see tribal drums, Native flutes or beautiful dancing play a big part of Sunday worship, but each church in our denomination worships as they feel called.

Why do we believe that ministry to Native American communities is important?



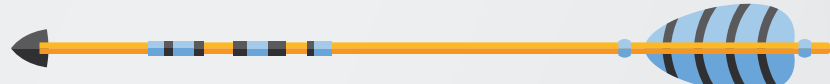
There are social justice issues that plague tribal communities: violence against women, substance abuse and self-harm are four times as likely for Native American young people. We collaborate with tribal governments and local churches to assist in providing advocacy and education.

How does my generosity help minister?



When you give generously on Native American Ministries Sunday, you are helping raise funds specifically for Native American congregations and ministries that will provide relief and help to reverse trends in Native American communities.

How does my generosity help provide education?



Twenty-five percent of every donation on Native American Ministries Sunday is set aside to provide scholarships for qualified seminarians who might not have a chance to go to college otherwise.

Will my offering really make a difference?



YES! Many Native American churches operate with minimal funds. Your generosity on this Special Sunday is the lifeblood of many Native American churches.

Why is this kind of advocacy important?



We believe we are called to protect the longevity of the Native American presence in The United Methodist Church.

How can I give?



You can give online or at church during the offering on the annual Special Sunday.

Learn more at www.umcsgiving.org/NAMS.

With each sunrise, may we never forget that hope is always present.
With each sunrise, may we never forget that this new day possesses new opportunities. With each sunrise, may we never forget that this day is a gift from our Creator.

With each sunrise, may we never forget to work and proclaim good news to all of Creation.

Amen.



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