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.

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

How long have we been celebrating Native American Ministries Sunday?

We typically celebrate on the fourth Sunday after Easter.

When do we celebrate?

Like every United Methodist congregation around the world, every Native American congregation is unique. In Native American communities, we use our unique traditions to tell our stories. Native American drumming plays a big part of Sunday worship, but each church in our denomination worships as they feel called.

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

There are 25 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.

How does my generosity help provide education?

Here are some of the 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 create programming and education.

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

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.

How does my generosity help minister?

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

Will my offering really make a difference?

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

Why is this kind of advocacy important?

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

How can I give?

We are the people of The United Methodist Church.

Amen.

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