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Today is Native American Ministries Sunday, a Sunday in which we celebrate our Native American brothers and sisters by giving generously to a fund that empowers, educates and equips.

In just a minute, our volunteers will come around to take up a special offering. Before that happens, though, I want to share with you more about this incredible Special Sunday.

The United Methodist Church has been celebrating a version of this Sunday since 1988, but our ministry to Native Americans started more than 250 years ago with John and Charles Wesley. As a denomination, we try to be intentional about ministry to Native Americans — we believe it is important that Native Americans maintain their unique identity within God's family.

For so much of our land's history, Native Americans have been invisible. **Together, we can address the injustices and necessary partnerships of today.**

Together, we can grow our partnership with our Native American brothers and sisters to make disciples of Jesus in the Native American community.

That's why your generosity today is so important.

Your support helps these communities on reservations and in urban and rural settings.

Your generosity helps local congregations find fresh ways to minister to these unique communities.

Your gift helps qualified Native American seminary students learn, honor and celebrate Native American culture in their own United Methodist churches.

Our generosity today ensures a brighter tomorrow for our brothers and sisters.

Let's come alongside our brothers and sisters today. Let's join with all of the people of The United Methodist Church — native and non-native — to write a new history, one that rejoices in diversity and promotes justice.

Are you ready? Ushers, you may receive the offering now.



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