



FIVE

Reasons We Celebrate
Native American Ministries Sunday



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Native American Ministries Sunday is a very special celebration that United Methodist churches across the country celebrate every year. With a special offering on a designated Sunday in April, we honor and empower the Native Americans in our church community.

Native Americans — with many unique languages and cultures — honor Jesus and live as Christians led by a contingent of primarily Native American pastors. It is a joy to celebrate and embolden their congregations on this day!

Here are five reasons we believe in the importance of this Special Sunday:



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Two dark brown silhouettes of hands are shown, one at the top left and one at the bottom center, both with fingers slightly spread as if reaching towards each other. The top hand is positioned higher and further to the left, while the bottom hand is lower and more centrally located, creating a sense of upward movement or connection.

We are committed to racial reconciliation

The struggles of First Americans are often invisible. As a result of historic and ongoing institutional racism, our Native communities experience high rates of poverty and suicide. As United Methodists, we have vowed to seek reconciliation with Native Americans and are committed to represent their community in a way that befits their proud heritage. This offering specifically supports Native American seminarians, strengthens, develops and equips Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American Ministries.



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We believe in funding justice efforts for Native Americans

“Social justice” is more than a buzzword for United Methodist congregations. With this offering, we are saying YES to creating programs that enrich, empower and educate. So many people want to support our First Americans but don’t know where to start. Giving generously on this Sunday is an easy way to show our support.



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When we give together, we do more

Connectionalism is a high priority for our denomination. We believe in joining together, as congregations, to celebrate together on six Special Sundays throughout the year. This particular Special Sunday is the biggest impact we make together for Native American communities.



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We believe in taking care of our own family

As United Methodists, we are committed to serving and giving all over the world, but we are just as committed to caring for our own communities. 1 Timothy 5:8 challenges us to take care of our own family. On Native American Ministries Sunday, we do just that.



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We want to model generosity for our communities and future generations

Generosity leaves a legacy. When we give as a community, we tell our local community that we care.

When we give as a community to diverse causes, we are making sure people know that our churches are externally focused. We believe in diversity, and we believe in supporting all people. On this day, we make sure to support our First Americans.



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Join us for our celebration in April!

TOGETHER, WE DO MORE.

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