

Northeastern Jurisdiction Native American Ministries Committee

History

- 1991 A request was made to the NEJ Conference to establish an entity to work with Native communities and issues within the Jurisdiction.
- 2000 The NEJ Native American Ministries Task Force was established at the NEJ Conference.
- 2001 The NEJNAMC Task Force developed their Comprehensive Plan and Bylaws. They were placed under the NEJ Multi-Ethnic Center.
- 2012 NEJ Conference established the Northeastern Jurisdiction Native American Ministries Committee.(NEJNAMC)

Mission

With God's grace and guidance, the NEJ Native American Ministries Committee will serve as the body that helps to guide Native Americans in the Northeastern Jurisdiction to develop and maintain a relationship through The United Methodist Church.

Goal

The goal of the NEJ Native American Ministries Committee is to unite Native Americans residing within the bounds of the Jurisdiction in order to show strength and solidarity in Ministry with God and to make this presence known throughout the jurisdiction and the Church.

Objectives

- Educate the Conferences on the purpose of Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS).
- Establish and support Committees on Native American Ministry (CoNAMS) in all the Annual Conferences of the NEJ.
- Encourage each of the Annual Conferences to continue the journey toward healing and wholeness established by the Act of Repentance (AOR).
- Start and strengthen Native American Ministries.
- Establish resources to increase awareness and encourage interaction with Native Communities.
- Maintain a website that shares stories, resources and events that relate to Native communities, ministries, and Peoples.

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A chance to share ideas with other CONAM'S



Inform through Native American Ministries Sundays



Support of Native Churches in the area



Getting to know the Native American community



Creating ways to financially support the work of the Committee within the Jurisdiction



Supporting youth groups like Peg-Leg Flamingos where challenges are solved through team work

