

Dear Fellow UMC **leader**,

Thank you for volunteering to be the Native American Ministries Sunday Representative. In this role, you will be a liaison between the local church and the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM). We welcome your participation in this ministry. **We must always be mindful of the important work CoNAM's contribute to both the Natives and non-Natives. Thank you for walking with us towards a deeper and more meaningful understanding of each other as God's children.** Attached is a description of suggested roles and responsibilities of a Native American Ministries Sunday (NAMS) representative.

Contact me if you would like to attend a CoNAM meeting. We will contact you if we set up a training session. As the CoNAM works on issues and activities; reaches out to the Native people across the conference; shares resources and keeps people informed about our visions and focus, we look forward to your participation in this journey. Please share with us your ideas and recommendations and if we can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for your time and partnership.

Sincerely,

CoNAM Chair

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY
OF THE
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY REPRESENTATIVE
(Name of Your Annual Conference)**

Resource: The 2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, Par. 654, page 492.

Every local church at charge conference shall designate by nomination and election a minimum of one person per charge (without regard to race or ethnic origin) or a designated member of an established church committee to represent the need for better awareness of Native American contributions in the local church. These names

are to be submitted to the district superintendent at charge conference to be given to the Conference Committee on Native American ministry (CoNAM.)

Suggested Responsibilities:

1~ Be the local church contact to receive and communicate with the congregation and the community about issues, concerns, events, related to Native people.

2~ Be the liaison between the local church and the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM).

3~ Secure the calendaring of and contribute to the planning, promotion and resourcing for the celebration of the annual Native American Ministries Sunday with special offering and Native American participation, if possible to be held on the third Sunday following Easter or at another time. **Resources will be available through the CoNAM such as a bibliography of books and DVD's.**

Encourage by:

* **Inviting** Native American speakers/teachers to come to your local church or area.

* **Initiating and helping** host exchange events such as hymn sings, youth meetings, cultural/history awareness, etc.

* **Visiting** Native churches and public events on Native nation lands.

4~ Encourage awareness of Native American history, traditions, culture and **of** their contributions and presence within the nation, state and Church.

5~ Provide contact information to the CoNAM of Native people who **are** members of the church.

6~ Provide brief report/plans to charge conference on local church activities related to Native American Ministry Sunday.

7~ Contact the CoNAM with any concerns that effect the Native American members of your church and/or the community. The CoNAM Chair is: and the contact information is:

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