

NEW ENGLAND CoNAM ANNUAL REPORT  
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2022

Greetings from New England!

Our committee meets regularly to support one another, local Tribes, and success stories throughout Native Country and below are some of the things we did in 2021.

*Resolution 207: Honoring Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women* follow ups:

- In October 2021, through the UMCatalyst Weekly Newsletter sent via email, we reminded conference members of their commitment to use the term Indigenous People's Day in lieu of Columbus Day in local churches, the NEAC, and District office communications, worship services, and event planning. We ask that this become the norm in our conference.
- In April 2022, again through the UMCatalyst Weekly Newsletter sent via email, we created a short video to be used during worship services on May 1, 2022, Native American Ministries Special Sunday, and reminded conference members to wear red on May 5th to honor Native women who have been murdered or gone missing.

Engagement with Tribes in our region:

- CONAM donated \$1,000 to the Nibezun Clinic who provides low or no-cost medical care to the Penobscot Nation.

Individual committee initiatives:

- In November 2021, committee member Susan Jenson put together a creative program for Native American History Month titled, "History of Native American Music in the History of the World." She presented a program at the Attleboro Masonic Lodge, MA showcasing music and culture dating back 26,000 years.
- From April 28-May 5, 2022, committee member Todd Warfield held a Red Dress exhibit at St. John's in Dover, NH. The exhibit of 25 red dresses hung outside and a brochure gave participants the background information to understand what the Red Dress movement is about.

Native American Ministry Sunday:

- Our committee created a video for Native American Ministries Sunday educating viewers on the MMIW epidemic and encouraging viewers to wear red on MMIW awareness day

(May 5). The video was well received and it helped ensure our district had resources for Native American special Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,

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