**Baltimore-Washington Annual Conference 2022 CoNAM Report**

During the past year, BWAC CoNAM has been focused primarily on building awareness, providing resources, offering educational opportunities, and promoting NA advocacy.

The following are examples of the educational opportunities, awareness development resources and advocacy that we’ve done.

**Native American Ministry Sunday**

* Created video, raised funding and awareness of NAM Sunday, see video here, <https://youtu.be/xLUkMhNNyxg> .
* Shared and promoted denominational resources, <https://www.umc.org/en/content/native-american-ministries-sunday-ministry-article>

**Repentance and Reconciliation--** how has the church responded and feature the following resources

* Endorsement and promotion of “Stealing the Earth: Doctrine of Discovery” <https://www.mfsaweb.org/stealing-the-earth> and next steps.
* Co-created content and featured Unfinished Church Podcast with Fred Shaw, a Shawnee descendant storyteller who serves on the United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan shares insights with the bishops about embracing the gifts and perspectives of indigenous peoples and building transformative relationships, <https://theunfinishedchurch.org/episodes/>
* Shared content, <https://www.westohioumc.org/sites/default/files/conference/documents/pdf/page/2016-umc-book-resolutions.pdf>

**UM Boarding Schools** - research location of Methodist boarding schools and current legislation

* Hosted viewing and discussion of “Journey to Forgiveness” about boarding schools and generational trauma.
* Shared Boarding School’s Truth and Healing Commission and discussed UMC complicity, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8420/text>;

**Hate Crimes throughout the Connection**

* Partnered with GNJ NAM, Awareness of multiple hate crimes at St. John church in GNJC

**Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG)**

* Hosted Frostburg State University and Howard University’s time together to learn about and discuss Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

https://www.bwcumc.org/news-and-views/students-raise-awareness-of-missing-girls-one-story-at-a-time/

* Trailing Ella Mae advocacy and awareness - Ella Mae’s niece should be arriving on the steps on the Capitol to bring awareness to her missing Auntie as well as other MMIWG. To give a donation, please go to [http://gofundme.com/trailingellamae](https://gofundme.com/trailingellamae). Her niece should be arriving on Oct. 12.

**COVID-19**

* Beginning to investigate awareness and reporting of COVID cases impacting Indigenous people to ensure proper funding for Montgomery County and Prince George’s County

**Indigenous People’s Day**

* [Indigenous People’s Day](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lKcQhhpHk63VItrw8AWmZE89oml7KgA_/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=112501559384889377790&rtpof=true&sd=true) – shared information and explanation of need for IPD instead of Columbus Day,

**Native American Heritage Month**

* Called for a review of the Act of Repentance and look at the current implications of the document.  
  <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/gc2012-starting-along-the-path-of-repentance>  
    
  These videos accompany the act of repentance curriculum that developed in the last quadrennium and can be found [here](https://www.nejnamc.org/education.html).  
    
  <https://www.naicumc.com/act-of-repentance.html>

**Thanksgiving Day** - building awareness of its history and next faithful actions. Exploring curriculum development for young people.

* Shared the Oklahoma City Public School lesson plan for in preparation for Thanksgiving Day, https://www.okcps.org/cms/lib/OK01913268/Centricity/Domain/130/NASS%20Thanksgiving%20Lesson%20Plan%20Booklet.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0w3a9e-w5VBeKJnIkoZttu1oEksJYXZwmoGI5rxfWHd-UWapBqGPgSBfM

**NAM Course of Study**

* Explore sponsoring in 2023, learn where course of study is currently offered, how many students currently enrolled, identify new students, building course content that doesn’t reflect dominant culture

**NAIC**

* Providing ongoing support of NAIC – endorse and promote statements

**Other**

* Working to invite speakers for webinars
* Supporting Neal Christie, currently serving as interim campus minister, at UMD and how he might connect indigenous students
* Working with Conference staff to ensure NAM inclusion in all places.
* Building a more robust NAM website for posting links and upcoming events (bwcumc.org/NAM)

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