

NEW ENGLAND CoNAM ANNUAL REPORT
NEJNAMC ANNUAL MEETING
2023

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 2022-2023.

This past year we have provided funding to support programs and education in our region:

- Abenaki Helping Abenaki, Inc. provides various educational resources to meet the unique educational and culturally related academic needs of the Nulhegan Band and other Native American students. AHA supplies community members with healthy food and necessary essentials in times of need and is committed to educating citizens on traditional, organic, agriculture and sustainable living.
- The Ndinakina Education Center is a charitable organization located in Greenfield Center, New York. The Center offers people of all ages unique hands-on learning experiences, principles of indigenous arts of life, team building, character development, and exhibit spaces focusing on regional Native American understandings, Adirondack culture, wilderness skills and awareness of the natural world. And, Abenaki language classes.
- Todd Warfield (Abenaki - Pennacook) requested funding for Abenaki language classes through the Ndinakina Education Center.

Native American Ministries Sunday:

- Committee member Todd Warfield created a video and CONAM encouraged churches to use the video in service to raise awareness for Native Ministries. This year's video was about Indigenous Stereotypes and Realities.

Resolution - Exploring Land Restitution for UMC Properties in New England:

- The resolution passed and the New England Annual Conference commits to exploring and considering land restitution (returning or restoring land to indigenous communities, tribes, and nations) whenever the sale, abandonment, donation, or disposition of UMC-owned land in New England is considered.
- We will be discussing with Bishop Johnson how to ensure the resolution is accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

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