

## **NEJNAMC Annual Meeting: Friday-Sunday, Oct. 20-22, 2023**

**HOST:** Western PA Annual Conference CoNAM

**THEME:** Caring for Ourselves and Our Communities in the Midst of Our Trauma

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin, Ordained Elder of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference and current CoDirector of the MorningSky Leadership Initiative

**WHERE:** Sessions will be held at the Western PA Annual Conference offices in Pittsburgh; 1204 Freedom Rd, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Friday night's events will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 8070 Rowan Rd, Cranberry, PA 16066.

**HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS:** Wingate by Wyndham in Cranberry Twp.  
210 Executive Dr, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066; \$99/night – king or double room.

You are responsible for making your own hotel reservations. Please do so as soon as possible. To get the preferred room rate, make sure to reference the codes below.

\*\*By phone: 724-209-7668, provide dates you wish to stay and the room block **WPAUMC – CONAM** and the group code **WPA**

\*\*Online:

<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/wingate/cranberry-pennsylvania/wingate-cranberry/rooms-rates?&checkInDate=10/20/2023&checkOutDate=10/22/2023&groupCode=WPA>

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, Sept. 29, 2023**

Mail completed registration form with check made out to NEJNAMC to:  
RoBear Wilson, 1146 Brintell St, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Contact RoBear for any questions:  
phone, 412-559-1589 or by email at [a49always@gmail.com](mailto:a49always@gmail.com).

**IN-PERSON COST:** \$50/person. (No charge if attending virtually.)

**VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE OPTION:** Thanks to WPA's hospitality and tech services, the Guest Speaker sessions and business sessions will be available via Zoom. Please indicate your preference for this option on the registration form so we can send you the link.

**SILENT AUCTION:** This annual fundraiser for NEJNAMC provides the only current source of income for our support of jurisdictional ministries. We encourage you to bring items to donate as well as your wallet and/or checkbook to purchase available offerings! New or gently used items are needed. Call our Treasurer, Kae Wilbert if any questions, 585-944-2552.

**ATTACHED:** Registration Form, Weekend Agenda, Rev. Carol Lakota's Bio

**NEJNAMC 2023 ANNUAL MEETING REGISTRATION**

*Thank you for printing clearly so we can read your information.*

*Please fill out separate forms for each person attending from your Annual Conference.*

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Annual Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a voting representative to NEJNAMC? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Native/Ethnic Heritage: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs: Vegan \_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_ Diabetic \_\_\_\_\_ Gluten-free \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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→ → If you are registering to attend virtually, please make sure your current email is listed above and check here \_\_\_\_\_

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## **WEEKEND AGENDA** (always subject to change 😊)

### **Friday, Oct. 20, 2023**

3-5pm Registration at the hotel

5-5:30pm Opening Devotions at Hope Lutheran Church

5:30-6pm Welcome, Introductions, Initial Business at Hope Lutheran Church

6-7pm Dinner at Hope Lutheran Church

7pm Indigenous Dance Presentation at Hope Lutheran Church

### **Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023**

8:30am Silent Auction opens at WPA Conference Center

9-10am Devotions & Business at Conference Center

10am-12pm First Plenary at Conference Center with Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin

12-1pm Lunch at Conference Center

1-4pm Site Visit (1/2 hour travel both ways) with Miguel Sague presentation on Seneca history

4-5:30pm Relax/on your own

5:30-6:30pm Dinner at Conference Center

6:30-8pm Second Plenary at Conference Center with Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin

### **Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023**

8-9am Silent Auction results announced; pay and pick up your new treasures

9-10am Business Session at Conference Center

10-11am Closing Worship at Conference Center

## **BIO STATEMENT: Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin, Lakota & Yakima**

Rev. Carol Lakota Eastin is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. She holds a Bachelors in Music Education and Psychology from MacMurray College; a Master of Divinity and a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Methodist Theological School in Ohio; and a Master of Arts in Counseling Psychology from Illinois State University. She was the founding pastor of Dayspring Native American United Methodist Church in East Peoria, IL.

She is a contributing author to multiple articles and books, is a frequent guest speaker at University classes, professional conferences, and as a Retreat Leader. Her journey includes raising two sons, serving as Pow Wow Director, 10 years as a Pastoral Counselor/ psychotherapist, pastoring local churches, GBGM missionary in the U.S. and 7 years as Superintendent of the Kaskaskia River District in the Illinois Great Rivers Conference. From 2008-2012, Carol served as co-chair of the task force for the United Methodist Act of Repentance Toward Healing Relationships With Indigenous Peoples, which was launched ceremonially at the UMC General Conference 2012.

Carol now serves as co-director of MorningSky Leadership Initiative, engaged in coaching Native American ministries and pastors. Currently, MorningSky is working on a significant research project "Healing with Dignity, Spiritual Care in Native America." Carol serves as chair of the NCJ Volunteers in Mission Board, serves on the NCJ CONAM and is on the board of the NAIC of the UMC. She is the faculty coordinator for the Native American Course of Study, which prepares local pastors serving in Native communities. Carol lives in Mt Vernon, IL with her husband Bill, a retired ordained elder. She has one son, Luke, and a granddaughter, Audrey who is 12 years old.