

Budget Request for NEJ Allocation for NEJNAMC for the 2025-2028 Quadrennium

Budget Narrative and Rationale:

After four long years dealing with COVID 19 and its intensive and harmful impact on First Nation People and Tribes, as well as walking through the challenge of disaffiliations, we know that staying connected and supporting vital ministries is essential to keep our people strong and active in ministry. We cannot afford to be about “business as usual” in these unusual days. Meeting virtually simply does not accomplish gathering our people in the traditional ways needed to reach across the long-standing hurt and harm that has been part of the Church’s history with Native people. To those ends, we are requesting an increase in the 2025-2028 budget allocation.

Specially, we are prioritizing supporting planned ministries that bring Native people, Elders, youth, children and adults together to build relationships and leadership skills through Native American Family Camp, Native Youth Ministries, our Annual Meeting and NEJNAMC Training Events. Likewise, we need to nurture strong relations throughout our NEJ Jurisdictional CoNAMs. Finally, we want to ensure First Nations representation at future General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Money for travel is essential as many of our Native members do not have the financial means to ensure full participation in these important ministries and meetings.

2025

NA Family Camp	\$1500
Annual Meeting/Training	\$1500
Travel-Support CoNAMs	\$1700

2026

Exec. Comm. Retreat	\$1500
Native Youth Ministry	\$1500
Annual Meeting/Training	\$1500
Travel-General Conference	\$3000 (2 people)

2027

NA Family Camp	\$1500
Annual Meeting/Training	\$1500
Travel-Support CoNAMs	\$1700

2028

Exec. Comm. Retreat	\$1500
Native Youth Ministry	\$1500
Annual Meeting/Training	\$1500
Travel-General Conference	\$2000 (1 person)
Travel-Jurisdictional Conf.	\$3000 (2 people)
Travel-Support CoNAMs	\$1700

TOTAL: \$28,100