

**Northeastern Jurisdiction  
Native American Ministries Committee**



United Methodist Church Board of Church and Society  
Attn: Rev. Dr. Susan Henry-Crowe, General Secretary and  
Bishop Sally Dyck, President Board of Directors  
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Washington, DC 20002

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Dear Rev. Dr. Henry-Crowe and Bishop Dyck,

Greetings in the name of Creator. It has come to our attention that Rev. Neal Christie will be terminated from the Board of Church and Society. In his position as Assistant General Secretary he has been a consistent advocate for Native American and Indigenous peoples within our denomination and the larger society.

In solidarity with members of the Native American Caucus of The United Methodist Church, we, The Executive Committee of the Northeastern Jurisdiction Native American Ministries Committee, express our concern and ask for a reconsideration of this move.

Rev. Christie works tirelessly on our behalf to ensure Native voices are considered and Native ministries are included in programs, decisions, and advocacy efforts. Since the Act of Repentance Toward Healing Relationships with Indigenous Peoples, Native and Indigenous peoples continue to face challenges within our denomination. Rev. Christie notably continued to bring attention to the needs of Native communities. This is why we ask you to reconsider and reinstate Rev. Christie in his position.

Yours,

*Members of the Executive Committee of the Northeastern  
Jurisdiction Native American Ministries Committee of The United  
Methodist Church*