

Dear Fellow UMC Member,

Thank you for volunteering to be the Native American Ministries Sunday Representative. In this role, you will be a liaison between the local church and the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNam). We welcome your participation in this ministry. Attached is a description of suggested roles and responsibilities of a Native American Ministries Sunday Representative.

Contact me if you would like to attend a committee meeting. We will contact you if we set up a training session. As the CoNAM works on issues and activities, reaches out to Native people across the conference, shares resources and keeps people informed about our visions and focus, we look forward to your participation in this journey. Please share with us your ideas and recommendations and if we can be of assistance to you, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you once again for your time and partnership.

Sincerely,

CoNAM Chair

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN  
MINISTRIES SUNDAY REPRESENTATIVE  
(Name of your annual conference)

Resource: The 2012 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church.  
Paragraph 654, page 492.

Every local church at charge conference shall designate by nomination and election a minimum of one person per charge (without regard to race or ethnic origin) or a designated member of an established church committee to represent the need for better awareness of Native American contributions in the local church. These names are to be submitted to the district superintendent at charge conference to be given to the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM).

Suggested Responsibilities

1. Be the local church contact to receive and communicate with the congregation and the community about issues, concerns, and events, related to Native people.

Be the liaison between the local church and the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CoNAM).

Secure the calendaring of and contribute to the planning, promotion, and resourcing for the celebration of the annual Native American Ministries Sunday with special offering and Native American participation, if possible, to be held on the third Sunday following Easter or at another time.

-----Resources would be available through the CoNAM such as the bibliography of books and DVDs.

-----Inviting Native American speakers/teachers to your local church area.

-----Initiate and help host exchange events such as hymn sings, youth meetings, cultural history awareness, etc.

-----visit Native churches and public events on Native nation lands.

Encourage awareness of Native American history, traditions, cultures and their contributions and presence within the nation, state, and church.

Provide contact information to the CoNAM of Native people who are members of the local church.

Provide brief report plans to charge conference on local church activities related to Native American Ministries Sunday.