

**ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITY  
OF THE  
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES REPRESENTATIVE IN THE LOCAL CHURCH**

Resource: The 2012 Book of Discipline Of The United Methodist Church, Par. 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 ministry (CoNAM.)**

Suggested Responsibilities:

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

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

3~ 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 a bibliography of books and DVD's.

\*Inviting Native American speakers/teachers to come to your local church or 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.

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

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

6~ Provide brief report/plans to charge conference on local church activities related to Native American Ministry Sunday.

7~ Contact the CoNAM with any concerns that affect the Native American members of your church and/or the community.

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