

MISSION STATEMENT:

- To acknowledge, respect and give thanks for all of God's creation
- To serve as a source of inspiration, encouragement and support for Native Americans
- To raise awareness of the history, traditions and contributions of Native Americans in our churches and communities

"... These I will bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." —Isaiah 56:7



Native American Welcome at Annual Conference Session



Home from School video ad

Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM)

Eastern Pennsylvania Conference,
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A Resource for the Church & Others

We offer leadership and representation in programs, groups and events, including:

- Conference, district and local church workshops, seminars and other events
- Loss of Turtle Island blanket exercise
- Local and regional Native American cultural education events
- General Board of Church and Society umcjustice.org
- Conference Commission on Religion & Race www.gcorr.org
- Native American Comprehensive Plan www.nacp-umc.org
- Native American Intertribal Caucus www.naicumc.com

We offer resources—print and online, including:

- Guest speakers for Native American Ministries Sunday* and other occasions
- Creative liturgies and prayers
- Videos, webinars and recommended publications about Native American ministries and concerns
- Guidelines for Land Acknowledgement statements

** We encourage all churches to celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday and to receive the special offering that supports both CoNAM's work and other Native American ministries denomination-wide. We also encourage celebration of National Native American Heritage Month in November and events that educate people about Native American history, culture and concerns throughout the year.*



Loss of Turtle Island blanket exercise



EPA CoNAM joins with affiliates at Jim Thorpe Sports Days, Carlisle PA

The EPA CoNAM Team

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Affiliations:

Greater New Jersey Conference CoNAM

www.gnjumc.org/committee-on-native-american-ministries-conam

Partners with GNJ CoNAM and particularly, St. John UMC, the Church of the Lenape people, in Bridgeton, NJ, an historic Native American and multicultural congregation.

Susquehanna Annual Conference CoNAM

www.susumc.org/conam

Supports the Carlisle Indian School Project, the survivors of the boarding school experience, and Carlisle Army Barracks' Jim Thorpe Sports Days.

Northeast Jurisdiction Native American Ministries Committee (NEJNAMC)

www.nejnamc.org

Meets regularly to listen to and support fellow Native United Methodists, partners with all Native Peoples, educates non-Natives, and advocates for Native issues with our strong Native communities in the Northeast Jurisdiction and beyond.

Circle Legacy Center (CLC)

www.circlelegacycenter.com

CLC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and empowering Native Americans through a variety of cultural events, community projects, and business assistance.



Volunteers repair ramp at St. UMC.