## Native American Ministries Sunday

## DID YOU KNOW?



Native American Ministries Sunday serves to remind United Methodists of the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to our society. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this Special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized.

This Special Sunday was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the Third Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this day and is used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the annual conferences, and Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.

Donations support vital ministries and churches in the Native American communities and allow The UMC to partner with existing native ministries to develop new programs on behalf of Native Americans. Giving on this Special Sunday provides hope to children and youth, hope for a brighter future in impoverished communities and a voice to those who have felt voiceless for years. This fund is distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

Funds collected for Native American Ministries Sunday partner with existing Native American ministries to create beneficial programs?

53% of United Methodist Annual Conferences have a Committee on Native American Ministries?

25% of every donation made on Native American Ministries Sunday provides scholarships?

The United Methodist Church offers dedicated scholarships for United Methodist Native Americans?

50% of donations to Native American Ministries Sunday remain in local annual conferences?



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