**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**

1. Did you know that Native American Ministry Sunday offering has been around since 1988?
2. Did you know 53 UM Annual Conferences have a Committee on Native American Ministries?
3. Did you know 25% of every donation on Native American Ministries Sunday provides scholarships?
4. Did you know that the United Methodist Church has a seminary scholarship for Native Americans?
5. Did you know UM churches have consistently donated over $500,000 to Native American Ministry Sunday?

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1. In a petition to the 1988 General Conference, the Native American International Caucus proposed and delegates approved “Native American Awareness Sunday” to recognize and support the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to the church and the community. The 2000 General Conference changed the name of the observance to “Native American Ministries Sunday.” Native American Ministries Sunday honors and empowers Native Americans in the denomination through scholarships for seminarians.
2. According to the United Methodist Finance and Administration agency (GCFA) statistics, 53 out of 56 Annual Conference have a Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM). These committees seek to advocate for ministry with and by Native Americans to share the diverse culture, history and traditions of Native peoples. The committees determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering, coordinate the promotion of that Special Sunday, and monitor Native American ministries within the Annual Conference. (link: <http://www.nacp-umc.org/study-gives-snapshot-of-native-american-ministries-in-the-united-methodist-church.html>).
3. Each Annual Conference treasurer will remit 50% of the net receipts of offering collected on Native American Ministries Sunday to the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). GCFA will distribute 25% of the offering to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) for scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology.
4. The United Methodist Church recognizes the need to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus. A portion of your donation on Native American Ministries Sunday helps fund a scholarship for designed for Native American students pursuing a degree in ministry. (<https://www.gbhem.org/loans-and-scholarships/scholarships/list-scholarships/racial-ethnic-specific-scholarships>).
5. Thanks to your gifts on Native American Ministry Sunday, United Methodist have consistently [collected over $500,000](http://www.umcgiving.org/question-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday-conference-remittance) for the last 4 years for scholarships for Native Americans attending seminary and ministries in participating Annual Conferences. With more than 20,000 Native Americans within the denomination, this special Sunday helps to ensure that Native American United Methodist leaders are recognized. (link to graph: <http://www.umcgiving.org/question-articles/native-american-ministries-sunday-conference-remittance>)

**About Native American Ministries (NAMS)**

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. It was officially recognized in 1988 and has been celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Easter since 1989. An offering is taken on this Special Sunday to develop and strengthen Native American ministries in the Annual Conferences, Native American rural, urban, reservation ministries and communities relating to the General Board of Global Ministries. It also provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology distributed by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministries.

**Give Now** (link: <https://donate.gcfa.org/FundDetails.aspx?ID=10000141000110002>)

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