

Charge Conference

Position: Local Church Representative for Native American Ministry

Background: The Book of Discipline delineates this position in ¶1654, "...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 annual conference committee on Native American Ministry."

Qualifications:

- This position may be held by any professing member (youth, young adult or adult) in the local church/charge.
- This person may be of any race or ethnicity.
- The primary requirement for this position is a "heart" for Native American peoples; and akin to this,
- An interest in the lives of Native American peoples.
- This person will be the "point of contact" for the annual conference committee on Native American ministry and for the Native American Comprehensive Plan of the UMC, receiving information via both email and U.S. Mail.
- This person will share the information received via the information systems within the church. For example, this might involve sharing information with the pastor or those in lay leadership, making sure announcements get into church newsletters or weekly worship bulletins, posting material on a bulletin board, making oral announcements during worship services and meetings., etc.
- This person will communicate with CCONAM and NACP in regard to the needs of the church related to Native Americans. For example, the church may request assistance in finding local Native American resource people to conduct workshops or participate in worship services.

Name of Church/Charge: _____

Name of District: _____

Name of Conference: _____

Name of Local Church Representative for Native American Ministry:

Mailing Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____