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Mission Moment

Rev. Clarence is a member of the Muscogee Creek tribe and serves in a rural United Methodist Church near Yeager, Oklahoma. Most of his congregants are Native Americans.

Rev. Clarence received a Native American Seminary Scholarship. This scholarship has greatly benefited him to achieve his personal vision, goals and education. He is very grateful as this gift meets financial challenges without the heavy burden that normally follows.

His goal is to be an advocate on behalf of Native American seminarians and to encourage the next generation of indigenous people to prepare for the future by sharing God's good news for all people.

More than 30 years ago, the 1988 General Conference approved a new churchwide Special Sunday with offering, now called Native American Ministries Sunday.

Next week, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter we observe this special offering. This churchwide Special Sunday giving enriches rural and urban mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. This ministry is far-reaching, from Florida to Alaska.

Every generous gift, large or small, is important.