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Mission Moment

One tribe in North America has told this story for centuries: when “people pale as birch” crossed the great water in large canoes, they brought with them “The Black Book.” However, the bringers of the physical Book could not have known what it would mean and look like to be Native and a follower of Jesus.

Today, Native Americans-with many unique languages and cultures honor their heritage, and live as Jesus followers, led by primarily Native American pastors.

The United Methodist Church, Native and non-Native, are creating a new history. Through Native American Ministries Sunday, we are able to equip and empower Native American pastors, congregations and seminary students to do what only they can do: authentically worship and serve Jesus.

Dr. Richard Twiss, a member of the Sioux Reservation in South Dakota, asked: “Will we be allowed to develop new ways of doing church that honor God’s purposes for the creative expression of our cultures? Will new ministry partnerships and coalitions form? Will you help be a part of this wonderful process of reconciliation, restoration and release?”

Say – Yes.

Together, we empower local spiritual development and educate Native American Seminary students to serve God faithfully.