

May 5, 2019

Mission Moment

### **Five Reasons We Celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday**

**We are committed to racial reconciliation.....** The struggles of First Americans are often visible. Our Native communities experience high rates of poverty and suicide. As United Methodists, we have vowed to seek reconciliation with Native Americans and are committed to their proud heritage.

**We believe in funding justice efforts for Native Americans.....” Social justice”** is more than a buzzword for United Methodists. With this offering, we are saying YES to creating programs that enrich, empower and educate.

**When we give together, we do more.....** Connectionalism is a high priority for our denomination. We believe in joining together to celebrate six Special Sundays throughout the year. This particular Sunday is the biggest impact we make together for Native American communities.

**We believe in taking care of our own.....**As United Methodists, we are committed to serving and giving all over the world, but we are just as committed to caring for our own communities. 1 Timothy verse 5, challenges us to take care of our own family. On Native American Ministries Sunday, we do just that.

**We want to model generosity for our communities and further generations.....** Generosity leaves a legacy. When we give as a community to diverse causes, we are making sure people know that our churches are externally focused. We believe in diversity and supporting all people.

On this day, we make sure to support our First Americans.