



PWJMT NOVEMBER CHURCH UPDATE OUR TEAM'S PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY ADVOCACY, EDUCATION & ACTION

ADVOCACY

The NWD PWJMT is exploring the possibility of forming a Native Led Advocacy Group. We pray that the Holy Spirit will use the information below and attached to raise your awareness of the justice needs of our Native American Brothers and Sisters. Please use the contact information below to establish friendships and serving relationships with the Native American Churches in the NWD.

NOVEMBER IS NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (also see attached info sheet – click [HERE](#))

The United Methodist North Central Jurisdiction recently held a virtual mission trip to the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference, <http://www.umc-oimc.org/>. As preparation for this mission trip, participants were asked to watch this video about the Trail of Tears: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sdlx2bT7c6I&feature=youtu.be>. Many Native Americans from Michigan were also relocated to “Indian Territory”.

One of the participants with me on this virtual mission trip, Ruth Bowen a United Methodist participant from the North Central Texas Conference UMW put it this way in a follow-up email.

At the 2012 General Conference, the United Methodist Church held an Act of Repentance with Native Peoples (2016 Book of Resolutions). The act challenged every conference and local congregation to implement actions demonstrating a genuine attitude of repentance. Why? Because the UMC and its predecessor church bodies were, and **continue to be, complicit**, intended or not, in acts of discrimination, marginalization and violence against Native American communities.

What does our individual and collective repentance look like? It takes the form of advocacy and allyship. It means demonstrating our vows of prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness **with** Native American communities across America. ...It means educating ourselves and others with the truth about Native American history, thus the history of America. It means supporting efforts to decolonize education and remove harmful mascots from schools and sports.

Indian Youth (OIMC)

One of the events that Ruth and I shared was the interview of Native American youth. Alyssa Underwood was one of the youths interviewed. **NWD youth** will benefit from watching her YouTube video._

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmTAXg7j2eM> “Know My Truth”

THREE INDIAN CHURCHES IN NORTHERN WATERS DISTRICT

Our Northern Waters District working for justice will include intentionally building friendships and being in relationships with our Native American brothers and sisters. We can demonstrate our baptismal vows of prayer, presence, gifts, service and witness for and with the NWD Indian Churches listed below.

Greensky Hill Indian UMC

Pastor: Jonathan D. Mays

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Phone: 231-547-2028

Email: jonmays7@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.greenskyhill.com/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/173854422675352>

Kewadin Indian UMC

Pastor: George Pamp

851 W Conway Rd Harbor Springs, MI 49740--000

Phone: 231-347-9861

Email: gpamp@live.com

Website: N/A

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/KewadinIndianMission>

Northport Indian UMC

Pastor: Mary Wava Hofmann

PO Box 401 Northport, MI 49670-0401

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EDUCATION

CHURCH AND SOCIETY INVITES EVERYONE TO THEIR SEMINAR

“Towards Educational Equity: Investing in the Beloved Community” November 30- December 3, 2020.

This four-part series of seminars will feature discussions with experts on what an equitable education system for all can truly look like. The seminar will equip participants with tools and resources to continue the work of advocacy towards educational equity.

All sessions will be held on Zoom. Registration is free and open to all.

[Register for each session here](#). Advance registration is required for all events.

Closed captions and ASL interpretation will be available for Nov 30 and Dec 1 webinars.

Please contact [Aimee Hong](#) for more information.

THE ST FRANCIS JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSION

Presents *THE HISTORY OF RACISM IN NORTHERN MICHIGAN*

December 1 7-8 p.m.

Featuring Melissa Petoskey.

Registration: <http://eepurl.com/hbhQk5>

ACTION

Northern Waters District (NWD) Justice Portal

The NWD web page expands to highlight justice issues, <https://northernwaters.michiganumc.org/>. Under the Mission tab at the top of the page there is a drop-down link titled Northern Waters District Peace with Justice. We want to highlight, on our Peace with Justice Page, your examples for ideas and inspiration for all to take actions across the NWD area.

NWD PWJMT Needs Information from Your Church

Has your congregation established a relationship with your elected officials? Do you have an elected official or civic or social decision-maker in your congregation associated with your justice work? Does someone in your congregation follow the legislative issues? **What topics are most urgent in the circumstances of your congregation?** So that we can act together for justice, please provide your answers to these questions to the NWD PWJ Coordinator, randie.clawson@gmail.com.

Working together we will help elected officials and decision-makers know our United Methodist values on the issues they are considering. These values put into laws and procedures will create the beloved community, the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven.

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