



**Charge Conference 2017
NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES**

Please return to your District Office with your Charge Conference Materials.

*This position is easily overlooked, and as a reference to help explain it, this document has been prepared for the local church by the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM).

*Unfortunately, there is no formal “description” published for the local church.

¶654. There shall be an annual conference committee on Native American Ministry or other structure to provide for these ministries and maintain the connectional relationships. The basic membership of the committee shall be nominated and elected by established procedure of the respective annual conferences. Each annual conference shall determine the number and composition of the total membership. Where possible, the membership shall consist of a majority of Native Americans. It shall be the responsibility of this committee to determine the distribution of the Native American Ministry Offering, coordinate the promotion of Native American Ministries Sunday, and monitor Native American ministries within the annual conference....

AUTHORIZATION AND PURPOSE (¶654 *The Book of Discipline 2016*)

“...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 contribution 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.*” (emphasis by CONAM)

JOB DESCRIPTION: Local Church Designee for Native American Ministry

SUGGESTED DUTIES:

1) Secure the calendaring of and contribute to the planning, promotion and resourcing for the celebration of the special Sunday offering “Native American Ministry Sunday” and relay that information to CONAM.

2) Be a contact person to receive and communicate to the local church information, concerns and schedule of events related to Native American Ministry for the conference committee on Native American Ministry, (CONAM).

3) Encourage awareness of and appreciation for Native American history, traditions, culture, contributions and presence. This can be done thru studies which could include hosting speakers, performers, work teams, and by other means. (CONAM members are willing to visit any church and help with the celebration of Native American Ministry Sunday or studies).

**As an aide, the conference committee, CONAM, sponsors an annual Native American Resource Day to provide materials and resources which the participant can bring back to the local church.

4) Provide contact information (with permission) of Native Americans in the local church.

5) Provide a brief report to charge conference on local church Native American Ministry Sunday and offering. This report could include activities, celebrations of the special offering Sunday, and offering totals or partnerships with the local church and individual ministries with Native Americans.

Name and contact information of person designated for the area of Native American Ministry:

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____