Information on the nomination and appointment of Native American Ministry Representatives in United Methodist churches of the Florida Conference

Provided by, The FL. Conference Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM)

Background: The Book of Discipline delineates this position in paragraph 654 - "...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 contributions 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."

Qualifications/Responsibilities:

- This position may be held by any professing adult member in the local church/charge.
- This person may be of any race or ethnicity.
- The primary requirement for this position is a "heart" for Native American people
- Should have an interest in the lives of Native American people
- Appointee will be the "point of contact" for the the annual conference Committee on Native American Ministry, receiving information concerning native ministry within the conference.
- They will share information received, from CONAM,with their church. For example: announcements of upcoming events placed on bulletin boards, as inserts in worship bulletins, or verbal announcements during worship services or other meetings.
- They will communicate, to CONAM, any needs related to Native Americans in their location.
- This person will secure a date each year for Native American Ministry Sunday in their church. They will help with the planning and promotion of this event, with a special offering and Native American participation (contact CONAM for ideas and resourses). This is an event that is designated on the third Sunday following Easter, but can be held at anytime during the year.
- They will encourage awareness of and appreciation for Native American history, traditions, culture, contributions and presence. (Resourses available through CONAM)
- They will attend, if possible, the CONAM Annual Native Ministry Gathering and other training provided by CONAM.

For more information on becoming a Native American Ministry Representative in your church or to schedule a guest speaker for your Native American Ministry Sunday celebration, contact Vickie Swartz – CONAM Chair at vswartz@verizon.net or at 941-544-6951.

INFORMATION FORM

Local Church/Charge Native American Ministry Representative

CHURCH/CHARGE NAME: _____

DISTRICT: _____

REPRESENTATIVE'S NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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HOME PHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

A copy of this form is to be returned to your D.S. with charge conference materials.

A copy of this form will stay at the district office.

A copy of this form will be sent by the district office to the Committee on Native American Ministry (CONAM).

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