



## **NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES OFFERING FUNDS**

### Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

**Native American Ministries Sunday** is one of the six churchwide Special Sundays of The United Methodist Church, celebrated on the third Sunday of Easter. Native American Ministries Sunday nurtures mission with Native Americans and provides scholarships for United Methodist Native American seminarians. Offering funds are divided between the Conference and General Church (1/2 of the collected amount stays with the Conference and 1/2 is sent to the General Church). By mandate of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church* (§263.6), it is the responsibility of the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM) to determine the distribution of the Native American Ministries Sunday offering. Distribution of the funds is required to be reported to the Common Table.

**Conference retained funds are to be used to develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference.**

For awarding of funds:

- The attached application form must be completed and returned to the Conference Office.
- Applications will be reviewed as they are received and decisions made on funding by the COMAN.
- Disbursement of the funds will be reported annually to the Common Table at the last meeting prior to Annual Conference and reported in the Book of Reports.

Native American Ministries Sunday funds will not be disbursed until members of the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries have approved the application.

Please complete the form, save it under the name of your request, and return the application and additional materials electronically to the Center for Lay Leadership Excellence, Attention: Martha Stokes ([marthastokes@vaumc.org](mailto:marthastokes@vaumc.org)). Please DO NOT mail a hard copy of the application unless you have NO access to email. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 5606, Glen Allen, Virginia 23058. All applicants are responsible for ensuring that their application has been received. You may call (804-521-1154) or e-mail Martha Stokes or Cindy Ingroff ([cindyingroff@vaumc.org](mailto:cindyingroff@vaumc.org) or 804-521-1153) for confirmation.

# APPLICATION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES OFFERING FUNDS

## Virginia Conference of The United Methodist Church

Date of Application: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Project Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Name and address of organization, church, or individual seeking funding:

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Street: [Click here to enter text.](#)

City/State/Zip: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Primary contact person:

Name: [Click here to enter text.](#)

E-mail: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Phone: [Click here to enter text.](#)

1. What amount do you request from the offering funds? [Click here to enter text.](#)
2. Please include with this application a copy of your projected budget for the current year or estimates of costs/repairs if the funds are to cover for immediate needs.
3. As noted in ¶617.2 and ¶617.3 of the **2012 Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church**, any district office, agency, institution, and organization receiving financial support from conference funds or from any authorized conference-wide appeal are subject to review of their audited financial records by the Conference Council of Finance and Administration or designated body. In order to be in compliance, please check the appropriate statement below and submit any required documentation with this application.

- For local churches** of the Virginia Conference UMC, the church has complied with charge conference audit requirements.

Name of District: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date of Charge Conference Review: [Click here to enter text.](#)

- For organizations outside the Virginia Conference UMC**, send as a separate attachment the last completed financial audit or review. Organizations will not be considered for funding unless this information is provided.

Name of Firm/Individual Completing Audit or Review: [Click here to enter text.](#)

Date of Audit/Review: [Click here to enter text.](#)

4. Please answer the following questions. Feel free to attach a copy of informational materials if they will help the committee understand the nature of and need for the ministry.
  - What do you hope to accomplish and how do you plan to achieve your objectives? [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - Why do you feel a need for this project in your area? [Click here to enter text.](#)
  - What is the target population and where are they located? [Click here to enter text.](#)

- To what extent are Native peoples serving as leaders in the program? [Click here to enter text.](#)

5. If your project receives funds from these offerings, will you agree to furnish several photos or video depicting your program in action for use in promoting future giving? [Choose an item.](#)

**If your project is accepted for funding, to whom should the check be made payable:**

**Name:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Telephone Number:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**Mailing Address:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

**City/State/Zip:** [Click here to enter text.](#)

Please return this application and requested materials listed above electronically to: Office of Leadership and Inclusivity, Martha Stokes ([marthastokes@vaumc.org](mailto:marthastokes@vaumc.org)). Please DO NOT mail a hard copy of your application unless you have NO access to email. The mailing address is: P.O. Box 5606, Glen Allen, Virginia 23058. All applicants are responsible for ensuring that their application has been received. You may call Martha Stokes at 804-521-1154 for confirmation. **NOTE: Funds will not be disbursed until members of the Conference Committee on Native American Ministries have approved the application.**

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**Approval - Signature of CONAM Chair/Date**

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**Approval - Signature of Staff Liaison/Date**