

Native American Representative September 2014

The Bethel UMC **Native American Representative** is a member of the Church and Society Ministry team and keeps abreast of the needs and activities of the Native American United Methodists in South Carolina, and communicates their concerns and progress to the congregation annually. Usually one Sunday is devoted to promoting the well-being of this group. It may occur in April during the SC Native American month, or November, which is the US month. A special offering is usually collected on one Sunday during the year. A Native American speaker or group may be invited at the discretion of the minister during April or November.

The NA Representative represents Bethel at one training meeting that the SC Conference holds each year, usually in February. This is a good source of information about needs and concerns.

The Outgoing Representative will “Shepherd” incoming Representative for at least the last quarter of their term as Representative. If possible, the Committee on Lay Leadership team will seek to identify a member who is willing to serve as Representative on following years and have them train under current Representative for up to a year before becoming Representative.