

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

On the first Monday in October, our nation celebrates Columbus Day. For some, this holiday serves as a painful reminder of the Europeans' brutal settlement and conquest of the Americas.

Many states, local governments and institutions have chosen to declare the day as Indigenous Peoples' Day a time for learning and understanding. The day is a time to turn away from those things done on behalf of Native Americans so that we all might come to live in justice and peace with all people.

Many in our churches are unaware that for hundreds of years the churches joined with the political structures of the Western Hemisphere to legally justify:

- the theft of Native lands,
- the murder of Native men, women, and children,
- the denial of basic human rights through subjugation and enforced relocation,
- the denial of self-determination through
- destruction of Native American resources, cultures, and religions involuntary, and assimilation and attempted extermination of Native identity.

The Episcopal Church, the National Council of Churches and many International bodies have joined in the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and made a public commitment to all Indigenous Peoples. Part of this commitment is to review policies and programs with a view of exposing the historical reality and impact of the Doctrine of Discovery.

WORKSHOP PROGRAM

10:00 am – 2:00 pm



10:00 AM - Welcome

- Gathering Prayer
- Introductions
- Happenings

10:30 AM - Video on Black Indians: An American Story

10:45 AM - African American & Native American Connections

11:30 AM - Stories of Family History

12:00 PM - Lunch and Discussion

- What did you hear?
- What are you inspired to do?

12:30 PM - Searching for Family Connections

1:30 PM - Final Words and Prayer



GUEST PRESENTERS

Reverend Brother Simeon Powell, CG (Cherokee/Saponi) He and his wife, Anne, are Deacons-in-Residence at St. Augustine Episcopal Church, Rocklin, CA. He is a graduate of the Episcopal School for Deacons, Berkeley, CA. He was ordained in Grace Cathedral, San Francisco, CA. He is the former Archdeacon of the Diocese of the Rio Grande and Episcopal Chaplain for the University of New Mexico. He has representative the Episcopal Church to the Anglican Indigenous Network. Brother Simeon is an advocate for addressing the effects of the Doctrine of Discovery in the Church and authored Indigenous Lands Acknowledgement Resolution approved in 2022.

Dr. Prince Brown, Jr.

Dr. Brown is Professor Emeritus at Northern Kentucky University. He received his Ph.D., in Sociology from Boston College and had a 35-year career as a University Professor and Administrator. He has done extensive research on race relations and the history of slavery in the United States; and is the co-author of the book "The Social Construction of Race and Ethnicity in the United States." He lectures on African American History, Intercultural Communications, Race and Society, the African Roots of Christianity, and Democracy and Race.

RESOURCES

There are numerous resources to assist congregations, diocese and individuals in meaningful and transforming ways to remember, recognize and reconcile the painful history of the church and our nation. These materials are available by browsing the following sites.

Videos books and other resources are available by searching for [Black Native Americans](#) in your web browser. The full video Black Indians: An American Story is available by copying the following link and pasting it in your web browser.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRHZvU6CTBc>

Organization websites that may be helpful.

- National Museum of African American History and Culture
<https://nmaahc.si.edu>
- National Underground Railroad Freedom Center
<https://freedomcenter.org>
- National Museum of the American Indian
<https://americanindian.si.edu>
- Urban Native Collective
<https://urbannativecollective.org/>
- The Episcopal Church Indigenous Ministries
<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/indigenous-ministries>



LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Our Cathedral and Cincinnati occupy the ancestral lands of the Shawnee and Miami Indigenous Peoples. We acknowledge the painful history of colonization, genocide and inter-generational trauma that they have endured, and commit to working toward truth and reconciliation. We honor their perseverance and resiliency of Indigenous people, and we will continue to seek their guidance and participation in our efforts to build awareness of the history, traditions and contributions of Indigenous cultures.



A PRAYER FOR HEALING AND HOPE

O Great Spirit, God of all people and every tribe, through whom all people are related; Call us to the kinship of all your people.

Grant us vision to see through the lens of our Baptismal Covenant, the brokenness of the past.

Help us to listen to you and to one-another, in order to heal the wounds of the present.

And give us courage, patience, and wisdom to work together for healing and hope with all of your people, now and in the future.

Mend the hoop of our hearts and let us live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, the One who comes to all people that we might live in dignity. Amen

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African American and Native American Connections



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