

Join our synod and the ELCA in celebrating Indigenous Peoples' Day on Oct. 12

American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians are the Indigenous people who first inhabited the territory of the United States. For our nation and our church, we must recognize the history, cultures, languages and traditions of the first keepers of this land. Indigenous Peoples' Day honors the contributions, resilience and sovereignty of the tribal nations of Indigenous people.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is celebrated on the second Monday of October. This year, it will be observed on Oct. 12. The day honors the cultures and histories of Native American people and focuses on both the tribal roots that strengthen Indigenous communities and the tragic stories of their exploitation. This church has been invited to learn this history through the resources provided at elca.org/Indigenous.

5 ways to celebrate:

1. Listen to a [podcast episode about the holiday](#) from the All My Relations podcast
2. Read [Becoming Kin](#) by Patty Krawec (Anishnaabe Ukrainian) or [Notable Native People](#) by Adrienne Keene (Cherokee)
3. Watch a [webinar with Black-Indigenous youth](#) working to advance social justice
4. Donate to ELCA Indigenous ministries. You must call to designate your gift, 800-638-3522, M-F, 8 am - 5 pm.
5. Connect with local indigenous groups like the [American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions](#) (San Antonio)