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AN INTERFAITH DIALOGUE

Recognizing Native American Perspectives: Thanksgiving & the National Day of Mourning

When: Friday, November 5, 3pm

Though feasts of thanksgiving date as far back as the first Christian explorers in North America, the "First Thanksgiving" is often associated with the feast shared between Wampanoag Native Americans and European settlers at Plymouth Plantation in 1621. The gathering came on the heels of a peace treaty, forged between Wampanoag leader Massasoit and Pilgrim leaders, vowing nonaggression and mutual defense. It was a treaty and a friendship between the Wampanoags and the Pilgrims that endured for a little over 50 years, until King Philip's War in the 1670s.

Today, Thanksgiving is a holiday rich with tradition. It is a time when many Americans come together with family and friends to celebrate and give thanks. The Wampanoag people, however, hold a different view of Thanksgiving. Disagreeing with the holiday's celebration of early European settlers in North America, Native Americans have gathered annually on Thanksgiving Day since 1970 to commemorate a National Day of Mourning. The day is a time to remember and reflect on the genocide and mistreatment of millions of Native Americans, to honor ancestors, to recognize the ongoing struggles of Native Americans, and to come together as a people. Join us for this important discussion about Thanksgiving and the National Day of Mourning from Native American perspectives and what we can learn from our indigenous sisters and brothers.

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All are welcome! Please join us!