



North Carolina Synod

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

INDIGENOUS LEARNING TEAM

The Indigenous Learning Ministry Team of the NC Synod was formed by the Synod Council through a motion in September 2021. This team will:

- Lead a synod wide learning initiative during 2022 which follows the list of 12 topics suggested by Native leaders in the ELCA.
- Be accountable to the Mission & Ministry Team of the Synod Council.

Job Description for Team Members

- To engage in this work through the synod's core values: Jesus, Generosity, Relationship and Reconciliation.
- Review topics together and prepare a special educational eNews on each topic.
- Help lead and actively engage in topical conversations at meetings.
- To stay informed of Native and Indigenous history, resources, and current events provided by the ELCA and other denominations and organizations to make available throughout the synod.
- To participate fully in meetings and follow-up tasks.

Team Member Commitment

This team will meet monthly on the second Thursday of the month via Zoom. Additionally, there will be preparation for each meeting to review and research topics for discussion.

Members are appointed by the Synod Council. Terms last for 1 year. Ministry teams will generally be comprised of 4-8 people and strive for diversity.

Goals

For 2022, the Indigenous Learning Team will work to:

- Produce a monthly educational eNews to promote Learning the Boarding School Story throughout the synod.
- Lead a Synod Gathering workshop on Indigenous Learning.
- Consider ways to continue to promote awareness and justice of Indigenous People and their rights beyond this year.

This team's work may conclude in consultation with the Bishop, synod staff liaison, and the ministry team co-chairs.