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American Indian Ministry Sunday

In seminary, I took a class on the book of Exodus that raised a major question for me and my understanding of this common biblical narrative; How does Exodus read to those who have been displaced from their lands? The trials and tribulations of the original Americans, Native Americans, are just one, but a major, example of this question.

This Sunday, September 24th, Native American Ministry Sunday, provides us all an opportunity to consider the travails of this wide, diverse, and proud people. The recent protests at Standing Rock indicate that Native peoples are still very much the victims of greed and displacement. They are still fighting for dignity and cultural respect.

As a justice loving people, we must both acknowledge the sins committed against Native peoples in the name of manifest destiny, and fight to repair those wrongs. Using condescending images as sports mascots only pours salt in the many wounds of our Native sisters and brothers.

It is not our job to decide for a people when they are offended. It is our job to correct and repair the offence!

- Rev. Cean *James,*
Associate Conference Minister
for Congregational Development

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Saturday, November 4th / 10:00 am—12:00 noon

Church of the Good Shepherd, Boyertown

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