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United Methodists at Work Calling New Disciples



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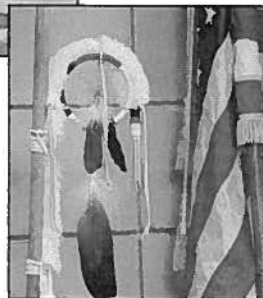
Pastor Julienne Judd has long felt called to a new kind of ministry—blending her Christian faith with the traditions of the Native American tribes of her mother and father.

“I knew there was a way we could celebrate who we are as Methodists and celebrate who we are as Christians but not set aside the traditional ways of worship,” said Judd, an elder in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.



Today, Judd is blending the traditions of the Native American worship experience with the Christian faith in a new ministry in Kansas City, Mo. The ministry is one of several supported by Path 1, an initiative of the General Board of Discipleship to start one new church per day by 2012. Three annual conferences—Kansas East, Missouri and Oklahoma Indian Missionary—

also support the new ministry in various ways.



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But it isn’t just the general approach to worship that is different in this new church; the style of worship is different from other United Methodist churches as well.

“That makes it a little more welcoming to people who are not used to church,” Judd said. “We usually sit around in a circle ... where everyone is equal, which allows them to voice how God does speak to them.”

Judd is committed to providing a welcoming worship experience to all people whether they are Native American or not.

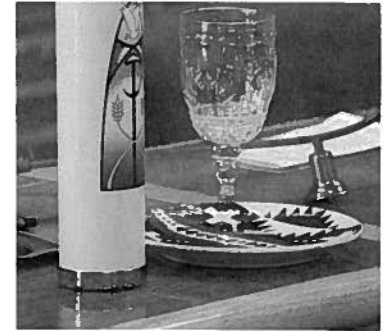
“We don’t have to give up being native people to be Christian,” Judd said. “We can be Christian, and we are native people. That’s never going to change, ever! And we can live out life as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ and still be who we are,” she said.

Although Native American churches throughout the Midwest are part of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Annual Conference, the congregations are scattered all over the region. The Kansas East and Kansas West annual conferences are both home to other Native American congregations. ■



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Path 1 supports new congregations that are calling new disciples into the body of Christ. Your congregation supports the Path 1 project and the new Native American congregation in Kansas City through payment of its mission and ministry share to the annual conference.

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