

Dear Friend(s)

We are glad you are interested in attending the Thirteenth Annual Native American Gathering in Fruitland Park (Leesburg area), FL. The gathering will be taking place on Friday April 20 – Sunday April 22, 2018. We have been extremely blessed at our past gatherings and we are anticipating a tremendous time again this year.



The setting for our gathering is the beautiful United Methodist Life Enrichment Center and Campground on serene Lake Griffin (see directions attached). It is a great place to get relaxed, refreshed, and be inspired.

We are honored to have as our special guest speakers, Chebon Kernell. Chebon Kernell, is the executive secretary for the Native American and Indigenous Ministries at the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. Our Guest musician are Barry Lee and Barbara Christy (Spirit Wing). Host drum, Sacred Thunder.

You can arrive as early as 3:00 pm on Friday, April 20th. Upon arriving, please come to the registration table located in the Anna Mae Room (see site map), to check-in. Dinner will be served in the cafeteria between 5:30pm & 6:15pm, for those who have purchased meals. Our first session will begin at 7:00pm with the Opening Ceremony. Those who come Friday evening dressed in their tribal regalia will be honored in the first dance of the evening. We will also be having our traditional trade blanket after the Friday evening session, so bring your items to trade.

If you are coming just for the day on Saturday, you will want to arrive early, as our first session will start right after breakfast at 8:30 am. Our gathering will end Sunday at noon with Communion.

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATON FOR THIS EVENT IS FRIDAY APRIL 6TH. YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND PAYMENT IN FULL MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE END OF THAT DAY. Please make checks payable to: Florida Conference Treasurer/CONAM and send, along with your registration form, to: Ed Taylor, PO Box 835, Groveland, FL, 34736.

Don't miss this opportunity for great fellowship, culturally relevant worship and teaching, and an all-around wonderful experience with fellow believers. Please join us and be a part of what God is doing among the Native American people! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 352-409-3368.

Blessings,

Ed Taylor – CONAM Chair