



THE **GATHERING** PLACE



* There are currently 5 Assembly of God Native American Fellowship Churches in existence. There is tremendous opportunity to plant new churches on the remaining Indian Reservations.



MISSION

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The Gathering Place exists to **rebuild** tribal nations through the **healing power** of the Holy Spirit.

VISION

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Love Creator
Love Others
Love Life



Apitendaagnwad VALUES



We value each tribal nation as a distinct people group created in the image of Creator God.



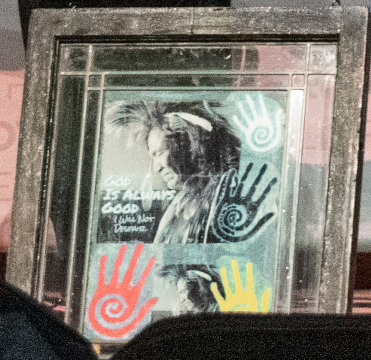
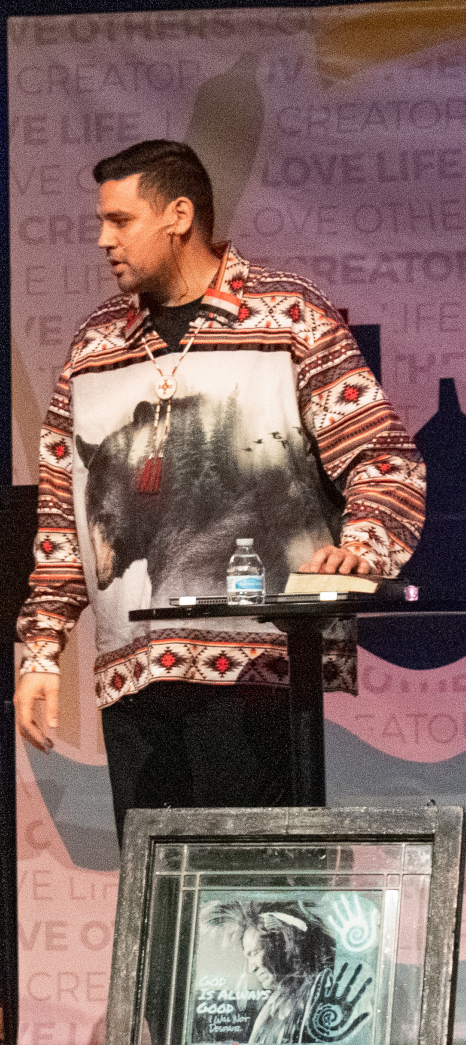
We value the history of each tribe: acknowledging each tribe's story from a Native perspective.



We value the land on which the Creator has strategically placed each tribe.



We value Indigenous language revitalization as a source of cultural identity & communication of God's Word.



THE VALTIERRA'S OUR STORY

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Mino-gizhebaawagad (it is a good day)! God has been so faithful during this season. You may remember receiving our first fundraising booklet. During that time, we had no money, no location, and no people, but we did have faith. Over the last year, God has been faithful. He transformed our faith into a launch team, a location, and enough financial resources to launch a healthy church.

On March 5th, 2020 we welcomed our second son Judah Manuel Valtierra into the world. Judah was born 5 weeks early. Maria had some complications with the pregnancy, but both mom and baby were healthy and are now thriving. We believe God timed his birth just right so we didn't end up in the hospital during the beginning of the pandemic.

Covid-19 set us back several months. Our initial plan was to assemble and train our launch team by the end of July in preparation for our launch in September. Although we were unprepared for Covid, God knew exactly what He was doing. During the pandemic we grew in every way. We experienced spiritual growth in the form of salvations, rededications, water baptisms, and spirit-baptisms. We also experienced numeric growth as our weekly prayer meetings doubled despite having to meet via Zoom. Lastly, God poured out a financial blessing we could not have anticipated as various supporters donated their stimulus checks to the church.

In June, July, and August we hosted monthly gatherings at local parks. Each gathering saw growth in the number of attendees and we ended up water baptizing 10 people.

Chi-miigwech (thank you) for your support thus far. We have felt your prayers and look forward to partnering with you as we move forward.



THE GATHERING PLACE 2020



Pre-Launch GATHERINGS

These gatherings were held in June, July, and August in local parks. Attendance grew from 40+ to 50+ to 60+ over those few months!

Changed LIVES

Since the first Pre-Launch Gathering, we have seen 10 people get baptized in water, 8 people get saved, 5 people get baptized in the Holy Spirit, and 7 people who completed our new believers' curriculum called First Things First.



Financial BLESSINGS

Through generous givers, we were able to raise \$65,000 prior to the launch. This money funded marketing materials, etc. We appreciate your continued support!

Church LAUNCH

Over 65 people attended the church's launch on September 12. Since the launch, we have continued to see God working through 4 additional salvations and 1 additional Holy Spirit baptism.

Nozjima WELLN

- ✦ **Clear & Inspiring Vision**
- ✦ **Compelling Witness**
- ✦ **Comprehensive Discipleship**
- ✦ **Compassionate Service**
- ✦ **Caring & Welcoming Community**

A photograph of a caregiver supporting an elderly woman. The caregiver, a woman with curly hair wearing a green shirt and a colorful patterned face mask, has her hand on the elderly woman's shoulder. The elderly woman has short grey hair and is wearing a black t-shirt with the text 'CREATOR OTHERS LIFE' on the back. She is leaning forward and holding a cane. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

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VICTORY

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While fasting and praying with the launch team prior to launching the church in September, the Holy Spirit highlighted the theme **VICTORY**.

Each of the aforementioned **VICTORIES** is an answer to prayer and corresponds with our **WAYS TO PRAY FOR NATIVE AMERICA** prayer card (see our website).

We believe our prayers, along with the prayers of many others, have directly impacted these issues both locally, regionally, and nationally.

Here are several **VICTORIES** we want to share:

LOCALLY

- ✦ We successfully launched a healthy church in the middle of a global pandemic
- ✦ We have experienced 11 salvations, 7 baptisms in the Holy Spirit, and 10 water baptisms

REGIONALLY & NATIONALLY

- ✦ A Federal Missing & Murdered Indigenous Woman's (MMIW) Task Force was created, which prompted individual states to create their own Task Force's. Wisconsin's Task Force was created in July, 2020
- ✦ The Little Shell Band of Chippewa Indians (Montana) received federal recognition by the federal government after many years fighting in court *Six other tribes have recently received federal recognition as well
- ✦ A Supreme Court ruling determined that a large sum of land be returned to the Muscogee Creek Nation in Oklahoma
- ✦ In October of 2020 new legislation, the Durbin Feeling Native American Languages Act of 2020, was introduced to ensure the federal government is protecting & promoting indigenous languages





FUNDRAISING

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If you would like to make a financial contribution to The Gathering Place there are three options:



Online

www.TheGatheringPlaceMKE.org/Give



Check or Money Order

The Gathering Place
11530 W. Layton Ave.
Greenfield, WI 53238



If **giving as a church** mail check or money order to:
WNMD ATTN: Church Planting
1340 Berlin St.
Waupaca, WI 54981

PRAYER

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Prayer and fasting are the foundation of our ministry. We cannot rebuild nations on our own. Partnering with us in prayer is vital to the health and growth of The Gathering Place.

If you are willing to partner with us in prayer please respond by email at
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