

**National Day of Mourning**
**November 26, 2026**
**Patuxet (Plymouth, Massachusetts)**

Join with New England Synod Bishop Nathan Pipho, Sue Carey of the Synod's Antiracism Collaborative, ELCA Racial Justice Ministries, and ELCA Indigenous Ministries & Tribal Relations in a Ministry of Presence to:

**Stand in Solidarity with the Wampanoag people and the United American Indians of New England (UAINE) at this year's National Day of Mourning**, which is held on the last Thursday in November, otherwise observed as Thanksgiving in the United States.

Annually, since 1970, the United American Indians of New England gather in Patuxet (Plymouth, MA) to honor Native ancestors and the Wampanoag people. The idyllic myth that Pilgrims and unnamed Native people gathered harmoniously and with mutual respect to share a feast excludes details about the plague brought by Europe settlers—that, at that time, the Wampanoag people were recovering from—and the subsequent seizure of land, broken treaties, wars, and other violence levied upon Indigenous peoples. Hence, many Native peoples do not celebrate the arrival of the Pilgrims and European settlers.

**Why It Matters**

As Lutherans, we confess our participation in systems that have harmed Indigenous peoples, and we seek to turn toward a future that reflects Christ's justice. Standing with our siblings, the Wampanoag people and UAINE, provides an opportunity to learn, reflect, and take faithful action.

- Gather at 11:00 am with Sue Carey of the NE Synod Antiracism Collaborative
- Pebbles Restaurant, 76 Water Street, Patuxet (Plymouth), MA
- At 11:30 am, we will proceed to the event/march which begins at noon
- Public parking is available nearby at Plymouth Public Parking, 21 Middle Street
- Public restrooms are available across the street from Pebbles Restaurant
- Register at this link

If you have questions, please email RacialJusticeMinistries@elca.org.
For more information, see: ELCA Indigenous Ministries & Tribal Relations, United American Indians of New England, Plimoth Patuxet Museums.

The event will be livestreamed at bit.ly/4AOkjGh and https://www.facebook.com/share/19bteju1GY/

