LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Metropolitan Chicago Synod is located on the traditional unceded homelands of the Council of the Three Fires: the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi Nations. Many other tribes such as the Miami, Ho-Chunk, Menominee, Sac, and Fox also called this area home.

The region has long been a center for Indigenous people to gather, trade, and maintain kinship ties. Today, one of the largest urban American Indian communities in the United States resides in Chicago. Members of this community continue to contribute to the life of this city and to celebrate their heritage, practice traditions, and care for the land and waterways.

We embrace and recommit to the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and to Indigenous rights, racial justice, and cultural equity not only through our statements but also in our decisions and actions.