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Native American leader discusses threatened culture

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Key points:

The Rev. Glen “Chebon” Kernell, executive director of the United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan, shared the realities of threatened cultures.

One objective of the Plan focuses on the ever-growing efforts for climate justice.

Kernell attended the 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, an ecumenical gathering that included around 3,000 participants from 120 countries.

In former times, the Rev. Glen Kernell would have been called an “Indian.” His name in the language of his tribe is Chebon.

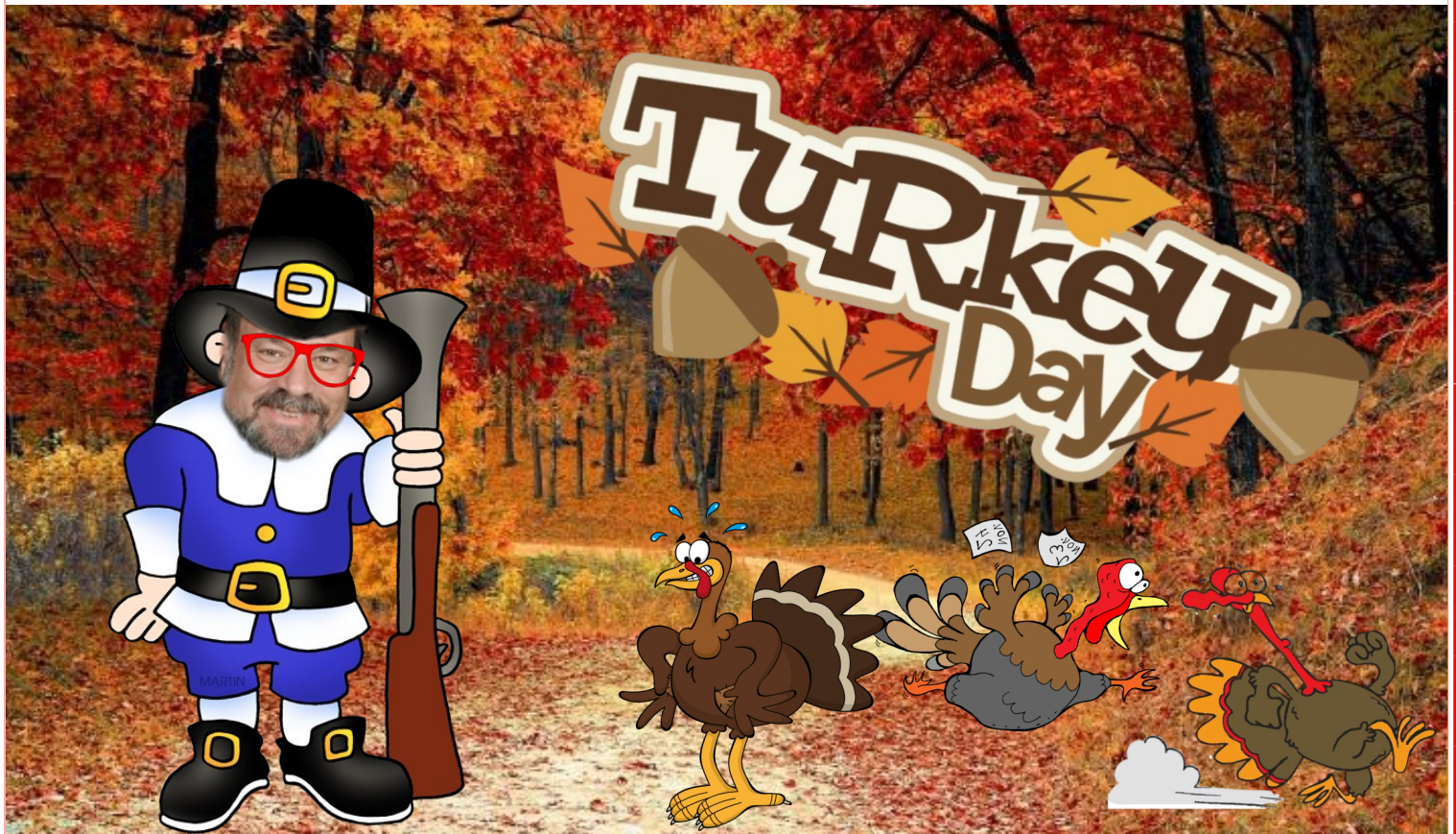
As European settlement of North America expanded westward, the indigenous population with cultures going back hundreds and thousands of years was overwhelmed, oppressed and massacred. Families were split up and children re-educated.

Kernell said only 0.004% of Native Americans in North America survived after the relocation and dispossession period when Native Americans were forcibly removed from their lands and taken from their families. Today’s Native population are the descendants of those survivors.

“I’m one of them,” he added.

During the 11th General Assembly of the World Council of Churches, held Aug. 31-Sept. 8, Kernell

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talked with UM News about what it's like for threatened cultures consigned to life on the sidelines. The ecumenical gathering is characterized by colorful diversity — not just in terms of culture, but also with the issues that move participants and the challenges they face. Around 3,000 people from 120 countries attended.

Kernell is a member of Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He is also of Muscogee Creek ancestry. The U.S. federal government recognizes 574 such nations of North America's indigenous population spread out across what today is the territory of the United States.

He has been working as a United Methodist pastor in churches in Oklahoma for more than 10 years. Oklahoma is today home to members of multiple tribes, who were relocated from their original territory in the U.S. Southeast.

Kernell studied politics before getting a master's degree in theology. For the past three years, he has been executive director of the [United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan](#), which aims to give a voice to the concerns of the Native American people and to find ways of carrying out their aspirations. These include preserving the individual languages of the groups, acquiring an understanding for their very original spirituality and advocating to prevent violence against Native American women and children.

He said that one explicit objective of the plan focuses on the ever-growing efforts for climate justice.



The Rev. Glen "Chebon" Kernell, who is Native American, sings and beats a drum during a joint opening prayer on Aug. 29 during pre-assemblies to the 11th Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Karlsruhe, Germany. Kernell is the executive director of the United Methodist Native American Comprehensive Plan. Photo

This is why he doesn't agree with the biblical phrase normally used in the church that describes people as stewards who have been given responsibility to take care of the land. In fact, he said, it should be the other way around.

"It's not that the earth belongs to us and we take care of it. Instead, we belong to the earth and it takes care of us," he said. "For countless generations, it has given us

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All Saints Day *In Loving Memory*

*Our prayers are with each family member and
friend of those who have gone before us since
All Saints Day, 2021*

James "Bill" Page

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Jim Marshbourne — June 30, 2022

Harold Yount — August 16, 2022

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Ruth White — September 30, 2022

September Budget Spending Summary

The Finance Committee appreciates your contributions and donations. With your support we will be able to continue sharing God's love with those around us.

Income

Total Income:	\$19,558
<u>Monthly Budgeted Goal:</u>	<u>\$39,459</u>
<i>Income Under Goal:</i>	<i>\$19,901</i>

Expenses

Church Programs:	\$13
Finance:	\$233
Church Administration:	\$1,784
Facility Maintenance:	\$9,807
Personnel:	\$30,063
<u>Conference Apportionments:</u>	<u>\$3,598</u>
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	<i>\$45,498</i>

Income under Expenses: \$25,940

The budget for 2022 is **\$473,502** which, divided evenly, makes each month's goal \$39,459 rather than being weighted differently throughout the year. Although we have begun trying to cut expenses where we reasonably can, we are still feeling the financial pinch from the COVID-19 pandemic. If you are able to still contribute during these lean times, please help us to maintain our regular operating costs as you find you are able. Only with the generosity of our congregation have we been able to weather the storms of the past and even the current storm we are in.

Thank you for your loving generosity in keeping this church operating!

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3 Naomi Hardy
5 Alma Lasure
5 Ted Page
8 Roselle Hanson
9 Janet Cook
10 Jerry Copeland

11 Victoria Thomas
13 Cindy Lennard
14 Jack Bouchez
16 Glenda Waring
16 Susan McLean
18 Charlene Shireman

19 Lynn Coleman
23 Bob Russell
26 Lisa Mick
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3 Ed & Connie Springer

13 Gary & Brenda Pittman

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Sat., Dec. 10th @ 7pm
St. Andrew UMC

Sun., Dec. 11 @ 3pm
1st UMC

Rehearsals every
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starting on
November 10th.

*There will be a collection of
donations on Dec. 11th to help in
renovating the FUMC sanctuary
electrical system and other capital
improvements.*



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everything we need — air, water, fruit — and never kept anything from us.”

Kernell said that Methodism founder John Wesley was another European faith leader who failed in his approach to reach the Natives he encountered in the U.S.

In 1736, Wesley arrived in Savannah, Georgia, on a mission in the American colonies to evangelize the Indians. Those he met there belonged to the Muscogee tribe — Kernell’s ancestors. As Wesley wrote in his diary, he failed “to teach the Georgian Indians the nature of Christianity.”

This state of affairs forced him to think about “conversion” during his return journey to London. Kernell described Wesley’s failure by drawing attention to the fundamentally incorrect approach: Wesley had a “very simple concept of conversion,” but it was one that didn’t work. He didn’t understand that these were people who had their own “widespread culture with its own wisdoms for understanding the world,” a culture that existed long before the Europeans came.

“He failed to appreciate the people he met,” Kernell said. Instead, the focus was on achieving the fastest possible success, without being interested in the conditions in which these people are living and showing any respect

for their needs, he added.

So, has the situation changed at all today?

“No, not really,” Kernell said.

The dramatic land seizure that destroys livelihoods has been going on for centuries and still continues to this day in the Amazon region, Indonesia, the Pacific islands and in the northernmost parts of Northern Europe as well as North America.

“In the end, it’s going to reach ‘us’ too, and it’ll destroy our living space,” he said of the Western world.

Kernell is driven by the need to change this, and all the more so because time is short.

“I want my church to understand that ‘we’ have our insights, knowledge and understanding of God and people’s well-being, something that is still waiting to be given its due respect today, even in the church.”

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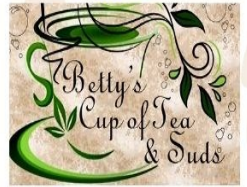


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November 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 All Saints' Day 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet 	2 9:00am Patchwork Friends 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 6:00pm Yoga Moms 6:30pm CrossPointe	3 9:30am PEO Meeting	4 11am Ladies Day Out 1-3pm Food Pantry	5 7:30am Garden Club 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 10:00am Fall Festival
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 3:00pm Light of the World Concert	7	8 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Soliloquy 8:00pm Broadstreet	9 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 6:00pm Yoga Moms	10 10:30am Retired Teachers Mtg 6:30pm Celtic Xmas Rehearsal	11 Veterans' Day 1-3pm Food Pantry 	12 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	14 10:00am Sara Fernandez Bible Study	15 2:30pm Sit & Fit 6:30pm Broadstreet	16 10:00am ADK Meeting 3:30pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal 4:30pm Chancel Choir 5:30pm Vivos Voco Rehearsal 6:00pm Yoga Moms 6:30pm CrossPointe	17 9:30am PEO Mtg 4:00pm Leadership Team Mtg 6:30pm Celtic Xmas Rehearsal	18 9:30am Ladies Day Out 1-3pm Food Pantry	19 8:00am Comm. Breakfast
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FOR HE IS GOOD;
FOR HIS STEADFAST LOVE
ENDURES FOREVER.**

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