



Participating in our
connectional church!

Building important
friendships

Sharing our stories



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Why a Congregational Partnership?

- To visit a different part of our Presbyterian family
- To learn about our Native American neighbors
- To see God's blessings in the life and ministry of a small, often geographically isolated congregation



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Talk -



Pray -

Begin!

- Share this Invitation with your Session:
Would you be interested in becoming acquainted with an Arizona Native American congregation?
- Contact the office of Grand Canyon Presbytery, learn more from our Native American Consultants, Martha Sadongei and Norma McCabe and give us a brief description of your church's interests, etc.
- Plan a first visit (send 2-3 church members to spend a long weekend in Arizona, worship in one of our churches, meet with church members and elders, share a meal, pray together, share stories and build first impressions.
- AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE, invite 2-3 members of our Native American congregation to visit your church (you will need to help with expenses)

**MAY GOD'S SPIRIT
OPEN YOUR HEART**

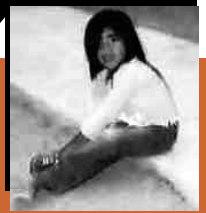


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Interested...



- ...in making some new friends?**
- ...in meeting a different culture?**
- ...in seeing God's people at work?**



**Come Visit A Native
American Congregation
in your
Presbytery of
Grand Canyon**



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The idea of congregational partnering has been around for a long time. That's how many of our congregations were started – one church sending its members to begin a new church. Today, interest in congregational partnership is growing. Many churches take trips to overseas countries to learn about a different culture, see the church at work, and provide short-term assistance.

We're interested in much more. **We seek friendships in Christ.** In the words of a 2010 General Assembly report, we want to build Communities of mission practice. **We seek partnerships** which will take the time to have conversations that value dignity, empowerment, relevance and stewardship. **We seek a life of common prayer, mutual visits, shared work in mission,** and the gifts that come from long-term relationships.

We are blessed with close-knit families of faith. We believe God wants us to be present among our Native peoples through the Presbyterian Church, even as we face financial challenges. A congregational partnership is our way of **sharing** our stories, **building** important friendships and **participating** in our connectional church!



Ganado Presbyterian



Martha Sadongei and Norma McCabe commissioned as Consultants to 25 Native American congregations



Looking for Church Partners



Jody Hodahkwen
Native American Ministries Chair

Friends: Our God is so good! We are ready to meet you and connect you with a church that has a very special story. Come to Arizona soon!