



Justice for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons: End the Violence

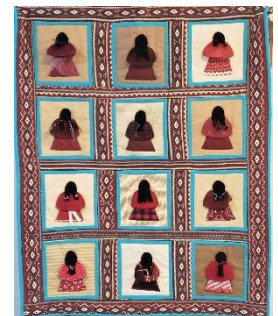
Your May 5 Event

Create Awareness by holding an event to pray for Indigenous Persons Who have Gone Missing or who have been Murdered. Pray for their families. Tell the Stories. Share the Statistics. So often people say that “what happened to the Indians was long ago.”It’s happening now.

Why May 5? May 5 was declared National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women in 2017. May 5 is the birthday of Hannah Harris, a Cheyenne woman who went missing in 2013.

Make a Plan for Your Event for May 5

- **Produce and Distribute “Justice for MMIW” 5x7 cards.** You have permission from the Native American International Caucus and the artist to print and distribute. Feel free to be creative with the image by Paige. You can make t-shirts, posters, flags or whatever! You can use your local printer to make these.
- **Choose a location** such as your Church Conference Center, Government Capital building, a busy city corner, on a church lawn, a park. Choose somewhere that it is visible to the public. Be sure to check if you need a permit.
- **Invite people** who will stand in solidarity with you. Perhaps there is a Native American drum group or a singer and dancers who can be with you. Consider someone who can speak briefly on the purpose of the meeting. Invite a spiritual leader or pastor or a singer to say/sing a prayer
- **Everyone wears RED.** Red dresses, Red shirts. You could make ribbon shirts/skirts.
- **Hang Red Dresses and Shirts from Tree limbs, Porches, or on Fence lines. Option: Place empty shoes underneath.**
- **Place red or black handprints on your face or clothing.**
- **Show the Film “Somebody’s Daughter”.** A small group. Or a large screening. www.somebodysdaughter.com or “Bring Her Home” Bring Her Home | PBS
- **Start a MMIW Quilt Project** and Share your photo with “Red Dress Interfaith Sisters” at lakotaeastin@gmail.com A database of the quilts will be kept for future exhibitions. Facebook Page: “Red Dress Interfaith Sisters”
- **Have participants make little red dress pins to wear and to distribute.** Please send photos of your gathering and of the things you make to Ragghirain@gmail.com with permission for us to share these in future press releases and promotions of this cause)
- **Set up a prayer station in your place of worship** during the month of May where people can pray for MMIW and other vulnerable persons and their families. Provide candles they can light.
- **Invite the local news media** to come to your event.



RESOURCES: Find the 5X7 card, button design and a small Red Dress Pattern at naicumc.com