



Suanne Ware-Diaz

Suanne is a proud Kiowa woman who is committed to building and strengthening community by deepening understanding of self, practicing profound hospitality and creating brave space where people of diverse backgrounds can gather to share in respectful exchange and dialogue.

Suanne’s last positions were serving the church and Native American communities as Executive Director of Cook Native American Ministries in Tempe Arizona, prior as Associate General Secretary of The United Methodist Church (UMC) General Commission on Religion and Race in Washington D.C. and as an adjunct instructor for Drew Theological School’s cross-cultural immersion course, “Native American People and Places.”

She took early retirement to care for her mother and considers that one of the most challenging yet rewarding roles of her life. Suanne continues to lead antiracism training. She currently serves several church boards and community organizations while enjoying time and travel with her husband, Luis. Her passions are dance, art, music, travel, and crusty French bread with stinky cheese.

She lives in Tovangaar, West Los Angeles, the unceded homeland of the Tongva-Gabrieleno people.