The Olive Branch

All Nations Indian Church Wopila Dinner Worship

Mount Olive is one of the churches invited to have a table or two at the All Nations Indian Church's Wopila Dinner Worship, a community fundraising event on Tuesday, November 25, from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. It's a multigenerational event, so all ages are welcome. Mount Olive will be donating money to the event. We need to know how many members are interested in attending, so we can accurately request seats for the event.

Described as a "Shared Feast of Gratitude and Reciprocity," this is the first time that All Nations Indian Church is hosting this event in their own space.

"For the Sioux people, a Wopila is a sacred way to thank you, to give back to the people and relationships who have walked beside us."

The schedule for the event is:

6:00 - 7:00 - Social hour and Church tours

7:00 - 8:30 - Wopila Dinner and Worship - including communal meal, storytelling and reflection inspired by *The Serviceberry* by Robin Wall Kimmerer.

All Nations specific goals for fundraising includes:

- Replacing their courtyard doors (safety and accessibility)
- Supporting their Free Mental Health Ministry
- Salary support for pastors and their building manager

Additionally, if you're interested, (none of this is required) before the event there's opportunities to:

- Bring Mount Olive's contribution to the meal potatoes, white and/or sweet
- Read and be a part of several discussions about *The Serviceberry*
- Help design and create a centerpiece for the Mount Olive table that's a reflection of what thankfulness and reciprocity looks like at Mount Olive
- Help with set up or clean up
- Help bring a few tables from Mount Olive to the event
- Donate additional money to All Nations Indian Church. You can make the check out to Mount Olive and then put "All Nations Wopila" in the memo line

If you're interested in attending or any of the other opportunities, please let us know as soon as possible, or by Monday, November 17.

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