



**THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST CONFERENCE**  
of The United Methodist Church

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Ethics & Treaty Project  
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On Friday morning, June 26, during its annual meeting in Pasco, WA, the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Methodist Church resolved that the Pacific Northwest Conference passed a resolution endorsing the "Declaration on Ethics and Modernizing the Columbia River Treaty."

We are pleased to stand with the tribal leaders and faith communities to do what is right.

Significantly, but coincidentally in timing, we took this action during a conference in which our theme was "Restoring the Sacred Circle". The theme was intended to raise our conscience about, and to be a first act of repentance toward, our First People and Native People brothers and sisters.

May the efforts at modernizing the treaty be effective and beneficial.

Grace and Peace,



Rev. Shirley DeLarme, Conference Secretary  
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