

Seven Mile Presbyterian Church and the surrounding areas are located within the traditional homelands of the Myaamia and Shawnee people, who along with other indigenous groups ceded these lands to the United States in the first Treaty of Greenville in 1795. We acknowledge that the Miami people were forcibly removed from these homelands in 1846.

We acknowledge and show respect to the stories and practices that erased indigenous people's history and culture. Acknowledging is a small gesture, but it brings about a greater public consciousness of Native sovereignty and cultural rights, it is a step toward reconciliation.

We further acknowledge the land that encompasses the Presbytery of the Miami Valley occupies the ancestral and contemporary territory of the Shawnee, Potawatomi, Delaware, Miami, Peoria, Seneca, Wyandotte, Iroquois as well as other native peoples. This land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance. As a faith community opening hearts, opening minds, and opening lives to God, the Miami Valley Presbytery seeks to honor the important stories and lived experiences of its members and neighbors. We want to honor the resiliency of these tribal nations and recognize the historical context that has and continues to affect the Indigenous peoples of this land.

While there are currently zero federally recognized Native American and Indigenous tribes in the State of Ohio, a number of tribal nations in Oklahoma, Wisconsin, the state up north (aka Michigan), North Dakota, and Minnesota have ancestral connections to the Ohio land.