

The Gospel: *In All Its Fullness*



5th Annual Native Pastors Gathering

October 12-16, 2025
Twin Lakes Conference Center
Florence, MS

Shepherds feed the sheep, but who feeds the shepherds? Native American/First Nations pastors need rest, refreshment, reflection, encouragement, and resources that provide solid biblical and theological training to be able to serve the sheep entrusted to their care. Recognizing this need, MTW in collaboration with Occom Ministries* and CHIEF Inc., is hosting the Native Pastors Gathering 2025.



For three days, Native pastors and their wives from the U.S. and Canada will gather at the Twin Lakes Conference Center in Florence, MS to enjoy rich teaching and worship. It is a cost-free gift to the Native pastor. This allows us to introduce ourselves to our Native brethren with the hopes of establishing sustained relationships and furthering the gospel in all its fullness into Indian country. This year we are praying for forty attendees. Please pray with us as the Lord of the Harvest bids us go to the 574 Native American and 634 First Nations tribes in North America.

Please consider a gift of \$1,000 for an attendee. All monies cover travel, accommodations, Reformed resources, A/V production, staffing and speakers. Any gift will be helpful and appreciated.

I/we would like to support a Native pastor by giving with a gift of:

___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ Enclosed is my gift of \$_____ To **GIVE**, please go to www.MTW.org/projects, project #P-0267, or make checks payable to: **Mission to the World, 1600 North Brown Rd, Lawrenceville, GA 30043-8141.** *Note: Include **Native Pastors Gathering, #P-0267 in memo.**

*Occom Ministries is a ministry of Patrick and Regina Lennox #14241, MTW Missionaries to Native America. To support the Lennoxes, go to www.MTW.org/missionaries

To learn more about Occom Ministries, go to www.Occom.org and www.NativePastorsGathering.org





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April 11, 2025

Dear Co-Laborer in Christ,

We pray this finds you well. The Lord has been faithful to His promises as we review all that He accomplished through Occom Ministries this year. There is so much to report, although most of you should have seen those reports in the Lennox Letters newsletters sent to you via email. If you have not received those emails, please let us know so we can find out why.

Last year was full of travel, more than ever in years past, with more in 2025. We had a trip nearly every month of the year, including a twenty-two-day trip, covering over 5,000 miles around the country in July. That trip and other future trips are an essential part of our ministry as part of our follow-up to the Native Pastors Gathering. The main objective was to visit pastors we met at our Native Pastors Gathering over the last four years. We went to encourage them, pray with them (and their wives), and learn more about where they serve firsthand and understand how we can better serve them. We also gifted them a \$500 collection of essential books from P & R Publishers. Each "Native Pastors Essentials Library" included more than twenty-five titles of great Reformed works. We were able to purchase and deliver ten libraries.

Because of the extensive travel we anticipated in 2024, we did not hold our usual Native Pastors Gathering, as it would have been impossible for to organize such an event while spending so much time on the road. Please pray with us for a larger staff to handle logistics, so that we will be able to do more beyond our current capabilities. The good news on that front is that we will be hosting the Native Pastors Gathering again at Twin Lakes in October 2025. Please see the other side of this page for more details.

We are asking you prayerfully consider supporting Occom Ministries. In this mailing you have information on two ministry initiatives, the 2025 Native Pastors Gathering and the Occom Discovery Center. Please note the ways to give for each project. In addition to our projects, we have the everyday administration costs for the ministry, which includes office supplies, websites, printing, mailings, and especially donor software, payment processing, and bookkeeping software subscriptions and services.

Your gifts enable us to continue to serve Native pastors on the ground advancing the kingdom in Indian country.

Important note: We are MTW missionaries serving with Occom Ministries. We receive no compensation from Occom, as it is for ministry projects. BUT, we have an existing project account with MTW for the Native Pastors Gathering, as you can see on the front page. Since MTW and Occom Ministries are collaborating with the Native Pastors Gathering, either ministry is equipped to receive funds, but we prefer to use the MTW project account #P-0267.

In His Service,

Patrick Lennox
President, Occom Ministries

Occom Discovery Center



**Note: The image above is for illustrative purposes only.*

Our vision is to establish the **Occom Discovery Center**. As the name implies, **ODC** aims towards discovery. Above all, we seek to discover the glories of the Triune God who is as he has revealed himself in the Holy Scriptures. In light of that revelation, we seek to discover our place in His kingdom.

God has gifted every believer. **ODC** seeks to help Native American/First Nations disciples of Christ discover their gifts and foster a vision to engage them in the kingdom. In this regard, **ODC** is a place to discover their calling in this world as ambassadors for Christ. **ODC** seeks to cultivate a Christian worldview that is both taught and caught, recognizing that changed lives are more influenced by the latter in community grounded in Scripture.

The discipleship program at **ODC** is not a Bible college, although we will have an academic element incorporated in the program, which will better equip a student who may be pursuing that route. Ultimately, **ODC** seeks to be a place where Native Christians can come to get a solid grounding in the gospel, to ask the hard questions, and to discover the God who is and their place in his kingdom.

This property will also serve as Occom Ministries headquarters and study center for **Occom Institute** providing biblical and theological training up to a Masters level, utilizing Thirdmill materials as our core curriculum. We seek to have a fortified Native Christian studies center for missiologists, historians, and pastors to further research how the Lord has been advancing his kingdom among the indigenous peoples of North America.

Our goal is to establish the **Occom Discovery Center** in western North Carolina. Being in such a beautiful location, we would also like to offer the campus in the off-season to our partners and friends as their own retreat location. Church

groups and other ministries who would like to go “glamping” could utilize the campus for their own retreat and meeting events. Donations from that will simply go towards Occom Ministries to keep our primary mission moving forward.



What We Need

To purchase a piece of property to serve our needs, today’s current real-estate market requires us to raise \$190,000 minimum — just for the land. Based on three different yurt companies, we have estimated \$96,000 for the minimum amount of yurts to start, which includes a 40’ main meeting house, multiple student housing yurts, a library, and additional classrooms.

What Can You Do?

Will you join us in this important work? Although our vision is quite “doable” from an earthly perspective, we know that “unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain” (Psalm 127:1). We need the Lord’s people to pray. The Lord has been affirming our work for years, advancing us forward on his timetable. But now we are at a critical point of necessary growth for us to fulfill our mission.

We need the Lord’s people to give. The Lord owns the cattle on a thousand hills, and he owns the hills, too. He owns it all. We are asking you to pray and ask the Lord if he wants you to be a part of this ministry at this critical and foundational level.

Please consider a gift of any amount. Consider \$1,000, \$2,000, \$5,000, or more. Perhaps we are asking for too little. Consider \$10,000. For those of you who cannot give at that level, be assured that any amount counts. It all adds up. Whatever you give, please give sacrificially, cheerfully, and unto the Lord.

To give online, go to www.Occom.org. There is a designated link to properly enter your gift for the building program. If you prefer to give by mail, please make checks out to Occom Ministries. Be sure to include Occom Discover Center in the memo. Our mailing address is:

Occom Ministries
P.O. Box 471435
Lake Monroe, FL 32747-1435

Thank you for taking the time to learn about Occom Ministries and our vision for the future. We pray he will multiply our efforts as we eagerly await Reformation and revival in Indian country.

All for the Kingdom!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patrick Lennox".

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