


Beyond Land Acknowledgements

Inspiring individuals and organizations to do more than just talk



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Tribal land professionals gathered in record numbers in March

When the first Tribal Land Staff National Conference took place in 2011, few participants could have imagined what it would become today – the premier education and networking event for Tribal land professionals in Indian Country. When the 12th annual conference convened in March at Pechanga, more than 350 attendees took part in the many opportunities for learning, sharing, collaborating and networking.



The Tribal Land Staff National Conference is co-hosted by the National Tribal Land Association (NTLA) and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF). In 2023, the event established new marks for attendance with 93 tribes represented. Nearly 200 of the participants and 20 tribes were there for the first time. They'll gather again in 2024 at Planet Hollywood in Las Vegas.

For more information, please visit the NTLA website at
www.ntla.info/conference/

Meet ILTF's Board of Directors



Lea Zeise belongs to the Oneida Nation. She is a Program Manager for the United South and Eastern Tribes working with Tribes and Tribal farmers from the Northeastern Woodlands to the Gulf of Mexico to nourish Indigenous food systems. Zeise grew up on the Oneida reservation in Wisconsin, attended tribal school and worked in various roles on the Oneida Nation's organic farm, both as a farm worker and on the business side of the operation.

She has extensive experience in outreach, involvement and leadership in a variety of community projects and events as well as experience in entrepreneurship and business planning. Zeise is

a 2011 graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering.

“I joined ILTF's Board of Directors because protecting and re-acquiring our lands is foundational to the sovereignty and well-being of Indigenous people now and in the future.”



Land Acknowledgement Fund: Turning words into actions

Indigenous land acknowledgements are everywhere now as local governments, universities and other organizations make statements at press conferences, community gatherings and public events acknowledging the historic taking of land by colonial settlers. To many Native Americans, these are just empty words. Now the Indian Land Tenure Foundation (ILTF) is helping those who make land acknowledgements to turn empty words into concrete action through the 'Beyond Land Acknowledgement Fund.'

The effort was spawned by an unexpected gift of \$250,000 from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Minneapolis. "The land our congregation currently occupies was taken from the Dakota Nation and other Indigenous peoples through exploitation and violence," said Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen. "The significance of this sacred ground – as well as its painful history – compels us as a congregation to engage in reparative justice in words and deeds and dollars."

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Beyond Land Acknowledgement Fund and find out how you can help Native nations recover their land.



Left to right: Pastor Ingrid Rasmussen of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church with parishioners Randy Nelson and Allison Johnson Heist.