

How you can still support the 2021 National Day of Mourning even if you can't come to Plymouth

If you are unable to participate directly in the National Day of Mourning in Plymouth, MA, here are seven ways you can stand in solidarity with United American Indians of New England (UAINE) and the National Day of Mourning.

- 1. Watch the National Day of Mourning livestream from Plymouth, as well as the many prerecorded messages that will be uploaded to the UAINE.org website beginning at 12 noon on November 25. The livestream link will be found there.
- 2. Help to spread the word about National Day of Mourning on social media. Would you rather support National Day of Mourning in Plymouth than engage in a celebration of white supremacy, the theft of a continent and the genocide of Indigenous peoples? Say why on your Facebook page, Twitter account or Instagram account. Articles and letters to the editor of your local newspapers, magazines etc. about why you support National Day of Mourning are also greatly appreciated! Send a copy of what you write to the National Day of Mourning organizers at info@uaine.org.
- 3. Donate to UAINE: https://gofund.me/bf557f97 if you can.
- 4. **Use Thanksgiving Day as a 'teachable moment' and educate family and friends**. If you gather for a Thanksgiving meal, read aloud to your friends and family about the real history of Thanksgiving and National Day of Mourning before you sit down to eat. Matthew Hughey's <u>On Thanksgiving: Why Myths Matter</u>" is one possible text that is just about the right length for a pre-meal reading. You can also read the <u>suppressed speech of Wamsutta Frank James</u>, the founder of National Day of Mourning, and check out the <u>UAINE website</u>. You can also watch the livestream fron Plymouth. If you or your family members are hungry for more truth-telling, you can recommend books for further reading such as *Our History Is The Future* by Nick Estes, *An Indigenous Peoples History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz, *Lies My Teacher Told Me* by James W. Loewen, *A People's History of the United States* by Howard Zinn, *Exterminate All the Brutes* by Sven Lindqvist, and David Stannard's *American Holocaust: Columbus and the Conquest of the New World*.
- 5. Spread the truth and give the "hidden" story of Thanksgiving a human face by arranging for a member of UAINE to give a talk at a school, church or community center near you. Email info@uaine.org for more information.
- 6. Help to champion Indigenous voices by getting involved in other Indigenous struggles. You can work to free the Native American activist Leonard Peltier who has been a political prisoner for 45 years. You can join the fight against racist and demeaning Native sports team mascots, name brands and products. You can support the fight to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day on the 2nd Monday in October. You can amplify Indigenous voices in raising awareness about Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirits. Check out the UAINE Facebook group and many other media outlets for information about what is happening in your area and what you can do to help. Express your solidarity, and urge others in your community (trade union, social justice organization, religious community, etc.) to help, too!
- 7. Help to combat the climate crisis and the destruction of the Earth by supporting Indigenous climate activists. Indigenous people are on the frontlines defending the water and land from pipelines, fracking, mining and much more. Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas are fighting to stop fossil fuel extraction, megadams and mining and to preserve land, water and treaty rights. Support Indigenous-led climate justice organizations!