



## Update from Native American Ministries December 2021

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### Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church

The Jicarilla Apache Reformed Church continues to feed anyone who stops at the parsonage, provide short-term shelter for anyone who needs it, and hold services on Sunday mornings, as well as Bible study on Sunday evenings.

Pastor Brad has done many funerals this year. He looks upon funerals as an opportunity to connect with the community and to preach the Good News to folks who wouldn't come into a service on a Sunday. The deaths this year include victims of COVID-19, suicide, alcohol poisoning, liver failure, cancer, stroke... Four beloved members of the congregation have passed away in 2021, leaving some gaping holes in the pews and our hearts.

Please pray for encouragement for Pastor Brad and the community of Dulce. Pray that the Lord will work powerfully among the Jicarilla Apache, bringing freedom from addiction and healing from trauma.



### Winnebago Reformed Church

Winnebago Reformed Church recently completed a year-long strategic planning process to determine what are our specific needs for pastoral leadership in the Winnebago community. As a cross-cultural ministry on tribal lands, we have some unusual challenges. But our fervent prayer and hope are to continue being a congregation of maturing Christians with a heart for both the spiritual and physical needs of the area, including our neighboring tribe the Omaha, and our non-Native population. We are now completing our Church Profile and hope to officially post our opening before the end of the year. Pray with us as we actively seek a new shepherd.

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