

A Season of **Peace** 

You are invited to a special peacemaker event.

Friday, October 4 at 7:00 pm
at Westminster Presbyterian Church
1515 Helen Avenue
Portage, MI 49002

with keynote speaker **June L. Lorenzo**

- Attorney, consultant and human rights advocate
- Advocates for the rights of Indigenous Peoples before United Nations and Organization of American States bodies
- Member and clerk of session at Laguna United Presbyterian Church (Pueblo of Laguna)



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June L. Lorenzo - Native Lands of the Southwest US

2024 INTERNATIONAL PEACEMAKER



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June L. Lorenzo

An attorney, consultant and human rights advocate, June L. Lorenzo is Laguna Pueblo and Diné (Navajo Nation). Holding a J.D. and Ph.D., she currently practices law in New Mexico and advocates for the rights of Indigenous peoples before United Nations and Organization of American States bodies. She has served as a judge for six Native Nations in New Mexico and has served as legal counsel for both Laguna Pueblo and Navajo Nation, as well as U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representative committees and the U.S. Department of Justice (Voting Rights). She is also engaged in advocacy on uranium legacy issues, which are related to the protection of sacred areas.

Fast Facts About Native Lands of the Southwest U.S.

- Laguna Pueblo covers a territory of more than 500,000 acres and is comprised of six villages and 8,500 Native people.
- The Laguna people have a long history of withstanding incursions from the Catholic Church and various federal governments.
- The Navajo Nation covers a territory of more than 1.7 million acres, extending across Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.
- The tribal government of the Navajo Nation was established in 1923 and has evolved into the largest and most sophisticated form of American Indian government, comprising 88 council delegates representing 110 Navajo Nation chapters.

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- The Presbyterian Church has a long history of shameful treatment of Native Americans, including those in the Southwest U.S., and complicity with other organizations and governments that have done the same. In recent years, the PC(USA) has begun work to repair these historic harms by acknowledging its past sins, working to make amends, exploring in detail the Doctrine of Discovery, and establishing a Speaker's Bureau on Indigenous Issues and a Native American Church Properties Fund. It has also sought to work with Native Americans on issues they currently face, including the ongoing harms of the nuclear industry.