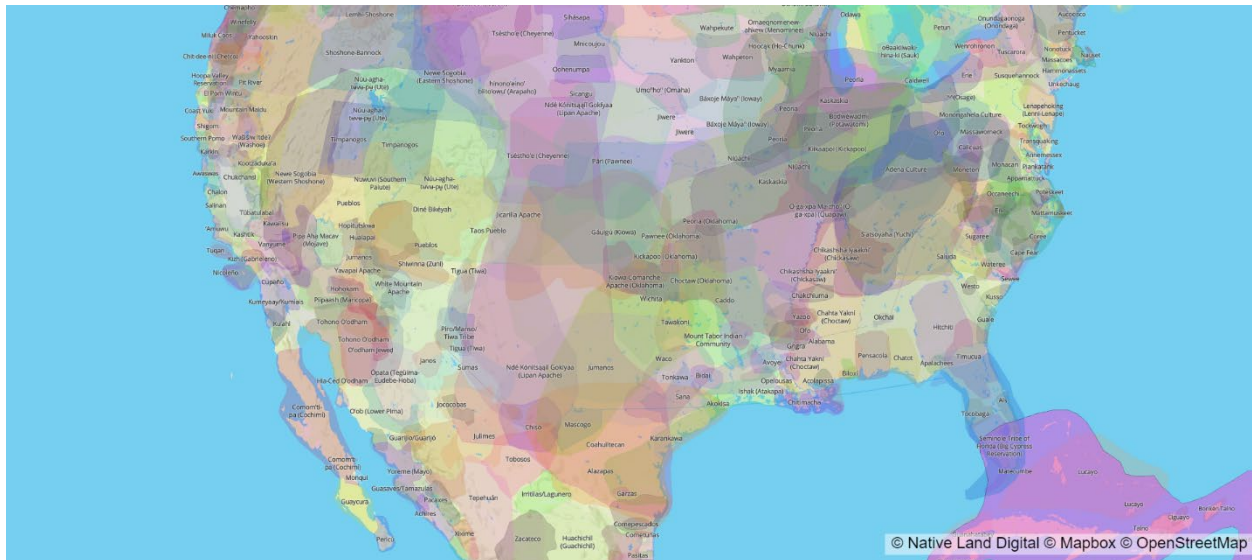


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On this Earth Day we recognize the importance of our acknowledging the land and the original Indigenous peoples whose creation stories are rooted in these places, who have lived on and stewarded these lands since time immemorial and continue to offer valuable wisdom as part of our communities, churches, schools, and leadership.

In this assembly of the Southwestern Texas Synod in Corpus Christi and Seguin, Texas, we acknowledge and honor the Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, Coahuiltecan, Karankawa, Carrizo, and Comecrudo peoples, upon whose ancestral homeland we gather today, and all of our Indigenous siblings in creation who have and continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

We also understand that all land is Indigenous land and that our synod resides on the land of a great many Indigenous peoples. We invite all members of our synod to learn about the Indigenous peoples or tribal nations who were the first to love, pray, grow, celebrate, cry, drum, and sing upon the lands and in the places where we live, work, and worship. We ask that God help us all to learn more, do more, and realize healing and justice for the Indigenous peoples whose lands we now occupy.



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