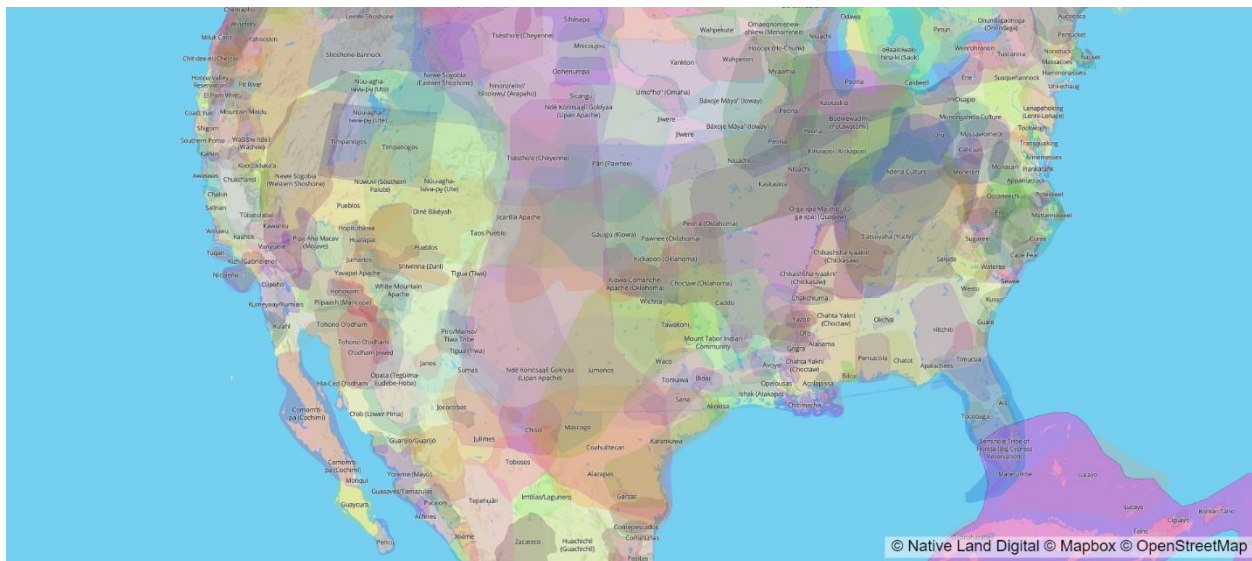


MIENTRAS TANTO

In this assembly of the Southwestern Texas Synod, we acknowledge and honor the Tonkawa, Lipan Apache, Coahuiltecan, Karankawa, Comecrudo, Carrizo, Mascogo, and Jumanos peoples, upon whose ancestral homelands we gather from across the synod 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 the members of our synod come from many different lands of a great many Indigenous peoples. Please tell us in the chat which indigenous peoples have stewarded the lands you have grown, lived and worked on. 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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