Many people benefit from your support of the BIMC:
- Students in the small mission school in the Deep South.
- The Catholic community served by a Native deacon in Alaska.
- The Native American parish on the prairie.
Your support helps all of them come to know Jesus.
- The BIMC helps get good teachers in schools that would otherwise struggle to stay open.
- Funding from the BIMC helps dioceses form lay ministers and catechists to spread the Gospel in their own communities.
- Supporting the BIMC helps encourage young African Americans and Native Americans to give their lives to the Lord as priests, brothers, or sisters.

La Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas (CMAI) existe para ayudar a los obispos y las diócesis a edificar la Iglesia entre las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska.

Muchas personas se ven beneficiadas de su apoyo a la CMAI:
- Los estudiantes de la pequeña escuela misionera en el Extremo Sur.
- La Comunidad Católica atendida por un diácono Nativo en Alaska.
- La parroquia Nativo Americana en la Pradera.
  Su apoyo ayuda a todas estas personas a llegar a conocer a Jesús.
- La CMAI ayuda a conseguir buenos maestros para escuelas que en otras circunstancias estarían luchando para mantenerse abiertas.
- Los fondos de la CMAI ayudan a las diócesis a formar ministros laicos y catequistas para difundir el Evangelio en sus propias comunidades.
- Contribuir a la CMAI ayuda a animar a jóvenes Afroamericanos e Indígenas a entregar su vida al Señor como sacerdotes, religiosos o religiosas.
Dear pastors and friends of the Black and Indian Mission Collection,

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God’s Kingdom in our world.

We invite you to help Build Our Mission to the Missions by supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

Your support provides the presence of missionaries here in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each and every person, “The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation” (Lumen Fidei, 51).

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection. For promotional materials, visit us online at www.blackandindianmission.org/resources.

In Faith and Mission,
Rev. Maurice Henry Sands
Executive Director

Intercessions
R./ Lord, hear our prayer.

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would enlighten their decisions to build communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord…R./

For all those who have died, especially those struck by violence; that our God lovingly receives them into his arms, we pray to the Lord…R./

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would illuminate their decisions for building communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord…R./

For our parish community, that we would help build the Church in African American and Native American communities through generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection today, we pray to the Lord…R./

For all those who have died, especially those struck by alcoholism, drug abuse, or violence, that our loving God would bring them home to His embrace in Heaven, we pray to the Lord…R./