

Land Acknowledgement Statement for Sinsinawa Mound

We are on sacred land. We acknowledge that Sinsinawa Mound is located within the ancestral territory of the Ho-Chunk, Sauk, Meskwaki, Ioway, Ojibwe, Missouri, and Potawatomi Nations. We now understand that this land was stolen in fraudulent treaties in 1804 (St. Louis) and 1829 (Prairie du Chien). We recognize the historical and ongoing realities of settler colonialism, including the participation of the Church through missionary activity such as boarding schools and attempts to erase Native beliefs, languages, and cultures. We commit to working in solidarity with Indigenous movements for justice and self-determination. We honor and are grateful to those who have cared for this land throughout the generations.