



The Presbytery of Seattle recognizes that we are on stolen land. As an organization with dozens of properties, we occupy the traditional territories of the Coast Salish people. This includes the Duwamish People, past, present and future, whom we recognize as the original stewards of the land.

Chief Si'ahl and Native leaders reluctantly signed the Treaty of Point Elliott on January 22, 1855. All Tribes represented at the signing were guaranteed services, hunting and fishing rights, and reservations in exchange for over 54,000 acres of the Duwamish Tribe's homeland.

To this day, Treaty promises made by the U.S. government to the Duwamish have not been honored.

As we acknowledge the city of Seattle's true history, it is our responsibility to continue to:

- Understand our position in relation to the lands we occupy
- Disrupt Indigenous erasure, colonization, and oppression
- And honor the cultural heritages of Indigenous community members

In remembering and truth telling, we are committed to honoring Indigenous peoples and their stories across the US, and seek ways to engage in authentic relationship building and community collaboration as part of our witness to the Gospel.