

**Thank you for your inquiry regarding choir membership.**

**First of all, the Native Praise Choir is a ministry of The Native American LINK, Inc. The purpose of the Native Praise Choir is, first & foremost, to lift up the name of Jesus Christ & give Glory to God.**

**God has enabled us to come together as Christian Indian women to sing together in our Native languages to honor Him. Our service also is a means of preserving our language & a part of the culture that depicts the early Indian congregations. We do have some guidelines for those seeking to become choir members:**

1. **We ask all choir members to be actively engaged as a member of an Indian Baptist congregation or affiliated with Indian Baptist work in the Southern Baptist Convention. A letter from the church is requested. (See attachment)**
2. **All choir engagements/events are the responsibility of the choir coordinator. Choir requests must be directed to the coordinator for approval and scheduling.**
3. **Because it is a Native American Choir, we ask that each member be a Native American tribal member with a certificate of degree of Indian blood (CDIB) or a tribal card, with the exception of non-native members who are married to a Native American, or previously grandfathered into the membership.**

1. **All choir members must display a willingness to commit to being an active participant of the choir, with emphasis on scheduled choir rehearsals once a month.**
2. **All choir members are required to own one tribal traditional dress, as many of our singing engagements require Traditional Native dress.**
3. **All choir members must be willing to share their Christian testimony. Testimony includes your life before accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior, the actual moment of decision, and the changes that have taken place in your life since having Christ in your life.**

**7) We realize that not all choir members can sing at every requested event, but it is the intention to be available as much as possible. If a choir member has not attended rehearsals for 3 months, we request that attending rehearsals is required before traveling with the choir at any event. It takes commitment to be a member of the choir.**

**8) Each choir member pays for their own travel expenses when we are called on to travel overnight. We encourage carpooling when possible, & many times, our choir members share hotel rooms, when necessary.**

**Serving in the Native Praise Choir is commitment to a ministry of God. Please prayerfully consider as you make a decision to join.**

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