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14. Native American resolution

During the morning worship service, a video was shown regarding a resolution pending before the U.S. Congress that offers an apology to Native Americans. Steve Cheramie Risingsun, a Native American Mennonite pastor and Mennonite Mission Network board member, gave additional background information and impetus for this proposed acknowledgment and its significance which he further symbolized by his presence on the platform during this delegate session.

Action 4 M/s/c We, the delegates of Mennonite Church USA, gathered in San Jose, California in July 2007, support the joint U.S. Senate and House bills that “acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the United States government regarding Indian tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.”

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