

# ARTS & CULTURE



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## NIC Arts & Culture Quilt Project

In 2024, the NIC Anti-Racism Task Force is presenting an Arts and Culture Series to explore the unique art forms of different ethnicities. Quilts have played a significant role in American history and culture for centuries. Quilts are as unique as the people who create them. As we journey together this year to embrace the rich diversity of music, art and history, we invite you to participate in the making of an NIC Arts & Culture Quilt that will be hung in the Northern Illinois Conference Office and shared at the 2025 Annual Conference.

Participants are asked to present one square from an NIC individual, church or organization to represent their culture, community, history, or art. You are encouraged to incorporate a racial justice and equity theme, phrase, title of a song, etc.

Individual blocks will be completed and quilted by the submitters. It will then be assembled into the final quilt, adding sashing, borders, binding and a hanging pocket to the back.

### Details for creating: Deadline: November 1, 2024

- Submitted blocks will be an almost completed “mini” quilt, complete with quilting (top piece, batting and back piece sewn together)
- Finished size of the mini quilt will be 8.5" x 8.5" with the design to be 8 x 8 to allow for seam allowances.
- Sew a label to the back with name(s) and church of the individual or organization.
  - Size should be smaller than 5"x5" and it should be sewn centered on back of block
  - Information should be embroidered or written with an archival fabric pen
- Materials to use:
  - Quilters cotton for the pieced top and backing
  - Backing in a solid color
  - Low loft cotton batting
  - Quilting, embroidery, fabric markers, fabric paints, or iron-on transfers can be used. Use permanent fabric glue to attach anything. Please don't use paper, stiff felt, plastic foam, or materials that tear easily.
- Send final submission and form to:
  - Ida Van Boven, c/o First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst, 232 S. York Street Elmhurst, IL 60126



Questions can be emailed to Ida Van Boven at [idababyjane@comcast.net](mailto:idababyjane@comcast.net) Please use NIC Quilt Project in the subject line.

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## Quilt Square Submission Form:



### Sender's Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and/or Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

### List of Makers: add an additional list if there not enough spaces

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Tell us about your square: 250 words or less

Don't know what to say? Here are some questions to get you started:

What aspect of your culture, community, history, or art is being highlighted? Who or what was your inspiration?

Why were the specific techniques used? Why did you decide to participate in the project?

Photos of final pieces and descriptions will be assembled into a booklet to accompany the quilt.

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I/we understand and agree that the quilt submission will become the property of the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. I/we consent to the NIC using the quilt submission and information provided in printed or web materials. I/we acknowledge financial compensation of any type was not received in association with the use, sharing or display of quilt submission.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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