

# What does a Land Acknowledgement mean to you?

*Voices from the Native American and Indigenous Peoples Steering Group at Northwestern*

- ❖ Addressing invisibility
  - ❖ Defrosting the past
  - ❖ Combats erasure
- ❖ Feels good emotionally/spiritually
  - ❖ Decompresses time
  - ❖ Can be performative
- ❖ Must be paired with action
  - ❖ Prayer/contemplative
- ❖ Build affinity, creates alliance
  - ❖ Context matters
  - ❖ Should challenge thinking
    - ❖ Honoring
- ❖ Need to consider appropriation
  - ❖ Raise critical consciousness
    - ❖ Introspection
  - ❖ Strengthens larger circle