

CHAIRMAN MARY JANE MILES, NEZ PERCE TRIBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Born on March 3, 1940, Mary Jane Miles is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe. She currently serves as Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribal Executive Committee (NPTEC), the governing body of the Nez Perce Tribe. Chairman Miles has served on NPTEC for two years. While on NPTEC she has also served as the Chair of the Human Resources Subcommittee.

Chairman Miles is an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church (USA). She has ministered on the Navajo Reservation at Tuba City, Arizona, the Tohono O'odam Reservation at Sells, Arizona, and Indian Presbyterian churches on the Nez Perce Reservation.

Chairman Miles graduated from Lapwai High School on the Nez Perce Reservation. She earned an Associate Degree from Bacone College at Muskogee, Oklahoma, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Science from Lewis Clark State College at Lewiston, Idaho, a Master of Divinity Degree from Fuller Theological Seminary at Pasadena, California, and a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Throughout her career, Chairman Miles has worked for numerous tribal programs in various administrative assistant positions as well as serving as director of the Seniors Program and resource center. In addition to the Nez Perce Tribe, she also worked for the Southern California Indian Center's Seniors Program.