

Resource Sheet for Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples

The following resources are for Meetings and individuals to increase their understanding of Indigenous experiences (especially in our region) as well as the relationship between Quakers and Indigenous Peoples. This list was assembled by the Right Relationship Resource Group in 2020, which has the aim of helping Friends Meetings in New England to do the spiritual groundwork required to move deeper into the work of right relationship with Native Americans in our region. Feedback on the resource list can be sent to rightrelationship@neym.org.

For Meetings Engaging Together

Decolonizing Quakers

<https://www.decolonizingquakers.org/>

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery in Your Meeting, Friends General Conference

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/resources/doctrine-discovery>

Native Land and Language Map

<https://native-land.ca/>

NEYM's Virtual Plenary videos on Doctrine of Discovery, by Lisa Graustein (Beacon Hill)

<https://neym.org/recordings/news/invitation-2019-annual-sessions-plenary>

[The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code](#)

A wealth of resources specifically about the Doctrine and its legacy.

[The Quaker Indian Boarding Schools](#) Friends Journal article by Paula Palmer

Paula's related Pendle Hill lecture on the topic is available [here](#).

Quaker Advocacy and Networking for Native Rights

[Friends Committee on National Legislation](#)

Legislative updates related to Native Rights

Friends Committee for Maine Public Policy

Working with Wabinski leadership on legislative actions in Maine. Contact Shirley Hager (shirley.hager@maine.edu) to be added to the email list.

[Friends Peace Teams](#): Toward Right Relationship with Native People

[Canadian Friends Service Committee on Indigenous People's Rights](#)

[Paula Palmer's Right Relationship Google Group](#)

An email group for Friends engaged in this work from across various regions

Local and Regional Organizations

Abbe Museum: in Bar Harbor, Maine, is a museum of Wabanaki art, history, and culture.

<https://www.abbemuseum.org/>

Maine-Wabanaki REACH: advances Wabanaki self-determination by strengthening the cultural, spiritual and physical well-being of Native people in Maine. In fall 2020, Maine-Wabanaki REACH began a truth telling project.

<http://www.mainewabanakireach.org/>

Dawnland Signals: monthly radio show on Indigenous Knowledge (recordings available)

<https://archives.weru.org/category/dawnland-signals/>

Nolumbeka Project: dedicated to preserving the site of the Great Falls Massacre (May 19, 1676) in the Connecticut Watershed and telling the story from many perspectives

<https://nolumbekaproject.org/>

Global Resources

[United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

Additional Reading and Viewing for Individuals Looking for a “Deeper Dive”

History:

[Our Beloved Kin: A New History of the King Philip's War](#)

A book and project website by Lisa Brooks

[The Drafting and Enactment of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act](#)

A 2017 paper reviewing this key legislation from Maine.

Abenaki Connections by Marge Bruchac

One family's story gives a sense of the stories many indigenous people experienced with colonization. Takes place in what is now known as Western Massachusetts, 1837-present.

The Sovereignty and Goodness of God by Mary Rowlandson (1682)

An early narrative from Mary Rowlandson, a minister's wife, who was taken captive in Lancaster, MA during King Philip's War.

The Arrow Over the Door by Joseph Bruchac

This a fact-based account of the story also known as the White Feather. Young adult level reading.

A Lenape Among the Quakers by Dawn G Marsh

A history of a Lenape woman in Chester County, PA. There is much to appreciate about the mechanisms of colonialization and of our own Quaker history, both sad and encouraging.

Flight of the Sparrow by Amy Belding Brown

A historical fiction novel that presents a wider view of colonial life in Massachusetts.

1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus by Charles C. Mann

New England Outpost by Richard I Melvoin (1989)

An in-depth book on the Pocumtuck homeland just before English settlement through the development of the Town of Deerfield and the several significant attacks on the town in 1682 and 1704. It moves at an easy pace and again gives a flavor of the conflicting stories of the early colonial period in New England.

Captors and Captives by Kevin Sweeney and Evan Haefeli

This recent book focuses on Deerfield MA and the 1704 raid but in the context of the geopolitics of the day. It also gives a good sense of how English captives were treated by the various parties. There is an interesting view of why a number of captives did not want to come back.

The Unredeemed Captive by John Demos

This book is the story of the captured minister of Deerfield in 1704 and his daughter. While Rev. John Williams wanted to return so badly and was 'redeemed', his daughter Eunice refused to return and even refused to speak English with her father when they met while he was trying to get her to return. Questions explored include the whys of this in colonial New England.

Sisters in Spirit: Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) Influence on Early American Feminists by Sally Roesch Wagner

We Want Equal Rights: How Suffragists Were Influenced by Haudenosaunee Women by Sally Roesch Wagner

Young adult reading level

Iroquoisan Women: The Gantowisas by Barbara Alice Mann

A deep look through time and tradition into the Haudenosaunee understanding of how to live

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz

[*Phips Proclamation*](#), an act which resulted in the number of tribes in Maine reduced from 16-30 to the four tribes that exist today (historical document)

Contemporary Indigenous Experiences:

[*American Indian Perspectives on Thanksgiving*](#)

A booklet by the National Museum of the American Indian with activities for adults and children.

[*Dawnland*](#)

An Emmy award winning documentary about cultural survival and stolen children in our region.

[*Indigenous Futures Project*](#)

A summary of responses from a large-scale survey of Indigenous Peoples in our country about their experiences and needs. Created for the purposes of supporting constructive partnerships between Native and non-Native peoples.

The Mourning Road to Thanksgiving by Larry Spotted Crow Mann

Young adult fiction by Nipmuck author. This book is currently being read by a group of Mt Toby Friends.

Sacred Land Film Project with Oren Lyons (series)

Sample video: "[Rights and Responsibilities](#)"

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer

A 2019 video talk by the author of this book is available [here](#).

Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Spirit-based Change by Sherri Mitchell

Additional resources related to this 2020 book are available [here](#).

[*The Honorable Harvest*](#) with Robin Wall Kimmerer (2012)

An 18-minute video

[*'We the People' - the three most misunderstood words in US history*](#) by Mark Charles

A 17 minute video from 2019

[*Native Americans: We Shall Remain*](#) by LoVina Louie

An 18-minute video

[*Gather*](#)

A feature-length documentary about 3 indigenous groups reclaiming their foodway

The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relations By Shirley Hager and Mawopiyane

Publication date: April 2021, with preordering available. The book reveals the lessons learned, by both Native and non-Native participants, in a series of gatherings held over many years in the 1980s and '90s, and the continuing revelations derived from their relationships in the years since.

[*Wabanaki Alliance*](#)

Group formed to support the passage of amendments to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act

[*First Persons: The Wabanaki Peoples of Maine*](#)

An October 2020 webcast by the UMaine Alumni Association containing an overview Indigenous issues as well as current happenings. Featuring: Donna Loring, Maulian Dana, Brigid Neptune and Sherri Mitchell.
