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.

To view an expanded and more frequently updated resource list, maintained by the Resource Group, click here.

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

Journey of Healing, by Rachel Carey-Harper (Barnstable Friends Meeting)
https://journeyofhealing.net/

Native Land and Language Map
https://native-land.ca/

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

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.

The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous-Settler Relationship
https://www.thegatheringsbook.com/

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 Wabinaki 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, Groups, and Campaigns


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/

Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People: the only active of Native Americans based in NH. Available for many types of educational programs. http://cowasuck.org/


Global Resources

United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
Additional Reading and Viewing for Individuals Looking for a “Deeper Dive”

History:

Map of Connecticut circa 1625

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

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

'Ve 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 Mawopiyan
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

Tribal History: How Wabanaki People Have Lived and Worked and Faced Challenges Here
A recent radio show featuring Wabanaki voices.


The Spiritual Legacy of the American Indian by Joseph Epes Brown
A Pendle Hill Pamphlet written to encourage Native Americans to honor their own traditional values.
Teaching Spirits: Understanding Native American Religious Traditions by Joseph Brown

For children:

Molly of Denali

An animated children’s show about a 10 year old native Alaskan and her family.