**Some resources to learn about Indigenous Peoples**

Lois Kuter 7/4/2022

Clerk, Quaker Fund for Indigenous Communities

loiskuter@verizon.net / 215 886-6361

This is by no means a complete guide to resources and groups. Let me know of any additions that would be helpful for us.

**FRIENDS WORKING IN SUPPORT OF NATIVE PEOPLES**

**PYM Quaker Fund for Indigenous Communities** (formerly called the Indian Committee) is both a granting group as well as a group ready to speak out on issues of concern to Indigenous peoples. We welcome new members and serving on this committee is definitely a learning opportunity. [www.pym.org/grants/quaker-fund-for-indigenous-communities](http://www.pym.org/grants/quaker-fund-for-indigenous-communities)

**PYM** **First Contact Reconciliation Collaborative** is totally independent of the Quaker Fund for Indigenous Communities. It works closely with the Lenape community in New Jersey. They have a very informative website about the Lenape (see especially the book in the resources section: *We are Still Here* by Rev. John Norwood). The site also provides guidance on right relationship with Indigenous peoples as well as action Friends might take to address issues of concern – [www.pym.org/first-contact-reconciliation-collaborative](http://www.pym.org/first-contact-reconciliation-collaborative)

**The Friends Committee of National Legislation** has long been active in support of Native peoples – [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)

The website and newsletters report on the active work of FCNL’s Native American Advocacy Program.

**New York Yearly Meeting and Baltimore Yearly Meeting have Indian Affairs Committees** that date back to the 1700s. They continue to be very active in support of Native peoples. See their websites: [www.bym-rsf.org/what-we-do/committees/Indian](http://www.bym-rsf.org/what-we-do/committees/Indian) (Baltimore) and [www.nyym.org/committee/Indian-affairs-committee](http://www.nyym.org/committee/Indian-affairs-committee)

 (New York)

**Towards Right Relationship with Native Peoples**

A project spearheaded by Paula Palmer through Friend Peace Teams: [www.friendspeaceteams.org/trr](http://www.friendspeaceteams.org/trr)

**Decolonizing Quakers**

Outgrowth of Pendle Hill’s May 2018 conference “ruth and Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples” [www.decolonizingquakers.org](http://www.decolonizingquakers.org)

**Canadian Friends Service Committee**

CFSC has had an active engagement with Indigenous communities in Canada for many years. See the link <https://quakerservice.ca/our-work/truth-and-reconciliation/> to learn about work today.

**OTHERS IN SUPPORT / BASIC INFORMATION SOURCES**

Philadelphia and New York Yearly Meeting Friends have had a long contact with the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) tribes of New York: Mohawk, Oneida, Cayuga, Onondaga and Seneca. You can learn about them on the website of the non-profit organization **Indigenous Values Initiative**: [www.indigenousvlaues.org](http://www.indigenousvlaues.org)

**Coalition of Natives and Allies** - [www.Coalitionofnativesandallies.org](http://www.Coalitionofnativesandallies.org)

They have a good resources section.

**National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition**

Hold workshops and provide information on the boarding schools issues. - [www.Boardingschoolhealing.org](http://www.Boardingschoolhealing.org)

**Indian Country Today** covers events and news on a national basis. – [www.indiancountrytoday.com](http://www.indiancountrytoday.com)

**Native News Online** - <https://nativenewsonline.net/sovereignty/sophie>

From the **University of Pennsylvania Museum** website section called: “Fulfilling a Prophecy”: [www.penn.museum/sites/fap/resources](http://www.penn.museum/sites/fap/resources)

**LEARNING ABOUT THE DELWARE / LENAPE**

**Three tribes are officially recognized by the State of New Jersey**:

The Nanticoke Lenni Lenape Tribal Nation, New Jersey
<http://www.nanticoke-lenape.org/>

Ramapough Lenape Nation (New York and New Jersey)
<http://www.ramapoughlenapenation.org/index.php>

Powhatan Renape Nation<http://www.powhatan.org/> (website does not seem operational)

Also in New Jersey:

The Piney-Lenape

<http://www.pineylenapenj.com/index.html> (website does not seem active)

**In Delaware**:

Lenape Tribe of Delaware

[www.lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com](http://www.lenapeindiantribeofdelaware.com)

Chief Denis Coker has often been a speaker at Pendle Hill and works closely with the Nanticoke Lenni Lenape of NJ

**In Pennsylvania**:

Neither of the two groups below are federally or state recognized, and their authenticity has been challenged by other Delaware/Lenape

Lenape Nation of Pennsylvania
[http://www.lenapenation.org](http://www.lenapenation.org/)

People of Lenape ancestry and their supporters

Eastern Delaware Nations
<http://www.easterndelawarenations.org/>

Descendants of Native peoples living in the Endless Mountains Region

**Other Delaware / Lenape Tribes** – the “diaspora” of peoples forced to move west

Note that sometimes these tribes do not recognize those of the east and can be at odds with each other – just like the rest of us humans who don’t always get along. Indigenous identity is a sensitive issue – who is “real” and who is not.

Delaware Tribe of Indians (Oklahoma)
<http://www.delawaretribe.org/index.htm>

Delaware Nation (Oklahoma)
<http://www.delawarenation.com/>

Stockbridge-Munsee Community (Wisconsin)
[http://www.mohican.com](http://www.mohican.com/)/

Munsee Delaware First Nation (Ontario)
<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/profiles/pr_munseedelaware.html>

Munsee-Delaware Nation
<http://www.aboriginalcanada.gc.ca/acp/community/site.nsf/en/fn168.html>

Moravian of Thames Band (Ontario)
<http://www.aiai.on.ca/webpage/Delaware.htm>

Kansas Delaware Tribe of Indians
<http://kansasdelaware.org/index.html>

**PHILADELPHIA AREA NETWORKS FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLES**

**Indigenous Peoples Day Philly** – [www.ipdphilly.org](http://www.ipdphilly.org)

Organize annual Indigenous Peoples Day festival on Columbus Day in Shackamaxon (Penn Treaty Park). Have Coalition Building Workshops / presentations for schools, libraries and organization as well as resource materials.

**Native America House Alliance** – [www.nativeamericanhousealliance.org](http://www.nativeamericanhousealliance.org)

Urban center in development for the general welfare of Native Americans in the Philadelphia area. Provide social services as well as work to protect history and culture.

**Native Nations Dance Theater** – [www.nndt.weebly.com](http://www.nndt.weebly.com)

Dance group which performs and does educational programs

**We are the Seeds of Culture Trust** – [www.wearetheseeds.org](http://www.wearetheseeds.org)

Organized workshops and events to showcase Indigenous artists and performers in the Philadelphia area.

**Southeastern Cherokee Council of Pennsylvania** – [www.secherokee-confederacypa.org](http://www.secherokee-confederacypa.org)

Formerly headed by Chief Buffy Red Feather Brown who lived in Philadelphia and organized an annual [powwow on the Memorial Day weekend until 2011. She passed away in October 2021. The confederacy is in the process of building a new website.

**Red Feather’s Legacy**

The Inquirer featured at story on 6/28/22 about ten recipients of an award of $11,000 for their plans for a commemorative project for the 250th birthday of the U.S. (organized by the Philadelphia 250 group doing city planning). A photo pictured Tammy Walking Stick Riley and the newspaper said the following: “Red Feather’s Legacy wants to establish a cultural center and hub for Native American/Indigenous people’s engagement, social service, advocacy for policy and dialogue with the City of Philadelphia, and for promotion of their culture.” I have not heard of this group before but believe it might be named in honor of Chief Buffy Red Feather Brown of the Southeastern Cherokee Confederacy of PA.

**Circle Legacy Center, Lancaster** – [www.circlelegacycenter.com](http://www.circlelegacycenter.com)

Non-profit of Native peoples of various Indigenous communities which has been active in preserving the Carlisle School buildings and in care-taking of the children’s cemetery. Also hold a number of public events, including Jim Thorpe Day and a powwow.