

Wabanaki REACH Workshop: Decolonization and the Role of Faith Communities

Wabanaki REACH will be holding a three session workshop, "Decolonization and the Role of Faith Communities", at First Parish via Zoom on three Sunday afternoons this winter. The workshop sessions will be held Feb 28, March 14, and March 28 from 1-2:30 PM

This workshop is intended for people of faith who want to move toward living in just ways with the Indigenous peoples of this land, particularly with Wabanaki peoples whose ancestral home includes what is called the state of Maine. The sessions will explore the role of churches in the colonization of this country, learn about the harmful ongoing impacts of colonization on Wabanaki peoples, and identify strategies for repair and healing.

This three-session online Zoom workshop is co-led by faith leaders and Wabanaki people and includes film, testimony, discussion, and an action/study plan for follow-up after the sessions. It is important that those interested in attending the workshop be willing to commit to attending all three sessions as they build upon each other.

The workshop is limited to 30 with a registration fee of \$20 which will cover all 3 sessions. (No one will be turned away for lack of funds, but you will still need to register in order to receive the Zoom link and attend)

To register for this workshop, either:

1. prior to February 26, mail a check made out to "Trustees of First Parish" or cash for \$20, along with your name, email and contact telephone number, to Marge Stockford (office@firstparishportland.org) at First Parish Church, 425 Congress Street, Portland, ME 04101.

OR

2. pay online. To pay the registration fee online, go to First Parish's website, <https://firstparishportland.org> . In the menu at the top right of the page, choose "Give". On the next page, under "Donations", choose "Social Justice Fundraiser", then type 20 into "amount", select "one time" under contribution options, and also select the date for the payment. Scroll down past the section saying "2020-2021 pledge" to the bottom of the page and select "auto-debit from a debit or credit card", then hit "continue". Fill in all the contribution information on the next page, then hit "process" at the bottom.

For further information, please contact Jake Kulaw at jkulaw62@gmail.com or Barbara Brown at brown.barbaras@yahoo.com.