



First Parish in Portland

A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Native Justice Resource List

First Parish Truth Statement

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jXA8JJUMHc8Qpgq5-1QlnSbSrooHcKKS/view?usp=sharing>

UUA: Doctrine of Discovery and Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Lots of educational material here: <https://www.uua.org/racial-justice/dod>

Maine State Advocacy Network <https://www.muusan.org/>

Racial, Native and Immigrant Justice Co-Chair Jane Makala janemakela@gmail.com

Current Bills in Maine Legislature:

LD 766 - "An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation's and Passamaquoddy Tribe's Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013" - Sponsor - Representative Rachel Talbot Ross

LD 1907 - "An Act To Restore to the Penobscot Nation and Passamaquoddy Tribe the Authority To Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010" - Sponsor - by Representative Rachel Talbot Ross

LD 2094 - "An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act"

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

Advances Wabanaki self-determination by strengthening the cultural, spiritual and physical well-being of Native people in Maine through Restoration, Engagement, Advocacy, Change, and Healing.

Finding what Native Land you live on:

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/552693/native-land-website-highlights-indigenous-territories-and-languages>

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

Here's the phone number to text so one can discover what indigenous people's land one is on: Text your zip code or your city and state (separated by a comma) to 907-313-5085. Put the number in your address book for future travel.

Books & Poems to Read

[*Song for Machigonne*](#), poem by Mihku Paul

[*Jefferson Street School*](#), poem by Mihku Paul

Mihku Paul shared these poems during the [Truth, Grief & Reconciliation service on October 11, 2020](#).

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People](#) adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019) are the new Common Read.

We Were Not the Savages: Collision between European & Native American Civilizations Daniel N. Paul (Fernwood, 2006)

<http://www.danielpaul.com/WeWereNotTheSavages-Mi'kmaqHistory.html>

Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip's War (The Henry Roe Cloud Series on American Indians and Modernity) Hardcover – January 9, 2018 by [Lisa Brooks](#) (Author)

Sacred Instructions: Indigenous Wisdom for Living Spirit-Based Change

Paperback – February 13, 2018 by [Sherri Mitchell](#) (Author), [Larry Dossey MD](#) (Foreword)

Notes on a Lost Flute: A Field Guide to the Wabanaki - by [Kerry Hardy](#), Published by DownEast Books in 2009, now in paperback. (While a field guide, the first chapter provides an overview and history of the various tribes that composed the Wabanaki starting in the 1600's)

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants by Robin Wall Kimmerer published by Milkweed Editions in 2013. Milkweed is printing a special deluxe edition in honor of their 40th year of publishing.)

20th Century Pow Wow Playland a collection of poetry by Mihku Paul. Published 2012 by Bowman Books

Mother/Land a collection of poetry by Cheryl Savageau (Abenaki from New Hampshire). Published by Salt Publishing in 2006.

Ndakinna (Our Land): New and Selected Poems by Joseph Bruchac. Published in 2003 by West End Press. (Joseph Bruchac has published over 120 books - many for children and young readers.)

GEDAKINA: www.gedakina.org

A Native American Outdoor Education and Leadership Development program located in Maine. Has articles, videos, and information on upcoming events.

The North American Megadam Resistance Alliance

a coalition of organizations whose mission is to protect rivers and their communities by resisting megadams and **associated transmission corridors**.

This home website has lots of great info: in column at right are several excellent links to news and events. See also the short video in the middle of the homepage.

<http://northeastmegadamresistance.org>

This link is to a short press conference Sept 21 with speakers from several tribes affected by the dams and flooding. One early speaker is chief of the Penobscots.

<http://northeastmegadamresistance.org/conference-of-new-england-governors-and-eastern-canadian-premiers/>

MUSIC:

DAWNLAND SINGERS, *Honor Songs* - A collection of 21 songs in both English and Abenaki. Traditional and contemporary music. Can be purchased on Amazon or directly from the Bruchac family at nudatlog@earthlink.net. All proceeds go to the Ndakinna Outdoor Education Center. Please do not download these songs from Youtube because permission was not given to Youtube for their use.