

Support of the NEYM Letter of Apology to Native Americans  
April 2021

We at Mt. Toby Monthly Meeting are in unity with the spirit and intent of the draft Letter of Apology as it has been circulated to monthly meetings and we hope that NEYM will feel clear to unite around it as one step to take.

Already, we have been active in this concern in the following ways:

- Held listening sessions and worship sharing to consider the Letter of Apology;
- shared a template for those sessions as a resource for NEYM.
- Engaged in individual and group study of the history and impact of settler colonialism and the Doctrine of Christian Discovery on Indigenous land, culture, and people of this region, utilizing documentary films, books, presentations, and workshops.
- Took a public stand in 2019 in support of Indigenous efforts to have the Massachusetts state flag and seal changed to remove racist language and imagery.
- Played a central role in the 400 Years Project, an interfaith effort with 25 congregations and organizations in our area to lift up and listen to Native voices, support Native-led efforts for rights, dignity, and land, and offer material support to Indigenous organizations.
- Raised over \$2000 for Indigenous projects for cultural preservation and land restoration as a form of restorative justice.

Humbly recognizing that there is much practical and spiritual labor yet to be done, we commit ourselves to the long journey of truth-seeking and relationship building