

## **Illuminating Social History**

Did you know that--

- 190 individuals from 39 Monthly Meetings have served on the Indian/Indigenous Committee since 1940?
- committee members regularly had picnics with two VA tribes in the 1950s-60s?
- the committee opposed the Kinzua dam that flooded Seneca land in PA?
- the committee aided the Monacan tribe in VA in saving its historic site?
- the committee and Bill Miles advocated for sweat lodges in MD prisons?
- the committee supported Pat Kutzner from DC who worked with Navajos in NM?
- the committee and Sue Marcus & Susannah Rose secured reparations money?

Read all about it! A history of BYM's Indigenous Affairs Committee from 1940-2025 has been published. You may find names of your family members or ancestors in its pages.

To learn more about local and national Native leaders, to find out what allies should know and do, and to obtain (through the book's notes) references to hundreds of articles and books by Native authors and journalists, see *Respect & Justice for Indigenous Peoples: Becoming Allies* by Patricia R. Powers. For the earliest committee history, see *As They Were Led: Quakerly Steps and Missteps Toward Native Justice* by Martha Claire Catlin. Both books are available through Amazon and Friends General Conference QuakerBooks. For the new paperback, go to: <https://www.amazon.com/Respect-Justice-Indigenous-Peoples-Becoming/dp/B0FFN8WK1W>

The book was written to encourage others to become advocates and allies. Reviewing the book, a renowned activist and strategist said:

"Powers provides a useful context for understanding Native American rights and realities and our obligation to be good allies, after so many years of disrespect and abuse. May we all absorb the organizing spirit reflected in the book and act upon its insights." Heather Booth, subject of documentary film *Changing the World*