



Quakers and Native Americans The First Century

Invitation:

The Berkeley Friends Meeting Library Committee is presenting a ten-week discussion series that will explore the many facets of Quaker-Native American relations in the first hundred years of the Quaker presence. We will be using interdisciplinary academic readings to examine in depth, the peace testimony, the dilemma of war and political participation, motivations, misunderstandings and outcomes of interactions between Native Americans and Quakers, as well as the role of non-Quakers in the relationship.

There is much to learn about Quakerism by studying our past: the core attitudes, beliefs, testimonies, and experiential process at work. We continue to have a “concern” with Quaker-Indian relations, and should not let our ‘good intentions’ and some past achievements blind us to understanding.

Mondays at 7:00

2151 Vine Street, Berkeley

Our first session will be September 12th in the nursery of the meeting house (still in the process of renovation), through the lower entrance on Walnut Street. Please let us know in advance if you plan to attend so that we can provide enough chairs. The majority of meetings will be held in the Community Room. We will not meet on the first Monday of each month so that we do not conflict with M&O meetings. On the second Mondays we will meet in the nursery.

Study materials will be available as pdfs on our website. If requested to our meeting email address ('BerkeleyMeeting@gmail.com') they will be sent to you.

Reading and review of the material must be done in advance since everyone is expected to contribute their unique perspectives to the discussion.