

Pacific Yearly Meeting

Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee

Report to Representative Committee (RepCom) 2023

The Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee under the care of the Ministry Committee has continued to meet monthly over the past year since our report in February 2022. In the spring and early summer we focused on producing an interest group for Annual Session. The title of the interest group was Beyond Land Back and was focused on participants exploring their knowledge of Indigenous People and how Indigenous perspectives may differ from their own.

Following Annual Session, we concerned ourselves with what might be useful next steps in furthering monthly meeting knowledge of Indigenous concerns, actions that may contribute to our understanding of those concerns, and acknowledging the healing needed by all parties. Additionally, the subcommittee is interested in learning how Monthly Meetings are furthering their own relationships with their Indigenous neighbors and whether support or resources from us would be helpful.

As a next step we are offering screenings of the film *The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code* by Steven T. Newcombe, each followed by a second meeting for discussion. Some two-part sessions have already been held and attended by friends from Humboldt, Redwood Forest, and Davis Monthly Meetings. We are now offering online two-part sessions on March 8 and 22; and April 16 and 30. To sign up to attend the March or April presentations email Leslie at lesliezd@reninet.com.

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