

Notes on Discussion of NPYM Minute of Support for Indigenous People

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Question: How do we intend to respond to NPYM's Minute of Support for Indigenous People?

It was noted that our awareness project predates the minute. As a group we watched the video "Doctrine of Discovery" and went to the Nez Perce Museum to begin educating ourselves. But we have not focused on this project for quite awhile.

Individuals are being led toward personal action. Reading, listening, sharing... For example: Live streamed events at Pendle Hill on Land Acknowledgement were mentioned. Part one and Part two "Land Acknowledgement: A First Step Towards Right Relationship with the Land and its Peoples" with Tom Kunesh are recorded and available at: <https://pendlehill.org/learn/live-recorded-lectures/>

Question: Reading, and considering land acknowledgements help us to develop understanding. But how do we move from developing an understanding to sustainable action?

Three Buckets:

1. The NPYM minute
 - a. The NPYM minute has good ideas, but directive language remains a challenge. However, the Minute has passed, there's no point in wordsmithing. The Pullman Moscow addition to the minute, as led, could help us to refocus.
2. Awareness project
 - a. Re-establish meeting attention on the awareness project which we felt led to begin.
 - b. Move forward with our work "as led". The NPYM minute may be helpful in this endeavor, but should not lead or distract.
 - c. Maia will send out the awareness project Minute passed by PMMM. She will also redistribute the list of what we've done for the awareness project and ideas about what we might do. She will try to get them into pdf form.
3. Individual activities.
 - a. Several people have continued developing awareness and/or focused on NPYM minute goals. We can gather information from personal buckets for use in our state of meeting report.

Karen will bring her library next week when we gather in person. Anyone else who would like to may bring books related to the Awareness Project to show and/or share.

Closing thought:

That of God in everyone means human beings, but it also means all earth's beings.

(A paraphrase of what Michael said)

---Virginia Colvig