

# Faith Communities (U.S.) and Indian Boarding Schools Healing and Reconciliation Resources

## [National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition](#)

### Reports by the U.S. Department of the Interior:

[Volume 1](#)

[Volume 2](#)

## [Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies](#)

[Act of 2026](#) - H.R. 7325 - Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK-4) (In 2019 Rep. Deb Haaland introduced this bill. It has been sponsored by Republicans & Democrats and submitted - though not passed - in the House and Senate in 2021, 2024 & 2025.) **Act Now to Support:**

<https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/108986/>

[Annual Reports of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs](#) (1826-1932). These reports include all aspects of the federal government's dealings with Native Americans, including boarding schools. Some years the report includes individual reports from Indian agents in the field.

## Catholic Church

[US Catholic Indigenous Boarding Schools Healing Project](#)

[Guide for religious archives with collections on boarding school legacy](#)

[List of Catholic-affiliated Native American Boarding Schools](#)

[United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Office for Native American Affairs](#)

[Letters of Bishops' Committee Chairmen on Congressional Legislation for a Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#)

## Episcopal Church

[Questions and Answers Regarding the Episcopal Church and Indian Boarding Schools](#)

[What Role did TEC Play in Indian Boarding Schools](#)

[Research Report: Episcopal Native American Boarding Schools 1873-1930](#)

[Reckoning and Repair: An Update from the Episcopal Boarding School Commission](#)

## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The ELCA Initiative webpage: <https://elca.org/indianboardingschools>

[Truth and Healing Initiative to Research Connections to Boarding Schools](#)

[Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Indigenous Ministries & Tribal Relations](#)

[ELCA Truth-Seeking and Truth-Telling Initiative](#)

## Presbyterian Church, USA/Presbyterian Historical Society

Case Study in Reparative Description: Tucson Indian Training School Records:

<https://www.history.pcusa.org/blog/2024/07/case-study-reparative-description-tucson-indian-training-school-records>

Additional Reading

[Presbyterian-affiliated Native American Schools.](#)

[Indigenous peoples of North America history digital collection.](#)

[Shaw, Anna Moore. A Pima Past. Tucson, Arizona : The University of Arizona Press, 1974.](#)

[RG 301.7 \(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Board of National Missions Department of Mission Development Records, SERIES I, Subseries 8\).](#)

[RG 303 \(United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. Support Agency Photographs, SERIES I, Subseries 1\).](#)

[Tucson Indian Training School Records, MS 0809, Arizona Historical Society, Tucson.](#)

## Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

[Quakers And ‘Indian Boarding Schools’ Research Network \(QIBS\) Resources & Actions](#) April 2025.

[Quakers’ Role in the Indigenous Boarding Schools and Current Efforts Toward Repair](#), April 11, 2025 webinar.

[List of the Quaker-Operated Indian Boarding Schools](#) compiled by the Quakers and ‘Indian Boarding Schools’ Research Network (as of February 2025).

[The Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools: Facing our History and Ourselves](#), recording of a one-hour slide presentation, November 2022.

[The Quaker Indian Boarding Schools: Facing our History and Ourselves](#), by Paula Palmer, a chapter in Quakers and Native Americans, eds. Ignacio Gallup-Diaz and Geoffrey Plank (2019, Brill, Leiden, The Netherlands).

[Report of New England Yearly Meeting’s Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools Research Group](#) (note 11.10.24: this is an internal report; the Yearly Meeting is preparing an official report to the Department of the Interior)

[New England Yearly Meeting and Indigenous Boarding Schools](#), a talk by Gordon Bugbee presented to the Friends Historical Association, November 2, 2024.

## United Methodist Church

[United Methodist Church and Indigenous Boarding Schools, Progress Report](#), September 2024.

*“Sugarcane” Faith Community Tour Film Showing at St. Mark’s Capitol Hill March 27, 2026 sponsored by [St. Mark’s Working Group](#) in collaboration with the [Episcopal Indigenous Justice Round Table](#) of the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#). Resources list derived from compilation created by Paula Palmer, Co-Director, [Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples](#) for November 2024 webinar: [“Toward Truth and Healing: How Churches Face Accountability for their Indian Boarding Schools.”](#)*