

Land Acknowledgment offered by Intermountain Yearly Meeting Clerks, 6/19/2021

Intermountain Yearly Meeting acknowledges that we include Friends who live in the states of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah, plus parts of West Texas, Wyoming & Idaho, the ancestral lands and traditional territories of many Indigenous nations.

For thousands of years, Indigenous people have hunted, farmed, traded, fought, lived, loved, and prayed on the ancestral lands and traditional territories of many of these nations. Over the years, the Indigenous peoples resisted attempts to eliminate their languages, cultures, and ceremonies, and they still belong to this land as sovereign nations. We lament this history, knowing that we have become its beneficiaries. We acknowledge Indigenous Peoples' enduring love for this land and the valuable contributions they make to our communities today.

- We seek to learn from these peoples and to join them in pursuing justice.*
- We seek to strengthen relationships with them now, based on truth, respect, justice, and recognition of our shared humanity.*
- We seek to honor the elders and the youth, who work and study to make their world a stronger, more just place for their nations, our communities, and our world.*
- We seek ways to honor the lives of all people, regardless of heritage or background, while holding our testimonies against all acts of injustice.*
- We commit ourselves to humble self-reflection, as individuals and as a community of faith, to align our actions with the practice of right relationship with all peoples.*