

Episcopal Committee on Indian Relations (CIR) Activity December 2018 – March 2020

I. Meetings with Wabanaki Leaders & their representatives (jointly with Friends Committee on ME Public Policy)

- A. 12/4/18 Penobscot Nation (Chief Francis & Ambassador Dana)
- B. 12/19/18
 - a. Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (Chief Sabattis)
 - b. Aroostook Band of Micmacs (entire elected government)
- C. 2/14/19
 - a. Passamaquoddy Tribe @ Motahkmikuk (Chief Nicholas)
 - b. Passamaquoddy Tribe @ Sipayik (Vice Chief Dana)
- D. 7/24/19 Penobscot Nation (Chief Francis & Ambassador Dana)
- E. 10/15/19
 - a. Aroostook Bank of Micmacs (Vice Chief Richard Silliboy)
 - b. Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians (Chief Sabattis)
- F. 1/6/20
 - a. Passamaquoddy Tribe @ Sipayik (Chief Marla Dana, Vice Chief Maggie Dana, Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative Rena Newell)
 - b. Passamaquoddy Tribe @ Motahkmikuk (Chief Nicholas, Vice Chief Newell, Passamaquoddy Tribal Representative Rena Newell)
- G. 1/31/20 meeting with Drummond Woodsum Strategic Consulting hired by the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Passamaquoddy Tribe, Penobscot Nation to represent these Tribal Governments on LD 2094 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act

II. Meetings with State of ME (jointly with Friends Committee on ME Public Policy (FCMPP))

- A. 1/16/19
 - a. House Republican leaders Kathleen Dillingham, Trey Stewart
 - b. Speaker Sara Gideon
 - c. Senate President Troy Jackson
 - d. Attorney General Aaron Frey
- B. 2/5/19
 - a. Senior Advisor on Tribal Affairs for Governor Mills Donna Loring
- C. 3/3/19
 - a. CIR/FCMPP held a joint meeting that featured guest Sen. Michael Carpenter
- D. 3/12/19
 - a. Governor Janet Mills with Donna Loring, Tom Abello
 - b. Senate Republican leader Dana Dow

III. Legislative Activity 129th Maine Legislature

- A. LD 179: An Act to Change the Name of Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day [testimony in support written, delivered by John Maddaus]
 - B. LD 766: An Act Regarding the Penobscot Nation’s and Passamaquoddy Tribe’s Authority to Exercise Jurisdiction under the Federal Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010 and the Federal Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013 [testimony in support written, delivered by Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman]
 - C. LD 870: An Act to Change the Membership of the Maine Commission on Domestic and Sexual Abuse to Include More Tribal Members [testimony given by Ted Kanellakis]
 - D. LD 944: An Act to Ban Native American Mascots in All Public Schools [testimony in support written, delivered by Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman]
 - E. LD 1775: An Act to Protect Sustenance Fishing [testimony in support written, delivered by Eileen Kurtis-Kleinman]
 - F. LD 2094 An Act To Implement the Recommendations of the Task Force on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act [testimony given by Ted Kanellakis]
 - G. Maintained an Excel list of bills pertinent to Wabanaki-Maine relations, Tribal interests regularly shared with FCMPP, Episcopal Network for Justice
- IV. Interaction with Maine Congressional Delegation
- A. 4/15/19 CIR, FCMPP met with Jared Golden’s staff Margaret Reynolds, Morgan Urquart at the Congressman’s Bangor office
- V. Educational Activities
- A. Episcopal Basecamp
 - 1. Beginning with 12/4/18 John Dieffenbacher-Krall made 213 message & file posts (through 7/23/19 many more since)
 - B. John Dieffenbacher-Krall preached @ Christ Church, Eastport, 5/19/19
 - C. Maine Statehood & Bicentennial Conference
 - 1. CIR/FCMPP sponsored Barbara Kates for a 5/30/19 session titled “Exploring Wabanaki Maine History”
 - D. “Margaretta Days and the quest for sovereignty,” Cassandra Wright& Butch Phillips, Bangor Daily News, 6/14/19
 - E. John Dieffenbacher-Krall spoke at Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library 9/27/19 “The Doctrine of Christian Discovery and Domination” to view the talk go to <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vAcJq9Rjkb9HIu-m7RfiQjar3Yj4pCu5/view>
 - F. “Acknowledging a grim history,” Bo Yerxa, letter-to-the-editor, Bangor Daily News, 12/19/19
 - G. “Support changes to Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act,” David Brainerd, letter-to-the-editor, Bangor Daily News, 2/6/20
 - H. “Help tribes and all of Maine prosper,” John Dieffenbacher-Krall, , letter-to-the-editor, Bangor Daily News, 2/11/20
 - I. John Dieffenbacher-Krall talk @ the Wilson Center, Orono, ME, “Maine’s Original Sin with Wabanaki Nations & Peoples,” 3/4/20
- VI. Scholarly Activities

- A. John Dieffenbacher-Krall gave invited talk 5/30/19 on the panel Maine Indians and the Maine State Constitution @ the Maine Statehood & Bicentennial Conference titled “The Doctrine of Christian Discovery and Domination: How It Has Impacted the State of Maine Pre- and Post-Statehood”