

Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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The members of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Wellesley Hills acknowledge that the land on which our buildings are located was inhabited over thousands of years by Indigenous Peoples, including members of the original Massachusetts People. We also acknowledge the forced removal and genocide of the indigenous inhabitants by our forebears, and the ongoing erasure of their experience and culture.

In line with our Unitarian Universalist principles, we affirm the dignity and worth of Indigenous Peoples. We will honor their heritage by educating ourselves about their history and contributions. As we strive to promote justice, equity, and compassion in human relations, we will listen to, learn from, and lift up indigenous voices. We will demonstrate our shared respect for the interdependent web of all existence through conservation of our Mother Earth.

We commit to moving beyond acknowledgment to action in order to promote greater understanding of Indigenous Peoples' concerns and rights.