General Resources on the Indian Boarding Schools

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 Schools Policy Act of 2025

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
Provided by Dr. Patrick Hayes

Articles and Books

Sharon Marie Brunner, Michigan Indian Boarding School Survivors Speak Out: A Narrative History (Modern History Press, 2024).

Elizabeth C. Davis, Catholic Sisters, Narratives of Authority, and the Native American Boarding Schools, 1847-1918 (Lexington Books, 2024).

Daniel Imwalle, "Trauma and Truth: Native American Boarding Schools," (June 2024).

Harvey Markowitz, Converting the Rosebud: Catholic Mission and the Lakotas, 1886–1916 (University of Oklahoma Press, 2018).

Websites

- US Catholic Indigenous Boarding Schools Healing Project
- Guide for religious archives with collections on boarding school legacy
- American Catholic Historical Association
- List of Catholic-affiliated Native American Boarding Schools
- Webinar series, explainer and guide from the Archivists for Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR)
- 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
Provided by Dr. Veronica Pasfield

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

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Provided by Vance Blackfox and Liz Andress

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
Provided by Rev. Irvin Porter

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.
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- Tucson Indian Training School Records, MS 0809, Arizona Historical Society, Tucson.

Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
Provided by Paula Palmer

Quakers' Role in the Indigenous Boarding Schools and Current Efforts Toward Repair, recording of 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
Provided by Dr. Ashley Boggans

United Methodist Church and Indigenous Boarding Schools, Progress Report, September 2024.

Compiled by Paula Palmer, Co-Director, Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples. November 18, 2024.