



GRASS VALLEY  
 FRIENDS MEETING  
*Of the Religious Society of Friends*  
*College Park Quarterly Meeting,*  
*Pacific Yearly Meeting*

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**First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (zoom)**

**10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (zoom)**

**Newsletter, Third Month, 2021**

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**MEETING CALENDAR**

***First Sunday***

- Program to be announced

***Second Sunday***

- Silent Meeting for Worship, Potluck, Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

***Third Sunday***

- **As announced**

***Fourth Sunday***

- Spiritual Life – To Be Announced

***Fifth Sunday***

- On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

- ✚ 1st First Day: Bible Story and Song
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> First Day: A Story and a Craft or Activity
- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> First Day: A Story plus Time for Silent Worship
- ✚ 4<sup>th</sup> First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum
- ✚ 5<sup>th</sup> First Day: Family Worship (a story, singing and silent worship)
- ✚ **Online Worship**: every Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm

**HAPPENING NOW**

- Sunday, March 28, 2021 – Spiritual Life Program: Nonviolent Communication- Amy Cooke

## HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, April 11, 2021, 11:30a.m. – Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
- Sunday, April 11, 2021, 11:00a.m. -1:00p.m. – Philadelphia Interfaith Virtual Walk for Peace and Justice (see page 8 for link to details) **Must RSVP to attend.**
- Sunday, April 11, 2021, 2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. PST – International Interfaith Virtual California March for Peace and Justice (see page 10 for link to details) **Must RSVP to attend.**
- Sunday, April 25, 2021- Spiritual Life Program: Bible study led by Dorothy Henderson
- July 23 to 28, 2021 - Pacific Yearly Meeting zoom Annual Session (See page 6 for more)
- Memorial Service for Bob Barns – To be announced.

## GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter

**M&O:** Ministry and Oversight

**PacYM:** Pacific Yearly Meeting

**PHP** – Pendle Hill Pamphlet

**FGC:** Friends General Conference

**QUNP:** Quaker United Nations Project

**FASE:** Friends Association for Services to the Elderly

**CPQM:** College Park Quarterly Meeting

**RSWR:** Right Sharing of World Resources

**Threshing Session:** A meeting at a separate time that is specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, may speak to a point just made, or may ask a question of a previous speaker

## **MINUTES AND RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business March 14, 2021**

We met virtually.

**Present:** Gordon Starr, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Doug Hamm, Dianne Marshall, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreery, Reed Hamilton, Fosten Wilson, Hayley Wilson, Anita McCormick (co-clerk), Don McCormick (co-clerk), Pat Phillips, Crystal Scanlon, Dean Olson.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

### **CLERK'S REMARKS**

- The purpose of our meetings for business is to seek the Spirit's will for us as a community. We are here to worship and not to get through an agenda.
- If you want to suggest that we take some time for worship or take more time between speakers, please say, "Clerk, can we have some time for silence" or use the Time Out sign.
- Being a clerk is a role assigned to one or two people, but clerking is a bunch of behaviors that we all can engage in, and I hope we all will.
- We leave room for Spirit to come through, releasing our thoughts, judgements, opinions and becoming silent inside and out. We can hand our issues to Spirit/God/Jesus, and then settle into any sensations or messages coming through.

## QUERY

How are you working for Spirit? How are you working in Spirit?

Friends spoke out of worship.

## LAST MONTH'S ACTION ITEMS

*There are no action items from the second month minutes.*

## REPRESENTATIVE and OFFICER REPORTS

- **Newsletter Editor:** Dianne Marshall reminded Friends to send items into the newsletter. An issue with the mail for Meeting was raised. The mail has been accumulating in the mailbox in the Meetinghouse, and some of the mail is for representatives whose positions are unfilled. It was noted that any mail in the past that was uncategorized went to the Clerk(s). The Co-clerks will follow through with Dianne to pick up the mail.
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Don McCormick reported. RepCom took place, and more information from that gathering will be forthcoming.
- **Right Sharing of World Resources:** Judy Hamilton reported that a packet of stamps was sent to RSWR.
- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Dianne Marshall reported on the Interfaith Solidarity March for Peace and Justice on April 11.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS** (see reports appended, committee clerk is noted in bold)

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Pat Phillips gave a proposal to the Meeting that all nominations would be for one year. Concerns were raised for the need for staggered terms to insure continuity, especially on Ministry and Nominating. There are a few persons doing the business of Meeting. Several Friends spoke to the issue. The size of Spirit and Witness (formerly Ministry and Oversight) ensures more continuity than Nominating, which is much smaller. The Meeting came to unity on the proposed minute, which will now season for one month before being brought back to Meeting for Business in 4th Month.

**PROPOSED MINUTE** (seasoning): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves changing all terms for officers and committee members to one year terms, with the exception of Nominating Committee, which will remain on staggered two-year terms, with no term limits.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** **Dorothy Henderson**, Gordon Bishop, Karen Olson, Judy Hamilton, Doug Hamm, Don McCormick.

There was no report this month.

**SPIRIT/WITNESS:** Gordon Starr, **Judy Hamilton**, Gordon Bishop, Don McCormick, Anita McCormick, Amy Cooke, Dorothy Henderson.

Judy read the report, attached.

Discernment on reading the acknowledgment to the Nisenan in Meeting: The Land Acknowledgment drafted by the Nisenan (see attached) was read in Meeting. Spirit and Witness is recommending that this be read in Meeting. It was also recommended that this statement be posted on the website and in the newsletter. Several Friends spoke to the issue.

The frequency of the acknowledgment and where it would be shared was discussed, as well as the length of the newsletter, the numbness of repetition, and the importance of follow through.

The options that were discussed included:

- Reading the full Acknowledgement at the end of meeting or at the beginning of meeting, every Meeting or once per month
- A shorter statement spoken by the Greeter every week with the longer statement once per month.
- Asking people in Meeting who are on other lands to acknowledge the original people of the land they are joining Meeting from.

It was asked that this be shared as a prayer to help us find our way to harmony with this land and the people who have inhabited it for thousands of years. The work that we are asking of ourselves is to go way beyond acknowledging and formulate a real plan to redress the damage that has been done. It was noted that regaining their tribal status is the primary pressing need that the Nisenan have at the current time. The Ancestral Homelands Reciprocity Program is another way to donate to the tribe. The [Ancestral Homelands Reciprocity Program](#) is a community generated initiative to support and uplift the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe through their tribally guided 501(c)(3) nonprofit CHIRP (California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project).

It was proposed that this issue be returned to Spirit and Witness for more discernment. It was suggested that we acknowledge the Nisenan in the meantime by posting their Land Acknowledgment statement on our website.

**Minute 03.2021.01:** Grass Valley Friends Meeting came to unity on posting the Nisenan Land Acknowledgment on their website.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Doug Hamm, Fosten Wilson (Treasurer, Ex-officio), Dianne Marshall (Librarian), Hayley Wilson

Gordon Starr read the report, attached.

The Committee brought forward an idea that GVFM contribute \$100 donation per month in lieu of rent to Sierra Friends Center. We currently donate \$400 per year to Sierra Friends Center and are not paying rent because we are not occupying the Meetinghouse. Friends asked if we should be saving that money instead? It was suggested that we donate our annual contribution split into four payments. The Meeting did not reach unity on additional donations.

**WELCOME:** Amy Cooke, Don McCormick, Kathy McCreery.

Amy read the report, attached.

- Logo: Don shared the proposed logo with Meeting. The logo will be shared on the Email Tree and in the newsletter for seasoning until 4th Month.
- Website: a new draft of the website is under construction. Email feedback to the Website Coordinator, Amy Cooke.
- Roles in the Welcome Committee: It is proposed that the Website Coordinator, the Email Coordinator, and the Zoom Coordinator be added as ex officio members to this Committee. This matter will now go to the Nominating Committee and Spirit and Witness Committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Google Drive: We have set up a Google Drive for all the Meeting's files. Please let Don or Amy know now if you would like to set up a time to talk about how to move your committee files into the drive, Amy is happy to help! Good for storing info you want future committee members to remember.
- If you use Facebook, follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it!. It helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).

- It is easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Go to [gvfriends.org](http://gvfriends.org) and click on the Give button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Please consider making your contribution monthly. Your contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. Thank you.

- The dates for **Annual Session 2021** have been set: **July 23-28, 2021**. See the Clerk's Call to Annual Session 2021 and the AS 2021 Information Page for more information.

- PacYM welcomes our **new Youth Programs Coordinator**, Keenan Lorenzato, who will begin in that role on March 15. Learn about Keenan here.

- **Online Worship**: every Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm sponsored by PYM Eldering subcommittee of the Ministry Committee. Consider also the many other opportunities for online Quaker worship [listed at https://westernfriend.org/](https://westernfriend.org/).

## **FEEDBACK**

- Please let the Co-Clerks know how Meeting for Business is going.

## **ACTION ITEMS & ITEMS SEASONING:**

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## **WORSHIP**

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

## **READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES**

Note: The record and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

If you are giving a report to GVFM, please send the actual report to the recording clerk at [amylisette@gmail.com](mailto:amylisette@gmail.com) **THE FRIDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS.**

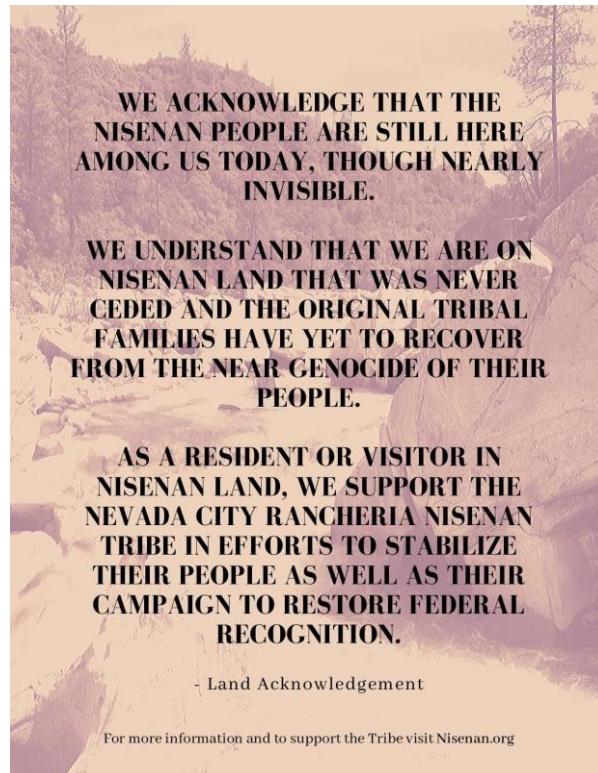
GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Diane Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Amy Cooke, recording clerk.

## **APPENDICES:**

- 1. Spirit and Witness committee**
  - 2. Stewardship Committee**
  - 3. Welcome Committee**
  - 4. Interfaith March for Peace and Justice**
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## **Queries and Advices – Third Month ~ Meeting for Worship**

The heart of the Religious Society of Friends is the Meeting for Worship. In direct communion with God, we offer ourselves for God's will. Our daily lives are linked with the Meeting for Worship, the Meeting for Worship with our daily lives.

Come regularly to Meeting for Worship, even when you are angry, tired, or spiritually cold. Bring your joys and your hurts, and the needs of other people. Accept and support each other in the community where God dwells among us. As you do so, you may find the grace of prayer.

At times, the Spirit may prompt you to speak in Meeting. Wait patiently to know that the sense and the time are right. When you are sure, have confidence that the words will be given to you. Listen to the ministry of others with an open spirit. If it is not God's word for you, it may be for others. After a message has been given, allow time to ponder its meaning and to let the Meeting return to silent worship. In speech and in silence, each person contributes to the Meeting.

-  *Do I come to Meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship?*
-  *In both silent and vocal ministry, do I respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, without pre-arrangement and in simplicity and truth?*
-  *Am I careful not to speak at undue length or beyond personal spiritual experience?*
-  *Do we meet in expectant waiting for the promptings of the Divine Spirit?*
-  *Are we drawn together in a living silence by the power of God in our midst?*



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**Note: This button will take you to a secure site.**

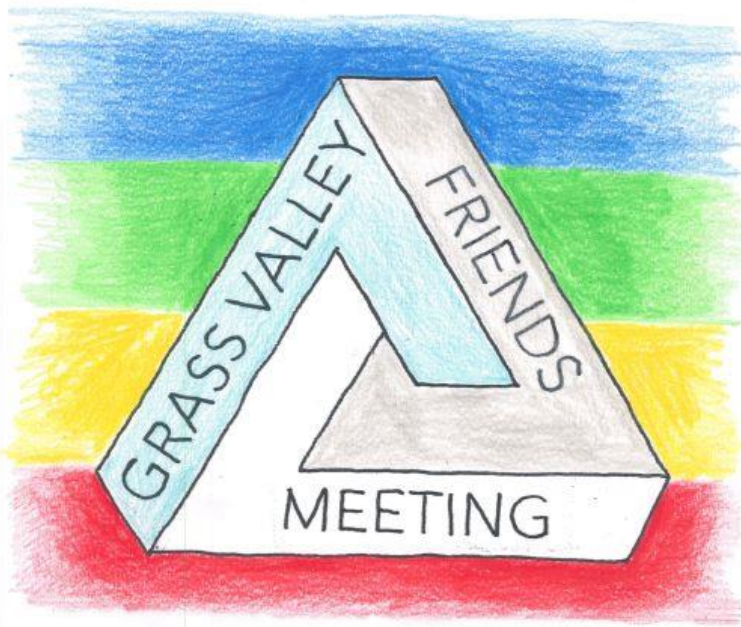
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## **MOST READ ARTICLE IN FRIENDS JOURNAL, 2020**

“The Middle-Class Capture of Quakerism and Quaker Process”: *Friends Journal*'s Most Read Article of 2020  
Provided by Don McCormick

I was surprised to find out that "The Middle Class Capture of Quakerism and Quaker Process" was the most read article of 2020 for the magazine "Friends Journal." I was surprised because the online version of the article had only five comments. I thought that hardly anyone read it. The article is an edited transcript of a conversation I had with George Lakey as I drove him from Grass Valley to San Francisco. He came to Grass Valley to do a workshop on how to mount effective nonviolent direct action campaigns, which is the subject of his book *How We Win*. (He also led some of us in singing show tunes after the workshop.) George wrote the book *Viking Economics* and trains organizers. You can read the article at <https://www.friendsjournal.org/the-middle-class-capture-of-quakerism-and-quaker-process/>

## **NEW LOGO FOR GVFM FOR DISCERNMENT** Designed by Hayley Wilson



Please send any feedback you may have to Hayley Wilson  
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Don McCormick  
<donmccormick2@gmail.com>.

Thank you



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Join us for the 6th Annual  
**INTERFAITH SOLIDARITY MARCH LOS ANGELES**  
(now a California-wide virtual march)  
**INTERFAITH IN ACTION: HEALING THE NATION AND OUR WORLD**

**SUNDAY    APRIL 11, 2021    2—4PM**

We invite you on a journey of healing, peace, and unity among people of every faith, philosophy, and creed.

- We are united in rejecting hatred and oppression in the name of religion and in supporting freedom of worship or belief.
- We are united to stamp out bigotry and violence of every sort, and in support of the right to live peacefully.
- We are united in affirming the role that the interfaith community must play in safeguarding the health and safety of all people.

We will march in solidarity with dozens of partner marches around the world. Let us join together to heal the nation and our world.



Congresswoman Karen Bass  
5th Congressional District  
of California



Shirin Habber  
Founder & Director  
Empower Women Media



The Rev. Dr. Bradley S. Hauff  
Missioner for Indigenous Ministries  
The Episcopal Church



Dr. Bob Roberts  
Founder, GlobalNet  
Co-Founder, Multi-Faith  
Neighbors Network



Deputy Chief Emada Tengrides  
Community Partnership Safety Bureau  
Los Angeles Police Department



Rabbi Michael Lerner  
Beyt Tikun  
Editor, Tikun Magazine



Suhag Shakia, Esq.  
Executive Director & Co-Founder  
Hindu American Foundation

Special performances by:  
musical duo Sangam, artist Santana Sankofa and musician Mark Kopman.

RSVP: [InterfaithMarchLA2021.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/interfaith-march-la-2021-tickets-14988888888)  
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## GETTING READY FOR A NEW FLOOR

In the aftermath of the Jones Fire, the Sierra Friends Center has funds to install a new floor in the Meeting House. To prepare for this, the Stewardship Committee has packed up the Library and our closet and moved all the contents in a storage container.



Our library in boxes



Kathy McCreery and Gordon Starr move the kitchenette, Reed Hamilton also on hand.



Doug Hamm, Fosten Wilson and Kathy McCreery store benches in the dining hall



Pat Phillips helps make the most of space in the storage container.

**PHILADELPHIA'S 18th Annual Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation – April 11, 2021, 11a.m. PST**

honors the **SPIRIT** of prior Walks with a **VIRTUAL** 2021 Peace Walk.

All are invited to join us at our **FREE ZOOM GATHERING**.

Virtual via Zoom

The 2021 Philadelphia Interfaith Walk for Peace and Reconciliation program will be similar to past Walks but adapted for a Zoom venue as we did in 2020. We will include reflections, music, and prayers from various faith traditions and cultures. During the program we will offer breakout sessions for small group conversations to dialogue and share reflections as we had in past Walks when we traveled between houses of worship.

**2021 Theme: Reemerging, Rebuilding, Reimagining Relationships**

**TICKETLEAP REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
TO RECEIVE ZOOM LINK**

<https://philadelphia-peace-walk.ticketleap.com/interfaith-walk-for-peace-and-reconciliation-2021/dates/Apr-11-2021> at 0200PM

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- College Park Quarterly: Gordon Starr
- FASE: Anita McCormick
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- FCNL: *Vacant*
- FGC Liaison: *Vacant*
- PYM Observer: *Vacant*
- RSWR: Judy Hamilton
- PYM: Don McCormick
- Quaker Center: Hilary Ellis-Lavigne
- QUNO: Shera Banbury
- Sierra Friends Center: Dean Olson
- Inter-Faith Nevada County: Dianne Marshall

## Committees:

**STEWARDSHIP:** Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Doug Hamm, Fosten (Treasurer, Ex-officio), Dianne Marshall (Librarian), Shera Banbury, Hailey Wilson

**SPIRIT/WITNESS:** Gordon Starr, **Judy Hamilton**, Gordon Bishop, Don McCormick, Anita McCormick, Amy Cooke, Dorothy Henderson

**WELCOME:** Hilary Ellis-Lavigne, Karen Olson, Kathy McCreary, **Amy Cooke**.

**CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:** **Karen Olson**, Judy Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop McCormick, Anita McCormick, Doug Hamm

**NOMINATING:** **Pat Phillips**, Doug Hamm, Karen Olson

**Reminder:**  
*This information is updated as of 10/12/2020.*



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