



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, Fourth 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**

- Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 4:00p.m.: GVFM Google Drive Training

- Saturday April 24, 2021 2-5 pm PST - discussions about race in Friends Meetings in PYM. (See page 11 for details.)
- Sunday, April 25, 2021- *Listening Session on Race* led by Dorothy Henderson

**HAPPENING LATER**

- Friday May 7, 2021 2-5 pm PST - discussions about race in Friends Meetings in PYM (See page 11 for details.)
- June 27th - July 3rd, 2021 – Friends General Conference (See page 12 for details)
- July 23 to 28, 2021 - Pacific Yearly Meeting zoom Annual Session
- 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 & RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, April 11, 2021**

We met virtually.

**Present:** Don McCormick (co-clerk), Amy Cooke (recording clerk), Chamba Cooke, Dorothy Henderson, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dianne Marshall, Reed Hamilton, Bhakti Banning, Sandy Kewman, Pat Phillips.

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**

- Can you share a moment that you found spiritually meaningful in a Meeting for Business or a committee meeting? Friends spoke out of worship.

**LAST MONTH’S ACTION ITEMS**

**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.

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The minute was approved with one member standing aside.

### **REPRESENTATIVE and OFFICER REPORTS**

- **Treasurer's Report:** Fosten Wilson, treasurer, gave the report, attached.
- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Today is the California Interfaith Solidarity Virtual March. Reverend Lani Howard will be speaking on behalf of Interfaith Nevada County.
- **Right Sharing for World Resources:** Judy Hamilton gave the report. She has submitted stamps to RSWR, and reports that all stamps can be used. Please cut them out with a good border (not too close to the stamp) and send to Judy. She also reported that Jackie Stillwell will be giving a workshop this Summer at FGC called The Power of Enough. Registration opens April 15th.
- **Email coordinator:** Amy requested that all requests for the email tree and meeting reports be sent to grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com. Starting this month, committee clerks and officers will be transferring their files to the GVFM Google Drive (training on Tuesday 4/13 at 4 pm).

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

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Doug Hamm, Patricia Phillips, Karen Olson

Pat Phillips gave the report. She read the Nominating slate for 2021-22, appended. The Meeting clarified that the co-clerks of meeting are ex-officio members of Spirit and Witness. It has not been our practice to have the clerk or co-clerks as ex-officio of all committees, although they are welcome at all committee meetings.

It was noted that if Amy is approved Recording Clerk she will need to participate virtually.

The slate will be published in the newsletter and is now being seasoned until the May meeting.

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

No report this month.

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

Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended. The Fifth Sunday closing will be held by Karen Olson.

- **Application for Membership:** Judy Hamilton's letter applying for membership was read in the Meeting. Her letter will now go to Spirit and Witness. It was noted that, since she is clerk of that committee, she will recuse herself during the discussion of her membership and the formation of her clearness committee for membership.
- **State of the Meeting Report:** The State of the Meeting Report was read in the meeting and is appended. This will now be seasoned until the May Meeting for Business.
  - A request was made to include the Library in the Stewardship Committee.
  - Regarding the Nisenan: indicate that this is the tribe native to our area.
  - Note that the Zoom meetings allowed former and non-local members of the meeting to begin attending again as well as those who have physical issues that prevent attendance at the in-person worship.

- Clarification should be given regarding the location of the Interfaith Meeting and that the session was on Clearness Committees.

The process of drafting the State of the Meeting report was powerful for those who worked on it, and deep appreciation was expressed for the work and the process that held it.

Don McCormick will make the changes as noted and it will be published in the newsletter and put out on the email tree.

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

There was no report.

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

Amy Cooke gave the report.

- Logo: Don shared the proposed logo with Meeting in 3rd Month. The logo has been developed to represent a welcome and inclusive spirit. The logo has been shared on the Email Tree and in the newsletter for seasoning until this month. Feedback has been received that the logo should have a black and white version and a color version. Also, one Friend expressed a preference for a rounder version, like a circle or mobius strip. It was also requested that the rainbow have the blue at the top and the green at the bottom. There was discussion about the use of the rainbow as a symbol that has been used for inclusion as well as a biblical covenant with God. A Friend made the suggestion to have the rainbow encircle the triangle.

This will now go back to the Welcome Committee for further development and discernment.

- Roles in the Welcome Committee: It is proposed that the Website/Social Media Coordinator, the Email Coordinator, and the Zoom Coordinator be added as ex officio members to the Welcome Committee.

**Proposed Minute:** Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves adding the roles of Website/Social Media Coordinator, the Email Coordinator, and the Zoom Coordinator as ex officio members to the Welcome Committee, effective with the 2021-22 slate.

**NAMING COMMITTEE:** Judy Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Amy Cooke, Mary Starr

Judy Hamilton brought forward the names for the Nominating Committee, to season until May.

- Doug Hamm: 2020-22 term
- Karen Olson: 2021-23 term
- Pat Phillips: 2020-22 term
- Sharon Davisson: 2021-23 term

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spiritual Life: Listening Session on Race 4.25.2021 after Meeting

- Third Tuesday in April: The Interfaith Nevada County group will meet and discussing having a peer sharing component, which Don McCormick has brought forward that group.
- The Friends General Conference 2021 Gathering will be held virtually, from June 27 – July 3, 2021. Registration opens April 15.
- Google Drive: There is an orientation at 4 pm on Tuesday, April 13 for all committee clerks and officers. Email Amy for the Zoom link.
- 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 **Pacific Yearly Meeting 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.
- **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 [westernfriend.org](http://westernfriend.org).

## **FEEDBACK**

- There is a balancing act between coming to consensus and seeking the will of God - this is a continuing struggle. We can come to the place where everyone agrees but we need to be aware of how Spirit is working among us.
  - The encouragement of the Clerk for all participants to engage in the clerking was appreciated.
  - The way that the Clerk demonstrated correcting himself was a powerful illustration of clerking in action.

## **ACTION ITEMS & ITEMS SEASONING**

- Nominating Slate 2021-22
- State of the Meeting report
- The logo will be further developed and brought back to meeting
- Proposed Minute: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves adding the roles of Website/Social Media Coordinator, the Email Coordinator, and the Zoom Coordinator as ex officio members to the Welcome Committee, effective with the 2021-22 slate.
  - Naming Committee slate for Nominating Committee

## **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 [grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com](mailto:grassvalleyfriends@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. Nominating Committee**
- 2. Spirit and Witness committee**
- 3. Treasurer's Report**
- 4. State of the Meeting Draft Report**

## **2021 Grass Valley Friends Meeting State of the Meeting Report April 8, 8PM**

The year 2020-2021 will certainly go down as one of the most challenging years in recent memory, affecting us all in so many ways. Long-standing social habits and traditions were upended with the need to physically distance from each other in the face of a worldwide pandemic. Through the technology of Zoom we found we could indeed experience virtually some of the spiritual connection we so desperately needed. We met with each other in our homes, with our kids, our pets and partners. It allowed new people living at a distance to join us regularly. People who stopped attending because they moved away have also started attending. Also, it has made finding workable times for committee meetings much easier.

### **New Committee Structure**

We reduced the number of our committees to five: Spirit & Witness (combining M&O, Adult Education, and Peace & Justice), Stewardship (Buildings & Grounds, Finance, Newsletter), Welcoming (Hospitality, Fellowship, & Outreach), Nominating, and Children's Education. It's brought energy to the Meeting, people enjoy the work, and it's streamlined our Meeting for Business. At the listening session for this report, one person said, "I've attended this meeting for 20 years and this is the first State of the Meeting session I've attended where no one has said anything about there being too much work for too few people."

### **Shrinking and Growing**

Over the past several years, Meeting attendance has declined—in part because of the passing of elders and the loss of some of our most valued members who moved away. We've lost more than a third of our members since 2012 (from 48 to 28), and 12% (from 32 to 28) in the last year alone. Unfortunately, discomfort or unfamiliarity with Zoom led some long-term members to drop away disinclined to attend virtually. However, during the time of our virtual meetings, attendance has remained fairly steady at 15 – 20 people. We continue to lose members as they age. We have very few young families. However, the ones we have are very faithful about coming to Meeting.

We welcome new people in part by contacting them right after they visit. —sending them a personalized greeting and info about Quakerism by email or postal mail. We changed our website to make it more dynamic and aesthetically pleasing. Three new adults have started attending; two of them live far away. All the new people who joined us found us through the internet. One new attender who lives at a distance chose our meeting because she was looking for a meeting with a children's program.

### **Our Sense of Community and Zoom**

As are many other meetings at this time, we are exploring the possibility of a hybrid meeting when we are able to gather again in person. We have meeting attenders who do not live in the area, or who live at a distance, for whom Zoom has been a way to attend our meeting. At the same time, some long-time members and attenders have not been here for the past year because of discomfort with the virtual meeting. We hope to find a way to continue on Zoom and meeting in person.

While missing our worship in person, many find our current meetings for worship to be sustaining. The ministry comes from a deep well and nourishes our spiritual life. In our meetings for business, we have incorporated a query focused on its spiritual quality and during these meetings this has strengthened our connection to the Spirit. In addition, our ministry of music, every Sunday before meeting is greatly appreciated and each week attracts members of other meetings that join us just for singing.

Our meeting house, located at Sierra Friends Center, is being renovated as part of the general renewal of the Center after the fire last summer. We are welcome to return there when it is done, and there is conversation among us about the possibility of meeting in a different location during the renovation and perhaps after. At this time we are continuing to meet on Zoom.

We endeavored to have two faithfulness groups and one provided a way for the participants to connect with each other on a deep, spiritual level. The other one got started but for some reason did not take hold leading us to conclude that it wasn't the right time. Some members of our meeting are active in Interfaith Nevada County, and recently the co-clerks led a session on Clearness Committees for this group that was well-received.

## **Race**

We have continued our antiracist book group, *Waking Up to Race*. Many people in our meeting have taken part in it, with a consistent core group of eight. Following the recommendations of PacYM, the group began with Robin DeAngelo's *White Fragility*, followed by Resmaa Menakem's *My Grandmother's Hands*, and is now working through Ibram X. Kendi's *How to be an Antiracist*. Each week the group responds in worship sharing to queries based on the reading. Recently we have begun using a discussion technique called *barn raising*, that is based on an article by a meeting member and that allows a robust and thoughtful exchange of views to further our exploration of the issues. Overall, this has been a deeply sobering experience of self and community discovery about the grave inequities in our society, and the historical roots to those inequities in our body politic as well as in our Quaker religion. And our participation in those inequities.

As a community we are also examining our relations with the Nisenan (the local indigenous people) and discussing acknowledging their land. Part of their land is currently occupied by Sierra Friends Center, and thus our meeting house.

Our meeting has also been involved in action to address systemic racism in our community—action that goes beyond individual work and work at the level of our meeting. We worked with the county Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) Council and other groups to sponsor and help organize a march against racism that made specific demands of local government. It drew hundreds of participants, and increased awareness in our tiny, rural community in one of the whitest counties in California.

## **Children's Program**

We have maintained a steady children's program with a consistent group of teachers, each one (or two) taking a regular week of the month. The curriculum is diverse and the teachers have managed to adapt to Zoom with some difficulty but with determination to go forward. Unfortunately, many of the children (and parents) have not adapted to Zoom for Sundays after a week of Zoom with school and work during the week. We have made efforts to reach out including sending the bilingual children's book *Quaker Meeting and Me* as well as cards to children in meeting. We have also made phone contacts with parents. Currently, however, we have two children and one parent who attend faithfully, with an increase of two or three on occasion. We hope to see a return of more families when we are able to meet with a hybrid meeting or in person.

## **Caring for People in Need**

The requirement to meeting on Zoom with the pandemic has also made it difficult to stay connected to some of our members who are housebound, or in retirement and assisted living facilities. We were no longer able to visit and hold meeting for worship with them and that has been a loss. Another loss came about when a meeting member and an attender were unable to continue living at Sierra Friends Center and did not feel supported by the meeting as they found other places to reside. This has been a painful experience not only for these two individuals but for others in the meeting and for the meeting community as a whole. Individual members reached out in various ways and that has helped on a personal level, but they remain distant from the meeting at this time.

In looking for ways we can more fully care for those in our meeting, we are considering instituting a buddy system where all of the members and attenders of the meeting community would be accounted for and each member of the Spirit and Witness Committee would have a certain number to stay in touch with. We are grateful to Orange Grove Meeting for the inspiration.

## Conclusion

The pandemic probably had a greater effect on our Meeting than anything else. Our gatherings are now virtual (which has its pluses and minuses), but we continue to hold meeting for worship, First Day School, spiritual life (adult ed) sessions, and meeting for business. There have been many changes this year. Even so, our Meeting community has found ways to persevere, to support each other, and to stay connected.

## QUERIES and ADVICES

### The Meeting Community

Meetings for Worship and Business are the center of our spiritual community. There, as we come to know each other in the Spirit, we build the “beloved community.”

Mutual respect and care in the Meeting form the foundation from which we can test, support, and exercise leadings of the Spirit. At its best, the Meeting community provides a framework for us to learn and practice mutual care, which strengthens us as we act in the world.

All members of the Meeting community should share in the care of one another. While respecting privacy, we must be aware of and sensitive to each other’s needs. We must also be willing to ask for assistance when we are in need.

Do I strive to be inclusive in my relationships within the Meeting?

Do I care for the reputation of others, refraining from gossip or disparaging remarks?

Am I committed to the difficult work of forgiveness, and affirming God’s love for the whole community?

*How are love and unity maintained among us?*

*Do we practice the art of listening, even beyond words?*

*How have we been sensitive to the personal needs and difficulties of members and attenders, young and old?*

*Do we visit one another in our homes and keep in touch with distant members?*

## QUARTERLY TREASURER’S REPORT, April 10, 2021

summary = pleasant surprise

**THANK YOU for your contributions.** The contributions received were good while our expenses are down.

More money than expected was received. We were able to pay our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues in full for the year (\$3,136). We also paid College Park Quarterly Meeting for the year (\$64). That is a big relief. And our expenses are reduced. With the renovation of our Meeting House by Sierra Friends Center, we are paying less for the temporary storage container than we expected to pay renting the Meeting House.

In our General Fund, over the last six months, we spent \$4,877 while we received \$8,096 in contributions. All our other funds, our Restricted Funds, are unchanged since December 31<sup>st</sup>.

*Thank you for your help. All gifts, both in service to the Meeting & financial are deeply appreciated.*

Fosten Wilson, Treasurer, Grass Valley Friends Meeting

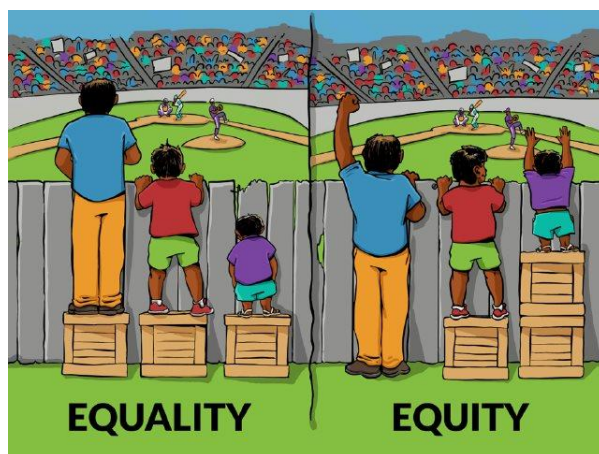


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## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Dear F(f)riends:

Here is the proposed Nominating Slate for 2021-2022. Please review it for accuracy and content. We apologize in advance for any mistakes.

We will discern this for a month, and it will be brought back to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business in May for approval.

You will notice that there are several open opportunities and several committees that could use some more members. Please let a member of the Nominating Committee know if you are called to serve.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact one of the Nominating members before the May MFB.

- Pat Phillips, [patphillips49@yahoo.com](mailto:patphillips49@yahoo.com), 530-913-1338
- Doug Hamm, [douglasjhamm@gmail.com](mailto:douglasjhamm@gmail.com), 530-615-1573
- Karen Olson, [deanolson44@gmail.com](mailto:deanolson44@gmail.com), 530-460-8356

## **GVFM PROPOSED SLATE COMMITTEES, REPS, OFFICERS 2021-2022**

### **COMMITTEES:**

#### **Stewardship:**

Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Reed Hamilton, Pat Phillips, Doug Hamm, Fosten Wilson (Treasurer(ex-officio) Dianne Marshall, Hailey Wilson

#### **Spirit/Witness:**

Gordon Starr, Judy Hamilton, Gordon Bishop, Dorothy Henderson, Anita and Don McCormick (ex-officio Co Clerks)

## Welcome:

Karen Olson, Kathy McCreary

## Children's Program:

Karen Olson, Judy Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Gordon Bishop, Anita McCormick, Doug Hamm, Don McCormick

## **OFFICERS:**

- Co-Clerks: Don and Anita McCormick
- Communication Coordinator: Judy Hamilton
- Directory Coordinator: Nancy Anderson
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- Mail Clerk: Dean Olson
- Newsletter Editor: Dianne Marshall
- Newsletter Distribution: Pat Phillips
- Newsletter Reader: Karen Olson
- Placer County Worship Group: Stuart Smith
- Recorder: Nancy Anderson
- Recording Clerk: Amy Cooke
- Treasurer: Fosten Wilson
- Website/Social Media Coordinator: Amy Cooke
- Zoom Coordinator: Hailey Wilson, Stuart Smith

## **REPRESENTATIVES:**

- AFSC:
- College Park Quarterly:
- FASE:
- FCNL:
- FCLCA:
- FGC Liaison:
- PYM: Don McCormick
- Quaker Center:
- QUNO: Shera Banbury
- Right Sharing of World Resources: Judy Hamilton
- Sierra Friends Center: Pat Phillips
- Interfaith Nevada County: Dianne Marshall

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**Messages sent to Amy Cooke will no longer be distributed by the GVFM email tree.**

Submitted by Shera Banbury



New York is hiring an Outreach and Development Officer and a Quaker UN Representative. The O & D Officer will work closely with the QUNO Director, AFSC Advancement Team, QUNO Senior Staff, and Quaker UN Committee to expand the current donor base and significantly increase contributed revenue.

“Kyoto Pledge on Child Rights and Criminal Justice”: QUNO called on all actors and States to support the idea that children are seen, heard, and have their rights upheld in criminal justice systems.

New Paths and Policies toward Conflict Prevention – recently published. Chinese and Swiss Scholars share relationship-building dialogues.

Human Rights Council (HRC) 46<sup>th</sup> Session – QUNO delivered an oral statement on the rights of migrant governance and racial injustice as part of the panel debate on racial discrimination. QUNO called for the “Human Impacts of Climate Changes” “Right to a Healthy Environment” programme to adopt the safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment emphasizing water and biodiversity.

The “QUNO Review” March 2021 edition is now available online. It reviews how QUNO works and gives an overview of each program area.

“Sustaining Peace”, a report on how human rights can help, builds on the Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights’ 2016 Sustaining Peace resolutions 2016-2020.

COVID-19 and human rights report that emphasized structural inequality and discrimination was welcomed by QUNO.

The “International Standards on Conscientious Objection to Military Service” was revised in 2021. Standards were strengthened to limit suffering, improve lives, and challenge root causes of injustice. QUNO, War Resisters International, and international Fellowship of Reconciliation have developed a webinar series.

QUNO engaged in the launch of the UN Community Engagement Guidelines (UNCEG) system-wide tool to strengthen partnerships between the UN and civil society for peace building and sustaining peace.

Report provided by Judy Hamilton



Judy Hamilton has submitted stamps to RSWR, and reports that all stamps can be used. Please cut them out with a good border (not too close to the stamp) and send to Judy. She also reported that Jackie Stillwell will be giving a workshop this Summer at Friends General Conference called *The Power of Enough*.

Right Sharing of World Resources [Quarterly Newsletter](#)

## **TO SUPPORT DISCUSSIONS ABOUT RACE IN FRIENDS MEETINGS IN PYM**

Dear Community,

Thank you for participating in this workshop.

To support discussions about race in Friends Meetings in Pacific Yearly Meeting (PYM) PYM's Racial Justice Subcommittee (a subcommittee of PYM's Ministry Committee) had piloted a two hour online workshop with three Meetings: Santa Cruz, Palo Alto and Redwood Forest Meetings in February 2021 and with a few modifications from the feedback we received, we are now opening workshop participation to all PYM participants. Note that the workshop is now three hours long with breaks so that every has a chance to be heard. The workshop will include:

- one or two personal stories from Racial Justice Subcommittee members
- cross-meeting small worship sharing groups to discuss queries about how discussions about race are going in our Meetings and to explore our experiences of race and bias growing up in our families and neighborhoods

- large group sharing about our experiences in the workshop and what we are taking home from this experience

The Racial Justice Subcommittee will be the facilitator of the workshop. The choice to participate is an individual choice but we hope that you attend. We are limiting participation so that everyone has a chance to be heard. If you know someone that has missed participating in this one, have them sign up for the next one.

Thank you for considering your participation.

PYM Racial Justice Sub Committee.

## Dates and Times

**Saturday, April 24, 2021, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM PDT**

**Location:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quaker-pym-racial-justice-sub-committee-discussion-with-the-community-tickets-143458390909>

**Friday, May 7, 2021, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM PDT**

**Location:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/quaker-pym-racial-justice-sub-committee-discussion-with-the-community-tickets-143458449083>

## FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE 2021

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the 2021 Gathering Committee, we invite you to join us for a Spirit-filled week of [workshops](#), [plenaries](#), [worship](#), music, fun, fellowship and more as we come together virtually for FGC's annual Gathering June 27th - July 3rd, 2021. Registration opens April 15th.

When the Gathering theme *Way Will Open* came to us in 2019, we could not know that our familiar way of Gathering, a way we have known and taken for granted for years, was about to close, not once, but twice! Neither could we have imagined the kinds of openings - transformations even - such closings would make possible; that over 1,000 Friends from all over the world could come together by simply opening a link; that we could make the Gathering more affordable, more accessible and more environmentally friendly by having everyone stay home; that deep worship, tender intimacy, and covenant community could happen online.

Many months of pandemic isolation and social upheaval have taught us that Spirit cannot be limited by geography or fear; that, in the midst of the unthinkable, *Way Will Open* in ways that will challenge, inspire and astonish us. Come experience a Gathering of Friends like no other, a Gathering that speaks to the needs of our beloved community and answers the call of our time. Come be challenged, be inspired, be astonished!

Barbara von Salis, Tony Martin and Patsy Arnold Martin, 2021 FGC Gathering Tri-clerks

## FROM THE POEM "WORSHIP" by John Greenleaf Whittier

To worship rightly is to love each other,  
Each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.

## 1963 MARCH ON WASHINGTON BANNER, A HIGHLIGHT OF 'AMERICAN DEMOCRACY' EXHIBIT



Dianne Marshall was only a child when she first saw Martin Luther King Jr.

She and her Mt. Lebanon family were practicing Quakers and passionate about the nonviolent fight for civil rights. Her family took her to the 1958 Friends General Conference in Cape May, N.J., which King attended as guest speaker.

As a high schooler, she and her friends built a community center in Manchester, painted houses and “looked at critical issues of our time,” she said. So when the 17-year-old asked her mother if she could attend the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, it wasn’t a surprise.

Marshall, her older sister, Lisa, and a friend, David Culver, boarded a bus headed for Washington, D.C., on the morning of Aug. 28, 1963. They were the only teenagers and some of the only white people on the bus. The rest of the passengers were members of Black church groups.

[Learn more about the discarded banner that is now the centerpiece of the Smithsonian’s “American Democracy” exhibition.](#)

**FIRST** by John Greenleaf Whittier

In calm and cool and silence, once again  
I find my old, accustomed place among  
My brethren, where, perchance, no human  
tongue  
Shall utter words; where never hymn is  
sung,  
Nor deep-toned organ blown, nor censer  
swung,  
Nor dim light falling through the pictured  
pane!  
There, syllabled by silence, let me hear  
The still small voice which reached the  
prophet’s ear;  
Read in my heart a still diviner law  
Than Israel’s leader on his tables saw!  
There let me strive with each besetting  
sin,

Recall my wandering fancies, and restrain  
The sore disquiet of a restless brain;  
And, as the path of duty is made plain,  
May grace be given that I may walk  
therein,  
Not like the hireling, for his selfish gain,  
With backward glances and reluctant tread,  
Making a merit of his coward dread,  
But, cheerful, in the light around me  
thrown,  
Walking as one to pleasant service led;  
Doing God’s will as if it were my own,  
Yet trusting not in mine, but in His  
strength alone!





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Help Restore Woolman Farm



The Woolman Farm was devastated after the Jones Fire - help Sierra Harvest bring this beautiful little farm back into production! Join us for a series of socially distanced work parties:

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**SATURDAYS, 9am - 12pm**

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Instructions: Please drive 10mph on Woolman Lane! Thank you.

For questions contact Malaika Bishop [malaika@sierraharvest.org](mailto:malaika@sierraharvest.org) or call 530-205-0903

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

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