



Announcements

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

Covering the period Friday, January 8 through Sunday, January 24, 2021

LINK for FMC Open Zoom Meetings

[Click this link](#)

If you are asked for a passcode, please use 1652.

To participate by phone, call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 783 475 1861.

No passcode is required.

To bookmark access to Open Zoom meetings, copy this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7834751861?pwd=Y3VLWGREVjN5OERycGZOdjIwZWUvdz09>

To find an open time for an impromptu gathering consult the Open Zoom calendar at

<https://fmcquaker.org/community-wide-zoom-link-schedule/>

	DATE	EVENT
Fri	8	930am Laughter Yoga. Laughter has been shown to help people feel better both physically and mentally. Anyone can do it. We laugh for no reason at all! Laughter yoga shows us how to stay grounded and to relax and how to keep a positive frame of mind. Come and learn something new with certified Laughter Yoga coach Amy Tighe. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Amy Tighe laughter@fmcquaker.org
		1:30pm Guided Meditation for Relaxation. Jessica Ronalds, a volunteer on the Pastoral Care Team, has graciously invited anyone interested to participate in a time of Guided Meditation for Relaxation. We will have the opportunity for brief check-ins, share in a guided meditation followed by a time of sharing. On Fridays, we listen to a pre-recorded meditation by Jessica. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Jan Nisenbaum meditation@fmcquaker.org
Sat	9	6:00pm Science Fiction & Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group. Join us as we gather to read aloud and discuss science fiction and fantasy short stories. Come with your stories or just come to listen. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431. Contact: Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun	10	930am Forum. "What is the Quaker Experience of Mysticism?" with Marina Rothman. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
		9:30am Preschool First Day School. This class is geared to preschoolers, but all are invited to attend. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 838 2538 6231 and passcode 217962. Contact: Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org
		9:45am Newcomer Welcome/Q&A Day. New (or new-ish) to Quakerism? You are welcome anytime, but you're extra welcome on our monthly Newcomer Welcome Days! Drop in via Zoom for 30 minutes from 9:45-10:15am, prior to our Meeting for Worship at 10:30am. You will hear a few basics from your two hosts—a longtime member and a newer member. Then, it is time for your questions! Email friendlypresence@fmcquaker.org to learn more. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 836 4779 3717 and passcode 877919. Contact: Veronica Barron friendlypresence@fmcquaker.org

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Sun	10	10:30am Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Betsy Roper / Tanzania Roach careofworship@fmcquaker.org
		11:45am Afterthoughts. For more details, see 12/20 at 11:45 am. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370. Contact: Elise Springuel afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org
		11:45am Friendly Fellowship. For more details, see 12/20 at 11:45 am. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 0263 1484 and passcode 504098. Contact: Holly Lapp fellowship@fmcquaker.org
		1:15pm Meeting for Business in Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Clerks Team clerks@fmcquaker.org
		5:00pm Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Jessie Brown pmcareofworship@fmcquaker.org
Mon	11	1:30pm Guided Meditation for Relaxation. Please see 1/8 at 1:30 for more details. Contact: Jessica Ronalds meditation@fmcquaker.org
		5:00pm Adoración Compartida en Español. Please join us virtually for this opportunity to worship share with Friends all over the world and to practice Spanish on 2nd and 4th Mondays. People with a basic understanding of the Spanish language will get the most out of this hour-long session. The document that will be discussed is available here . Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Yaniré Zamora-Rodríguez adoracion@fmcquaker.org
		6:30pm Stone of Hope Drumming Circle. SPECIAL NOTE: The Drumming Circle is meeting on Monday nights in 2021! The Drumming Circle has moved indoors to the unheated Meetinghouse. Signups are now required due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions. If you wish to receive updates with the latest plans for a given week, please send an email to stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org to be added to the email list and get details about signing up to attend. Drums are available to borrow but bring your own if you have one. Toussaint Liberator leads this weekly program focused on learning to play West African rhythms on the djembe drums and discussing racial relations in today's United States culture. Everyone welcome. Donations of \$10-20 (according to ability) are gratefully accepted. Contact: Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm LGBTQ+ Working Group. Our group holds space and discerns with care LGBTQ+ concerns within the FMC community. We are an alliance group open to members, attenders, and newcomers. Hope to see you there! Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Chaz Kelsh / Betsy Roper lgbtq@fmcquaker.org	
Tue	12	6:30pm Trustees Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: David White trustees@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Craft Evening. Join us for our next virtual crafting session together. We will figure out together what we can do to make it a great shared experience. Led by Greg Woods and Beth Fuller. All are welcome! See the Open Zoom info above. Contact: Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org
Wed	13	8:30am Wednesday Morning Meeting for Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Jonathan Vogel-Borne midweek@fmcquaker.org
		12:00pm Zoom Tech Hosting Group. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Izzi Everwoods zoomtech@fmcquaker.org
		5:00pm Ad Hoc Technology Working Group. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Liz Moore adhotech@fmcquaker.org

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Wed	13	6:30pm Friends for Racial Justice Committee (FORJ). Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Polly Attwood forj@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Artists and Writers. This group gathers monthly for mutual support in our respective artistic endeavors. We share, discuss, and respond to each other's work, and often touch on ways that creative work draws us deeper into the experience of life. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: George Campbell artists@fmcquaker.org
Thu	14	7:00pm Pastoral Care Team. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Jan Nisenbaum pastoralcare@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Friends Climate Justice Working Group. Join us for the inaugural gathering of this new FMC working group as we plan our path for working toward Climate Justice in our community. See page 7 of this Announcement Sheet for more details. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 810 4646 9896 and passcode 017626. Contact: Minga Claggett-Borne / Ian Harrington / Skip Schiel climatejustice@fmcquaker.org
Fri	15	9:30am Laughter Yoga. For more details see 1/8 at 9:30. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Amy Tighe laughter@fmcquaker.org
		1:30pm Guided Meditation for Relaxation. For more details see 1/8 at 1:30. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Jan Nisenbaum meditation@fmcquaker.org
Sun	17	9:30am Forum. "The Spiritual Nature of Nuclear Disarmament". Presenters: Members of FMC's Peace & Social Justice Committee. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
		9:30am Elementary First Day School. This class is geared to elementary school students, but all are invited to attend. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 838 2538 6231 and passcode 217962. Contact: Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org
		10:30am Sunday Morning Meeting for Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Michael Shanahan careofworship@fmcquaker.org
		10:45am Meeting for Worship at Raytheon. We have resumed our third Sunday Meetings for Worship outside Raytheon with new pandemic safety protocols. We will conduct our Meeting for Worship in front of one of the many Raytheon offices and laboratories in the Boston area. We stress that this is not a demonstration or protest, and we are not politicizing our spirituality but rather bringing our Light to a barbaric assault on human dignity and life. Raytheon ("Light of the Gods") is the nation's and the world's fourth largest defense contractor, and the leading manufacturer of guided missiles and is developing a new nuclear weapon. The facility on Concord Avenue is one of their premier research and development sites. We will gather in front of Raytheon on Concord Avenue, Cambridge (intersection at 10 Moulton Street). Parking can be found on Moulton Street, on the next block. Contact: John Bach bolder@fmcquaker.org
		11:45am Afterthoughts. For more details see 1/10 at 11:45. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 873 2175 9327 and passcode 537370. Contact: Sandy Sweetnam afterthoughts@fmcquaker.org

You are asked to follow these protocols:

You must bring your own chair; you must wear a mask (even though we are outdoors). There will be chalk marks added to the sidewalk (spaced 6 feet apart) to indicate where chairs should be placed. All chairs will be in a single line facing the street. There will be no closing circle after Meeting for Worship. There will be no carpools to/from FMC. Names will be collected so that if anyone gets sick, all attendees can be contacted.

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		5:00pm Sunday Evening Meeting for Worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Gail Rogers pmcareofworship@fmcquaker.org
		6:30pm Exploring the Quaker Way. Session 1 (of 2)--Relating to the Divine. Part 2 (of 3)--Vocal Ministry: Who speaks in Meeting for Worship, and why? Exploring the Quaker Way is a Zoom course for newcomers, new-ish-comers, and more experienced Friends who wish to reflect with a beginner's mind on fundamentals of Quaker faith and practice. Even if you missed the first session on Jan. 3, you are welcome at this and future sessions. Additional sessions will be held on Feb. 7, Feb. 21, Mar. 7, and Mar 21. For more details about the program, the topics for each session and info about accessibility and inclusion, click this link . Registration is required. You may register for one or several or all the remaining sessions here . Contact: Veronica Barron adulthood@fmcquaker.org
Mon	18	10:00am Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday-Office Closed. To schedule a Zoom meeting, please email zoom@fmcquaker.org . For urgent or time sensitive matters, please email ict@fmcquaker.org . Contact: Amy Mercure office@fmcquaker.org
		1:30pm Guided Meditation for Relaxation See 1/8 at 1:30 for more details. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Jessica Ronalds meditation@fmcquaker.org
		4:00pm Prayer Circle. We welcome anyone who needs prayers or who is moved to pray for others. To submit a prayer request or prayer/praise update at any time during the month, send an email to the regular Prayer Circle members at prayers@fmcquaker.org . To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 885 7977 8713 and passcode 351349. Contact: Cornelia Parkes prayers@fmcquaker.org
		6:30pm Stone of Hope Drumming Circle. For more details see 1/11 at 6:30. If you wish to receive updates with the latest plans for a given week, please send an email to stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org to be added to the email list and get details about signing up to attend. Everyone welcome. Donations of \$10-20 (according to ability) are gratefully accepted. Contact: Minga Claggett-Borne / Daniel Fitzmartin stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org
	7:00pm Personnel Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Jan Nisenbaum personnel@fmcquaker.org	
Tue	19	5:00pm White Privilege Reading Group. Our next book group will be Inauguration Eve. Imagine! We are going to discuss something short and free. We will talk about an interview with Claudia Rankine whose new book, <i>Just Us</i> , sounds like a powerful read. The interview is only about half an hour long. Click the link to hear the interview. Our book group conversations can always range beyond a particular reading, so let us see where our discussions take us in the new year! Send an email to Cynthia to receive email notifications about the plans for future months. Contact: Cynthia Knowles white-privilege@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Ministry & Counsel Committee (M&C). Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Gail Rogers ministry@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Craft Evening. For more details see 1/12 at 7:00. We'll figure out together what we can do to make it a great shared experience. Led by Greg Woods and Beth Fuller. All are welcome! See the Open Zoom info above. Contact: Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org

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		12:00pm Possible Zoom Tech Meeting (if needed). Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Izzi Everwoods zoomtech@fmcquaker.org
		3:00pm Membership Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Daniel Fitzmartin membership@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Nominating Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Lili Schwan-Rosenwald nominating@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Fundraising Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Tom Sander fundraising@fmcquaker.org
Thu	21	5:30pm Clerks Team. Visitors are welcome to attend a Clerks Team meeting but must make prior arrangements. Also, please email the Clerks Team with any questions or ideas you might want to raise. Contact: Clerks Team clerks@fmcquaker.org
		7:00pm Marriage, Family & Relationships Committee. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Patti Muldoon marriage@fmcquaker.org
Fri	22	9:30am Laughter Yoga. For more details see 1/8 at 9:30. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Amy Tighe laughter@fmcquaker.org
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Sat	23	6:00pm Science Fiction & Fantasy Read Aloud Book Group. For more details see 1/9 at 6:00. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 335 209 895 and passcode 398431. Contact: Jonathan Gilbert / Betsy Roper scififantasy@fmcquaker.org
Sun	24	9:00am Faith & Godly Play/Godly Play Story Time for All. On the Fourth Sundays of the month, we are trying something new. We will have an all-ages gathering at 9 am with a pre-recorded Faith & Play or Godly Play story. Faith & Play tells Quaker stories while Godly Play tell Parables and New Testament stories in ways to help people of all ages wonder. We will keep these sessions to 30 minutes so people can go to Forum if they like. This will be an all-ages time to hear a story and reflect as a community. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 838 2538 6231 and passcode 217962. Contact: Greg Woods youthministries@fmcquaker.org
		9:30am Forum. We will break into small groups for hearing concerns and prayer requests with the intention of holding those small groups in prayer during meeting for worship. Please see Open Zoom info above. Contact: Patricia Wild forum@fmcquaker.org
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Sun	24	7:00pm All Committee Clerks and Conveners Meeting. Email contact person for meeting information. Contact: Jonathan Vogel-Borne clerks@fmcquaker.org
		7:30pm Young Adult Friends Supper and Discussion. Young Adult Friends (YAF) (18-35ish) to gather monthly (typically on 4th Sundays) for virtual fellowship. This month the topic is "Roll for Shoes" and Jane Threefoot will be leading an evening of an evening of simple and silly tabletop RPG gaming. Bring your supper to enjoy on the Zoom call. Email yafs@fmcquaker.org if you want to be added to the YAF Google Group and get more info about YAF group activities throughout the month. To participate in the Zoom event, click the link or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 864 8227 8063 and passcode 540896. Contact: Greg Woods yafs@fmcquaker.org
Mon	25	7:00pm New Story Group. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Program starts at 7:00pm. Discussion of query: "In the context of the New Story, what is God? Light? Reality? Consciousness? the self?" Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zoom Information

Requesting a Zoom Meeting from an FMC Account

Individuals planning an event that will be using one of FMC's Zoom accounts should submit their request as early as possible to zoom@fmcquaker.org. Please identify the title, event starting and ending times, the requested reservation starting and ending times as well as host of the meeting and their email. An estimate of the number of participants and whether you want the Zoom link included in the Announcement Sheet and on the FMC website would also be helpful. Also, please include the text for any announcement you would like to be included on the Announcement Sheet and website. Meeting hosts are responsible for notifying the members of their groups of the Zoom link for their meeting (except for the meeting-wide meetings included in the Announcement Sheet).

Notifying FMC of Zoom Meeting links

Some individuals choose to set up their FMC meetings using their own Zoom accounts. They are expected to notify their groups of the Zoom links, but we are hoping they will also notify the Meeting of the Zoom links by sending that information to zoom@fmcquaker.org. This would make the information more available if people are unable to find the meeting and provide information about the Meeting's need for Zoom meetings. The information would not be included in the Announcement Sheet unless requested.

Zoom Resources

Basic instructions on setting up Zoom are available at [Getting Started](#).

Requests for help in setting up Zoom or accessing a Zoom meeting should be made by emails to zoomhelp@fmcquaker.org, and someone will try to help.

From the Fundraising Committee

Your financial support is vital to the work and life of Friends Meeting at Cambridge. In this time of uncertainty and disconnection, FMC is striving to provide channels for interaction to enrich the lives of our community members. Please consider making a contribution to FMC via one of the methods listed on our [website](#).



**Friends Climate Justice Working Group
Invites You to Join Us
Inaugural Meeting: Thursday, January 14 from 7:00 – 8:45 pm**

Hark! We are calling all talents. To join the inaugural meeting of the new Friends Climate Justice Working Group at FMC [click here](#). At this inaugural gathering we will plan the path for implementing Climate Justice in our community.

Who should attend? Anyone with a spark of interest. Come if you want to help with the climate crisis but do not know what to do. Come if you are excited about pragmatic, faith-based action. Come if you are excited about change, or even if in despair. Come if you only have one hour a month, or if you only have four hours a week. How can Friends respond to the climate destruction and how it impacts the Earth and her inhabitants?

During the 2020 New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Sessions several justice committees presented a minute entitled “Call to Urgent, Loving Action for the Earth and Her Inhabitants”. The minute asks the Creator to lead us to love, act justly, ... walk humbly with You, and learn to live sustainably...” The forum on December 6, 2020 presented the minute and provided space for initial discussion of the minute. This begins wider discernment, leading to some actions by individuals and the Meeting. Recommendations will be presented at August 2021 NEYM Sessions.

We seek to act as Quakers out of Spirit, consistent with our Quaker testimonies, mindful of white privilege, and with a commitment to work out any differences which develop. If interested, please come on January 14th. Contact us at climatejustice@fmcquaker.org with questions or more information.

Minga Claggett-Borne / Ian Harrington / Skip Schiel

**Stone of Hope Drumming Circle
Moves to Monday Nights from 6:30-8:00 pm in 2021**

The Drumming Circle has moved indoors to the unheated Meetinghouse and will be meeting on Monday nights from 6:30-8:00 beginning on Monday, January 4. Signups are now required due to COVID-19 capacity restrictions. If you wish to receive updates with the latest plans for a given week, please send an email to stone-of-hope@fmcquaker.org to be added to the email list and get details about signing up to attend. Drums are available to borrow but bring your own if you have one. Toussaint Liberator leads this weekly program focused on learning to play West African rhythms on the djembe drums and discussing racial relations in today's United States culture. Everyone welcome. Donations of \$10-20 (according to ability) are gratefully accepted.

Reminders

To see the up-to-date calendar of FMC events with full descriptions go to our website fmcquaker.org

The deadline for the next Announcement Sheet is Monday, January 18, at 11:59 pm covering events taking place between Friday, January 22nd through Sunday, February 7th. Please send your announcement in an email to publications@fmcquaker.org

Exploring the Quaker Way



Exploring the Quaker Way is a course for newcomers, new-ish-comers, and more experienced Friends who wish to reflect with a beginner's mind on fundamentals of Quaker faith and practice. The second session is coming up on Sunday, January 17th. All are welcome, even if you did not attend the first session and cannot attend all the upcoming sessions.

How do Quakers connect with and name the Divine? How does Quaker practice help us find right relationship with each other and the world?

We will meet via Zoom on six Sunday evenings in January, February, and March, from 6:30-8pm. You may register for one, several, or all sessions. All are welcome! [Click here](#) to register.

SESSIONS & TOPICS:

XQW Session 1: Relating to the Divine

Jan 3: Naming God: What is the Divine?

Jan 17: Vocal Ministry: Who speaks in Meeting for Worship, and why?

Feb 7: Gifts & Leadings: How do we discern what to do?

XQW Session 2: Stepping Into Forgiveness

Feb 21: When are apologies needed?

Mar 7: How does self-love fit with forgiveness?

Mar 21: How do we find right relationship in community?

ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION:

—You may participate via Zoom or phone, with or without video.

—You are invited to share the pronouns you wish to use in this space.

—If you have additional accessibility or inclusion needs, please email spiritualed@fmcquaker.org.

WIDER QUAKER WORLD

***Beacon Hill Friends House Midweek Experiments in Faithfulness Continue
Wednesdays from 7:30pm – 8:30pm***

- January 13: Andrew Kimble | Jazz Spiritual-Tea (which will combine expressive Jazz music, your favorite choice of tea, and creative writing)
- January 20: Greg Woods | Connecting With God Through Fiber Arts
- January 27: Lillian Campbell | Holding your center by centering your core

[Click here](#) to find out more about each experiment, listen to recordings of past experiments, and register for individual events on Zoom.

Walking with the Bible
Sundays, January 10, February 14, and March 14 from 4:00pm – 5:15 pm

Peter Blood-Patterson will welcome a series of different Friends as guest leaders for these monthly Bible hours (sponsored by Woolman Hill and Beacon Hill Friends House). We will have a chance to hear what role the Bible plays in each of these Friends' lives and to hear what approaches to the Bible they find work in their personal practice and group settings.

- January 10—Andrew Wright (North Carolina [Conservative] Yearly Meeting), experienced Bible leader and graduate of the School of the Spirit
- February 14—Katie Breslin, an Earlham School of Religion student, who most recently led the Young Adult Friends program of Friends Committee on National Legislation
- March 14—Regina Renee Ward, who led Bible half hours at the 2017 FGC Gathering in and is active in the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent

We will then spend some time listening to and reflecting together on a passage that is rising for our guest leader. This will be a participatory event with a chance to let God speak to our hearts through the Bible—and to share what we are hearing with each other in small breakout groups and in the group as a whole.

This is an opportunity to learn from and spend time with a variety of Friends for whom the Bible provides a doorway to the living Spirit. Welcoming to all whatever your previous experience is with the Bible!

Friends are welcome to attend single sessions or the whole series.

[Click here](#) for more information and for registration.

Virtual Singalong Concerts Continue with Annie Patterson and Peter Blood
Mondays from 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Grab a copy of *Rise Up Singing* and/or *Rise Again* if you have them so you can sing along. Annie gives out the book and page number for each song. You can put requests in the "chat" feed.

[Click here](#) to join the sing-along on Facebook. (You do not need to have a Facebook account!)

Responding to the Call: Healing from the Sin of Separation
Tuesdays, January 12 – February 23 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Responding to the Call is a two-month-long, weekly workshop to do this critical work of climate justice, dismantling white supremacy, and beginning reparations. We will meet every other week in a whole group Zoom session, with alternating weeks dedicated to ongoing small groups. Because the work of systems transformation—both the societal systems we engage with daily and ourselves as systems of change—is not purely academic, this workshop will use somatic and Quaker spiritual practices along with discussions, readings, and videos.

This workshop comes out of several commitments that Quakers in New England have made over the past few years and is open to anyone interested in this work of truth-telling, sustainable living, right relationship, apology & reparations, and liberating our spiritual practices from the white supremacist and classist systems in which they developed.

Participants are encouraged to sign up with area f/Friends so their small group work can be locally grounded. Pending enough registrations, we will also have a small group option dedicated for BIPOC participants.

[Click here](#) for more info, costs, and registration. Sponsored by Beacon Hill Friends House.

Thursdays with Friends
Sponsored by Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)
Thursday, January 21 from 4:00pm – 4:30 pm

Join FCNL General Secretary Diane Randall and guest(s) as they talk about "The Administration's First 100 Days" and suggest advocacy actions Quaker can take in this important era. [Click here](#) to register.



***Exploring the Art of American Indigenous Peoples
Boston Quaker Voluntary Service Fundraising Event
Sunday, January 17 from 1:30pm – 3:30pm***

Museum educator Corinne Zimmerman will present a virtual museum tour, inviting us into a give-and-take as we seek to better understand what Native American art is communicating to us now.

This even is a “pay-as-led” fundraiser. The suggested fee is \$25/person; however, no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

[Click here](#) for more information and to register.

Monthly Midweek Meditation on Quaker Quotes

Next Sessions: Wednesday, January 27, and February 24 from 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Brian Drayton [Souhegan (NH) Friends Meeting] is offering mid-week opportunities for Zoom-based worship-sharing and conversation, for one hour on Wednesdays, approximately once a month. Open to all, the opportunities are limited to 20 at a time. Each session is unique, and Friends are welcome to attend an individual session and are not being asked to commit to the whole series. Friends who wish to join a particular session are asked to RSVP to drayton.be@gmail.com with Midweek Meditation in the Subject line. Brian will send a Zoom link for that month's session, along with the reading—a short quotation from a Friend modern or ancient.

Attendees will be asked to read the selection beforehand and reflect in private on three short questions. Each gathering will open with quick greetings all around, then a brief introduction to the quotation, followed by 15 minutes of open conversation about the text. The rest of the time will be spent in worship-sharing, for which guidelines will be sent out. The aim will be for the conversation to be slow, spacious, and centered. The final 5 minutes will be silent, before we depart from our miniature retreat.

***Salem Quarterly Meeting Request for Grant Proposals
Deadline: Wednesday, February 10***

Salem Quarterly Meeting (of which FMC is a member) is blessed with funds available to support emerging and established ministries. Currently, Salem Quarter's funding guidelines lean strongly toward making grants that arise from, and are supported by, the meetings of the Quarter and nourish and encourage a vital spiritual condition in those meetings, and strong bonds between them.

The Quarter is looking for proposals for funding up to \$3000 in these 3 areas:

- Programs which encourage outreach (and in reach) in individual Meetings of Salem Quarter.
- Ways to encourage the corporate leadings of our Meetings, of committees within our Meetings and of working groups of individuals who come together from multiple meetings.
- Encouragement for individual leadings and ministries which are grounded in and provide spiritual nourishment for our Meetings.

These three grant areas are listed in the order of priority for grant-making by the committee. Applications are due February 10.

For more info about the guidelines and how to apply, [click here](#).

PERSONAL NEWS



The Hunter-Johnson Family Welcomes Baby Danika

Zach Hunter, Noor Johnson, and Soraya Hunter-Johnson (age 4.5) welcomed Danika Rose Hunter-Johnson into their family on September 28th, 2020.

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