

Seventh Month (July) 2020

Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Seventh Query: Caring for Others

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, and economic condition? In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy?

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Advices for the Seventh Query:

Prejudice and Discrimination

From its earliest days, the Society of Friends has supported the equal right of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect. The opposition of Friends to slavery is well known. Less well known is their support of the rights of women. Quakers, particularly Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul, were in the forefront of the American suffrage movement. We oppose all forms of prejudice. Prejudice should never be allowed to keep any persons from a chance to develop or use their abilities, or deprive them of their political, economic or social rights. We are called to work creatively for equal opportunity in education, employment, justice, housing and the like.

Since thought and action are reflected in words, we should take care to use language that reflects the equal dignity and worth of all human beings. We support an ongoing search for broader language to express the continuing revelation of the nature of God. Use of masculine or feminine forms when referring to God perpetuates gender-specific images. With terms such as the Inner Light, That of God in Everyone, and the Seed, Friends already have a vocabulary which is inclusive.

Those Requiring Special Care

We must be sensitive to the need for an institutional and societal framework within which disadvantaged individuals can achieve dignity and can experience a purposeful life within the limits of their capabilities. Aging is a natural part of human life. At no time should people be considered to be on the periphery of society because of their age. Older persons, who represent an increasingly large portion of the population, have varied talents, interests and concerns. Friends have a long tradition of appreciation of the gifts of older members, and our Meetings should continue to encourage participation of all ages in Meeting activities.

The same concern for human dignity, and opposition to the use of physical force and violence, has motivated Friends to work toward improvement in institutions and services for the aged, for the

mentally or emotionally ill, the retarded, and the handicapped. Employment of members of these groups is encouraged, as well as special education and training.

The Society of Friends has long worked toward improvement in the treatment of offenders. While continuing to press for programs of rehabilitation inside prisons, Friends also recognize a need for pretrial justice and the elimination of police brutality. Friends are led to oppose capital punishment by our belief in the sanctity of life.

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES: Unfortunately, BYM camp will not be held this summer. However, if your child or teen has an activity that they can do under current circumstances and would enhance their spiritual life, Trustees has funds which may be used to support them. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the child/teen from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/>. Applications should be sent to Bess Keller, Trustee.

GRADUATIONS AND MILESTONES

Rose Rutkowski, daughter of Chris Rutkowski, graduated from Baltimore School for the Arts and will attend McGill University in Canada in the fall.

Amelia Anderson, daughter of Barbara Bezdek and Warren Anderson, graduated from Towson University in December, 2018 with a BS in psychology. Barbara writes, "She's been slinging sushi and saving money for the Allied Health program in radiography at CCBC, which she will start in July."

Alex Walters, son of Susan Russell Walters, is doing a virtual internship with the information technology department of UPS this summer. Susan writes, "He is spending his days working from the dining room (now his office) as a part of a team who are writing code to improve delivery services. Alex is enjoying this opportunity to test the skills he learned during his recent studies in computer science at Towson University."

Congratulations to all! If you know of others who should have been included, please notify the office.

MINUTE OF APPRECIATION FOR GEORGE AMOSS

(This minute was read at the June 7 meeting for business.)

We are likely to refer to the time of George Amoss's clerkship as the "George Amoss era." It has been a long and generous period of service of 6 ½ years. Month after month, written into the opening paragraph of the business meeting minutes has been the phrase "with George Amoss, clerk, presiding." He has been a patient, gentle compass, guiding us through one business meeting after another and, behind the scenes, tending to members and attenders, putting out fires and nurturing strengths.

There was turmoil during George's tenure: the death of Freddie Gray, the 2016 election of Donald Trump and subsequent upheavals, and this year's pandemic. Inside Homewood, however, calm and thoughtful activism prevailed under George's guidance. We appreciated his wisdom as we grappled with how to address the world's needs as well as our own.

In addition to being clerk, George has provided invaluable IT help in the office, not an easy task, given the vagaries of the aging system. He has spent hours updating the system and providing upgrades, and in emergencies, he has always been just a phone call away. With the pandemic, George has presided over meetings for worship on Zoom, which he had to learn. These meetings have challenged him to draw on both his IT and clerking skills simultaneously, and he has risen to the challenge. The past few months have highlighted for us how lucky we are to have had George's leadership during this time.

So it is with sadness and gratitude that we mark the last business meeting "with George Amoss, clerk, presiding." We thank George for his tireless gift of self to the Meeting during the past 6 ½ years.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

PLEASE NOTE: Most of our regularly scheduled activities are meeting on Zoom until further notice. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to the homepage on our website at www.homewoodfriends.org. **Please see the list of Zoom URLs and phone numbers for regularly scheduled groups at the end of the newsletter.** This list is also posted on our website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/calendar/weekly-schedule/>.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP: every Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Zoom.

SOCIAL TIME AFTER WORSHIP: every Sunday after worship, 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. The Outreach Team invites you to catch up with f/Friends in an informal Zoom gathering every Sunday after meeting. The Zoom URL is the same as for meeting for worship, so you can just stay online or, if you missed meeting, you can join us.

STRIDE MOVIE NIGHT: Thursday, July 2 at 6:30 p.m. STRIDE will host a screening of *Baltimore Rising*, a documentary about the aftermath of the 2015 uprisings following the death of Freddie Gray in police custody. The screening will be followed by a discussion. The movie is not rated and runs 92 minutes. Facebook event [here](#). The Zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85793956891>.

Save the date July 16th for All-Ages Movie Night: *A Bug's Life*!
Facebook event [here](#).

This event is put on by Baltimore STRIDE. STRIDE groups in Baltimore, Philly and DC work to create genuine diversity at BYM summer camps. Learn more about STRIDE [here](#).

Donations for this event are graciously accepted, though not required! Donations can be made through BYM's website.

NO HYMN SINGING (first Sunday): Dave Sydlik has moved to Philadelphia. If you are interested in providing leadership for this musical pleasure, please contact the office.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS (first Sunday): July 5, 12:30 p.m. on Zoom. Let's welcome incoming clerk Sarah Bur to her first meeting for business.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING (first Sunday): July 5 on Zoom. Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) for details.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday): Sunday, July 12, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. TBD. Please look for updates in the silent announcements and emails from Donna McKusick. If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna McKusick a note a dmckusick@icloud.com.

POTLUCK LUNCH (second Sunday): Canceled until we can gather together.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): July 12, 12:30 - 1:00 on Zoom. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue with 2-3 names of persons and a brief biography given into the silence sequentially in three groups: a) Names of those murdered in Baltimore and we hold family and friends in the Light; b) Names of persons arrested or convicted and in prison for murder; c) Unnamed persons touched by violence in Baltimore. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): July 26, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Until the meetinghouse reopens, Ministry and Counsel Committee will offer **Experiment with Light every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.** Please join us for this more intimate form of worship.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: The Religious Education Committee is surveying the families to see if there are activities that would be of interest. Specific information about upcoming events will emerge later in July.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL EPISTLE (read after meeting for worship on June 28)

To Our Friends,

We are the Homewood Friends First-day class of 2020. On June 28th, 2020, we can report that the average First-day student is an 11.5 year old, Quaker, Opequon or Catoctin camper, who is inquisitive and often quite bored. According to the average Homewood First-day student, we attend meeting for FUNNNNN, to spend time with each other in our community, and maybe learn along the way. We are writing this to the other members of Homewood who are not us, from our homes where we are currently stuck.

This year was a first for Homewood's First-day program. When our year began, we regularly met face-to-face. Homewood's First-day students found joy in roly-chair races and hiding in wardrobes. But due to COVID-19, First-day began to look very different. In March, Zoom came to replace our classroom. Much of the year passed us by while we isolated; so much so that when our year began Rose had long hair, and Fin had short hair. Now in our isolation Rose has short hair and Fin's hair has grown long.

Over the school year we met several times to talk and do activities around the Quaker testimonies of: Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship. Otherwise known as the Quaker S.P.I.C.E.S. Through our activities we made art, did service work, and learned about one another. We crafted macramé, puzzles, and protest signs. In the fall we traveled to the Baltimore Quaker Burial Grounds on Harford Road to connect with our local history. We learned how to make pasta and Origami. We also put together bagged lunches for community members in need, picked up litter around Homewood, and wrote thank you letters to health care workers.

Despite the wild nature of our year, some traditions remained intact. In the early winter, the class put on their annual nativity play for the greater meeting. The play saw students, older and newer, reenact the classic tale with a contemporary feel.

The strange nature of our year did bring about some special activities. Most notably, we the students have organized a time-capsule project. First-day students will put together two separate time capsules. In the first capsule, students have written letters to themselves to read five years from now. In the second students will gather artifacts which capture the experience of 2020. The second time capsule will be sealed for the next 55 years. Another activity brought about by our unusual year involved music. Students were saddened to hear of BYM camp's closing for this summer season. In response the First-day class gathered on zoom to sing beloved camp songs together.

Overall Homewood First-day students report that they've learned about leadership and the multitude of ways one can use a meat grinder. According to students through self-isolation they've become grumpy and bored, but will continue to carry on regardless. Students found that the events of this year went hand in hand with our lessons on the testimonies. Earlier in the year we discussed how as modern-day Quakers we sometimes struggle with simplicity. But students and their families found that in the new normal forced on us by the pandemic, simplicity was more natural. Students also discussed the Black Lives Matter movement in America. We discussed the phrase 'no justice, no peace'. And how we cannot claim to be peaceful people if we are not equal. Finally, throughout the year we discussed the importance of stewardship. The members of Homewood's First-day class are scared and frustrated with realities of climate change. Caring for our earth is a top priority for First-day school students and we hope that feeling will be shared amongst us all.

Next school year we hope to see each other face to face again. We hope to make art, do service, and spend time outside. We hope to meet you all again, a little older and a little less bored.

Love and Light,

Homewood's First-Day Class 2019-2020:

Lily	Jude
Amalie	Simon
Eve	Fin
Rose	Aurelia

Slightly older Friends who joined us now and then: Hope, Henry, Lia, and Anne.

First- Day School Teacher: Maddie Doll

FACE MASKS FOR SALE: Megan Shook writes, "Noelle Zeltzman's daughter Anthea, who lives in Portland, has made heaps of pretty masks. She sells them for \$5 or \$10 or whatever you can afford." She will send Megan masks to distribute to people in the Meeting community. If you would like any masks for adults or children, please contact Megan at mega330@comcast.net.

Quakers Stand Up for Peace with Justice



*Baltimore-area Quakers
strive to be an Anti-Racist
faith community, and to ally
with others to forge Peace
with Justice & Equity*

FRIDAY PEACE VIGILS RESUME!

5 p.m. Peaceful Vigil in honor of Black Lives

Followed by information-sharing and action prompts at 6 p.m. on meetinghouse steps.

Come prepared to share!

In front of Homewood Friends Meeting

Physical distancing applies. Wear your mask.

Theme: Black Lives Matter, Stop the Killings, Re/imagine Public Safety, and similar



Peace Note: June 26, 2020

Five Approaches to Social Change

Friends, we have had many conversations in our Peace and Social Justice Committee about where to put our efforts to build more just and peaceful relationships, within our communities, city, state and nation. We share this brief taxonomy, to aid our ongoing discernments, as individuals, committees, and Meetings.

1. Charitable Giving.

Donate money or goods to social justice organizations, such as local food pantries, or broader organizations such as Doctors without Borders, Amnesty International, Black Lives Matter, and so forth.

2. Service and Volunteerism.

There are many such opportunities to work for social justice -- organize a fundraiser for a social justice organization, volunteer at a shelter for domestic violence victims or homeless people or get trained as an advocate for LGBTQ youth or ESL tutor. The key difference is that you are *actively involved* personally, to help alleviate some forms of suffering in marginalized communities.

3. **Individual Advocacy.**

Stand with individuals you know who experience injustice against the racism, heterosexism or other oppression that person is facing. (Usually, where there is one person in need of advocacy, there are many people being similarly oppressed or exploited.)

4. **Working for Mitigative Change.**

This means, we organize and act in response to specific forms or instances of structural oppression -- an immediate remedy to the suffering that the oppressive system causes its victims. Feed the hungry, heal the sick, teach the children, welcome the refugees and returning citizens, etc. Organized work to protect basic rights of marginalized people goes in this category.

5. **Work for Transformative Change.**

This requires identifying root issues of oppression and working on change at that root level: transformative change work addresses the existence of poverty, wealth/income inequality, violence, and the conditions that perpetuate these injustices.

Addressing the Crisis of Policing and Structural Racism in Maryland

Homewood Friends Meeting (Quakers), Peace and Social Justice Committee

We align with the Movement for Black Lives Principles, <https://sixnineteen.com/principles/>.

Do the Work at Home: This is a moment in which all of us must address anti-Black racism in our many communities. Anti-Black racism is evident in violent policing, but it also exists in our workplaces, ethnic groups, our families, and local communities. Let's do the work at home and build change locally.

- **End The War Against Black People.**

- end the terrorization and killing of Black people, starting with divestment from police forces across the state.
- end the criminalization and mass incarceration of Black people that comes as a result of targeted police tactics, starting with
 - ending the war on drugs by
 - supporting harm reduction policies, decriminalization, and legalization of marijuana.
- In the face of COVID-19, reduce arrests and stop jailing for nonviolent crimes, release persons who cannot meet bail, and release from jails and prisons those at high risk for COVID-19 complications

De-militarize the Police: contact your federal representatives – because the federal government provides surplus military equipment to police and sheriff's departments.

- **Defund Policing and instead Invest in Harm Prevention.**

- divest resources from policing by decreasing the budget for policing; and
- reallocating that funding to healthcare, housing and education

- o *The US spends more on law enforcement than every other country spends on their military (except China): \$115 billion*

Maryland spends \$2 billion. Maryland state's budget and laws are key to change.

- housing relief fund to help residents impacted by COVID-19 pay down rent and mortgage debt.
- funding for re-entry programs for those returning from incarceration.
- We also urge the creation of municipal programs to dispatch trained social workers instead of police officers on 911 calls that involve mental health emergencies.
- **Make Police Accountable for Excessive Use of Force**
 - o **Repeal the Law Enforcement Officer's Bill Of Rights (LEOBOR)**, with a legal system that requires transparency and protects the public from state violence and corruption.
 - **End the extraordinary procedural rights that allow only police to police themselves and avoid fair investigation**
 - **Strengthen civilian review boards**
 - **Independent special prosecutor** to investigate and charge.
 - o Make Police Misconduct Records for use of force available to the Public. Amend the state Public Information Act.
 - o Require de-certification of corrupt cops to prevent them getting rehired by another town.
 - o Make police departments pay the civil damages ordered by courts, NOT taxpayers as it is now.

Fund Black Futures. Work for economic justice for Black business and Black students who have historically been oppressed for generations, starting with the immediate overturn of Gov. Hogan's veto of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future for equity in public education, and funding to Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Maryland.

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WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient for the upcoming weeks continues to be CARES. The following items are needed: **cereal, soup, spaghetti sauce, rice, mac & cheese, toilet paper, soap, and shopping bags.** Drop off times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 a.m. - noon, and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CARES is located at the rear of St. Mary's Church, 5502 York Rd, 21212. You may also send checks.

Please consider making a regular Wicker Basket contribution. Recipients are chosen by the Peace and Social Justice Committee, which meets on the second Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

“GOAT NOAT” FOR JULY 2020

Plastic Free July is an international campaign and educational project to help individuals and groups reduce and ultimately stop the production and proliferation of single use plastics. Starting as a very small organization in 2011 in Australia, Plastic Free July became a foundation, mobilizing millions of people around the world. While the premier public activity is Plastic Free July, the foundation works year round to achieve this vital goal to reduce the use of plastics, so harmful to living organisms. Participation in Plastic Free July can be tailored to the time and interest of participants. This writer encourages members of the Homewood community to "Take the Challenge" and pledge to monitor single use plastics in their lives for a day, a week, or the whole month of July. For additional information, please check out the website at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org> and view the short video explaining the campaign (and it is lovely to hear the Australian accented English). I have not participated in this campaign yet, but it seems well suited for a household, a family, or a faith community to participate.

Submitted by John McKusick

Current GOAT members are Carol Beck, Stan Becker, Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Polly Heninger, Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Rachael Neill. GOAT is an open committee that meets monthly on the 3rd Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Library (presently on Zoom). We would love to hear your questions, concerns, and ideas.

HOMEWOOD COVID-19 STIMULUS CHECKS FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Dear Homewood Friends: The COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in suffering in our city, nationally and internationally. Stimulus checks have been arriving. Some of us are in need while others are not. We encourage those of you who can to donate some or all of this check to a charity of your choice. If you would like to donate your stimulus check to someone who needs it more than you, we encourage you to consider the following local organizations, which have been compiled and vetted by the Homewood Friends Peace and Social Justice Committee.

We would like to gather data on how much money Homewood Friends donated during the COVID-19 crisis. Please complete the anonymous survey at this link so we can determine how much money was donated as part of this effort. The survey includes options for including organizations that are not on this list.

To access the form and link, please go to <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/peace-justice/>.

HOMEWOOD IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Remember that our committees and teams can share with the wider community our events and announcements on Facebook and Instagram!

Additionally, tag Homewood with any Facebook or Instagram posts with relevant things you are doing. We also have a hashtag: #HomewoodQuakers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are needed and gratefully accepted, particularly during these difficult times when our rental income has disappeared. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. **PayPal** is available on the Homewood Meeting website. Look for the word "Donate" in our Website's menu bar, which is near the

top of every page. If you prefer to pay by **check**, it is very helpful for you to make arrangements for your bank to send regular checks. This method provides the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. *Please make all checks payable to "Homewood Friends Meeting."*

SIMPLE LUNCH is canceled until we can gather together once again.

JOIN A COMMITTEE: Are you ready to deepen your connection with Homewood Meeting? Nominating Committee invites you to consider joining a committee; it's a great way to serve the Meeting and to get to know others in the community. Committee descriptions are available on the Homewood website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/>. Please contact Carol Beck, Mina Brunyate, or Gary Gillespie for more information.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES



FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC): The 2020 Virtual Gathering, "Sink Down To The Seed Sown In The Heart," will be held **June 28 - July 4, 2020**. **Registration is open**. This year the Gathering will be experimenting with Pay as Led. The schedule and other information can be found at <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/2020-schedule-glance>.

VIRTUAL BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL SESSION 2020

COURAGE, FAITH AND HOPE TO LOVE ACROSS OUR DIFFERENCES, July 27-Aug 2, 2020 (Pre-Session Meetings July 20-24, 2020). "Greetings, Friends. The Annual Session of Baltimore Yearly Meeting will take place this summer, online or over your phone, in your living room or on your porch, rather than in person together at Hood College. The Program Committee extends a warm welcome to Friends from all over BYM to join in our worship, our corporate discernment of Yearly Meeting business, and our fellowship and learning during the opening retreat, in workshops, and at plenary sessions. The overarching theme of *Courage, Faith and Hope to Love Across Our Differences* seems to be as relevant now during this pandemic as ever." -- Ken Stockbridge, Presiding Clerk; Barb Platt, Programming Director.

The Spring 2020 edition of the *Interchange* has been sent to the printer and the electronic version was transmitted on Friday, May 22. The printed edition will be arriving in Friends' mailboxes in the coming weeks. All of the available information about the Virtual Annual Session 2020 is available at www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/ and in the links to the right. Registration is online only and is available at www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/registration.html. **Our Beloved Community - Meeting Together, Apart.**

The BYM Camping Program
is happy to announce **we will be
renting cabins at Catoctin Quaker Camp**
as an alternative use of our property.



We will be renting campsites at 6 of the camper cabins for 5 days at a time. It is possible that this opportunity will be extended to Shiloh Quaker camp as well if the demand exceeds what is available at Catoctin.

Rentals will be run in a similar fashion to a campground. Campsites will be rented at a flat fee of \$300.00 for five days and nights beginning Tuesday after 12 p.m. through Sunday at 3:00 p.m.

Groups will be provided with:

- a cabin
- a fire pit
- a picnic table at the camp
- access to drinking water
- a rope for hanging food
- the bathhouse

The kitchen, lodge, dining hall infirmary and other buildings will not be open.

For more information, and to register, please see our website: bymcamps.org/summer-cabin-rentals/.

AT PENDLE HILL:

DISCERNMENT WORKSHOPS: August 3, 5, & 7. As the ongoing tumult in the world about us continues to stir uncertainty and confusion, our need to remain in intimate touch with our Inner Guide to discern our way is ever more apparent. Jerry Knutson will present this series of online morning workshops based on his best-selling Pendle Hill Pamphlet #443, *Individual Spiritual Discernment: Receiving, Testing, and Implementing Leadings from a Higher Power*. Jerry Knutson is a member of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, travels in the ministry under the care of Quakers of Orlando, and is a member of the FWCC Traveling Ministers Corp, More information and registration are available at the following: <https://pendlehill.org/events/individual-spiritual-discernment/>.

JOIN US FOR DAILY WORSHIP: Our international circle of Friends meeting for daily worship via Zoom continues to expand. We invite you to join over 150 Friends and seekers for a half-hour Meeting for Worship every day from 8:30 to 9:10 a.m. Eastern Time. On Wednesdays and Saturdays, we follow worship with 15 minutes of worship sharing in small groups.

Please check the Pendle Hill website <https://pendlehill.org/> for the other activities.

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

“Reimagining community safety”

News & Commentary | By Mary Zerkel, Jun 11, 2020

“...Community groups, Indigenous communities, researchers, and policy makers have already implemented some [alternatives to policing], and we can build upon them:

- **Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets (CAHOOTS)** is a mobile mental health crisis intervention team in Eugene, Oregon formed in 1989. They handle 20% of emergency calls in their area, responding in suicide interventions and overdoses.
- **Mothers Against Senseless Killings (MASK)** is a group of mothers in Chicago who have transformed a troubled block into a community without police, which has led to a reduction in violence. The moms are present on the block every evening, barbecuing, feeding residents, and building relationships with the young people. They help diffuse tensions between young people and watch out for police, protecting young people who have been subject to stop and frisk.
- Portugal has decriminalized all drugs, largely removing police from the drug business, and it has been a success. Drug use now falls under public-health services, and **HIV-infection rates and overdoses have fallen**.
- In New York, **Common Justice** ‘gives those directly impacted by acts of violence the opportunity to shape what repair will look like, and, in the case of the responsible party, to carry out that repair instead of going to prison.’ Those who participate are survivors of serious felonies—such as being shot, stabbed, or robbed. Only seven percent of responsible parties have been terminated from the program for a new crime.
- Restorative justice has a **long history in Canada**, particularly within Indigenous communities—and has led to a decrease in the number of Indigenous people in the criminal legal and prison systems. Other restorative justice models include **Victim Offender Mediation programs**, which originated in Ontario....”

For the whole article, go to <https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/reimagining-community-safety>.



The following is from an email that the NMAAHC [National Museum of African American History and Culture] sent out on June 1, 2020. It includes a portal with tools for people wanting to have conversations about race, racism, anti-racism, bias and more.

“ ‘Talking About Race’ provides digital tools, online exercises, video instructions, scholarly articles, and more than 100 multimedia resources tailored for educators, parents, and caregivers, as well as individuals committed to racial equality. In releasing this resource now, we hope to help individuals and communities foster constructive dialogues on one of the nation’s most challenging issues: racism, and its corrosive impact.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.



Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 a.m. Homewood Meeting House (downstairs in summer)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House
	<u>BUSINESS MEETING: JULY 5.</u>

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:15 p.m.
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	3rd Sundays , 9:15 a.m.; contact <u>Bess Keller</u> , 410.302.3425
Hospitality—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Ned Worth</u> , 443.600.9380
House & Grounds—OPEN	1st Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u> , 410.458-1835
Library—OPEN	3rd Fridays , 6:30 p.m.; contact <u>Dave Sydlik</u> , 484.264.8489
Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	2nd Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; contact <u>Jo Brown</u> , 717.385.5813
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays ; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays , 7:15 p.m., Meeting House; contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.830.9225
Trustees	3rd Tuesdays ; contact <u>Bess Keller</u> , 410.302.3425

These are the regularly scheduled meeting times for each committee or group. Changes and special meeting times will be announced and/or committee members will be notified (see calendar at homewoodfriends.org). Location is at the Meeting House unless noted. Committees so marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk if you'd like to attend.



Playful Bookbinding and Paper Works

MOST OF OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES are meeting on Zoom until further notice. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to our website homepage at www.homewoodfriends.org. Below are the Zoom URLs and phone numbers. They are also available at <https://homewoodfriends.org/calendar/weekly-schedule/>.

The use of "virtual backgrounds" has been turned off for security.

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time

Every week on Sunday

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065>

Sunday worship is followed at the same URL by

- Administrative Committee (12:15) on the last Sunday of odd-numbered months, and by
- Meeting for Business (12:30) on the first Sunday of each month.
- Social Time after Worship (11:30) every Sunday, length depending upon subsequent regularly scheduled meetings.

Topic: Hymn Singing (currently inactive)

Time: 9:50 AM Eastern Time

First Sunday of the month

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946770527>

Topic: Experiment with Light (Thursday evenings)

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time

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