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# Homewood Friends Meeting Newsletter

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## Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Sixth Query: Home and Family

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

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

Friends have a loving concern for the varieties of supportive relationships that exist. ...We recognize that there are many kinds of domestic living situations in which individuals have made long-term commitments to each other and in which a caring, sharing, supportive relationship can grow. We are all called to make our primary relationships responsible, loving, mutually enabling, and spiritually enriching.

The efforts of making a home should be shared with tender regard for the needs and abilities of all members and appreciation for their unique contributions. As we strive to create the peaceable kingdom at home we need to be particularly careful about anger and its expression. Stressful situations should be addressed openly and lovingly. Anger is an index of our discontent that needs to be heeded and carefully channeled. We should find the difficult middle way between uncontrolled anger, which erupts in violence and oppression, and suppressed anger, which may result in silencing individuals to avoid confrontations, ultimately amounting to a greater violence to all involved. Meetings can help by being open and supportive to victims of anger and abuse as they seek healing even though it may lead through emotional chaos.

Meetings should be aware of situational stresses some families must deal with. Such stresses may arise in any household, but especially where children have only one parent, all the adults work outside the home, families contain members of different faiths, or the household includes ill or infirm elderly members. These families, as well as others in our midst whose members have special needs because of physical or mental illness, developmental disability or handicap, may require extra loving support and sensitivity to their needs.

We need to be mindful of those who, for any reason, live alone. While such individuals often live rich, full lives and contribute much to others, they need to be particularly included in all aspects of the Meeting, for frequently the Meeting is their family. Times and places should be provided for them to find and know each other. Single young adults need reassurance as they make life choices, which may run counter to parental or societal pressures. We also need to be aware of circumstances such as illness or unusual stress, in which those living alone may require assistance or companionship. ...

Finally, Friends should be particularly mindful of the needs of children who are experiencing pain or loss. A Meeting can provide care and understanding, acting as an extended family. Not only are we brothers and sisters in the spirit, but we may be beloved aunts and uncles of all the children in the Meeting. The resilience of the Meeting as a nurturing community encompassing many generations supports each of us throughout the many stages of our lives.

We thank God, then, for the pleasures, joys and triumphs of marriage; for the cups of tea we bring each other, and the seedlings in the garden frame; for the domestic drama of meetings and partings, sickness and recovery; for the grace of occasional extravagance, flowers on birthdays and unexpected presents; for talk at evenings of the events of the day; for the ecstasy of caresses; for gay mockery of each other's follies; for plans and projects, fun and struggle; praying that we may neither neglect nor undervalue these things, nor be tempted to think of them as self-contained and self-sufficient. - London Yearly Meeting, 1959

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<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES</u>: 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 other resources available to the child/teen. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships">https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships</a>. Please send applications to Bess Keller, Trustee.

#### **NEWS OF MEMBERS**

*Quaker Theology*, an online magazine published and edited by Chuck Fager, "has published an excerpt from **George Amoss's memoir** about his teenage and early adult years, specifically his encounter with a repressive church and the draft," Bess Keller informs us. The essay is available at <a href="https://quakertheology.org/from-the-church-the-draft-board-and-me/">https://quakertheology.org/from-the-church-the-draft-board-and-me/</a>.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: 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 <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/calendar/weekly-schedule/">https://homewoodfriends.org/calendar/weekly-schedule/</a>.

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

**SOCIAL TIME AFTER WORSHIP: 11:30 a.m. every Sunday after worship 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.

# **QUAKER VIGIL FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE: BLACK LIVES MATTER:** Friday, June 5, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m. Followed by Information and Action Sharing.

**VIGIL** on street in front of the Meetinghouse, Charles Street and Art Museum Drive. **Sign themes:** Black Lives Matter, We Are All One People, STOP THE KILLING, Root out Racism and similar.

**Info and Action Sharing: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.**, in the Peace Garden. Actions we can take.

→ Physical Distancing applies. Wear your face mask. Invite others.

<u>HYMN SINGING</u> (first Sunday): June 7, 9:50 - 10:10 a.m. on Zoom, led by Dave Sydlik. It's Dave's last time leading the group before he moves to Philadelphia.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS (first Sunday): June 7, 12:30 p.m. on Zoom.

<u>YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING</u> (first Sunday): June 7 on Zoom. Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday): Sunday, June 14, 9:15 on Zoom. We will discuss Walt Whitman's elegy to Lincoln, "When Lilacs Last in the Door-yard Bloom'd," in conjunction with Dan Rodricks' recent column in the *Baltimore Sun* about the poem. These readings are available at <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/adult-religious-ed-materials/">https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/adult-religious-ed-materials/</a>. If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna McKusick a note a <a href="mailto:dmckusick@icloud.com">dmckusick@icloud.com</a>.

**<u>POTLUCK LUNCH</u>** (second Sunday): Canceled until we can gather together.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): June 14, 12:30 - 1:00 p.m. 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): June 28, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters.

<u>MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP</u>: 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.

**<u>FIRST DAY SCHOOL</u>**: During this continuing uncertain period, please read the weekly announcements and emails from John about each week's plans.

If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact John McKusick at 410-830-9225 or John.ca.mckusick@verizon.net or other members of the RE Committee, Joanna Fitzick, Susie Higgins, Kendall Kennison, or Megan Shook.

<u>WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS:</u> The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are needed: **cereal, soup, spaghetti sauce, rice, mac & cheese, 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.

### **GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:**

#### "GOAT NOAT" FOR JUNE 2020

Maryland Legislature: Governor Hogan vetoed the chlorpyrifos ban. He cited a regulatory ban that will be implemented in 2021 and that he says makes the legislation redundant and unnecessary. However, environmental advocates and many legislators are criticizing this approach since regulations can be changed much more easily than legislation. Given the strong support for the ban, there are enough votes to override the governor's veto. However, there is no longer a plan to have a special session of the Assembly, meaning that a veto override would have to wait until January 2021. The Meeting supports the chlorpyrifos ban, and GOAT will ask the Meeting to send a letter to Governor Hogan expressing disapproval of the veto.

<u>The Garden Club</u> has held two spring work sessions. Participants had a very good time and got a lot done. It is wonderful to see how much the garden, now in its second year, has changed.

<u>Solar Panels</u>: The contract with Lumina has been executed. Lumina is working through the permitting process, which has gone more slowly than usual due to the impact of the pandemic. GOAT still aims to have the new solar panels in place this summer.

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

## FCNL PRIORITIES FOR THE 117TH CONGRESS (2021-2022)

The Peace and Social Justice Committee and our FCNL liaison Barbara Bezdek held an FCNL priority setting meeting in May. Six people participated. Below are the seven priorities that they sent to FCNL.

**Priority 1: Cut the pentagon budget substantially.** Stop the modernization of nuclear weapons and delivery systems. Reduce the number of military bases. Reduce international military sales and use of US made weapons. Devote this money to human needs at home.

**Priority 2: Support the Green New Deal** and advocate that the reduction in military spending be connected to funding the Green New Deal.

**Priority 3: Support the Moral Agenda of the Poor People's Campaign** including: equity and high quality in education; policies to end child poverty; decent and affordable housing; restore Fair Housing and Voting Rights acts; inclusive public infrastructure including internet; relief from crushing household, student, and consumer debt; repeal the 2017 tax breaks for the wealthy and reinvest their fair share into public programs for housing, health care, education, jobs, infrastructure, and the social safety net for poor people.

**Priority 4: Seek criminal justice-system reform** that puts crime prevention -- through equitable opportunities for education and employment -- over retribution. Take the profit out of imprisonment, including fee-packing by localities. Support humane re-entry aid. Reduce gun violence.

**Priority 5: Support immigration reform** that requires respect for the rights, safety and dignity of all immigrants, refugees and migrants; eliminate private detention centers, curb ICE and its co-optation of local police.

**Priority 6: Support universal health care** - not mere access to insurance - as a right; whether the path is by public option, expanding Medicare, or single-payer.

**Priority 7: Curb the gross degree of financial influence by industry lobbyists** and magnify sunlight on the role of money in policy, legislation, campaigns. Insist on accountability, oversight, reliable inspectors-general type processes.

Additional comments to FCNL: We look for FCNL to lift up the interconnectedness of the 4 'We Seeks' that guide your work, in legislative and appropriations choices at the federal level. What can FCNL do to convene/join with other moral thought-leaders to shed Light and focus attention on the vast imbalances of legislation on money-in and benefit-out, for rich and poor, on a world free of war, Congress free of the war-mongering influencers, and replacements for weapons and military in congressional-districts economies.

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#### HOMEWOOD COVID-19 STIMULUS CHECKS FOR CHARITY CAMPAIGN

The COVID-19 pandemic is resulting in suffering in our city, nationally and internationally. Stimulus checks are now 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 the link in the form 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 <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/peace-justice/">https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/peace-justice/</a>.

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**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.

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING</u> are much appreciated, particularly during these difficult times when our income has declined significantly. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our donations to designated service organizations. Please mail **checks**, made payable to "Homewood Friends Meeting," to the office (3107 N. Charles St., 21218). **PayPal** is even more convenient and the link 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. Regular payments through your bank or PayPal are particularly helpful, because they provide the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. Thank you.

**SIMPLE LUNCH** is canceled until we can gather together 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 <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/">https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/</a>. Please contact Carol Beck, Mina Brunyate, or Gary Gillespie for more information.

# OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

BYM END OF LIFE WORKING GROUP ON-LINE FORUM: Saturday, June 6, 10:00 a.m. - noon. This forum will initiate a series of conversations that explore difficult topics. Depending on the response, we are prepared to offer multiple future forums to help explore the issues, the needs, and the various responses of Quakers worldwide to this same topic of living and dying well as Friends.

We know that many of us are coping with unarticulated fears about our mortality since the risks of becoming terminally ill are higher during a pandemic. As Friends seeking truth and love in a considered life, we recognize that this virus affords us the opportunity to prioritize our wishes about the end of our life. Especially for older Friends, it probably is already on our minds, however subtle.

The working group has gathered resources and queries that are now uploaded on the BYM website, and has committed to respond to meetings' and individual needs. Among us are trained professionals with years of expertise in multiple areas. More information to follow with registration and Zoom links.

<u>SIXTH MONTH 2020 INTERIM MEETING</u>: Saturday, June 13, Virtual Event by Zoom. Friends who have registered will receive the connection information on Friday, June 12. For more information and to register, go to <a href="https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/sixth20.html">https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/sixth20.html</a>.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING, scheduled for Sunday, June 14, has been canceled. There are no plans to hold a virtual meeting. CQM clerk Janet Abrams clarifies, "We hope to be able to reschedule our gathering at Patuxent for June of 2021. Our planning group will be meeting soon to begin thinking through how we will handle the CQM that is upcoming for the fall. Before the outbreak of the pandemic we had been thinking about a large gathering at Stony Run in early October. Who knows what will be safe at that time? We will let you know about plans as they develop."

QUAKER VOICE OF MARYLAND VIRTUAL EVENT – Year One: Who We are, What We've Done, and How You Can Take Part: June 16, 7:00 p.m. Quaker Voice is hosting this event to connect with Friends across Maryland to share about what our group is, what we accomplished during the 2020 General Assembly, and how Friends in Maryland can join our work. Go to our website (www.quakervoicemd.org) for more information about the event and to RVSP. We ask that you RSVP in advance so we can send you information on how to access our Zoom room. A great place to learn more about Quaker Voice is through our resource page — this page has been recently updated with a letter from our clerk, Molly Mitchell, and a summary of the progress of our legislative priorities during the 2020 General Assembly. If you have any questions you can contact Quaker Voice directly via email (quakervoicemd@gmail.com). Looking forward to "seeing" you there!

**BYM CAMPS ARE CANCELED FOR THE SUMMER.** Jane Megginson, Camp Program Director, writes, "Camp fosters our skills of community and creativity. While we are apart, we know that what makes camp camp is in each of us. It's something we can share with those near and far by singing a song while sweeping, playing a word game while walking, asking each other deep questions and silly questions, reminding each other to drink water and care for our bodies and expressing love openly and often. We look forward to camp opening again in 2021!"

VIRTUAL 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, Program.

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 <a href="https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/">www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/</a> and in the links to the right. Registration is online only and is available at <a href="https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/registration.html">www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/registration.html</a>.

#### AT STONY RUN:

- Special Sharing Times with Stony Run Writers, Open Mike Hour: Sunday, June 7, 4:00 5:00 p.m. This event is the third in a series. Beginning with Marilyn Clark, David Diorio and Isaac Rehert, we'll share shorter pieces of writing. Others are then invited to "go to the mike" with something they've written that will help us to open up to each other with imagination and spirit (no more than 5 to 10 minutes, please).
- Coming to the Table (CTTT) Baltimore Group: Thursday, June 11, 7:00 9:00 p.m. meets via Zoom at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89064126501?pwd=bG1uSGU5TDRVSDdHcy9JU1dlbHJRQT09 Or, dial-in at 929 205 6099. Meeting ID is 890 6412 6501. Password is 295637. CTTT groups provide a forum for the transformative work of undoing racism by meeting regularly for truth-telling, deep dialogue, building relationships, healing, and taking action to dismantle inequitable systems and structures based on "race." The Baltimore group meets on the second Thursday

evening of each month. For more information and/or to get on the Baltimore group's email list, visit https://comingtothetable.org/organizer/md-baltimore/.

## **AT PENDLE HILL:**

**YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (18 - 35) CONFERENCE: Friday, June 5 - 9.** Pendle Hill's annual gathering of young adult (18-35) Friends and seekers has moved online and begins next Friday, June 5. The theme, "Transformative Conflict and Justice," could not be more timely as COVID-19 has both revealed and exacerbated the injustices that plague our society.



Co-coordinators Hannah Mayer and Lina Blount have assembled a team of talented presenters, balancing online and offline activities comfortably and making the program financially accessible (full conference fee is \$40, and daily attendance is \$12). Everything you need to know is here: https://pendlehill.org/learn/continuing-revolution-conference/.

**JOIN US FOR DAILY WORSHIP:** Perhaps you saw our mention in a *New York Times* article, "Can You Gather with God Over Zoom?" The answer is, "Yes!" 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.

\* This article is amazing, with wonderful photos of people in silent worship! Here is the link:

https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/22/arts/quaker-meeting-zoom.html?bblinkid=226053303&bbemailid=21482106&bbejrid=1521200689.

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

<u>FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC)</u>: The 2020 Virtual Gathering, "Sink Down To The Seed Sown In The Heart," will be held **June 28 - July 4, 2020**. **Registration opens on June 1.** 

# QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

# **AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)**

"AFSC condemns police killing of George Floyd and police violence against protesters"

**SAINT PAUL, MN** (May 29, 2020) On May 25, George Floyd – a Black 46-year-old Minneapolis resident – was murdered by white police officer Derek Chauvin and three other officers, Tou Thao, Thomas Lane, and J Alexander Kueng. Floyd's murder sparked widespread condemnation and protests across the Twin Cities and across the country. Protesters were met with tear gas and rubber bullets. Minnesota Governor Tim Walz has deployed the National Guard. The American Friends Service

Committee (AFSC) – a Quaker social justice organization – condemned the killing and the police violence.

"The brutal murder of George Floyd is the consequence of a racist system that disproportionately targets people of color for violence, imprisonment, and premature death," said Shanene Herbert, director of AFSC's Healing Justice program in Saint Paul. "Firing these police officers is not enough. We need resources directed away from the police forces that occupy our communities. We need investment in our young people, in our schools, in our health care, and in transformative forms of justice that address the root causes of harm."

The Healing Justice program works to dismantle the cradle-to-prison pipeline, institute restorative practices in St. Paul Public Schools, conduct circle-keeping training for students and educators, and help young people build an analysis of race and organizing through a bi-annual Freedom School.

Since the murder of George Floyd, the program has been working alongside organizations, individuals, and communities across the Twin Cities to hold space for young people to express themselves and take action. Last night, they held a restorative circle in front of the police precinct, setting up a mic for young people of color to share their grief and anger at the system that allowed this to happen.

AFSC and others have also been organizing to gather and distribute groceries and resources, as communities face the twin hardships of COVID-19 and the destruction of nearby grocery stores. ...

For more, go to <a href="https://www.afsc.org/newsroom/afsc-condemns-police-killing-george-floyd-and-police-violence-against-protesters">https://www.afsc.org/newsroom/afsc-condemns-police-killing-george-floyd-and-police-violence-against-protesters</a>.

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#### FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

"We Lament and Mourn the 100,000 People Lost to COVID-19" By Diane Randall, May 27, 2020

In the United States, 100,000 people; across the globe, 350,000 people. All dead from the COVID-19 pandemic that has hit our country like a tsunami; that has devastated people across the globe. It is a time of cosmic sadness that calls us to pause, to reflect. At FCNL, we join with siblings from many faith communities in a time of mourning, a time of lament for the lives lost, the families in despair, the feeling of hope diminished.

We are called to speak their names, to honor their lives and to renew our strength.

We mourn for the individuals and for their loved ones, for the inability to complete the ritual of death that has religious and community import. Our hearts are broken by the scale of grief and loss that has disproportionately harmed African American, Native American, and Latinex communities and the elderly and medically vulnerable. ...

For more, go to <a href="https://www.fcnl.org/updates/we-lament-and-mourn-the-100-00-people-lost-to-covid-19-2815">https://www.fcnl.org/updates/we-lament-and-mourn-the-100-00-people-lost-to-covid-19-2815</a>.



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# THINKING ABOUT RACE (JUNE 2020): The "We Are Not At-Risk" Campaign

"...AFSC's Youth in Action (YIA) global network [is working] to change perceptions of youth in their respective communities. In 2018, YIA launched the 'We Are Not At-Risk' social-media campaign to transform the words and narrative we use to talk about youth in our everyday conversations: in schools, nonprofits, and other institutions; and in the media.

"'Historically words have been used to oppress Black and brown people and help those in power maintain their power,' says Nia Eubanks-Dixon, AFSC director of youth programs. 'Today, words like 'at-risk,' 'marginalized' and 'minority' are used for the same purposes. Not only do these terms dehumanize youth, they shift blame to young people instead of to the oppressive racist systems that exploit them, their families, and communities.'

"The 'We Are Not At-Risk' campaign was created to call out and change those linguistic behaviors, urging people to take a pledge to rethink their words, attend local education events, and share what they've learned with others."

From the American Friends Service Committee's **Quaker Action**, Spring 2020, "The power of words," by Ronna Bolante, pp. 12-13.

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, <a href="mailto:david.etheridge@verizon.net">david.etheridge@verizon.net</a>.

## 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

**BUSINESS MEETING: JUNE 7.** 

# Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative **Odd months last Sundays** 12:15 p.m.

Green Organizing Action Team 3rd Sundays, 9:15 a.m.; contact Bess Keller, 410.302.3425

(GOAT)-- OPEN

Hospitality—OPEN As called; contact Ned Worth, 443.600.9380

House & Grounds—OPEN **1st Tuesdays** at 7:00 p.m., contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u>, 410.458-

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Library—OPEN **3rd Fridays**, 6:30 p.m.; contact <u>Dave Sydlik</u>,484.264.8489

Peace & Justice Committee— **2nd Sundays** at 1:00 p.m.; contact <u>Jo Brown</u>,717.385.5813

**OPEN** 

Ministry & Counsel 1st Wednesdays; contact Donna McKusick,

410.426.5836

Religious Education—OPEN **2nd Tuesdays,** 7:15 p.m., Meeting House; contact <u>John</u>

McKusick, 410.830.9225

Trustees 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays; contact Bess Keller, 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.

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

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.

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**Topic: Hymn Singing** 

Time: 9:50 AM Eastern Time First Sunday of the month

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

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**Topic:** Experiment with Light (Thursday evenings)

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time Every week on Thursday

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87411498198

Meeting ID: 874 1149 8198

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