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# Homewood Friends Meeting Newsletter

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# Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Ninth Query: The Social Order

Do you promote social justice and make your life a testimony to fair dealing? Do you seek to understand and appreciate differing cultures and social values? Do you support fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, age and other differences? Are you concerned for those in our society who are disadvantaged? Do you take your full share of civic responsibility by voting and giving service? Do you oppose the use of land, labor, technology and capital for human exploitation or in ways destructive to other living things?

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

# **Civic Responsibility**

Friends believe that the aim of government is to preserve a community in which justice, peace, good order and individual development are possible. Members of our Society are also citizens of the community and the nation. Quakerism is not intended to be a refuge from the disturbing events of our times, but rather a source of strength and support in facing them. The free institutions under which we live give many of our members a direct share in the responsibilities of government and in forming a healthy public opinion. ...

Whether or not directly involved in government, we need to consider carefully our responsibilities in influencing legislation and educating fellow citizens on public issues. Friends should work with people in other churches and in the community to bring about desirable ends through the institutional resources of society.

From the beginning, Friends have found that loyalty to God results at times in refusal of the demands of the state, as in opposition to war and unjust laws, and have supported decisions of conscience taken by individual Friends. Before deciding on a course which involves civil disobedience, a Friend should consult with persons of trusted judgment who have sympathy with the individual's sense of duty. Clearness committees within the Meeting are valuable in such situations.

#### **Vocational and Financial Decisions**

The relationships, decisions, and actions of our working lives should reflect a calling to the service of God. Our witness will be unconvincing unless we seek and heed Divine guidance. Individual leadings vary with differences in talents and interests. Each Friend's talents, however, should be fully used.

Investment of assets and consumption of resources require our careful stewardship. As Friends we can direct our investments toward socially desirable ends, avoiding speculation and activities wasteful or harmful to others. We seek to participate constructively and without greed in the economic life of the community. We should refrain from undue accumulation of wealth as well as irresponsible borrowing.

Friends' Meetings and concerns require money and time. Non-pastoral Meetings do not need as much financial support as churches with paid ministers, but our concerns do call for considerable funding. We are required to give generously of our time, since our way of serving the Spirit depends on our personal efforts. For every Friend, the responsibility to give generously of both money and time is real. Monthly Meetings should provide regular opportunities for us to discuss our practices in the use of money and time. Wills should be made and periodically revised with care. This avoids difficulties for heirs and beneficiaries. The needs of our own family members and the merits of contributions to worthy causes should be considered in a spirit of love. Selection of a capable and understanding executor is encouraged.

# **Social Responsibility**

The basic Quaker trust in the Light within leads to our trust in the inherent dignity and sacredness of each person. This trust, combined with our Society's own history of persecution, underlies our social witness.

Some concerns which once drew the witness of Friends are obsolete today, but still we have many challenges. War, violence in streets and homes, injustice in the justice system, prejudice and discrimination, the plights of starving, homeless and disadvantaged people, and business conduct which involves exploitation of people or nature's resources all these still call us to action in obedience to the Spirit.

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TRUSTEES FUNDING TO ATTEND QUAKER EVENTS: Trustees Committee has funds to support children and adults who would like to participate in Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. Members and regular attenders may apply at any time, and may be given at maximum one grant per calendar year. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarship.

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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 in our weekly announcements.

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

<u>SOCIAL TIME AFTER WORSHIP</u>: 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.

<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.

**FRIDAY PEACE VIGILS CONTINUE: 5:00 p.m. every Friday** in front of the meetinghouse. **6 p.m.:** Information and resource sharing on meetinghouse steps. Physical distancing applies. Wear your mask.



Look at our new sign!

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, September 6, 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

<u>YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING</u> (first Sunday): September 6 on Zoom. Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) for details.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT BURIAL GROUND: Tuesday, September 8 and 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., 2506 Harford Rd. (note the earlier time due to the shortening days). Outdoor worship at the Burial Ground meets biweekly on Tuesday evenings at the Burial Ground. Weather may interfere, in which case worship is cancelled if it is raining or forecast at 5 p.m. \*\*Please bring a chair (or pick one up at the shed), park on the street (unless mobility issues require parking on the loop), bring bug spray (and

be mindful it may disturb others), masks and social distancing apply (at least until we settle), bring water bottle.\*\*

<u>QUAKER BOOK CLUB</u> (second Sunday): September 13, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. Quaker Book Club will resume with a discussion of Pendle Hill Pamphlet 383, *Answering the Call to Heal the World* by Patience A. Schenck. Donna McKusick will send out a PDF of the pamphlet. If you would like to order a hard copy, go to <a href="https://pendlehill.org/product-category/view-all/">https://pendlehill.org/product-category/view-all/</a>. The price is \$7.00 plus shipping.

If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna McKusick a note a dmckusick@icloud.com.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): September 13, 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.

# <u>THRESHING SESSION</u> to continue discussion regarding the Peace and Social Justice racism minute: Sunday, September 20, 12:30 p.m.

From "Meeting Space Threshing Process" by Martha Niemann (https://ecquakers.org/article/meeting-space-threshing-process):

The purpose of a threshing session is to provide a forum where Friends may hear one another's truths, a variety of differing opinions, and absorb information around a complex, controversial, or emotionally charged issue. Expression of diversity of opinion is welcomed and is one of the goals. The overriding desire is to sort out what is important from the multiplicity of available information and opinion. The threshing session differs from a typical Meeting for Business and Worship in that Friends are urged to express themselves openly and passionately; Friends may speak more than once, speak to a point previously made, or ask a question. It is more helpful to the Meeting to address difficult issues openly, rather than to hold back for fear of offending. "Hesitancy to share a strong conviction because it may offend someone, reflects a lack of trust." (Quaker Process for Friends on the Benches, Mathilda Navias).

This trust in each other is what makes community strong. We can be open and honest with each other if we trust that all will hold the other in tenderness, remembering that there is that of God in everyone.

Here are some helpful ground rules:

- -No decision will be made in this gathering.
- -Come with a sense of humility and openness to new insights and to learn about differing experiences.
- -Listen to each person and receive their thoughts.
- -Each person has the opportunity to declare what he or she is thinking, feeling, and perceiving.
- -Speak from personal experience.

Some practicalities should be noted. Full notice of the planned threshing session will be given to all, in order to allow full participation. No minutes will be developed from the session; however, notes may be taken to capture ideas and information that may be useful in later decision-making. A recommendation may be forwarded to the meeting for worship with attention to business for further

discernment. Length of the session is approximately 2 hours; if more time is needed for all to be heard, extension or additional sessions can be made.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): September 27, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sunday, September 27, 12:15 p.m. on Zoom.

# **FIRST DAY SCHOOL:**

- 1. **Stony Run Walk on 8/23:** Eight First Day School students and their parents enjoyed a guided "amble and scramble" along the Stony Run stream in Wyman Park on Sunday morning the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August. Stan Becker, who lives across the street from the park, provided a guided walk that focused on the human history of this lovely shady area, once the site of a railroad, mills, and a bridge. Stan helped the students see clues about what activities occurred in the past. Nori, our youngest explorer, found railroad artifacts a bit of coal, part of a wooden tie, and a metal bolt. It was nice to be walking, learning, and chatting with Friends and friends in the cool of the morning.
- 2. **Campfire Program:** Be on the lookout for a campfire program for First Day School kids and their parents in mid-September. More details soon!
- 3. **Opening Day on either 9/20 or 9/27:** The RE Committee is working out details for this annual event. We anticipate that it will be either outdoors (ala the Closing Event in late June) or via Zoom. More details coming soon!

<u>WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS:</u> 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.

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."

# 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

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

#### "GOAT NOAT" FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

# Look at our new solar panels!



The Meetinghouse now has 52 solar panels, half installed in 2010 and the other half this summer of 2020. The new panels more than double the array's potential for producing electricity to more than 100% of our need. Photo by Gary Gillespie

#### Fossil-Fuel Disinvestment: What About Homewood's Endowment?

GOAT asked Trustees how much of the Meeting's investments are in fossil-fuel-related holdings. In other words, to what degree is Homewood disinvested? The short answer is Homewood is almost entirely disinvested – less than a half of a percent of the Meeting's total public investment holdings *might* be fossil-fuel related.

The meeting has an endowment of approximately 2 million dollars, all but a small portion of it invested through three companies specializing in socially responsible investments. Socially responsible investments have been typically screened for their environmental, social, and business-governance impacts.

More than six years ago, Homewood's Trustees Committee took a big step toward disinvestment by switching the Meeting's portfolio of holdings with Trillium Asset Management to that firm's "green strategy." The strategy both eliminated fossil-fuel-related corporations from the portfolio and emphasized investments to grow the green business sector.

More recently, Trustees moved about a third of the Meeting's holdings with Friends Fiduciary from their standard mutual fund to their "green" fund. Then, this summer, Friends Fiduciary announced that its standard fund was joining its green fund in removing all fossil-fuel-related enterprises. Thus all of our Friends Fiduciary money is also fossil-fuel free.

Homewood's remaining investments are in a mutual fund comprised of mutual funds, all run by Impax Asset Management. Two of the funds are part of the investment firm's SmartCarbon strategy, which includes no fossil-fuel-related businesses and emphasizes the green economy. All but one of the remaining funds in Homewood's mutual fund are fossil-fuel free. The one fund that may not be fossil-fuel free represents less than 1.2% of our holdings with Impax. --Bess Keller, 2020-8-23

# **Baltimore County Recycling News**

Good news for residents of Baltimore County. The County recently announced that it has entered into a 10 year agreement with a glass recycling company in Pennsylvania. The County will pick up glass through its single stream recycling program as it has been doing, but for the first time in seven years the County will actually sell it to a recycling company. For the last seven years, the glass set out for recycling pickup was put into the land fill. See the Baltimore Sun article at <a href="Baltimore County Resumes Glass Recycling Program">Baltimore County Resumes Glass Recycling Program</a>. –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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the Library (presently on Zoom). We would love to hear your questions,

# OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

# **CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING** is not scheduled to meet.

# <u>FALL SPIRITUAL FORMATION RETREAT</u>: Friday, September 18 - Saturday, September 19 via Zoom.

How can I see "goodness"? Where is the "land of the living"? Am I there? Or have I allowed myself to be overtaken by worry amidst uncertainty, confusion amidst perplexity, and despair amidst suffering? The prophets and mystics of the world's wisdom traditions would recognize the times in which we are living - they lived them too. But they knew the pathways of returning, rest, quietness, and trust. Perhaps these are our way back to the land of the living?

Join with Friends across Baltimore Yearly Meeting for a weekend retreat that offers time for reflection and renewal, quiet and spiritual friendship, chanting and celebration. We'll gather via Zoom for times of whole group listening, small group sharing, and encountering wisdom in and with one another.

We'll gather as a whole group on Friday evening from 6:30 - 8:30; on Saturday morning, we'll have some guided reflections to prepare us for a gathering from 1:00 - 3:00 in the afternoon. An optional session on Saturday from 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. will provide a Q&A session for Friends planning to begin or renew a local Spiritual Formation Group. The retreat will close with a final whole-group gathering Saturday evening from 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

To register, go to <a href="https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/spiritform/">https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/spiritform/</a>. Presently, no one from Homewood is registered for Spiritual Formation, but Susan Russell Walters can refer you to other meetings.

<u>CALLED BYM INTERIM MEETING</u>: 10:00 a.m., September 26 on Zoom. This meeting will be in addition to the scheduled Eleventh Month Interim Meeting on November 7 in an effort to handle our business in shorter meetings.

The September Called Interim Meeting will include reports by three staff members. Please consult with the Clerk of Interim Meeting if your committee or working group wishes to be on the agenda.

To register, go to https://www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/ninth20.html. Only Friends who have registered will receive the connection link in the evening of the 25th.

#### AT STONY RUN:

Mark G. Meadows & The Movement concert: Saturday, October 24, 7:30 p.m. in the comfort of your home via Zoom. The 2020 Jazz concert features a musician on a mission to create a unifying sound that breaks through social barriers. \*While tickets are free, donations to Stony Run for the benefit of United Efforts are gratefully accepted.



# **AT PENDLE HILL:**

**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. Zoom: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 432 071 090

**Divine Exploration:** A Spiritual Journey for Women: Friday, September 18 - Sunday, September 20, via Zoom. An online "playshop" with Saundra Gilliard. Take a sacred journey through the feminine aspects of the Divine. Learn how to use storytelling, play, art, and meditation as natural excavation tools. Examine sacred sources. Identify uniquely feminine aspects of nature. Scrutinize cultural and social indoctrination into Divine sacredness. Explore practices and techniques that embrace and embody the Divine Feminine. Use these new discoveries to uncover buried aspects of the Divine Feminine within. At the end of the exploration, participants can use their experiences and discoveries to cultivate an authentic spiritual practice that is in alignment with their personal beliefs and reflective of their personal being. Limit of 25. For more information and to register, go to <a href="https://pendlehill.org/events/divine-exploration-a-spiritual-journey-for-women/">https://pendlehill.org/events/divine-exploration-a-spiritual-journey-for-women/</a>.

Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2020: The Road to Pendle Hill. Saturday, September 19, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Free and open to the public (registration required!). Thomas D. Hamm, Professor of History, the Trueblood Chair in Christian Thought, and Director of Special Collections at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana. Ninety years ago, American Quakers embarked on an almost unprecedented experiment, to open a study center that would meld

contemplation and activism and focus Quaker energies to advance what they called "The Kingdom of God." But the road to Pendle Hill was complicated. That road led through both England and North America. Along the way, it included encounters with chocolate, the Salvation Army, Bible colleges, communitarians committed to folk dancing and goat herding, Harvard professors, and Quakers behaving badly, as well as, of course, a variety of luminous Friends. This Cary Lecture will tell the story of how a central Quaker institution, Pendle Hill, came to be founded. For more information and to register, go to <a href="https://pendlehill.org/events/stephen-g-cary-memorial-lecture-2020-the-road-to-pendle-hill/">https://pendlehill.org/events/stephen-g-cary-memorial-lecture-2020-the-road-to-pendle-hill/</a>.

# **QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY**

# FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM)

Letter from Nikki Holland, Belize Friends Ministries Director (see the full letter at <a href="https://mailchi.mp/bad9418ad90a/its-spring-outside-2315072?e=e3e33884ff">https://mailchi.mp/bad9418ad90a/its-spring-outside-2315072?e=e3e33884ff</a>):

# Glances from the year

This has been, by far, my wildest first year of anything ever. In this year, I finished seminary and successfully graduated. We hired staff and came together as a team. I learned that one of my jobs as a Christian is to find joy in every single day. We received a work team. We responded to a global pandemic. I fell in love with 30 teenagers. I have listened to more hip hop music than ever in my life before. I learned about navigating bureaucracy and basic fund accounting principles. I learned how to lead staff meetings and how to write grants. I watched my family adjust over and over again to the many changes that have happened this year. We have also gone swimming and cave tubing and ziplining. While kayaking, I was terrified by a strange, long, feathery fin—that turned out to be the wing of a diving sea bird. I heard a neighbor shoot at a crocodile that was hunting his dogs, and another neighbor brought us freshly caught red snapper.



I enjoyed many hours riding with Oscar as we filed government paperwork, worked with youth, and delivered food and schoolwork packages.

I have preached sermons and spent many hours offering pastoral care and counseling. I have also been ministered to and fed and cared for. I have baked many, many batches of funfetti cupcakes to celebrate birthdays and graduations. I have watched kids work really hard to keep themselves in school, graduate, and find their ways to high school. I have handled crises and cried myself to sleep. I have learned that I never run out of ways to tell people that I love them, that they are precious, and that they matter. ...

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

Thursdays with Friends: Bi-Weekly Virtual Conversation

By Dianne Randall

Thursdays with Friends is a brief 30-minute community chat on issues that Quakers and people of faith are compelled to continue to work on, whatever the circumstances we find ourselves in.

This online community conversation will be conducted via Zoom, using enhanced security protocols, and live streamed on YouTube and Facebook. It airs every other Thursday from 4:00-4:30 p.m. EDT.

Thursdays with Friends is hosted by FCNL General Secretary Diane Randall. It will feature FCNL lobbyists and Friends.

Whether we are gathered in person or online, we are convinced by our faith and experience to continue building the peaceful, just, equitable, and sustainable global community we seek.

#### **September 3: Congress After Recess and Before the Election**

Featuring special guest Amelia Kegan, FCNL Legislative Director for Domestic Policy. Register here.

# **September 17: The Resurrection of Landmines**

Featuring special guest Ursala Knudsen-Latta, FCNL Legislative Representative for Peacebuilding. Register here.

#### October 1: The State of Native America

Featuring special guest Kerri Colfer, FCNL Congressional Advocate for Native American Policy. Register here.

# October 15: Women, Children, and Peace in Afghanistan

Featuring special guest Shukria Dellawar, FCNL's Legislative Associate for the Prevention of Violent Conflict and the Coordinator of the Prevention and Protection Working Group. Register here.

# **November 5: Finding Justice in Police Reform**

Featuring special guest José Santos Woss, FCNL Legislative Manager for Criminal Justice and Election Integrity. Register here.

# **Recordings**

View past event recordings via our Thursdays with Friends YouTube Playlist.

For more, go to https://www.fcnl.org/updates/thursdays-with-friends-2695.

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#### THINKING ABOUT RACE (SEPTEMBER 2020): White Supremacy Culture

Have you ever wondered how to characterize "white culture," or if there is such a thing? This widely circulated paper by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun focuses on organizations — which can include faith groups. "White supremacy culture" refers to a culture where white people are mostly in charge and where white people are considered normal.

"This is a list of characteristics of white supremacy culture that show up in our organizations. Culture is powerful precisely because it is so present and at the same time so very difficult to name or identify. The characteristics listed below are damaging because they are used as norms and standards without being proactively named or chosen by the group. They are damaging because they promote white supremacy thinking. Because we all live in a white supremacy culture, these characteristics show up in the attitudes and behaviors of all of us – people of color and white people. Therefore, these attitudes and behaviors can show up in any group or organization, whether it is white-led or predominantly white or people of color-led or predominantly people of color."

- 1. Perfectionism
- 2. Right to comfort
- 3. Fear of open conflict
- 4. Defensiveness
- 5. Quantity over quality
- 6. Worship of the written word
- 7. Only one right way
- 8. Paternalism
- 9. Either/or thinking
- 10. Power hoarding
- 11. Individualism
- 12. I'm the only one
- 13. Progress is bigger, more
- 14. Objectivity
- 15. Sense of urgency

The paper contains descriptions of each of these 15 characteristics as well as "antidotes" to them. It is online at https://www.dismantlingracism.org/uploads/4/3/5/7/43579015/okun\_-\_white\_sup\_culture.pdf . From Dismantling Racism: A Workbook Social Change Groups. The paper's title is "The Characteristics of White Supremacy Culture," by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun, ChangeWork, 2001. Okun is now with the organization Dismantling Racism. This website has many other resources.

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

**BUSINESS MEETING: SEPTEMBER 6.** 

# 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 Susan Johns Smith, 410.458-

1835

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

Peace & Justice Committee— every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.; contact Louise Hopkins,

OPEN 443.996.4133

Ministry & Counsel 1st Wednesdays; contact Donna McKusick,

410.426.5836

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

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.

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 <a href="https://www.homewoodfriends.org">www.homewoodfriends.org</a>. 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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065</a>

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: <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946770527">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85946770527</a>

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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

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#### **Topic:** Experiment with Light (Sunday mornings)

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

Join Zoom Meeting:

https://zoom.us/j/674015039

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#### Topic: Holding in the Light People Affected by Violence in Baltimore

Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

Join Zoom Meeting: https://zoom.us/j/902429904

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#### **Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Club**

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

Join Zoom Meeting: <a href="https://zoom.us/j/137694555">https://zoom.us/j/137694555</a>

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(Toll) numbers for voice-only telephone access:

646 558 8656 US (New York)

312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

669 900 9128 US (San Jose)

253 215 8782 US

301 715 8592 US

346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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