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Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the First Query: on meetings for worship

Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged? Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways?

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

Meeting for Worship

The meeting for worship is the heart of every Friends Meeting. Baltimore Yearly Meeting generally has unprogrammed worship based on waiting in silence, and founded on faith that human beings can commune directly with God. In expectant silence we strive to center inwardly. Each is aided by the seeking of others, so that worship becomes a corporate experience.

Friends approach the meeting for worship confidently, believing that God speaks directly to us, revealing Divine Will and guiding those who listen. Each worshiper becomes a listener ready to receive God's message, which may come in the silence or in spoken words. The divine manifests itself to individuals in many ways.

While Friends in the several branches have varying forms of worship, even unprogrammed Meetings have elements of accepted practice. All Friends seek to avoid the stultification which can arise from dependence on ritual and outward sacraments. The simplicity of Friends' worship results from an emphasis on the reality of the inward experience. Direct communion with God the experience of the Holy Spirit makes the observance of outward rites unnecessary.

Worship requires discipline of mind and heart, and heeding the Holy Spirit over and above our worldly concerns. Daily meditation and prayer, study of the Bible and other writings of spiritual inspiration, and striving to live each day in harmony with the Divine Will help to prepare minds and hearts for the consciousness of the presence of God in worship.

With diligence meet together, and with diligence wait to feel the Lord God to arise, to scatter and expel all that which is the cause of leanness and barrenness upon any soul; for it is the Lord must do it, and he will be waited upon in sincerity and fervency of Spirit; ...and let none be hasty to utter words, though

manifest in the light in which ye wait upon the Lord; but still wait in silence, to know the power 2 working in you to bring forth the words, in the ministration of the eternal word of life to answer the life in all. (Stephen Crisp, 1663)

Vocal Ministry

Waiting upon the Holy Spirit in silent expectation and prayer is the basis of our meeting for worship. Vocal ministry should arise out of a sense of being inwardly moved to share a message aloud. Sometimes a message is not ripe yet, or comes clearly but is meant only for the person receiving it, not for the group. Some Friends are led to speak frequently, and others only rarely; yet the timid or brief message of one who seldom speaks may be as moving and helpful as that of a more practiced speaker. The experienced speaker should be watchful not to speak too often or at undue length. No Friend should come to meeting for worship with an intention to speak or not to speak.

The most satisfactory vocal ministry arises out of a leading that is felt in the silence so strongly that it cannot be ignored. It should be delivered with as few words as possible, yet as many as necessary. Vocal prayer offered on behalf of the gathered meeting can also bring us into closer harmony with God.

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.**

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.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Ministry and Counsel Committee continues to 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.** Fridays in front of the meetinghouse.
- **6 p.m.:** Information and resource sharing on meetinghouse steps.
- Physical distancing applies. Wear your mask.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, January 3, 12:30 p.m. via Zoom.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) GATHERING (first Sunday): January 3 on Zoom. Contact Shelby Kalm (shelbykalm@gmail.com) or Michael Fell (michaelfell03@gmail.com) for details.

WORKING FOR CHANGE: RACIAL EQUITY AT HOMEWOOD

From Donna McKusick, on behalf of the Change Group

How to be an Anti-Racist. On Saturday, January 9th, Homewood will be holding a virtual presentation/workshop called “How to be an Anti-Racist” by Clinton Pettus, member of Stony Run and past director at AFSC. Here is a description of the event:

Is being an anti-racist synonymous with not being a racist? What am I called to do if I seek to be an anti-racist?

What should my Meeting be called to do? These are queries that will guide the presentation.

Clinton conducted focus groups of POC who attended Quaker meetings in the BYM area, asking them about their experiences, and wrote a report on his findings, available at https://1drv.ms/b/s!Al9PkEtg7286jc9_urv8IwCXgezU0_A?e=2NGw2f.

Please contact Donna McKusick at dmckusick@icloud.com if you would like to participate.

JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS VIRTUAL VISIT: Sunday, January 10. The JYF had been scheduled to gather at Homewood this weekend. In lieu of that face to face gathering, they will join us in meeting for worship on Zoom. Please give them a warm welcome.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday): January 10, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom. We will discuss Pendle Hill pamphlet 465: *Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice* by Harold D. Weaver Jr. You can order a pamphlet for \$7.00 + shipping at <https://pendlehill.org/product/race-systemic-violence-and-retrospective-justice/>. We will discuss the pamphlet for a few months. If you would like to be on the Quaker Book Club mailing list, please send Donna a note at dmckusick@icloud.com.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): January 10, 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.

A MOST BEAUTIFUL THING SCREENING: Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Please join the Outreach Team for a screening of the documentary *A Most Beautiful Thing*, followed by a short discussion. At 7 p.m. join this Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84923709043?pwd=TTM5NjV5U3dvOThudEZ1M21NYkh4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 849 2370 9043

Passcode: 986244

After we gather on Zoom at 7 p.m., if you are an Amazon Prime Member, you may watch the film with the group through a Watch Party link. If you do not have an Amazon Prime account you may watch the film at no charge on Peacock:

<https://www.peacocktv.com/signin?return=%2Fwatch%2Fasset%2Fmovies%2Fdocumentary%2Fa-most-beautiful-thing%2F48b95070-c08a-35d9-afc0-c093df9b47a9>.

For more information about this documentary go to <https://www.amostbeautifulthing.com/>. Questions about this Outreach Team event? Email Cathy Hanson at hanson.cathleen@gmail.com.

BLACK LIVES MATTER CARAVAN: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, January 18, 2021.

Join the car caravan through the city to celebrate Black Lives Matter on MLK Day. COVID 19 can't stop our witness in this BLM car caravan. Mark your calendar. Plan to join us. Details to follow.

Sponsored by the BLM Planning Team. Contact person is ryansattler@comcast.net - 717 891-6156.

(Submitted by the Peace and Social Justice Committee)

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): January 24, 9:15 a.m. on Zoom, led by Susan Russell Walters.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sunday, January 31, 12:15 p.m. on Zoom.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: What would/did Jesus do/say?

We hope that you enjoyed the Nativity story performed by puppets made by the children and voiced by the kids via Zoom. Bravo to Maddie Doll, our First Day School teacher, for guiding the challenging process from start to performance.

Now that Jesus has been born successfully, First Day School students will be learning about Jesus, the boy and man. Do you have a personally meaningful, important, or instructive story about Jesus, his life, or teachings that you would like us to share with the children in First Day School? Please send suggestions to John McKusick, Religious Education Clerk at John.ca.mckusick@verizon.net. Thank you!

INVITATION TO JOIN THE MEETINGHOUSE CENTENARY AD HOC COMMITTEE: The Homewood Friends Meetinghouse at 3107 North Charles Street was opened in the fall of 1921. An ad hoc committee has formed to plan a celebration with events and activities in the fall of 2021 and the winter of 2022, one hundred years after the first meeting for worship in the building was held. The Meetinghouse Centenary Ad Hoc Committee is seeking Friends to serve. Do you enjoy planning celebratory and/or educational events? Do you have experience with putting together visual displays? Do you find it intriguing to learn about and share local history? Would you like to talk with our elders and in fact people of all ages, to collect stories of the life of Homewood Friends Meeting in our nearly 100 year old home? If you would like to learn more about the committee or volunteer to serve, please contact Sarah Bur, Meeting Presiding Clerk (sarahbur2@gmail.com), and/or John McKusick, Ad Hoc Committee Convenor (john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net).



OUTDOOR WORSHIP AT BURIAL GROUND will resume in the spring.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are needed: **spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, hearty soups, canned vegetables, 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."*

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

"GOAT NOAT" FOR JANUARY 2021

In last month's GOAT Noat, we introduced a key legislative initiative that will be considered by the General Assembly starting in January. Climate Solutions Now is a multifaceted bill that addresses pollution reduction from several sources, transition to a green economy, and environmental justice for vulnerable communities. The major elements of Climate Solutions Now include:

- Increasing Maryland's greenhouse gas reduction mandate to 60% by 2030 and net zero by 2045;
- Charging the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities with determining what percentage of Maryland's climate funding must be spent in overburdened, underserved communities;
- Creating a Worker Transition work group that will convene leaders in labor, industry, and policy makers to make recommendations to protect fossil fuel workers;
- Planting 5 million trees, including 500,000 trees in underserved, urban communities;
- Increasing Maryland's annual energy efficiency gains from 2% a year to 3% a year;
- Improving air quality monitoring at landfills;
- Requiring new State buildings to be net neutral and require efficiency gains in large residential and commercial buildings;
- Purchasing new electric vehicles as the Maryland fleet turns over;
- Prohibiting highway widening and unproven carbon capture and storage technology as emissions reduction pathways in our state climate planning; and
- Requiring accurate accounting of methane impacts and the use of best available scientific information in our climate plans.

More specific information on the legislation and efforts to pass it will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. GOAT anticipates bringing a recommendation on support for this bill to the Monthly Meeting for Business in February 2021. More information can be found on the Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) website: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/i-support-climate-solutions-now/>. CCAN is one of the four organizations focusing on the environment receiving monetary support from

Homewood. Others are Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake (IPC), Interfaith Power and Light (IPL), and Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW).

Members of GOAT include Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Carol Beck, Stan Becker, Polly Heninger, Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Rachael Neill. We would welcome anyone interested in environmental work joining us!

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.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

BYM WOMEN'S RETREAT: The BYM Women's Retreat will not be in person this year. Although this comes as no surprise, we will greatly miss our annual winter opportunity to gather in fellowship. Friends Meeting of Washington, which was lined up to plan the 2021 retreat, has graciously agreed to plan 2022 with the hope that we will be able to meet in person by then.

In lieu of a retreat in 2021, the **Women's Retreat Working Group** will offer an **online Meeting for Worship and time for connection on Saturday, February 6th, from 10 a.m.-noon**. Mark your calendars! The Zoom link will be sent out closer to the date. The Working Group consists of Inga Erickson, Dana Mitra, and Yuri Plowden. [Click here to send a message to the Women's Retreat Working Group.](#)

BYM CAMPS WILL BE OPEN IN 2021: Registration begins for all campers **January 15th at 7:00 p.m. EST!** For more information, go to <https://bymcamps.org/>.

NEW BYM CAMPING PROGRAM MANAGER: Baltimore Yearly Meeting is excited to announce that Brian Massey will be the new Camping Program Manager. Brian grew up attending Shiloh Quaker Camp and Teen Adventure, and worked for the camps for several years. He brings a deep passion for the BYM Camps that he describes as having shaped “my beliefs around community and guiding all of my work with youth.”



He has shown a commitment to diversity and inclusion in all of his work and wants to build new relationships with new communities to share how BYM Camps can be “an indispensable model of how the world can be, how the world should be, if we engage each moment with integrity, creativity, compassion, and joy.” Brian will be working intensively with outgoing Camp Program Manager Jane Megginson and the Camping Program Committee to plot a course for the 2021 camp season through the challenges of COVID-19, the 2020 closure, and all of the challenges ahead.

RECOMMENDED READING FROM STRIDE (in their December newsletter):

[Returning the Land: Indigenous leaders on the growing 'landback' movement and their fight for climate justice](#) By Claire Elise Thompson for Grist

[Land Reparations & Indigenous Solidarity Toolkit](#) by Resource Generation

[Toward Right Relationship With Native Peoples Project Resource Kit](#) via Boulder Friends Meeting, Colorado

[An Absence That Marks A Presence: Mapping Baltimore's Historic Lumbee Community](#) On the Record, WYPR. *Continue to learn about Indigenous communities in Baltimore. Ashely Minner is an exciting local folklorist and artist!*

BYM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

General Secretary (Chief Executive)

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (BYM) is seeking a General Secretary. This executive position provides spirit-led, strategic leadership to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The charge includes planning, supervising staff, raising funds, and monitoring programs, finances, and property.

The General Secretary works to strengthen a culture of consultation, accountability, outreach, and inclusion, in keeping with BYM's commitment to be an antiracist faith community.

The successful candidate should have a demonstrated commitment to the Quaker beliefs and practices that guide the work of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, demonstrate success working within an organization that includes committee decision-making and consultative processes, and at least five years of experience with staff supervision, fiscal oversight, and program administration. The role requires excellent interpersonal skills, and evening and weekend meetings and events.

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting office is located in Sandy Spring, Maryland. Once it is safe to do so, we anticipate the General Secretary returning to the office on a full-time basis.

[The full announcement and job description is available here.](#)

BYM is striving to ensure that its leadership and staff reflect the full diversity of our region. People of all genders and ethnicities, especially people of color and women, are encouraged to apply.

To apply: interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to the Search Committee at bym.gs.search@gmail.com. Please use the subject line “General Secretary Candidate” and include both cover letter and resume as attachments with your name in the file names. **Deadline to apply is January 31, 2021.**

Catoctin Quaker Camp Caretaker

Baltimore Yearly Meeting is seeking applicants to fill the position of Caretaker at Catoctin Quaker Camp in Thurmont, MD. The Caretaker is the onsite arm of the Camp Property Management Committee (CPMC). He or she provides a year-round presence at the camp, cares for the facility, and makes it ready for summer camp and for the groups who rent the facilities in spring and fall. The Caretaker should be an individual who enjoys living in a remote area and who is willing to work within the Friends process of decision-making. The caretaker should be a self-starter who enjoys initiating projects in consultation with a committee and the Camp Property Manager (CPM). More information is available at https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/campproperty/caretakerjob.html.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING EDUCATIONAL GRANTS AVAILABLE!

The BYM Educational Grants Committee is accepting applications for the 2021-2022 academic year from members or regular attenders of Monthly Meetings associated with BYM (or from their children). Grants may be applied to expenses associated with undergraduate attendance at accredited post-secondary educational institutions. Attendance may be either full or part time. Grants will be awarded based on multiple criteria, including financial need and the Committee's assessment of an applicant's statement of purpose and its consistency with Friends' testimonies. Grant limits are up to \$2,000 per grantee per year, for a cumulative total of \$8,000. **Applications will be accepted between January 1, 2021 and April 23, 2021.** Award decisions will be made in May and notifications sent by early June. For further information or if you have questions, please contact the Yearly Meeting Office at 301-774-7663 or online at www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/edloan.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING is on hiatus.

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AT PENDLE HILL:

Chanting as a Communal Spiritual Practice for Friends: Jan 8-10, 2021 (Friday 7:30 p.m. to Sunday noon), with Paulette Meier and Tony Martin via Zoom.

From time immemorial, people have sung and chanted together to lift spirits, to heal suffering, to unify souls, and to come closer to God. Sufi wisdom says that chant is the bridge between sound and silence. In this workshop, we will build and cross that bridge together. Drawing on chants from Paulette's two albums, *Timeless Quaker Wisdom in Plainsong* and *Wellsprings of Life*, as well as chants from other sources and traditions, both ancient and modern, we will embody these spiritually supportive words in our deep memories. Since online chanting in real time is not possible, we will be listening to recordings with multiple voices for a fuller sound as we chant along at home. An opportunity for composing new chants from beloved texts will be provided and we may also make recordings of our own voices as well. Friends of all musical abilities are welcome!

More information is available at <https://pendlehill.org/events/chanting-as-a-communal-spiritual-practice-for-friends/>.

Aiming for Justice: Race Reparations and Right Paths: Feb 1-26, 2021, with K. Melchor Quick Hall via Zoom. 3 times a week - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - for 4 weeks. The sessions happen each day from noon to 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

This year's virtual workshop responds to ongoing health, economic, and racial crises by providing a brave space where US-based, white inheritors of wealth can enact partial and imperfect race-based redistributive justice. Honoring the legacy of Black neighborhoods that have been targeted in a white

supremacist state, participants will commit and transfer money to legacy Black residents from two neighborhoods impacted by gentrification. In order for the workshop to happen, registrants must commit \$20,000 collectively. Prior workshop participants will facilitate a series of pre-workshop monthly discussions about charity vs. justice (on November 7), the inheritance advantage (on December 12), and preparing for a popular education experience (on January 9). Each discussion will take place 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, with invitations sent to all registered participants. We hope that you will register soon and take advantage of these pre-workshop conversations. Go to <https://pendlehill.org/events/aiming-for-justice-race-reparations-and-right-paths-3/> for more information.

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

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QUAKER VOLUNTARY SERVICE: APPLY NOW



For more information and to apply, go to <https://quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply/>.

YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE CALENDAR

- **February 26 - 28, 2021**, Charlottesville Friends Meeting
- **April 16 - 18, 2021**, Gunpowder Friends Meeting

To register, go to https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/yfs/yfcon.html .

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

From the THURSDAYS WITH FRIENDS Series:

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE: JANUARY 7, 2021, 4 - 4:30 P.M. | ONLINE

FCNL believes that health care is a right. We seek a world where all people have adequate resources to maintain their health, where health care is supported by the federal government, and where health outcomes are considered in all matters of public policy. What does a just public health response look like in 2021? To register, go to <https://act.fcnl.org/event/thursdays-with-friends/1919/?source=fcnlweb>

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

UPDATE: Emergency response to hurricanes in Guatemala

By Luis Paiz Bekker, Dec 22, 2020

INTERNATIONAL PEACEBUILDING

Last month, Hurricane Eta devastated Guatemala, causing thousands of people to lose their homes and crops to catastrophic flooding. We reached out to the AFSC community for help, and generous supporters like you responded with compassion, raising more than \$35,000 to provide humanitarian relief.

Just two weeks later, a second storm, Hurricane Iota, made landfall in the same area – and our efforts gained even greater urgency.

As the regional director for AFSC in Latin America and the Caribbean, I want to thank everyone who made it possible for us to help hundreds of people in Northeast and East Guatemala through this crisis with food, water, safety kits, clothing, and other necessities.

This has been a brutal season for storms for communities already struggling with the dangers posed by armed groups in the area as well as COVID-19. For years, AFSC has worked in communities in Guatemala, supporting local efforts to build peace and uphold the rights of people migrating to safety. AFSC's partnerships with local grassroots positioned us to mobilize quickly to provide emergency aid. Our global community of supporters made sure we had the resources we needed to respond.

Because they were among the most affected and because few other grassroots and international groups are working there, our emergency response has focused on the regions of Alta Verapaz and Quiché.



Community members deliver build materials. Photo: Benjamín Chaj

In Alta Verapaz, we have assisted 200 Q'eqchi Indigenous families—half of whom live in extreme poverty—in the communities of San Pascual, El faisán, la Cumbre, San José El Tesoro, and San Juan. We provided them with food staples, including corn, black beans, and rice; warm clothing; hygiene kits; and materials to help rebuild their homes. We also distributed food and hygiene items to two temporary shelters serving 200 more people—helping them to protect against the spread of the coronavirus and shelter as safely as possible.

In Quiché, we have supported 200 Ixil Indigenous families in the communities of Palop, Xeukalvitz, and Trapichitos. Working in close partnership with a community group, the Ixil Youth Network Chemol Txumb'al, we are in the process of distributing food, water containers, and other essential supplies.

Continue reading the blog at <https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/update-emergency-response-to-hurricanes-guatemala>.



THINKING ABOUT RACE (JANUARY 2021): A Justice Testimony

In his recent Pendle Hill Pamphlet (#465), **Race, Systemic Violence, and Retrospective Justice: An African-American Quaker Scholar-Activist Challenges Conventional Narratives**, Harold D. Weaver, Jr., makes the case for “a more robust, active justice testimony.” Starting in 2008, through his ministry, the BlackQuaker Project, an Ad Hoc Working Group within New England Yearly Meeting took up this concern. They formulated these queries, which appear in the pamphlet (pp. 29-30):

- Do we need a Justice testimony in the Religious Society of Friends? Why and how might a Justice testimony help Friends in our spiritual and temporal practices?
- What does “justice” mean to Friends? How does our meeting respond to the need for justice?
- If we disregard justice, what impact does it have on our spiritual lives and on our connection with the Divine?
- What is the relationship between love and justice? Between living in the Spirit and seeking justice? If compassion is love in action, what is justice in action?
- How does oppression dehumanize and dim the Light, both in oppressor and oppressed?

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each local Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the *first* Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, currently via Zoom. If you would like to attend, 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: JANUARY 3.</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	2nd Mondays at 7:00 p.m.; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u> , 410.458-1835
Library—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Mandy McMahan</u> , 443.756.0601.
Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	2nd and 4th Sundays at noon; contact <u>Peter Phalen</u> , 206.371.1107.
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	2nd Wednesdays ; 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). Meetings are virtual until future notice. 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 www.homewoodfriends.org. Below are the Zoom URLs and phone numbers. They are also available in the weekly announcements. Note that these are **NEW links** as of the end of September.

These new links should take you -- unless you're dialing in on a phone -- into the meetings without the need to enter the passcode separately.

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

Topic: Sunday Worship

Time: 10:30 AM Eastern Time

Every week on Sunday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/255867065?pwd=UDNxVnlVSktZQOHlXWlc3NHpHeHdhZz09>

Meeting ID: 255 867 065

Passcode: 438589

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 255867065#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

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: Experiment with Light (Thursday evenings)

Time: 7:00 PM Eastern Time

Every week on Thursday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87411498198?pwd=bWZlM0tCZlJ2ZE5WU0FzR0R5RUlqZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 1149 8198

Passcode: 976351

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 87411498198#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Experiment with Light (Sunday mornings)

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84212168159?pwd=T3ZsRmFlNWYwVHJnYjJON3hLY25oZz09>

Meeting ID: 842 1216 8159

Passcode: 694102

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 84212168159# US (Germantown)

Phone number: 301 715 8592

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

Time: 12:30 PM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/902429904?pwd=TTR1dHZERGJxbG9mWGNlL1JRcHFDdz09>

Meeting ID: 902 429 904

Passcode: 943260

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 902429904#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Club

Time: 9:15 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

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Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: Noon, 2nd and 4th Sundays

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Topic: Trustees

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Topic: Ministry & Counsel

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