

Fourth Month (April) 2022

Homewood Friends Meeting *Newsletter*

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Homewood Homecoming is **April 24th**. We hope to see you then, either in-person or online. Here are a few blasts from the past, courtesy of some of the photo albums in the library. Enjoy.



Sunday, April 24th
Homecoming Celebration
100th Anniversary of
Homewood Friends Meetinghouse
3107 North Charles Street, Baltimore
10:15 AM – 1:30 PM (for in-person participants)
10:15 – 12:15 (for online participants)

Friends, friends, and acquaintances of Homewood Friends Meeting are welcome to join us for any or all of our celebration of the building and the community it supports. Have a story or memory of Homewood that you would like to share? We would love to hear it. Haven't been to Homewood in a while? We think you will be pleased with the changes.

Schedule for the Day:

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| 10:15 AM | Arrive early to take a look around |
| 10:30 AM | Meeting for Worship and Worship Sharing |
| 11:45 AM | Requests for Prayers/Holding in the Light |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | Lunch |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Building tours (highlighting Green features) Fellowship throughout! |

- Please be sure to [register for Homecoming](#) so we know how many people to expect.
- We need **volunteers** to help with food preparation, serving, and cleaning up. [Sign up here.](#)
- Have a story or memory to share? Love it! [Submit it here.](#) You can also email your stories, memories or videos to homewoodfriends@gmail.com.

Pandemic update: We continue to monitor local positivity rates and other pandemic indicators. We still **require masks inside the meetinghouse** for all large gatherings (including Homecoming). Our full pandemic protocols are on our website.

The building is now open to committees and renters. We welcome both our returning renters and some new groups. Building users are required to follow all pandemic guidelines. Please contact the office to schedule space in the meetinghouse.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are consistently needed: **JELLY, pasta (small shapes), and boxed mac & cheese.** Drop off times are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 9:00 AM - 12 noon, and Saturdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 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."*

TRUSTEES FUNDING FOR EDUCATION & TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

The Consolidated Education Fund is available for children of Homewood Friends Meeting. Many members have given to support education. This money can be used to support schooling at any level, public or private, as well as for educational projects, resources, and supplemental activities.

The Davis Fund is available for adults who would like to participate in Quaker gatherings such as the FGC Annual Gathering, Pendle Hill, or BYM's Annual Session. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources.

For more information about either fund and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/>

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

MEETING FOR WORSHIP: every Sunday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM on Zoom worship and in-person.

ONLINE SOCIAL TIME AFTER WORSHIP: 11:30 AM after worship: announcements and more socializing. 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.

SIMPLE SOUP: after the rise of in person Meeting for Worship is held on the side porch or in the dining room, depending upon the weather. Masks are not required outdoors, are required in the dining room except when seated and eating or drinking. Contact the office with any questions.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Ministry and Counsel Committee continues to offer **Experiment with Light every Thursday at 7:00 PM on Zoom.** Please join us for this more intimate form of worship.

BUSINESS MEETING: Sunday, April 3 at 12:30 PM on Zoom (using the Meeting for Worship link).

QUAKER BOOK CIRCLE: Sunday, April 10 at 9:00 AM on Zoom. Welcomes newcomers to our explorations. You are free to come and go as your schedule permits! We hope that this series of discussions will pique your interest, and that some newer attenders will participate.

For the next several months we will be reading and discussing selected sermons of Martin Luther King Jr. On April 10 we will discuss King's sermon, "[A tough mind and a tender heart.](#)" [Zoom link here.](#)

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): April 10, 12:30 - 1:00 PM 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.



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Mondays, April 11, 18 & 25 7-8:30 PM on Zoom. "Kingian Nonviolence and Quaker Peace Testimony." [Registration preferred.](#) This short series is an introduction to "Kingian Nonviolence" in order to consider together the Quaker peace testimony - and more particularly, how Quakers learn to 'do' or live their peace testimony.

The Quaker Peace Testimony is perhaps the best known among Friends' moral/spiritual commitments, and because of it, Friends are considered one of the three historic peace churches. The Testimony forswears war, and encompasses the belief that violence is wrong. Sometimes this is described as pacifism, and many Friends have been conscientious objectors to war, advocates of nonviolence, and anti-war activists. The testimony derives from the teachings of Jesus to love one's enemies, and Friends' belief that the Inner Light manifests in each person. While Friends' radically decentralized form of organization mean that there is no one definitive statement of the peace testimony, it should not be understood to mean that Quakers engage only in passive resistance or resignation; it surely entails passionate activism as well. Yet -- how do we encourage this understanding among Friends?

Course materials are [posted on our website](#). Subjects for each week:

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| April 11 | Summary of KNV; and King, Pilgrimage to Nonviolence |
| April 18 | Quaker Peace Testimony |
| April 25 | A Time to Break Silence |

While every effort will be made to provide a distillation of "Kingian Nonviolence" to participants by the end of the three sessions, participants are invited to share reflections on notable passages in the readings. It will make for a more uniformly informed exploration if participants will read the 'texts' - but you should come even if you have not managed to finish the reading for a given session. Between sessions, can participants identify cross-references that they find interesting, challenging, through-provoking, insightful, to share in our next session? Time will be reserved to share and discuss.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS): This month, YAF will gather for the Homecoming event on 4/24 and Joanna Clare's album release party on 4/29. Ben will share details with all current YAF.

WORKING FOR CHANGE:

Even though Homewood's Change Group has been laid down for now, important work continues to support Homewood's approved commitment to anti-racism.

Homewood is a member of the local Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition ([BLMIC.org](https://blmic.org)). The website advertises rallies which are multi-congregational, multiracial, and interfaith. They provide an opportunity for Homewood members and the Meeting to build relationships outside our white-dominant patterns and space.

Next Rally **Sunday April 24, 1:30 - 2:30 PM** at the intersection of York & Ridgely Roads in Timonium, MD. Please visit their website for details about the rally and current Related Action.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sunday): April 24, 9:00 AM on Zoom.

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: (fourth Sunday): April 24, 9:00 AM on Zoom. Questions or issues to bring up? Contact Malachy Kilbride at 301.283.7627 or malachykilbride@gmail.com

WORKING GROUP ON THE ARTS: April 29, 7 PM Homewood Friend Joanna Clare will celebrate the release of her first album with a concert at Stony Run Meetinghouse. Details and tickets (for in-person OR online attendance) at <https://www.joannaclare.com/events>.

Daily Meeting for Worship for Ukraine. Friends are invited to participate in this one-hour, daily online meeting for worship hosted by Friends House Moscow. At 12 noon ET, Zoom opens at 11:45 AM. More details and Zoom link at this website:

<https://westernfriend.org/meeting-worship-ukraine> Friend Tanya Hicks reports that she has been glad to be present among hundreds of worshippers attending virtual Moscow Friends Meeting. Visitors from around the world focus light on conflict, with inspiring messages of peace.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: The First Day School is meeting in-person. Kendall will continue to send weekly emails to families with all necessary details. If you would like to be added to the list of families, please contact Kendall Kennison kendall.kennison@goucher.edu.

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!

Please increase our visibility on social media by engaging with our posts (that means liking, commenting and/or sharing them).

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 APRIL 2022

Before we talk about the Maryland environmental legislation updates, we are pleased to tell the Homewood community that the Garden Club will come out of winter hibernation soon. **Our first Garden Club work day of the year is Saturday, April 16th from 10 AM to 12 Noon.** GOAT provides the tools and everyone is welcome to share in the love and labor. It feels good to get dirty!

Less than 2 weeks remain in the 2022 Maryland General Assembly that is scheduled to end on Monday, April 11th, known as Sine Die. Our Meeting went on record as a supporting organization for two environmental bills.

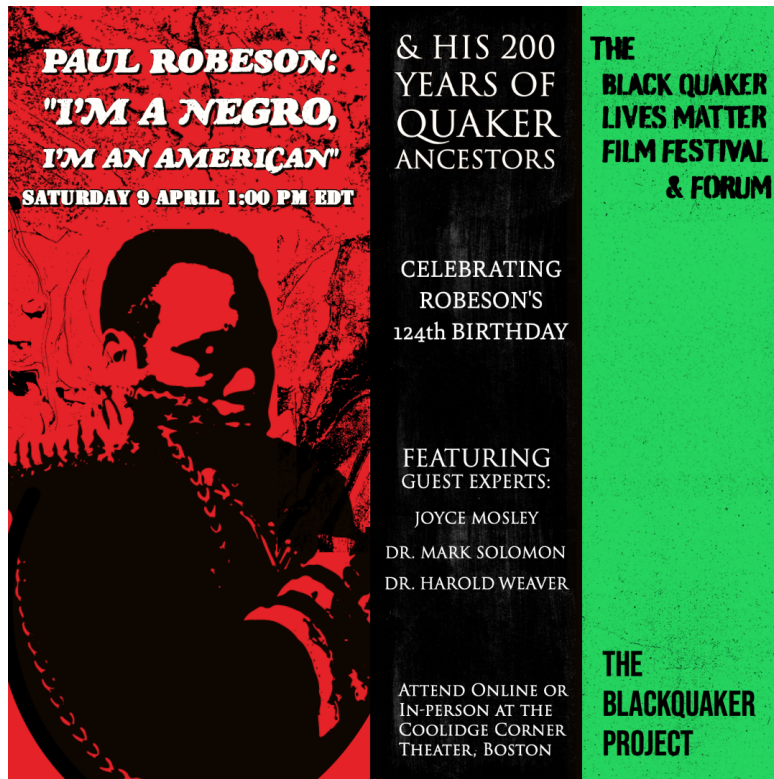
- **The Maryland Environmental Human Rights (MDEHR) Amendment** to the Maryland Constitution is no longer being considered. If it had been approved by both chambers, this bill would have established a statewide referendum for the November 2022 ballot. Despite the fact that the bill had considerable public support and a very successful hearing in the House, it was never given a vote in either chamber. The work of the campaign continues and a debriefing will be held in late April.
- **Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022.** The Senate passed SB 0528. The House of Delegates is considering a cluster of bills, each of which would address key aspects of reducing carbon or methane pollution. The cornerstone legislation is HB0708. Time is of the essence for passage by both chambers. For additional information and to keep abreast of the bill's progress, see Quaker Voice of Maryland (QVM) at:
<https://www.quakervoicemd.org>

Join the Quaker Voice of Maryland distribution list and get information about other areas of interest including immigration, criminal justice, and voting rights.

If you have questions or suggestions regarding this advocacy work, please contact Gary Gillespie, clerk of GOAT, or John McKusick. GOAT meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. For the location, contact Gary.

Members of GOAT are: Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie, Luke Mayhew, John McKusick, Rachael Neill, and Heather Ravlin

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES



BLACK QUAKER PROJECT: Black Quaker Lives Matter Film Festival & Forum presents **Paul Robeson: "I'm a Negro, I'm an American"** (also celebrating Robeson's 124th birthday). Saturday, **April 9, 1 PM** screening of the film followed by a discussion. [Registration required](#) to receive Zoom link.

This is the final film in this series.

PENDLE HILL: Pendle Hill has an *online reading group* which focuses on PH Pamphlets and other Quaker writings. Free and open to the public. **Wednesday April 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM.** This month we will be considering Parker J. Palmer's "A Place Called Community, and Covenant" (PHP #212). [Details on how to register and/or purchase the pamphlet.](#)

JOIN PENDLE HILL FOR DAILY WORSHIP: You are welcome to join PH Friends for a half-hour Meeting for Worship every day from 8:30 to 9:10 AM Eastern Time. Details [on their website](#). Zoom: +1 312 626 6799 Meeting ID: 432 071 090

PENDLE HILL IS HIRING: For a number of positions. [Details on their website.](#)

BYM: BYM's **Spiritual Formation Retreat** returns in May! The theme will be "Renew and Rejoice" at the Claggett Center, Adamstown, MD **May 13-15, 2022.** [More details and registration link.](#)

The **BYM Educational Grants Committee** is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 academic year. Grants may be applied to expenses associated with undergraduate attendance at post-secondary educational institutions such as universities, colleges, professional and vocational schools. Attendance may be either full- or part-time. Grants will be awarded on the basis of a completed application, including the Committee's assessment of an applicant's statement of

purpose. 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, 2022 and **April 22, 2022**. Award decisions will be made in May. Further information and a link to the application form can be found [here on the BYM website](#). If you have further questions, please use the website to email the committee, or contact the Yearly Meeting Office at 301-774-7663.

FGC: Save the date for the **2022 FGC Gathering**, which will be held ONLINE for all-ages. Sunday, July 3 - Saturday, July 9, 2022. There will be some in-person programming for young people. For more information on this formatting change, see the [message from the presiding clerk on the FGC website](#).

STONY RUN FRIENDS MEETING:

hiring an Operations Coordinator. Please help them by sharing this posting in your local networks or to anyone who might be interested.

Here's [a link to the full job description](#).

Applications will be accepted throughout April.

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QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

Thinking About Race – (April 2022) What the guidance counselor missed

Opinion: What Ketanji Brown Jackson's guidance counselor missed

By Michele L. Norris, Columnist, The Washington Post, [February 28, 2022](#)

[Ketanji Brown Jackson's comments when she was nominated to the Supreme Court] reminded me of a book club meeting I attended before Michelle Obama published her memoir, "Becoming," in which she recalled how her high school guidance counselor suggested that she rethink her plan to follow her older brother to college at Princeton.

This was no ordinary book club. A dozen women had a chance to read and discuss "Becoming" with the former first lady before its publication; they included TV producer Shonda Rhimes, historians Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Martha S. Jones, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation President Elizabeth Alexander, former U.S. poet laureate Natasha Trethewey, civil rights lawyer Sherrilyn

Ifill, law school dean Verna Williams, and authors Tayari Jones, Jacqueline Woodson and Farah Jasmine Griffin.

When asked whether anyone in the group had a high school guidance counselor who tried to clip their wings, almost every woman present raised her hand; so did some of the younger women in attendance from Obama's staff. We all stared at one another. We didn't know whether to laugh or to cry.

Some of us have been in touch after hearing Jackson share her story last week from the White House lectern. A few of us had parents, including me, who took time off from work to set the counselor straight. One ran into her old guidance counselor at a train station after she had made a name for herself. That day, he told her, "I knew you'd do great things."

Why couldn't he have said that to her as a 17-year-old?

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, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, currently via Zoom. If you would like to attend, contact the clerk at david.etheridge@verizon.net.

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, the Fourth Query: **Personal Spiritual Life*

Do you make time for meditation, prayer, and worship? Do you read the Bible, the writings of Friends, and other inspirational works, seeking new light? Do you regularly seek God's guidance? Are you open to guidance and support, and do you give thanks for them? Do you share your spiritual insights with others and willingly receive from them in return?

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

The Divine Spirit, which Friends variously call the Inner Light, the Light of Truth, the Christ Within, That of God in Everyone, has power to reveal, to overcome evil, and to enable us to carry out God's will. Quaker testimonies arise from listening to and obeying this Spirit.

Quaker faith welds the beliefs of its Christian foundation with the conviction that the Holy Spirit speaks to men and women and children of all races at all times. It draws individuals into a community of worship and of work for the redemption and improvement of human life. A Friends Meeting should be such a community. It should involve frequent, regular coming together in a common spiritual search, with members sharing experiences and insights, and finding the channels of service to which we are called individually and collectively.

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. ...

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.

We are obliged also to recognize and nurture the gifts of other Friends. The spiritual quality of our meetings for worship deepens when those who are led to speak out of the silence receive 2 encouragement and help. The fabric of the Meeting community and the larger community is strengthened when Friends who serve the community receive loving support from other Friends.

Nurturing the life of the Spirit requires frequent communication with the Divine Spirit. It is not sufficient to rely solely on an hour (or less) on First Day mornings, or on brief moments of silence before meals or committee meetings. We should make room in each day to know that of God within ourselves. God's help and healing can be sought in many ways, including vocal or silent prayer, meditation, visualization, silent listening, and confident affirmation. Friends seek harmony with the Divine Will, individually or in groups, sometimes laying our concerns before God, sometimes asking for guidance, sometimes giving thanks for the beauty and blessing in our lives.

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

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| Every First Day (Sunday) | 10:30 AM Homewood Meeting House |
| First Sunday of each month | 12:30 PM Meeting for Business, virtual |
| | <u>BUSINESS MEETING: April 3 at 12:30 PM</u> |

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

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| Administrative | Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM |
| Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN | 3rd Sundays, 1:30 PM; contact <u>Gary Gillespie</u>, 443.208.2757 |
| Hospitality—OPEN | As called; for now, contact the office, 410.235.4438 |
| House & Grounds—OPEN | 2nd Mondays at 7:00 PM; contact <u>Susan Johns Smith</u>, 410.458-1835 |
| Library—OPEN | As called; contact <u>Meri Robie-Craven</u>, 410.207.3903 |
| Peace & Social Justice Committee—OPEN | 4th Sundays, 9:00 AM; contact <u>Malachy Kilbride</u>, 301.283.7627 |
| Ministry & Counsel | 1st Wednesdays; contact <u>Donna McKusick</u>, 410.426.5836 |
| Religious Education--OPEN | 2nd Tuesdays, 7:15 PM, Meeting House; contact <u>Kendall Kennison</u>, 410.830.9225 |
| Trustees | 2nd Thursdays; 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 unless otherwise noted. For more information about accessing Zoom, please go to <https://homewoodfriends.org/zoom-links/>. Below are the Zoom URLs and phone numbers. They are also available in the weekly announcements.

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

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** (12:30) 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 any later events.

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: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006195829?pwd=T0xESkdGcmVTcGFZ0lrRnVtUzJhUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 0619 5829

Passcode: 139231

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88006195829# US (Washington DC)

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/89966007788?pwd=WjBkUnFSV3d2WVQ1N0JPRmViN1BhQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6600 7788

Passcode: 943260

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 89966007788#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Circle

Time: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Second Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82663801938?pwd=aVlxMVlLM0JlTcE5SQmdWUTlxeTBpZz09>

Meeting ID: 826 6380 1938

Passcode: 109924

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Phone number: 301 715 8592 US

Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: 9:00 AM, Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688289550?pwd=bjFjTzU0ZDN0VmNKQn0reVB0VHI2QT09>

Meeting ID: 856 8828 9550

Passcode: 213715

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 85688289550#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Trustees

Time: 7:00 PM every month on the second Tuesday or Wednesday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668338386?pwd=UDZabDZ1emZjdzkzVFJjZlJwelpudz09>

Meeting ID: 886 6833 8386

Passcode: 975670

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88668338386#

Phone number: 301 715 8592

Topic: Ministry & Counsel

Time: Varies. Contact M&C

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/487422834?pwd=VG9kV3V0di96VEFoZl02lTeEQrdz09>

Meeting ID: 487 422 834

Passcode: 869880

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 487422834# US (Germantown)

Phone number: 301 715 8592

(Toll) numbers for voice-only telephone access:

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