

Eleventh Month (November) 2022

Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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GEORGE LAKEY COMES TO HOMEWOOD FRIENDS

On Sunday, November 20, 2022, Baltimore PeaceBuilders is holding an event at Homewood Meetinghouse featuring George Lakey, "Lessons for Today from a Lifetime of Nonviolent Activism." George is a queer, Quaker activist and master storyteller who will share about his lifetime involvement in nonviolent struggles for peace, civil rights, LGBTQ rights, labor justice, and the environment. He will emphasize lessons from his life which apply to us during these challenging times, finding hope in even the darkest of times through strategic joyful activism.

The poster is for an event featuring George Lakey. At the top left, his name "GEORGE LAKEY" is in large blue letters. To the right, a green circle says "Nov. 20th". In the center, a large blue circle contains the text "Lessons for Today from a Lifetime of Nonviolent Activism". To the left of this circle is a photo of George Lakey speaking. Above the photo, it says "@ Homewood Friends Meeting". Below the photo, it says "a free and public event". To the right of the central circle is a QR code and a green button that says "REGISTER (Zoom and In-Person)". Below the central circle is a logo for the "CENTRAL MARYLAND ECUMENICAL COUNCIL" featuring a globe. At the bottom left, a purple box says "3:15 pm on 11/20/22" and a blue box says "3107 N. Charles, Baltimore". At the bottom right is a logo for "Baltimore PEACE Builders". At the very bottom, a yellow box contains the text: "Pre-event: Black Lives Matter Interfaith Rally, 1:30-2:30, in-person only (refreshments in between)".

Schedule of events:

1:30 - 2:30 PM [Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition](#) monthly rally along Charles St in front of the Meetinghouse.

Refreshments in the Meetinghouse

3:15 PM George Lakey will speak in the Meeting Room. Online option available. [Registration STRONGLY requested](#) for in person or Zoom participation.

Refreshments & book signing

Books will be available for purchase at the event from [Red Emma's](#).

Co-Sponsors: Homewood Friends Meeting, Stony Run Friends Meeting, Hinenu Baltimore Justice Shtiebl and Black Lives Matter Interfaith Coalition. Baltimore PeaceBuilders is a project of the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council.

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

The building is open to committees and renters. We have welcomed 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.

FAITH IN ACTION

AN URGENT CALL TO THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS:

On Election eve, **Monday, November 7**, at **7 PM** Homewood Friends will have a specially called online Meeting for Worship (using the regular MfW Zoom link). We will be joining Friends across the United States in calling on the Spirit to guide and sustain us and our whole nation as we vote and determine our common future. We hope you can attend.

Background: A group of 19 high-profile Friends from around the U.S. put out this urgent call to action <https://quakercall.net/>. Friends were asked to participate in a national dialog on the **urgent threats to our democracy** and what's at stake. Homewood Friends Meeting approved at our July business meeting to sign on to the call. Be alert for future updates.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient continues to be CARES. The following items are desperately needed: **canned fruits, pasta meals and hearty soups, one pound bags of rice and as always, sturdy paper bags.** 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. Donations support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. We thank everyone who has switched to online giving, and/or increased their contribution amount.



You can learn more or **switch your donation to Breeze on [our website](#)**.

That page has a link to step by step instructions for signing up with Breeze.

You're also welcome to call the office or ask Polly Heninger, clerk of Trustees, for assistance.

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 LUNCH: after the rise of in person Meeting for Worship is held on the side porch. Masks are not required outdoors, are required in the kitchen and 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, November 6 at 12:30 PM on Zoom (using the Meeting for Worship link).

ELECTION EVE SPECIALLY CALLED MEETING FOR WORSHIP: In response to the Quaker Call to Action. Monday, November 7 at 7 PM.

QUAKER BOOK CIRCLE: QBC remains on hiatus. Ministry & Counsel is looking to identify an individual to lead our Quaker Book Circle.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE IN BALTIMORE (second Sundays): November 13, 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.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS): Homewood YAF are planning a group presence at the **George Lakey event** on **November 20**. As always, reach out to Ben Rogers (410-622-5671) to get involved in YAF or with specific questions.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT (fourth Sundays): **November 27, 9:00 AM on Zoom.**

PEACE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: (fourth Sundays): **November 27, 9:00 AM on Zoom.** Questions or issues to bring up? Contact Malachy Kilbride at 301.283.7627 or malachykilbride@gmail.com

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). The website advertises rallies which are multi-congregational, multiracial, and interfaith. They provide an opportunity for Homewood members and the Meeting to build relationships.

The November rally will be Sunday **November 20** from 1:30 - 2:30 PM - location 3107 N. Charles St (aka here) before the talk by George Lakey. Direct action to be announced. Please check the website for details.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: If you would like to be added to the list of families, please contact Kendall Kennison kendall.kennison@goucher.edu.

Any teens in the Meeting who would like to meet up with other Baltimore Quaker Young Friends, particularly to attend the BLMIC Rally and George Lakey event on **November 20**, please contact the Homewood office.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Junior Young Friends will gather in Frederick **November 12-13**. The Young Friends will gather in Annapolis **November 25-27**. [Details and registration here.](#)

TRUSTEES: The proposed budget will be presented at the **November 6** Business Meeting. Questions or concerns, please contact Polly at 410-419-2305 or peh616@msn.com.

MINISTRY & COUNSEL: Homewood Friends Meeting strives to be a caring community, but we don't always know who needs support. Ministry and Counsel would like to maintain a list of those who need support (only with their explicit permission) so that Friends can reach out. This list would be updated weekly and would be available either in the silent announcements or as a separate email. If you would like to be on the list or to recommend someone, please text or call Tanya Hicks, 410-274-4696.

GOAT NOAT

NEW COMPOSTER

The Green Organizing Action Team is thrilled to have purchased a stainless steel composter for our native plant garden. It was just installed this week, see the photo below.

This composter is large, and rat-proof and will efficiently process the compost for use in the garden.

Homewood Friends are encouraged to bring their compostable vegetables from home.

More guidance on composting will be forthcoming.

GOAT is also preparing a grant proposal to Chesapeake Bay Trust to replace our cisterns (which have not worked). We are working with BlueWater Baltimore on this proposal to replace the cisterns with something that we will anticipate will work!

The cisterns will collect runoff from our very large roof to use in the garden and prevent the stormwater from entering the overburdened Baltimore stormwater system.



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In the Garden**



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Thinking About Race – (November 2022) Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address

This month the BYM Working Group on Racism shares with you a portion of the “Haudenosaunee Thanksgiving Address: Greetings to the Natural World.” We encourage you to read the entire document here:

https://americanindian.si.edu/environment/pdf/01_02_Thanksgiving_Address.pdf

This Thanksgiving Address includes a paragraph of greetings to each of 17 aspects of the natural world. Each one ends with the words “Now our minds are one.” The 17 are The People, The Earth Mother, The Water, The Fish, The Plants, The Food Plants, The Medicine Herbs, The Animals, The Trees, The Birds, The Four Winds, The Thunderers, The Sun, The Grandmother Moon, The Stars, The Enlightened Teachers, The Creator.

Following the 17 greetings are these closing words:

We have now arrived at the place where we end our words. Of all the things we have named, it was not our intention to leave anything out. If something was forgotten, we leave it to each individual to send such greetings and thanks in their own way.

Now our minds are one.

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.

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**.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

BYM: BYM’s Reparations Action Working Group presented a new workshop entitled **Mutual Aid: A Friendly Approach** on Saturday, October 29. Replay available [here](#).

Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s Working Group on US Militarism & War will be hosting a retreat on **Saturday, November 5** at Frederick Meeting. Contact Jean Athey with any questions.

BYM Fall Interim Meeting will be on **Saturday, November 5** from 10 AM - 4 PM at Sandy Spring Friends Meeting.

FRIENDS JOURNAL: Has a [review](#) of George Lakey’s latest book, *Dancing with History*..

PENDLE HILL: [Check here](#) for upcoming events at Pendle Hill.

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

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

GEDCO Thanksgiving Tribute: Thursday, November 10. Rachael Neill who has recently retired from GEDCO will be honored for her work at CARES with the Vision Award. [Details and tickets to the event can be purchased here](#). Please also consider the online silent auction which will benefit GEDCO's programs.



The Carmelite Sisters of Baltimore invite Homewood Friends to join them on **Friday, November 11 at 7 PM** for a talk by Margaret Pfeil, PhD on "The Spirituality of Nonviolence." The event will be held in their chapel at 1318 Dulaney Valley Rd, with a Zoom option. Details at events.baltimorecarmel.org

FCNL: Save the Date for the FCNL Annual Meeting & Quaker Public Policy Institute **November 16-20.**

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Eleventh Query: **Education**

Do you provide religious education, including study of the Bible and of Friends' history and practices, in your Meeting? Do you ensure that schools under the care of Friends exemplify Friends' principles? Do you support and strive to improve the public schools?

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 AM Homewood Meeting House
First Sunday of each month	12:30 PM Meeting for Business, virtual

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:30 PM (Special date 10/2)
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 Tuesdays; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u>, 410.419.2305

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=bWZIM0tCZlJ2ZE5WU0FzR0R5RUlqZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 1149 8198

Passcode: 976351

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 87411498198#

Topic: Experiment with Light (Sunday mornings)

Time: 9:00 AM Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88006195829?pwd=T0xESkdGcmVTcGFhZ0lrRnVtUzJhUT09>

Meeting ID: 880 0619 5829

Passcode: 139231

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

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=WjBkUnFSV3d2WVQ1N0lPRmViN1BhQT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6600 7788

Passcode: 943260

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 89966007788#

Topic: Homewood Quaker Book Circle (on hiatus)

Topic: Homewood Peace & Social Justice Committee

Time: 9:00 AM, Eastern Time

Fourth Sunday of each month

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85688289550?pwd=bjFiTzU0ZDN0VmNKQnoreVB0VHI2QT09>

Meeting ID: 856 8828 9550

Passcode: 213715

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 85688289550#

Topic: Trustees

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88668338386?pwd=UDZabDZ1emZjdzkzVFhjZlJwelpudz09>

Meeting ID: 886 6833 8386

Passcode: 975670

One tap mobile: 3017158592, 88668338386#

Topic: Ministry & Counsel

Time: Varies. Contact M&C

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/487422834?pwd=VG9kV3V0di96VEFoZlo2Q2lTeEQrdz09>

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:

301 715 8592 US

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