

Fifth Month 2025

Homewood Friends Meeting

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Newsletter

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Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Faith and Practice Queries

#5: Personal
Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions?

Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society?

Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress, and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption?

Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you?

Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional, and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential?

Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally?

Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

From the BYM Advices


Advices for the Fifth Query

"The Practice of the Life of the Spirit"

In the experience of Friends, faith in God finds its expression in a way of life based on spiritual rather than material values. We place authority of the Divine Spirit above any outward authority. By testing the perception of conscience against the personal and collective experience of others, we hold our plans and concerns up to an Inner Light which will stand the trial of time. A good friend who can support one's search may be helpful with such testing; Friends may choose to set up "spiritual friendships" designed to encourage and mutually uphold their spiritual journeys. We respect the insights found in the lives and writings of spiritual men and women of all ages and take particular inspiration from the ministry of Jesus. Jesus' command to love one another is the ideal of Friends' practice.

Read the full 5th Query advices and references:

[BYM Faith & Practice](#), page 30

 Did you know there is a Homewood LGBTQ What's App group? This is how we plan events and get together. If you want to be on the group send your phone number to kdolive@hotmail.com or text him at 410-258-5246 to be added.



GOAT's Noats

Homewood Garden News The gardening season is underway at Homewood with work-mornings held on 4/5 and 4/19. In that two-week period, the garden, with the help of organic materials, has transformed from a late winter landscape to a vibrant spring space. We planted honeysuckle, Jacob's Ladder, and ferns to fill out a section of the garden.

The garden work-mornings are wonderful opportunities to slow down and take notice of all that is happening around us. For example, at the 4/19 work morning, we investigated the north-facing wall of our building. That is the one that is adjacent to Hillel. Not many people go there! But the shady and somewhat cooler space is home to a robust stand of hydrangea. We took some of the winter stems and grasses to serve as mulch. We are eager to track the growth of the hydrangea. Come join us! Look for a notice of our next work morning in the garden in early May.

The 2025 Maryland General Assembly adjourned at midnight on April 7th. Only a month earlier, environmentalists were bracing for a session with very few positive outcomes. However, advocates continued to work hard to improve and pass several pieces of legislation.

While the Bottle Bill made progress and passed one panel in the House of Delegates, it did not have sufficient support to Cross Over to the Senate. Advocates are already considering how a new campaign might be developed for the General Assembly in winter 2026.

The Chesapeake Climate Action Network has created a legislative recap briefly describing several pieces of environmental legislation and the outcomes – Victories, Unfortunate Losses, and Bills they might retry in 2026. CCAN noted those bills that were most improved.

 [Read the CCAN Recap!](#)

Additional information and slightly different perspectives can be found by checking the web sites of other groups, e.g. Interfaith Power & Light or Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake.

GOAT is an open committee and is comprised of Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie (Clerk), Bess Keller, John McKusick, Rachael Neill, Heather Ravlin, Kathy Rogers, and Jamie Sumague.

UPCOMING

Louise Williams turns 103 on 5/2

Herb Clark turns 93 on 5/3

VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: Fri. 5/2 at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse.

NELSON MANDELA STUDY GROUP: Sun. 5/4 (First Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room

This small open group studies and reflects on the work of Nelson Mandela and takes inspired action to make positive change in the face of empire and oppression. Drop in to learn more.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sun. 5/4 (First Sundays) 12:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)) and in-person.

QUAKER FOUNDATIONS (Last Session): Tues. 5/6 at 7 PM on Zoom “Living Your Quaker

Testimony” -- if you’re interested in the topic, feel free to join! (even if you didn’t attend the others...but you must [register](#) to receive the Zoom link.

VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: Sun. 5/11 See exact list of requested food items in [January newsletter](#).

Please do pack them in purchased re-usable (not paper) bags because the paper breaks.

QUAKER PAMPHLET DISCUSSION: Sun. 5/11 (Second Sundays) 9:15 AM (Room is TBD) A

small-group discussion on ideas that influence our worship time and faith practices. Regular attenders and curious guests are encouraged to join.

MENDING MONDAYS: 5/12 from 6-7 PM Join crafty Friends for the inaugural Mending Monday.

Bring objects from home to mend + lean on collective wisdom plus pooled materials. Items could be: books, clothing, toys, home goods. Email marisa.dobson@gmail.com with your favorite snacks and what you need fixed (as in things -- not like the world, heh). Sponsored by our Green Organizing Action Team (🐿).



BIBLE STUDY: Sun. 5/18 (3rd Sundays) 9:15 AM in the Lucretia Mott room We usually discuss a fairly short section that we read out loud together, while also sharing some silence and journaling time. Coffee and Bibles provided.

HOMEWOOD SPIRITUAL FORMATION: Mon. 5/19 (3rd Mondays) 6:30–9 PM A worshipful gathering for potluck fellowship & spiritual journey reflection/envisioning.

PEACE PICNIC: Sat. 5/24 at Wyman Park Dell We're inviting all Homewood members, attendees, newcomers, family, and friends to come out to the second annual Peace Picnic. Set up at 10am. Family/Childrens program at 10:30, lunch at noon then a 30 min intergenerational meeting for worship. Bring the whole family! Bring a friend! We need help setting up and cleaning up. Rain location is the meeting house (dining room and FDS/Hicks room. [Sign Up Here](#)

SIMPLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Sun. 5/25 (Last Sundays) 9 AM in the Library An additional worship time in a smaller setting without microphones or computers.

THE WIDER QUAKER CIRCLE

Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, and more

Quaker Coalition for Uprooting Racism

Community Organizing Workshop: 5/10, 1-5 PM, Zoom

Half-day of community organizing to resist the current rise of fascism in the US. We encourage Quaker organizations, schools, committees, and meetings to make themselves hubs so people can gather in person to Zoom together.



Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Annual Session 7/28 to 8/3 at Hood College in Frederick, MD. Registration to annual session is now open! Also, the Spring issue of The Interchange, BYM's quarterly newsletter, is now available - and all about Annual Session. [Read about Annual Session](#) workshops, plenary speakers, information for families, and more.

Friends Place on Capitol Hill

Friends Place Retreat for Y.A.F. 6/12—6/14 in Washington DC

Join a three-day overnight retreat for young adult friends (18-35) to explore connections between our spiritual, political, and personal lives. This year's focus is on Queer Liberation and will be concurrent with DC/World Pride. It will be held in person at Friends Place on Capitol Hill, and online through Pendle Hill. More info and registration here: [Continuing Revolution 2025: Queer Liberation and Spirit-Rooted Justice](#)

Stony Run Friends

WELCOME THE WALKERS 5/17-18: Stony Run Friends will be hosting a leg of a special pilgrimage of F/friends walking from NYC to Washington DC to deliver the historic [Flushing Remonstrance](#). See the QR codes below for ways to get involved.



Learn more about the group or sign up to **take part** in a portion of the walk, sign up or learn about how to **help host** the group of walkers or support their stay with a **financial contribution**.
(choose "give to donor restricted donations/4510" and note that this is for our support of hosting this group).






STONY RUN FRIENDS MEETING
A QUAKER MEETING IN BALTIMORE CITY

Quaker Parents Survey:

Help Friends School of Baltimore determine why your children go (or went) to school elsewhere. [Friends School Survey](#) -- for Quaker/Quaker-adjacent parents whose children go to schools OTHER THAN Friends School of Baltimore. FSB would appreciate your feedback! [Friends School Survey](#)

	<p>Ramallah Friends School Support -- Ramallah Friends School is a longtime Quaker school in the West Bank of Palestine. They are facing increased restrictions from occupying forces and are in great need of financial resources. Homewood Friends have recently sent them a \$4000 contribution as determined by the Meeting for our 2025 budget. We are additionally encouraging individuals to consider donating to RFS here.</p>
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REGULARLY SCHEDULED

Meeting for Worship

Every Sunday
10:30 - 11:30 AM

At the Meetinghouse
and on Zoom ([Zoom link here](#))

Afterwards: Join us for social time after
Worship at the same Zoom link or
in-person downstairs (for a simple lunch).

Experiment with Light

=== Zoom only ===
Free and open
First-timers welcome

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 7:00 PM
[Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#)

[Learn more](#) about Experiment with Light on our
website.

Meeting for Business

FIRST SUNDAYS 5/4 12:30 PM

In the Meeting Room and on Zoom

Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)

✓ **All are Welcome**

Vigil for Nonviolence

FIRST FRIDAYS 5/2 5-6 PM

Outside of the Meetinghouse

✓ **All are Welcome**

Quaker Pamphlet Study Group

SECOND SUNDAYS 5/11 9:15 AM

In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)

All are welcome, no prior readings needed.

✓ **open group**

Bible Study

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/18 9:15 AM

In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)

All are welcome, no prior readings needed.

✓ **open group**

Library Committee

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/18 12:15 PM

In the Meetinghouse Library

✓ **open committee**

Outreach Team

THIRD SUNDAYS 5/18 12:30 PM

Susan B Anthony Room

Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)

✓ **open committee**

Dismantling Racism Change Group

THIRD THURSDAYS 5/15 6:00 PM

Zoom only: [Join Zoom Meeting \(click here\)](#)

✓ **open group**

Simple Meeting for Worship

LAST SUNDAYS 5/25 9:00 AM

In the Meetinghouse Library

✓ **open worship**

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)
First Sunday of each month

10:30 AM Homewood Meeting House
12:30 PM Meeting for Business

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative
Green Organizing Action Team—OPE
Dismantling Racism Change Group—OPEN
Outreach Team—OPEN
Hospitality—OPEN
House & Grounds—OPEN
Library—OPEN
Ministry & Counsel
Religious Education--OPEN
Trustees

Odd months last Sundays 12:15 PM, hybrid
Contact the office for next meeting time

3rd Thursdays 6:30, Zoom

3rd Sundays 12:30 PM, SBA Room

As called

2nd Tuesdays 6 PM

3rd Sundays 12:15 PM, Meetinghouse Library

Last Wednesdays, 6:30 PM, Zoom

1st Tuesdays, 7:15 PM

3rd Tuesdays 7:15 PM

Committees so-marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk or the Homewood office if you have questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING

You can [make a contribution online](#) or make a check payable to “Homewood Friends Meeting”, which you can mail or drop off at the office or put into the contribution box in the meeting room. Thank you for all that you give to and share with our Meeting.

[Homewood Volunteer Form](#) Sign up as a volunteer for Homewood greeting, hospitality, and more.

