

Tenth Month 2025

# Homewood Friends Meeting

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## Newsletter

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### Baltimore Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice

#### Tenth Query: The Peace Testimony

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars"?

Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world?

Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peace-keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence?

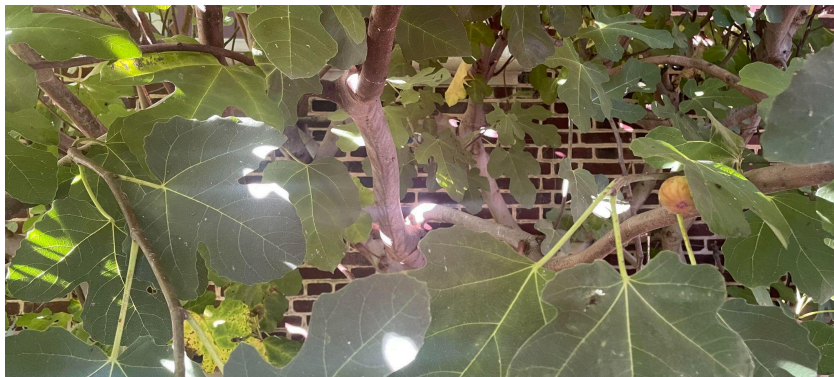
Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

#### From the advices on Peace and Non-violence

Since their beginnings over 300 years ago, Friends have been led by their commitment to the ideal of peace to renounce wars and violence, as in the declaration made to Charles II by George Fox and other Friends on November 21, 1660:

*We...utterly...deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world. ... The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as to once command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for any kingdoms of this world. (George Fox, 1660)*

Read the full Tenth Month Query's advices and references: [BYM Faith and Practice, page 23.](#)



## From House and Grounds Committee

### 1. Newcomers Welcome

H&G is meeting virtually on October 14. Those interested can email the H&G account for the meeting link. [houseandgrounds@homewoodfriends.org](mailto:houseandgrounds@homewoodfriends.org).

### 2. Attic Cleaning

A gentle reminder to committees to **start sorting things in the attic**. Has your committee been storing any items in the space? Please go take a proactive look to see what input you can give on how to organize things and what to discard. H&G would like the Great Homewood Cleanout finished by the end of the calendar year.

## FUNDING TO PARTICIPATE IN QUAKER EVENTS

Homewood has funds to support children and adults who would like to participate in Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. 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/memberresources/scholarships/>.

## Interested in getting to know the young people of our Meeting?

The Religious Education committee is looking for volunteers to help in the nursery and with First Day School on occasional Sundays. Join us for as many or as few Sundays as you wish.

You would always be paired with a staff member or RE committee member who would be in charge of planning any activities. This is a great way to spend time with the younger members of our community. The nursery serves children birth through approximately age 5, and First Day School students are generally in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

If interested, email Jen McCann, clerk of the RE committee at [religioused@homewoodfriends.org](mailto:religioused@homewoodfriends.org) and indicate whether you are interested in the nursery, First Day School, or both.

## UPCOMING

### **NELSON MANDELA STUDY GROUP: 10/5 (First Sundays) 9:15 AM Lucretia Mott Room**

Small open group studies and reflects on the work of Nelson Mandela and takes inspired action.

### **MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 10/5 (First Sundays) 12:30 PM on Zoom ([link](#)) and in-person.**

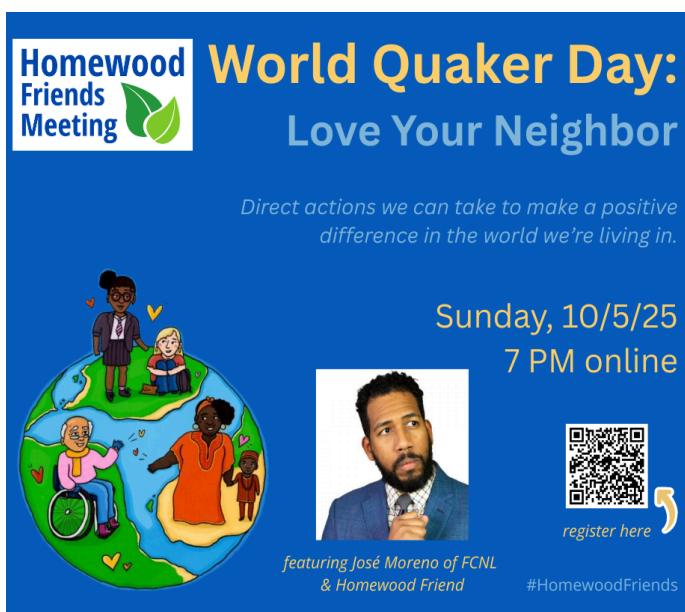
### **✨ WORLD QUAKER DAY ✨**

**featuring José Moreno**

**10/5 at 7 PM on Zoom**

Quakers all over will have events to celebrate World Quaker Day (as organized by Friends World Committee on Consultation). Homewood's Outreach Team (now known as the Outreach and Community Building Team) is sponsoring an online speaker event with our very own Homewood member, José Moreno, who is Director for Justice Reform at Friends Committee on National Legislation. He will speak on direct action and compassionate changemaking. We'll be joined by Friends from other meetings too -- feel free to invite Friends from afar.

[Register](#)




**Homewood Friends Meeting** **World Quaker Day:**  
**Love Your Neighbor**

*Direct actions we can take to make a positive difference in the world we're living in.*

**Sunday, 10/5/25**  
**7 PM online**

*featuring José Moreno of FCNL & Homewood Friend*

[register here](#) 

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### **VIGIL FOR NONVIOLENCE: 10/3 (First Fridays) at 5 PM in front of the meetinghouse.**



**1<sup>st</sup> annual interfaith**  
**Fig Fest**  
**Homewood Friends and Hinenu**  
**October 9 • 6:30-7:30pm**  
**Light snacks**

*But every family shall sit under its own vine and fig tree, with no one to disturb them*  
**Micah 4:4**

### **Homewood / Hinenu Interfaith Fig Fest**

**10/9 at 6:30 on the meetinghouse porch**

Music, friends, figs. This is the first Fig Fest between Hinenu and Homewood Friends, where we can fellowship with our interfaith building friends, and celebrate the fig bounty from our garden and around Baltimore. Light snacks beyond figs, but this will not be a full dinner.

### **VIVA HOUSE FOOD AID: 10/12 (Second Sundays)**

See exact list of requested food items in [January newsletter](#). Please pack them in re-usable bags because the paper bags break.

**BIPOC Dinner on Indigenous Peoples Day: Mon. 10/13 at 6 PM, meetinghouse dining room** Friends of Color will come together on Indigenous Peoples Day for dinner and fellowship. Meal provided. [Please Register](#).

**NO KINGS DAY (#2): 10/18** "A nationwide, nonviolent day of action to defend democratic norms and reject authoritarianism" -- Some Homewood Friends (and other meeting Friends) will be attending the rally (rallies?) in Baltimore. If you have interest in meeting up to attend together, please contact Kathy Rogers. [krogersmph@gmail.com](mailto:krogersmph@gmail.com)

**BIBLE STUDY: 10/19 (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.

**Fall Queer Quaker Potluck: Fri. 10/24 at 6:30 PM Location TBD** Contact Dominique Zeltzman if you plan to attend, and if you have an idea of what you will bring, please share that too. [dzeltzm1@gmail.com](mailto:dzeltzm1@gmail.com)

**SIMPLE MEETING FOR WORSHIP: 10/26 (Last Sundays) 9 AM in the Library** An additional worship time in a smaller setting without microphones or computers.

## Engaging Constructively in Conflict

Saturday, October 25th

10 AM to 2:30 PM

Homewood Friends Meeting

### [REGISTER BY 10/16](#)

Within any community, including ours, the presence of conflict is not only a possibility but a reality that we must acknowledge and address. It is crucial to recognize that the way we respond to and navigate these conflicts can either strengthen or weaken our bonds. Embracing conflict as an opportunity for growth allows us to deepen our connections and enhance our collective experience. By approaching disagreements with an open heart and a commitment to understanding, we can cultivate an environment where everyone feels valued and heard.

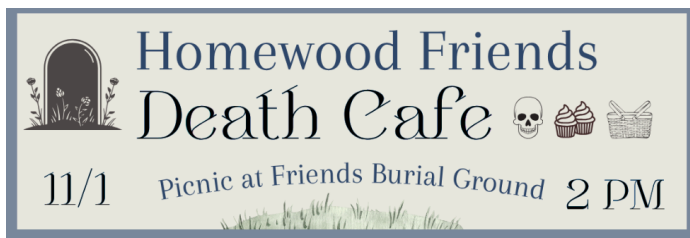
Join us for this workshop on *Engaging Constructively in Conflict*, where we will develop tools grounded in our Quaker values and practice to use in our lives, both as individuals and as a community. Led by members of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends Supporting Friends Working Group, this in-person event is limited to 30 participants.

Register using the link below or contact Luke in the Meeting Office at 410-235-4438 or [homewoodfriends@gmail.com](mailto:homewoodfriends@gmail.com)

Coffee, cold beverages, and light snacks will be provided. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

[REGISTER](#)





**DEATH CAFE: 11/1 at 2 PM at Friends Burial Ground** Our Community Building and Outreach Team is inviting all Friends and friends to attend a [Death Cafe](#). Join us for a thoughtful, intimate conversation about death over cupcakes in the serene setting of the Friends Burial Ground (2506 Harford Road Baltimore, MD 21218). Death Cafes provide a liberating space to share beliefs, curiosities, fears, and stories on the topic of death and dying. Rather than a grief support or counseling session, our format is an open discussion circle group with no set agenda. *"We cannot love to live, if we cannot bear to die."* - William Penn



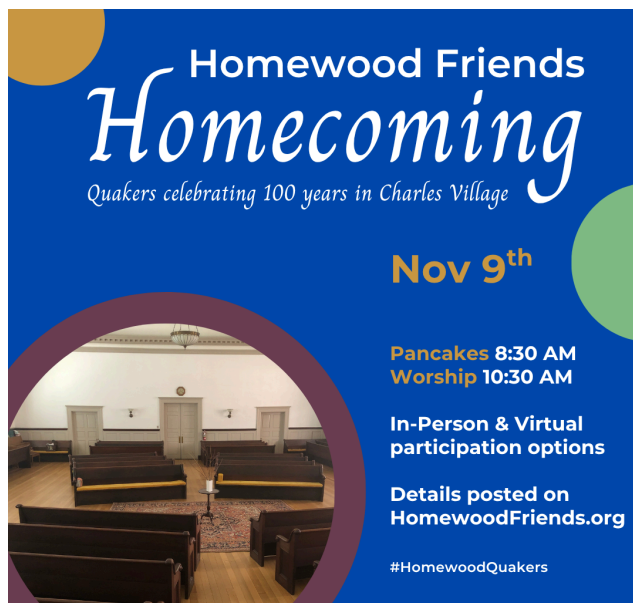
**What to Bring:** Please bring your own beverage, blanket, or folding chair.

**Rain Location:** The Meetinghouse (registered participants will receive location updates).

**Participant Cap:** 15. (keeps it intimate with opportunity for all to share).

**Registration:** Yes, [register here](#).

## SAVE THE DATE



### 11/9 HOMEWOOD HOMECOMING

We love when old F/friends come home. Please save the date for Homewood Homecoming on Sunday, November 9, including a pancake breakfast.

*Can you help?* If you'd like to help the folks who are doing all those hand invitations, please contact the office for details about when that'll happen.

### 11/15 BAIC Pow-Wow

Homewood Friends are organizing a group to attend together at the Maryland Fairgrounds.

### Nov 20 Trans Day of Remembrance

Vigil & Potluck at the meetinghouse.

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## THE WIDER QUAKER CIRCLE

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference, and more**

### **QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS September Earthcare Worship 10/4 at 7 PM**

Gather for worship online with concern for the threatened web of life on our beloved planet Earth.

[Register Here.](#)

**"Sumud" Quaker Study in Palestinian Self-Determination: Tuesdays at 7pm, 10/7 thru 12/16, Online** "Friends, in these times of war, let us sow seeds of peace and justice. In this workshop, dubbed "Sumud" (Arabic for resilience and determination), we will learn about the history of the struggle for Palestinian self-determination. We will also reflect on how our spiritual values guide our work for a brighter future. Look forward to appearances by Palestinian, Jewish, and Quaker guest speakers. Register and get more info at: [quakersumud.org](http://quakersumud.org)"

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Baltimore Yearly Meeting Quaker Women's Retreat: January 23-25**

🌱 For information about funding assistance from Homewood for Quakerly events, see page 2

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### **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](#) Able to lend a hand? Let us know what ways you like to help by checking the boxes for your interests and telling us a skill we might not know you have.



## REGULARLY SCHEDULED

**Vigil for Nonviolence**  
**FIRST FRIDAYS 10/3** 5-6 PM  
 Outside of the Meetinghouse  
 ✓ All are Welcome

**Nelson Mandela Study Group**  
**FIRST SUNDAYS 10/5** 9:15 AM  
 Lucretia Mott Room  
 ✓ All are Welcome

**Meeting for Business**  
**FIRST SUNDAYS 10/5** 12:30 PM  
 In the Meeting Room and on Zoom  
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)  
 ✓ All are Welcome

**House and Grounds Committee**  
**SECOND TUESDAYS 10/14** 6 PM  
 Contact the committee if interested in attending:  
[houseandgrounds@homewoodfriends.org](mailto:houseandgrounds@homewoodfriends.org)  
 ✓ open committee

**Bible Study**  
**THIRD SUNDAYS 10/19** 9:15 AM  
 In the Lucretia Mott Room (upstairs)  
*All are welcome, no prior readings needed.*  
 ✓ open group

**Library Committee**  
**THIRD SUNDAYS 10/19** 12:15 PM  
 In the Meetinghouse Library  
 ✓ open committee

**Outreach Team**  
**THIRD SUNDAYS 10/19** 12:30 PM  
 Susan B Anthony Room and Zoom  
 Use the [Worship Zoom \(click here\)](#)  
 ✓ open committee

**Simple Meeting for Worship**  
**LAST SUNDAYS 10/26** 9:00 AM  
 In the Meetinghouse Library  
 ✓ open worship

### *Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings*

Administrative  
 Green Organizing Action Team—OPEN  
 Outreach Team—OPEN  
 Hospitality—OPEN  
 House & Grounds—OPEN  
 Library—OPEN  
 Ministry & Counsel  
 Religious Education--OPEN  
 Trustees

**Odd months last Sundays** 12:30 PM, hybrid  
**Monthly; irregular** (9/15 at 7:30 PM on 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  
**1st Wednesday** 7:15 PM

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