

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING

NEWSLETTER

June 2019



Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)

All are welcome

First Day School summer program needs YOU

For the last several years, Religious Education has used the summer time as a time to introduce our youngest Friends to some of the activities that go on in our meeting. During the summer, our First Day School combines classes, and children ages 6 to 11 (K to 5th grade) are taught by members and attenders who feel led to share the importance of their work in the Meeting in a child friendly way.

If you have something to share with young people about Quakers, Quaker life, or the Life of the Meeting, we invite you to join us. Come prepared to tell or read a story that relates to your work. Prepare a short activity (game or craft) around the story, prepare some wondering questions for children to think about.

Want to schedule a First Day? Contact Beth Ensign at h.e.ensign@gmail.com or 678-637-9972. Leaders are still needed for June 16, the weekend of SAYMA (perhaps something about SAYMA?) and several First Days in July *Want to lead a class, but need ideas or need help planning details?* Contact Beth at the contact info above or Elaine Meyer-Lee at eemeyer87@earlham.edu. *Not sure you're up for leading a class on your own?* Find a F/friend to join you or let Elaine Meyer-Lee know. *Just want to help as a doorkeeper / assistant?* Contact Elaine Meyer-Lee.

The nursery / preschool class and the middle school / high school class will also continue to need doorkeepers during the summer. You can sign up to help in these classes on the sign-up sheet that circulates after meeting or on the meeting's website as usual.

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

QUERY FOR JUNE

What are we doing as individuals and as a Meeting to carry our share of responsibility for the government of our community, state, and nation, and for the development of needed international organizations?
How are we working for changes in government when change is needed?

- North Pacific Yearly Meeting

QUERY FOR MAY

How do we exercise our respect for the balance of nature?
Are we careful to avoid poisoning the land, air, and sea and to use the world's resources with care and consideration for future generations and with respect for all life?

- North Pacific Yearly Meeting

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION Spring Lobby Weekend 2019

In March, Eliza Stevenson and Sandra Kluivers of the Atlanta house of Quaker Voluntary Service attended FCNL's Spring Lobby Weekend. This is Sandra's account of the week:

On March 23, 2019, Eliza Stevenson and I left Atlanta for the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Spring Lobby Weekend (SLW) in Washington D.C. The topic for 2019 was Immigration, and the Ask that we were bringing to our representatives was to decrease the funding for ICE, border patrol, and detention centers, and to reinvest those funds into more community-based solutions that have shown to be highly successful.

Eliza was interested in attending SLW as she had recently been exposed to lobbying with her current QVS site, the Sierra Club, and was intrigued by the political process. She hoped to garner more experience around lobbying on a higher level, and hoped to learn more about Quaker involvement in politics. I had attended the FCNL lobby weekend three years prior, during my sophomore year in college, and had truly enjoyed the experience and learned a lot from it. I am very passionate about politics and civic engagement, on the local and national level, and so attending the lobby weekend was important to me. I was also personally invested in the topic for this year. Being a white, European immigrant who came to the US for a college education, I've had a different experience from many other immigrants, but still carry a connection to the label of "immigrant" and have undocumented friends from my time at college that reinforce my stake in this issue.

The experience was a very positive one, but one that left us with some nagging questions. How effective is lobbying really? Specifically, how effective is SLW itself? At times, the act of lobbying felt a bit performative and frustrating, and yet we realized that just physically being in that space, probing our representative's staff with these questions has an impact. The process of lobbying humbles politicians; it makes the political process more accessible for many individuals. It also shows the next generation that they too, can be in those positions of power. Engaging in lobbying causes an impact on your political system, no matter how small or insignificant it may feel in the moment.

Ultimately, the FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend is perfect for young people who want to try out the skill of lobbying and who want to speak to legislators on topics that are important to them. For Eliza, the experience provided a welcome environment in which to practice this tool of lobbying and consider how to incorporate these skills into her future work. For me, it cemented my love for lobbying and showed me a potential future for myself. I have continued lobbying with the FCNL group at AFM and we just recently lobbied at Senator Perdue's office to abolish the Authorized Use of Military Force (AUMF) executive orders of 2001 and 2002. I hope to continue this journey in whatever form it takes.

MEMORIAL MINUTE FOR WILLIAM (BILL) CARTER JENKINS

William (Bill) Carter Jenkins was born on July 26, 1945 to Albert Daniel Jenkins Sr. and Martha Wilson Jenkins in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. At an early age, Bill joined the Friendship African Methodist Episcopal Church in Mt Pleasant. He graduated from Laing Elementary School and Laing High School, a school founded in 1866 by Cornelia Hancock, a Quaker and Union army nurse. In high school there, he was involved in many activities including Boy Scouts and voter registration in Charleston, South Carolina. Bill also attended a Catholic school for several years and described himself as a devout Catholic when he went to college. Bill enrolled at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia where he was a foot soldier with the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and was jailed with John Lewis for demonstrating in front of former governor Lester Maddox's restaurant. He recalled meeting Martin Luther King, Jr. several times when Dr. King returned to the college for informal visits. He graduated with a degree in mathematics in 1967, the last year that Dr. Benjamin E. Mays served as president. Bill was both influenced and inspired by Dr. Mays and was a proud member of Bennie's Boys.

He began his public health career in 1967 as a statistician with the National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). In 1980, Bill joined the Division of Sexually Transmitted Diseases and HIV Prevention in the National Center for Prevention Services where he served as chief of the Research and Evaluation Statistics Section. With CDC support, he founded Project Imhotep, a summer program to prepare undergraduate underrepresented minorities for graduate school in public health with emphasis on biostatistics, epidemiology, and occupational safety and health. In 1988 that program became Morehouse College's Public Health Sciences Institute. In 1994-5, on leave from CDC, he developed the Master of Public Health program at Morehouse School of Medicine to address the shortage of underrepresented minorities in leadership positions in public health.

As an expert in the epidemiology and prevention of sexually transmitted disease among racial and ethnic minority communities, Bill provided CDC data to researchers concerned about the AIDS epidemic in communities of color and was one of the first researchers to project the magnitude of the AIDS epidemic among African Americans. After contributing to the development of the first CDC National Minority AIDS conference held in 1988, he became the first Manager of the National Minority Organizations' HIV Prevention program in 1989. In 1996, after NCPS became part of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention. Bill served as a supervisory epidemiologist in the Office of the Director where he managed the Tuskegee Participant Health Benefits Program which ensures provision of medical services to the survivors and their families of the Tuskegee Study of Syphilis in the Negro Male. He was instrumental in the May 16, 1997 Clinton Presidential Apology for the study and, in 2002, produced a documentary video with the study's survivors. Bill led the development of the NCHSTP Minority Health Strategic Plan that justified the creation of the NCHSTP's Office of Health Disparities (now Health Equity).

Bill was awarded a master's degree in biostatistics from Georgetown University and a Master of Public Health and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Epidemiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) and completed post-doctoral work in biostatistics at Harvard University. He retired from CDC as a supervisory epidemiologist in 2003. He returned to Morehouse following retirement and served as professor of public health sciences and associate director of Morehouse's Research Center on Health Disparities. From 2014 to 2017, he was adjunct professor of Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Jenkins was an extraordinary leader in public health and a lifelong advocate for social justice and health equity in our society. He served on the Governing Council and Executive Board of the American Public Health Association (APHA), received the APHA Epidemiology Abraham Lilienfield Award for teaching excellence in 2009, and addressed the opening session of the APHA in 2010. He was the chair of the Epidemiology Section of the American Statistical Association. And a member of the Board of Directors of the American college of Epidemiology. In 1991 he founded the society for the Analysis of African American Public Health Issues (SAAPHI). Dr. Jenkins received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from UNC in 2004 and an Honorary Doctorate degree from the Medical University of South Carolina in 2011.

Bill Jenkins' spiritual life was also dedicated to community action and social justice. During the 1980's he worked with the Atlanta regional office of the American Friends Service committee on efforts to end apartheid in South Africa. When Bill described his spiritual journey in 2007, he said that he realized that his grandmother's example of practicing contemplation and living Quaker values had influenced his life, and he knew that he wanted his daughter to go to a Quaker school as he had. He enrolled her

at the Friends School of Atlanta and began attending the Atlanta Friends Meeting. He said, "I came to meeting here and immediately knew the first time I sat in meeting that I felt very much at home here. Some people think there is a conflict between science and God. That's something I've never seen. I think science is the study of God. It's the study of how it works. I find that absolutely fascinating. I see no contradiction there." Bill became a member of the Meeting, served on the meeting's Ministry and Worship committee, and on the board of Friends School of Atlanta. He later also served on the board of Carolina Friends School of North Carolina. He was active in the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent and a national board member of the American Friends Service Committee.

Bill married Diane Louise Rowley, M.D., M.P.H. in her parent's home in Atlanta on October 22, 1983. Their marriage was blessed with thirty-five wonderful years and a beautiful daughter. After living a full and productive life, William (Bill) Carter Jenkins transitioned on Sunday, February 17, 2019 in Charleston, South Carolina. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and elder brother, Albert D. Jenkins Jr., M.D. Bill is survived by his wife, Diane L. Rowley; daughter, Danielle Rowley-Jenkins; nieces, Robin Jenkins and Alexandria Jenkins; nephew Albert D. Jenkins III (Stephanie); brother-in-law, Dean K. Rowley; and many other loving relatives and treasured friends.

BOOK GROUP Meeting — Thursday June 4th

The next meeting of the book group reading books by and about people of color will take place on Thursday, June 6 at 1:30 PM in the Meetinghouse library. The book for discussion is *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama. Everyone is welcome. For questions, contact Karen Morris (karenth.1415@gmail.com) or Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net).

We will not meet in July, but will meet on Thursday, August 1 to discuss *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME DINNER – Tuesday June 18th, 6:30 pm

Alicia, Natalie, Emily, Anne and Kat (all but Anne are recent QVS alumni) are very excited to invite all new to the Meeting and all who would like to meet newcomers to join them on June 18th at 6:30 pm for our monthly Newcomers Dinner. Newcomers are invited to be our guests, and others encouraged to bring a potluck dish. Address: Murray Hill Road in Atlanta. Contact Alicia Rabideau at aprabideau@gmail.com or 508-439-3715 to RSVP or for details.

CELEBRATION FOR LIZ & CHRISTINA SERVOCE TO QVS – June 20th 7:00 p.m.

In recognition of their leadership to Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS), please join Friends in celebrating Liz Nicholson & Christina Repoley on Thursday, June 20 from 7 to 8:30 pm. Christina founded QVS – a yearlong fellowship program for young adult Friends and seekers – in 2011 as a ministry under Atlanta Friends Meeting's care. In Dec 2018, after nearly 10 years of stewarding this great organization, Christina transitioned out of her role as Executive Director. Meanwhile, Liz was a member of the very first cohort of Atlanta QVS Fellows in 2012. She assumed the role of Atlanta City Coordinator in 2014. She has since directly supported 33 young adults explore the intersections of transformational spirituality, community living, and activism through a year with QVS.

Our celebration will kick off with a some ~light~ programming at 7:15 or so. Light desserts, drinks, & fellowship provided. Children welcome! Please RSVP to claire@quakervoluntaryservice.org so we can know how many delicious desserts to provide! Can't make it? You can still RSVP with your note of appreciation for these gifted leaders!

GREEN FRIENDS' FORUM ON DECARBONIZING THE MEETINGHOUSE – June 30th

Carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases are changing our world, causing stronger storms, droughts, wildfires, and sea level rise. The UN has warned that we must make significant cuts in our fossil fuel use to avoid starting natural processes that will make the climate crisis much worse. The weather destabilization also threatens a million species of God's creation with extinction. One clear step for us as individuals, and as a Meeting, is to reduce our use of fossil fuels. At our Meetinghouse, we burn a fossil fuel, natural gas, in our kitchen and in our HVAC system.

Green Friends invite Meeting members to attend a forum on this topic to explore how we will end our use of carbon fuels. How soon shall we replace these systems with all-electric systems? How shall we place solar panels and batteries to give us another source of electricity? Should we plan for early replacement of existing systems, or wait for them to be fully used? What plans should we make for emergencies? In addition, we will entertain questions from members on how they may choose to reduce their own use of fossil fuels in their homes or businesses.

LIVES AND CALLINGS: Spiritual Journey Sharing – July 7th

On the first Sunday of each month, in Adult First Day School, we usually listen to how a Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to this meeting, what led them to become a member or not, and what they believe now. We call these stories of spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life.

There will be no Spiritual Journey Sharing in June, but on July 7, Sandra Kliuvers and Rachel Carter, two of our current QVS fellows, will share the time to tell us the spiritual beliefs and service values that led to the QVS program and to this meeting. Come hear more: 9:00 -9:50 am on 1st Sundays in the library.

In May, Brent Wolff and Margaret Nagawa shared their Spiritual Journeys. You can hear a recording of it here: <https://tinyurl.com/y5a8b43x>

AN INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR STORY

From Mary Ann Downey: I am scheduling friends who are willing to offer the story of their spiritual journey in the Meeting's Adult Education Class on the first Sunday of each month for the next 6 months. We meet from 9:00-9:50 am in the meeting library and I encourage you to tell us your story: You may do so in any way that you are led to, and I am glad to talk to you and provide a list of questions for guidance. Please contact me at 678-938-8030 or madowney@mindspring.com.

FIFTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS – May 19, 2019
Recorded Pending Approval

Attendance: Cate Hilenski, Jason Cochrane, Mary Ann Downey, Myrna Trapp, Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, Berk Skellie, Georgia Lord, Karen Skillie, Georgia Lord, Bert Skillie, Alberta Guise, Elizabeth Lamb, Carolyn Coburn-Allen, Karen terHorst-Morris, Carolyn Manley, Liz Nicholson, Sara Patenaude, Muireann Brennan, Henry Slack, Ronald Nuse, John Adams, Nina Gooch, Kellie Divis, Aaron Ruscetta, Steve Collins, Clive Gordon, Terri O'Neil, Bailey O'Neil, Steve "Woody" Woodall, Reggie Williams, Julia Ewen, David Small, Lynn Leuszler, Richard Allen, Alison Mawle, Suzanne Cole Sullivan, Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Record Clerk), Bill Holland (Clerk)

Friends Gathered near the appointed hour with opening worship. A member of Ministry and Worship shared the Fifth Month query in worship: "What are we doing as individuals and as a Meeting to carry our share of responsibility for the government of our community, state, and nation, and for the development of needed international organizations? How are we working for changes in government when change is needed?"

Discernment Items:

Nominating Committee: Myrna Trapp, member of Nominating, brought forward Nina Gooch for a term as Newsletter Editor. Since there is currently no one in that role, and Nina is well known to the meeting, having served in several positions including most recently as Directory editor and currently the administrator of AFM listserve, we have decided to also ask for approval today instead of holding over Nina's appointment for the customary one month for discernment.

Minute 05-19-2019-01: On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, we approve Nina Gooch to serve as Newsletter Editor for a one year term beginning May 2019 and ending DECEMBER 2020.

Ministry and Worship: Elizabeth Lamb, clerk of Ministry and Worship, brought forward Katie Smiley's name for membership with Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 05-19-2019-02: On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Katie Smiley for membership in Atlanta Friends Meeting. Katie has been a long-time attender, providing much service and joy to us already, and we look forward to deepening our relationship with her.

Ministry and Worship has received a request from Cate Hilenski and Jason Cochrane to be married under the care of the meeting on July 6 at the meetinghouse. A clearness committee has met with the couple and finds them clear for marriage. Since we did not have a Fourth Month Business Meeting, the above report was given and the body approved the marriage on the same day. The body also heard the vows the couple will share with each other: "In the presence of the Light and the love of family and friends, I promise to be a loving and faithful partner. I promise to value your gifts, and to offer support through the challenges you will face. I promise to always meet you with kindness and an open, generous heart. To this commitment I set my hands."

Minute 05-19-2019-03: On the recommendation of Ministry and Worship, Atlanta Friends Meeting takes Cate Hilenski and Jason Cochrane's marriage under the care of the Meeting.

Minute 5-19-2019-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the following marriage/joining committee for the marriage of Cate Hilenski and Jason Cochrane: Betsy Eggers, convener, Karen Morris,

Muireann Brennan, Celeste Samas, Lu Hilenski, Bill Cochrane, Terri Cochrane and Hampton Warren, with Cate and Jason.

Memorial Committee: Mary Ann Downey read the memorial minute of Bill Jenkins. Friends commented that they loved the minute, but also missed his hardy laugh and a mention that he started and hosted the Watch Night Service on New Years Eve for many years.

Minute 05-19-2019-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the memorial minute of Bill Jenkins.

Quaker Voluntary Service: Mary Ann Downey brought forward two minutes of appreciation for the service Christina Repoley and Liz Nicholas have offered to Quaker Voluntary Service and the ways that has enriched our Meeting community.

Minute of Appreciation: Christina Repoley

Christina Repoley joined the Atlanta Friends Meeting in 2009 bringing a concern and a vision. She stated her concern in the September 2011 meeting newsletter that “young adults had few opportunities for prophetic and transformational service in an explicitly Quaker context”. Her vision was to create an organization, Quaker Voluntary Service “to strengthen and nurture the Religious Society of Friends by providing transformational opportunities for individuals to live their Quakerism in an experience of direct service and faithful community”. The Atlanta Meeting recognized and recorded a minute of support for her leading in August 2011.

Since establishing the first QVS house in Atlanta in 2012, we have witnessed her leadership in developing the organizational structure to support a national network of programs that is currently in Atlanta, GA; Philadelphia, PA; Portland OR, Boston, MA; and Minneapolis, MN.

In each location she engaged Friends in the monthly meetings to create and support the program for their city. With the support of a national board of directors, she inspired Friends to share this vision and to develop the financial resources for its growth. This program has now served 165 young adults for a year of service as a QVS fellow.

In February, 2019, Christina celebrated the 10th anniversary of the QVS program with alumni fellows, staff, board and supporters at Pendle Hill. She also celebrated moving from her position as founder and Executive Director.

We continue to be inspired by the love and light of Christina’s vision and her witness for transforming a vision into service.

Minute 05-19-2019-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minute of appreciation for Christina Repoley.

Minute of appreciation: Liz Nicholson

Liz Nicholson brought to Quaker Voluntary Service a deep grounding in Quaker faith and practice from growing up in the West Richmond Friends Meeting in Richmond IN, followed by graduating from the Quaker Leader Scholars program at Guilford College.

Her experience as a QVS fellow in the first group of seven in 2012-2013 gave her the experience, critical insight and skill needed to become Atlanta Program Coordinator in 2014. In this role, she recruits, interviews, selects and supports each new group of fellows.

She excels at finding site placements, developing retreats twice a year and twice monthly QVS program days, negotiating community conflicts within the Atlanta house and with supervisors at site placements for each group of fellows. She also manages the social media presence for QVS

nationally. She educates and encourages fellows to attend and contribute to the life of the Atlanta Meeting and sets an example with her regular presence and by teaching First Day School.

We are grateful for her leadership and faithful service to Quaker Voluntary Service and to the Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Minute 05-19-2019-07: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minute of appreciation for Liz Nicholson

Reports:

Ministry and Worship Committee: Elizabeth Lamb reported on behalf of the Ministry and Worship Committee. Ministry and Worship has received membership requests from Terri, Patrick and Bailey O'Neil. Separate clearness committees have met with each of them and find them all clear for membership. Take the next month to get to know them if you do not already know them. We will bring their names forward next month for final approval.

Ministry and Worship has received a request from Eric Stribling and Caitlin McLeroy to be married under the care of the meeting. The process has been somewhat complicated by the fact that they currently live in Cameroon, but a clearness committee has met with them several times (mostly electronically) and finds them clear to be married under our care. Their marriage under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting will be brought back for approval during Sixth Month. Their proposed vows are as follows:

Eric: Caitlin and I used to go on dog-walks and bike-rides together; even though I didn't really like dogs, and Caitlin didn't really ride bikes. We didn't expect love or marriage. We were just like two kids on a rollercoaster together, and then, I realized one day that I didn't want to get off the ride, ever. So today, we're getting married. Marriage is a big deal for me. God is a being whose personality is love, and so marriage is like entering into the eternal, divine reality. But I love you, and I'd like to marry you. I promise you sincerity, honesty, and integrity. I promise you teamwork, compromise, and mutual decisions. I promise to be with you whether life is fireworks or snotty tissues. I promise you love.

Caitlin: When I met you for the first time, I didn't have the slightest idea that you'd be the man that I would eventually stand with in front of all our friends and family asking to be my husband. But since then I have never been more sure of anything in my life, as I am of my love for you. I have chosen you wholeheartedly. And I will keep choosing you, no matter where we are or where we will be. On the sick days and on the bad days. On our worst days ever. Whatever may come down our path. I choose you knowing who you are now and who you are to become to be my one and only person and will continue choosing you for the rest of our lives.

[Editor's note: see photo following these minutes.]

Administration Committee: Steve Collins, clerk of administration committee, reported on the life of the committee: completion of the Search Committees, Playground Wooden Fence, and Pendergrast Memorial Planting.

Search Committees: The Property Coordinator (PC) and Office Coordinator (OC) search committees – Teri Key-Hooson, Jack Honderd, Carolyn Coburn-Allen and Steve Collins – have completed their work. Several well-qualified candidates were interviewed for both positions. With approval of the Administration committee, Alayne Hightower and Dan Phillips have been hired as OC and PC, respectively. Both began in late April.

The committee announced at the March Meeting for Business the hiring of Anton Flores as the new Friend in Residence (FiR), beginning in late July. Until he and his wife, Charlotte, can move into the FiR apartment, Bailey O'Neil, has been serving as interim FiR.

Minute 05-19-2019-08: Atlanta Friends Meeting approved laying down the three search committees (Friend in Residence, Office Coordinator, and Property Coordinator).

Playground Wooden Fence: In response to concerns expressed by Harmony School, Jim Tolmach and Jack Honderd extended the height of the fence next to the highest point of the playground (near the tree).

Pendergrast Memorial Plantings: Myrna Trapp, Landscape committee clerk, with help from volunteers, has worked tirelessly to create a memorial garden space for Nan and Britt Pendergrast at the far west end of the Meetinghouse parking lot. She has transplanted flowers and other plants from the Pendergrast home and added native plants to the garden.

SAYMA Representative: John Adams reported on the work of the Yearly Meeting. John has taken on the work of clerking the Uplifting Racial Justice Committee for the Yearly Meeting as well and is learning to balance these two tasks.

Gathered Meeting Retreat: Alison Mawle, clerk of Gathered Meeting Retreat, reported that 29 people joined for the Gathered Meeting retreat May 3-5 at the Charlie Elliot Wildlife Center. There were people at the retreat from every generation of our meeting (0-10 and 70-80). The planning committee decided not to have a formal facilitator but instead left it with an open format of following the wisdom of our community. The theme was "our Quaker ground - wisdom of Friends past and present."

Quaker Voluntary Service: Liz Nicholson, Atlanta City Coordinator, reported on behalf of the Quaker Voluntary Service with both national to local updates. Quaker Voluntary Service is in the processes of hiring two new City Coordinators for staff who are moving on in the next couple months. Hilary Burgin, the new Quaker Voluntary Service Executive Director, will be presenting as part of the QVS: Faith, Service, and Impact panel at Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association Annual Sessions on Friday June 14, 2019.

Locally, Liz is hard at work finding work placements for the incoming fellows; 7 of the 8 have confirmed placements. The local fellows have been hard at work. In April, the fellows reported back to Atlanta Friends Meeting about their time at either the White Privilege Conference or Friends Committee for National Legislation Spring Lobby Weekend. They also held a Vocations panel where they heard from members of the Meeting about the work they do in the world and how it relates to their calling in the world.

Macon Worship Group: Kellie Divis reported on the state of the Macon Worship Group. They continue to need support on business meeting Sundays (4th Sundays) as well as with First Day School for the children. They are also started to grapple with how to correspond with someone who is in prison near them.

Minutes of Third Month:

Minute 05-19-2019-09: Friends approved the minutes from Third Month.

Announcements:

Atlanta Streets Alive will take place on June 9th from 2pm to 8pm and will be happening in front of the Meetinghouse. Committees and Friends are invited to do as they pleased as an easy advertising opportunity.

On June 30, Green Friends invite Meeting members to attend a forum to explore how we will end our use of carbon fuels. How soon shall we replace these systems with all-electric systems? How shall we place solar panels and batteries to give us another source of electricity? Should we plan for early replacement of existing systems, or wait for them to be fully used? What plans should we make for emergencies? In addition, we will entertain questions from members on how they may choose to reduce their own use of fossil fuels in their homes or businesses.

Events in the Life of the Meeting:

Rebecca and Suzanne Cole Sullivan’s marriage took place on March 22, 2019 in Jackson, MS under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting.

Levent Knox Gosterisli, child of Emily and Levent, was born April 28. Levy weighed in at 7lbs 10oz, and measured 20 inches. The family looks forward to introducing him to the meeting real soon.

Atlanta Meeting hosted Friends General Conference’s Committee on Nurture Ministry April 26-28. Jean-Marie Prestwidge Barch, Clerk, submitted the following minute of appreciation to Atlanta Friends Meeting.

What a joy to be greeted by warm sun, roses in full bloom and the intense green of southern summer on the way. The Committee for Nurturing Ministries expresses our gratitude to Atlanta Friends for their generous hospitality. From the morning pick-ups at the airport and later at the train, Alison has been gracious and kind in caring for our needs. Her management of logistics in getting Friends from the airport to Atlanta Friends meeting was greatly appreciate. It was good to have breakfast with our hosts and to enjoy good conversation and warm hospitality.

What a wonderful space with such comfortable chairs, which allow spirit to be more palpably present to support doing our business. Our food needs during the day were well met by Alison and Carol. We appreciated their attention to our varied food needs and their company and conversation while we ate.

When we talk about Welcoming, we talk about people being intentional about considering the needs of the Friends they are welcoming. Atlanta Friends have done a wonderful job of anticipating needs and working to meet them successfully. The meeting has acted on their desire to “step up” to meet the needs of FGC committees and has done so with grace. You even provided a choir to accompany our Friday evening retreat!

Thank you.

Closing Worship: The Meeting closed with a moment of worship.



Eric Stribling and Caitlin McLeroy

PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT:

Cindy Berg
Susan Firestone
Joanna Reid and family
Julia Ewing

Those wishing to have requests for holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.

Calendar for Sixth Month (June)

Area Meetings for Worship

- Every First Day (Sunday) 10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse (AFM), with a smaller group in the Library.
10:30 a.m. – Peachtree Friends Meeting (Christian-friendly, affirming, open to all), 3980 Florida Ave, Norcross GA, peachtree.quaker.org
1:30 p.m. - Stone Mountain Friends Church (Evangelical), at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
- Every Second & Fourth First Day 2:30 p.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group.
Contact Kellie Divis at MaconQuakers@gmail.com; maconquakers.org
- Every Third First Day 11:45 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting room
12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group.
St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, jhudson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
- Sixth Day (Friday) 11:00 a.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskeillie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799.
(Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

- First Day (Sunday) 9:00 a.m. - Adult First Day School, Library
Every second Sunday, 9:30 a. m. - Singing, Classroom A/B
10:00 a.m. - Meeting for Worship
11:15 a.m. - Listening Ear for those with a concern about racism
5:00 p.m. - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
- Second Day (Monday) Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library
(contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join)
7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, High School Classroom
- Third Day (Tuesday) 6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery
Second & fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
- Fourth Day (Wednesday) 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library
First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home
7:00 - 8:30 pm: Semi-programmed worship at AFM.
Contact Ashley Wilcox: ashleymwilcox@gmail.com, 206-300-5836.
- 18th of Each Month Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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Are you a newcomer to the Atlanta Friends community?

We would be happy to make you a permanent nametag. You can leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

Would you like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories?

Send your name and contact information to Brent Wolff at rbkwolff@gmail.com . Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both.

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Send a note to afmannouncements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com .

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