

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER



Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
In Person & via Zoom
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER 2021

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SUNDAY WORSHIP IN PERSON & VIA ZOOM

Sunday morning Meeting for Worship continues at 10:00 am thru the end of the year as a blended meeting with in-person meeting for worship at the meetinghouse combined with worship via Zoom. Nursery care for children under three will be available at the meetinghouse.

First Day School for both adults and children and teens also continues both in person and via Zoom. **Zoom information below and on next page.**

Things to know:

- Please wear a mask inside the meetinghouse, even if you are vaccinated. If you speak during worship, please leave your mask on. (Children under two do not need to wear a mask.)
- Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer.
- There will be no coffee hour or potluck, but you are welcome to socialize after Meeting for Worship. Just bring your own beverage in your own container.
- Please do not come if you do not feel well, have tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 10 days, or have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 within the previous 14 days.

For more details and for more information about First Day School and childcare, see <https://tinyurl.com/52u3waus> or contact the office: atlantaquakers@gmail.com or 404-451-5974.

To volunteer on Sundays at the meetinghouse, visit <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers>, sign up at the meeting house or contact the office.

DETAILS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND FIRST DAY SCHOOL AT ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING



For the most up to date information, see the latest announcements at www.atlantaquakers.org/_announcements/Announcement_Sheet.pdf.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP (with new Zoom info as of September 5)
Combined in person and Zoom

10 a.m. Sundays

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRlVVPaIFFYmVDQT09)

[pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRlVVPaIFFYmVDQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRlVVPaIFFYmVDQT09)

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL (see under Events for more details for each Sunday)

Combined in-person and Zoom

9:00 to 9:50 am Sundays

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063665797?pwd=Nms0Vm5MSW91UXdWRGJSOXA5NWRjZz09>

Meeting ID: 860 6366 5797

Passcode: 013191

FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (with new Zoom info as of September 5)

Zoom for younger children: Sundays 9:30am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7279961727?pwd=ck1ROVZIRWRCVDgzdGRocFhQWEduUUT09>

Meeting ID: 727 996 1727

Passcode: Quaker!

In-person for all ages, with blended option for teens: Sundays 10:15 am

Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer. The teens will meet in person with an option for a blended FDS class from 10:15-11:00. For more info, contact Laura MacNorlin.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT:

Cindy Berg

Beth-Ann Buitekant and family

AM Barrett and family

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

Atlanta Friends Committees and Other Contacts

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For information about these committees, download the AFM Handbook from <http://atlantaquakers.org/members.htm> (scroll down to the bottom to AFM Documents to Download) or contact the Clerk of the committee.

THE GIFT OF YOUR STORY: AN INVITATION TO SHARE (AND TO LISTEN)

Please consider sharing the story of your spiritual journey in 2022 during the adult religious education class on first Sunday of each month in the library and on zoom. For more information, contact Mary Ann Downey at madowney@mindspring.com, or 678-938-8030.

Mary Ann says: "In 2007, I began inviting Friends to share the story of what brought them to Friends Meeting and called it "Stories of the Elders" because I saw that we were losing older Friends and their wisdom. Like Story Corps, we build community, create the oral history of the meeting and deepen our connection to each other when we tell our story and when we listen to others. All who have shared tell me that sharing their story is not only a gift to meeting but also helps them understand their journey in new ways. I hope to continue hearing Friends' stories."

An article in Friends Journal describes this project and includes suggested queries:

<https://www.friendsjournal.org/telling-stories-spiritual-journey/>.

“WHAT CANST THOU SAY?”

*Quakers often ask, “What canst thou say?” Here is the broader context of the question, from Margaret Fell's description of her first hearing George Fox preach, as quoted in William C. Braithwaite's *The Beginnings of Quakerism to 1660*, page 101.*

And so [Fox] went on, and said how that Christ was the Light of the world, and lighteth every man that cometh into the world, and that by this Light they might be gathered to God, etc. And I stood up in my pew, and I wondered at his doctrine, for I had never heard such before.

And then he went on, and opened the scriptures, and said The scriptures were the prophets' words, and Christ's and the apostles' words, and what as they spoke they enjoyed and possessed and had it from the Lord.

And said, "Then what had any to do with the scriptures but as they came to the Spirit that gave them forth? You will say, Christ saith this, and the apostles say this, but **what canst thou say?** Art thou a Child of Light, and hast walked in the Light, and what thou speakest is inwardly from God, etc. ?"

This opened me so, that it cut me to the heart, and then I saw clearly we were all wrong. So I sat me down in my pew again, and cried bitterly: and I cried in my spirit to the Lord, "We are all thieves, we are all thieves, we have take the scriptures in words, and know nothing of them in ourselves."

CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE SLIDES & RESOURCES FROM 9/26 FORUM

Missed the Sept. 26 forum on Climate Change & Environmental Justice, or want to review materials? Check out these links that anyone can view. For a pdf on “Economics and Climate Justice” which includes facts about climate change, connections between climate change and racial justice, and carbon pricing/carbon dividends as a solution:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Zu5XoTGuegKLxD2glQ4ISjLafic-p44/view?usp=sharing>

For Environmental Justice resources:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1AAsRpgldSZtU9CLDOPyAQDATfE5cQc6v/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108995711048204362426&rtopf=true&sd=true>

For more information about on climate change, carbon pricing, and getting on the Green Friends mailing list, contact Henry Slack (henry.h.slack@gmail.com) or Dan May (danmay2@icloud.com). For information about connections between climate change and racial justice, contact Judy Lumb (judylumb43@gmail.com) and to get on the Quakers for Racial Equality list, contact Susan Firestone (susanfires@gmail.com).

AJC ARTICLE ON CASA ALTERNA AT ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING

On September 24, the Atlanta Journal Constitution ran an in-depth article featuring the work of Casa Alterna, stories of asylum seekers, and quotes Anton Flores-Massonet, co-founder of Casa Alterna and Friend in Residence of Atlanta Friends Meeting. The article is headlined “When ICE detainees are dopped off at the Atlanta Airport, this group helps” and is at <https://tinyurl.com/33ja5njs>.

PHOTOS FROM LANDSCAPING WORKDAY

The Landscaping Committee (Myrna Trapp, Clerk, and David Small, in top left photo) have been working to remove kudzu and other invasive plants from the lower area behind the playground and replace them with native plants as well as create paths and a meditation garden.

Thanks to those who helped move mulch on October 20 and to those who brought cardboard to be used as a base for the paths. If you're interested in helping with this ongoing project, please contact Myrna, though they have plenty of cardboard now and don't need more.



FORUM ON MEMBERSHIP – Sunday, October 31

On October 31, Ministry and Worship will offer a forum on membership in our meeting. Sara Patenaude and Folami Adams will share their experience and reasons for becoming members. We will answer questions and provide guidelines for requesting membership. All are welcome. Combination zoom and in-person, using the zoom info for meeting for worship.

WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP – Wednesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24

Combined in-person and Zoom, now at 8:30 am. Our guidelines for this small meeting for worship are at <https://tinyurl.com/small-meeting-guidelines>. Everyone over the age of two should wear a mask over their mouth and nose while in the meeting house, regardless of their vaccination status. Please stay home if you feel ill for any reason or if you have COVID-19 or think you have been exposed to it. Contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 for more information. Zoom details: <https://zoom.us/j/92038862952>

Meeting ID: 92038862952

Password: 726229

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR – Thursday, November 4

The book group reading works by and about people of color meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month via Zoom. On November 4, the group will discuss *Their Eyes Were Watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net)

TIME CHANGE – Sunday, November 7

On Sunday morning, November 7, at 2 am, Daylight Savings Time will end, and clocks will turn back to 1 am (for some clocks, you will have to make the change yourself). We'll get an extra hour to sleep or have time for a leisurely breakfast before meeting for worship or First Day School.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS AND ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL – Sundays, November 7, 14, 21, 28

Adult First Day School will meet in person at the meetinghouse and people will continue to be able to join via Zoom. (See above for Zoom details.)

Each first Sunday of the month in Adult First Day School, we 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 spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life. On November 7, we will hear the spiritual journey of Alberta Guise.

To hear Dee DeBra's spiritual journey from October 3, visit <https://tinyurl.com/375d2ehu>. (For more about Spiritual Journeys, see announcement above)

On second Sundays (previously third Sundays), Adult First Day School will have worship sharing, usually on that month's query. On other Sundays, we will be discussing *The Great Conversation, Nature and the Care of the Soul* by Belden C. Lane. Please join us, even if you haven't read the book.

AFM HIKE – Saturday, November 13

All are welcome to join us for Second Saturday monthly short hikes/walks! Including children! On Saturday, November 13, we will meet at the Meetinghouse parking lot at 9am to take a hike! (Note time change from October.) Please plan to join us for a three-mile hike to the top of Little Kennesaw Mountain. (Note from Bert Skellie: “There will be hills this month, but we take it slow.”) Please bring a mask to wear in the car for safety. We should be back by about 1 PM.
<http://longlivelearning.com/2015/08/hiking-little-kennesaw-mountain-trail-in-metro-atlanta-georgia/> has more information, including where to park at the trailhead. Call Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 if you have questions, or if you have an emergency and need us to wait for you at the Meetinghouse longer than 5 minutes, or if you would like information about future hikes.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS – Sunday, November 15

Meeting for business for August will be a blended meeting, combining in-person and Zoom. Simply stay after Meeting for Worship, whether you attend Meeting for Worship in person or via Zoom. See announcement sheet for Zoom details. Minutes from last month are below. For more info about meeting for business, see these guidelines approved by Atlanta Friends Meeting in 1996:
http://atlantaquakers.org/_site_pdf_docs/Guidelines_for_Meeting_for_Business.pdf

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH – Saturday, November 20

Please send articles, announcements, information about upcoming events, and other submissions to atlquakerltr@gmail.com by November 20. Please send as an email or in Word or other text format.

MINUTES FOR TENTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS

October 17, 2021

held as a hybrid meeting with both in person and Zoom attenders

Minutes Recorded Pending Approval

Attendance: Alberta Guise, Ann Ritter, Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, Mary Ann Downey, Bill Holland, Aaron Ruschetta, Anton Flores, Charlotte Flores, Becky Lough, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, David Small, Don Bender, Elizabeth Lamb, Erin Schroder, Glenn Plyler, Georgia Lord, Henry Slack, Jennifer Dickie, Judy Lumb, Julia Ewen, Karen Morris, Myrna Trapp, Micheal Allison, Nina Gooch, Paul Mangelsdorf, Richard Allen, Ronald Nuse, Lissa Place (Clerk), Coryn Murphy (Recording Clerk)

Friends gathered near the appointed hour with opening worship. A member of Ministry and Worship shared the Tenth Month Query out of the worship: How do you address inequality in all forms? For example: How do you work to support equality in relation to race, gender, class, sexual orientation, and religion? How do you work for equality in criminal justice, housing, education, and civil and human rights? How are you working to bring about opportunities for those who suffer discrimination?

Discernment:

Memorial Minute: Georgia Lord read the memorial minute for Woody Woodall.

Minute 10/17/2021:01: The Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the following memorial minute for Woody Woodall.

Steven Lamar Woodall, 69, died on June 1, 2020, at home in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Woody (to new friends from 1994 onward) was born on October 2, 1950, in Toccoa, Georgia to Joseph Raymond Woodall and Frances Colleen [Alexander] Woodall. His family moved to Clayton, Georgia in 1954, and Steve grew up there. His family knew writer and racial justice advocate Lillian Smith and he had a childhood memory of visiting her when she was ill. He attended public school in Clayton, graduating as valedictorian. Steve left home to attend Duke University as an Angier B. Duke Scholar. He originally intended to pursue a career in oceanography but subsequently changed his major to religion and, later, entered the Duke School of Forestry. He graduated Magna Cum Laude from Duke and then went on to earn a Master's degree in Forestry, also from Duke. His college summers were spent gathering rich experiences: as a tree trimmer in DC, then taking in the natural treasures as he and his father crossed the country to reach Denali Alaska, working at Mt McKinley Park and hiking his beloved Mt. Adams in the Cascades. Many years later, Steve joyfully recalled that when he arrived at the summit of Mount Adams, he was flanked by Mt. Hood to its south and Mt. St. Helens to its north. It was a clear day, and he could see all the way from the Three Sisters in Oregon to Mt. Baker near the Canadian border.

Steve became convinced that he could not kill, and that he must refuse to cooperate with American involvement in Vietnam. This prompted him to seek and obtain conscientious objector status from his hometown draft board. A lottery number of 125 meant that he was not ultimately drafted which, in turn, meant that he was not required to perform alternative service. He nonetheless chose to perform his own type of national service by volunteering as a Peace Corps forester in Ghana in 1974-75. Steve faced another moral dilemma soon after he arrived in Ghana: The Peace Corps threatened to expel him if he did not sign an oath "to defend the United States against all enemies, seen and unseen" as defined at that time by the Nixon administration. He gave in and signed the oath -- but wondered afterward whether he had made the correct choice.

In late 1976, he became a research forester with the U.S. Forest Service, assigned to work in the wetlands of south Florida. On a vacation trip to England in 1978, he met Sue Christine Turner and married her in 1979. They had two daughters, Emily and Sarah. After a Forest Service transfer to Athens and a reduction-in-force under the Reagan administration, he began his PhD program in forest hydrology under John Hewlett at the University of Georgia, completing the program in 1985. His studies included a 1983 trip to Mali. Woody's employment included work at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on hazardous waste concerns and service as an emergency responder. He also performed environmental consulting. For a time, he worked at Tiger Vineyards, where he found satisfaction in caring for growing, fruitful things. Woody experienced significant frustrations in his professional life, in part because of the difficulty of finding employment that both provided sufficient financial support and allowed his vocational activities to align with personal principles. Throughout his life, however, he continued to take delight in natural wonders and the earth's processes. On one occasion, he accompanied the gift of a pearl necklace with a note that described his preference for pearls:

I like pearls as a concept, similar to my appreciation for real wood. Pearls are not gemstones, artifacts of pressure and temperatures operating across geological time, all of which is beyond our comprehension, but rather are objects that nature produces in 'real time' – through agency of two symbionts, brainless mollusks and brainy humans.

His description of his "Last Wishes," also reflects a similar wonder. He asked that his ashes be split into 4 parts and left in 4 specific spots. "The goal," he explained, was, "to mingle the mineral matter of my physical cage with the more sublime parts of the physical earth." He described the journey each set of cremains would take, descriptions that included this vision for the travels in store for the remains left near a stream in Rabun County:

This stream represents my homeland and my academic interest, and will flow into Lakes Burton, Seed, Rabun, and Tallulah; some will go through the tunnel and penstocks to the Tallulah plant but some will go through the Gorge, before joining with the Chattanooga River, and passing the history-rich Georgia cities of Augusta and Savannah on its way to the Atlantic. Once it reaches the Atlantic, the water that carries the dissolved part of the ashes circulates worldwide - just at a much, much slower rate.

Woody's marriage to Sue ended in divorce in 1991. He moved to the Atlanta area in 1992 and found his spiritual home among Quakers, through the Atlanta Friends Meeting. In 1994 he met Loretta Lucy Miller (of Plymouth Friends Meeting, in Pennsylvania), at a Friends General Conference Gathering in 1994. They married soon afterward under the care of the Atlanta Meeting. The marriage also ended in divorce, in 2001. Woody had rich relationships with a wide circle of F(f)riends. He enjoyed contemplative discussions with those around him. He participated in the Friends General Conference Gathering as well as in SAYMA events and the activities of the Atlanta Friends Meeting. In 2000, Steve joined the Atlanta Community Jazz Chorus, his first organized singing since Duke Glee Club and Chancel Choir. ACJC was a transformative experience for Steve. His five years in the group led to his deep involvement with work on undoing racism. In August 2008, he moved back to Clayton to assist with the care of his father, and later assisted with the care of his mother as well. After his parents died, he returned to the Atlanta area and once again became very active in AFM.

When Woody learned that he was likely facing a terminal disease, he made an affirmative decision to joyfully embrace whatever time he had left rather than focus his energies on fighting the disease. During these months, he seemed to truly savor the riches his life offered. His glowing smile regularly greeted and comforted those around him. One of his projects during these months was the hosting of a large newcomer's dinner for Atlanta Friends Meeting. He continued his active support for a wide- ranging group of organizations advocating for racial justice and for other causes dear to him. These causes included the abolition of the death penalty and the removal of the confederate flag from public and government display.

Woody was survived by his two daughters (Emily Cowherd and Sarah Bradley), his eight grandchildren, and his only sibling, Catherine Elaine [Woodall] Corrigan.

Administration:

Nina Gooch reported for the administration committee. Anton Flores, Friend-in-Residence (FiR) for AFM since the summer of 2019, has agreed at the request of the Administration Committee to serve a 3rd year. As prescribed in the Meeting's Handbook, Meeting for Business approval is required for such an extension. Below is the relevant excerpt from the FiR job description.

Term: Two year minimum, with an option to extend the term for up to two extra years with approval of the Meeting for Business. For any subsequent years thereafter, the Friend in Residence may apply for consideration for reappointment. Such reappointment could only be made after a search committee is formed, a search process for candidates is conducted, and any other applicants are genuinely considered.

Minute 10/17/2021:02: On the recommendation of the Administration Committee the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the extension of Anton Flores for a 3rd year of service as Friend in Residence through July 31, 2022.

Reports:

Administration: Nina Gooch reported for the Administration Committee.

Myrna Trapp, Clerk of the Landscaping Committee, could still use large pieces of cardboard to spread in the lower area pathway behind the playground to inhibit invasive plant growth. A bench for that area is also needed. As always, volunteers to help spread mulch are welcomed. Contact Myrna for days and times.

The Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) Program and Steering Committee are planning a retreat at the Atlanta Meetinghouse for next weekend, October 22-24. Potential Friendly Adult Nurturers (FANs) are encouraged to contact Aaron Ruscetta to assist with the retreat. Aaron, interim AFM Young Friends Program Coordinator, is the Lead FAN for that weekend.

Nominating:

Ann Ritter reported for Nominating committee.

Nominating brings forward Jennifer Dickie as Clerk of Meeting for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

Nominating brings forward Becky Lough as a Care and Council Committee Appointed Member for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022. (Note - Becky is currently a regular member of C&C.)

Nominating brings forward Dee DeBra as Assistant Treasurer for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

Nominating will ask the Meeting for approval of these nominees at the November Meeting for Business.

Ministry and Worship:

Bill Hooson, Clerk of Ministry and Worship, reported for Ministry and Worship committee. Ministry and Worship is currently in the process of discernment of several queries dealing with our time of Worship that have been both longstanding and have come forth since we incorporated virtual worship. These queries cover such issues as: any opening statement; appropriate vocal ministry; and, use of Zoom chat.

We also are continuing our support of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reconciliation and Reparations. And are eager to hear their recommendations of what action steps, beyond the approved minute, the Atlanta Friends Meeting might consider undertaking. Also, as a reminder, Ministry and Worship will be hosting a Forum on "Membership," on October 31. Ministry and Worship is charged with providing Forums each fifth first day of those months. If other committees would like to conduct a Forum, the fourth first day should be considered.

Lastly, the Macon Worship Group's attendance and participation is faltering due to the pandemic and family illnesses with their Clerk. Bill Holland and Mary Ann Downey are working with them and are hosting, via Zoom, their Wednesday evening Worship. You are invited to participate. See Bill or Mary Ann for details

Finance: Paul Mangelsdorf the treasurer reported on the Atlanta Friends Meeting quarterly report. Paul also asked for more members of meeting to join the finance committee.

[Editor's Note: You can read the quarterly financial report at <https://tinyurl.com/6rumms3r>.]

As of September 30, 2021, AFM is running a \$28,403 deficit YTD. A deficit through this part of the year is usual, as contribution income is largely received in the 4th quarter. The deficit is however, \$9,658 less than was budget through September. The smaller deficit was driven by lower employee costs YTD, lower program costs and higher than budgeted rental income. Income YTD is \$14,567 higher than the same period in the prior year. Although YTD revenue is \$8,175 less than last year (rental income and a one-time \$2,500 grant) that is more than offset by lower expenses.

Expenses are running \$22,742 less than the prior year driven by employee expense due to two employees on furlough. Additionally, we are not making contributions to the Permanent Improvement Fund this year which was \$15,000 (\$5,000 each quarter last year). Occupancy expense at \$43,922 is \$3,242 more than budget and \$5,734 more than 2020. This is due to tree trimming expense and interior painting for the classrooms. Other notable expense trends include: Social Concerns is \$927 higher than last year, but this is a timing issue, as they have spent \$11,500 of their \$14,000 budget which we expect to be fully used by year-end. Program expense at \$3,133 is \$3,336 favorable to budget and \$46 favorable to 2020. The favorable variance was spread broadly across the category. Gifts Affiliations at \$18,113 is unchanged from 2020. Compared to year-end, our balance sheet is \$77,184 smaller. This is primarily the result of the YTD spending from the Permanent Improvement Fund (\$46,789) to replace the meeting roof and the initial payment for the Solar Panel Installation and the YTD deficit of \$28,403.

Additionally, there were minor changes in the balances of the other funds. On the asset side of the balance sheet Checking balances are \$3,298 lower, the Savings account balance are \$49,938 lower and receivables (Undeposited funds and Due from Pay Pal) decreased by \$23,388.

Social Concerns: Glenn Plyler reported for the Social Concerns Committee.

SCC meeting on November 14th will be starting to review budget for 2022. Members of SCC and Associated Members please review your projected needs for next year to give input to 2020 SCC budget. Atlanta Friends Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) facilitators Karen Morris and Glenn Plyler participated in 3 Zoom workshops on dealing with Trauma in AVP presentations. There were facilitators from Canada, Costa Rica, Eastern Europe, Georgia, California, and Maryland participating in workshops.

Mark Yates and others have been making banners and doing voter registration for upcoming elections. Voting is open now and the committee is encouraging voting.

Forum via Zoom 24 October 2021 "Asylum Seekers and Migrants in an Era of Mass Detention" being coordinated by Susan Firestone. Small donations for childcare would help so please contact Susan.

QVS Local Support Committee

Coryn Murphy reported for the QVS Local Support Committee (LSC). The six Atlanta QVS Fellows are starting their year of service and have begun to connect to the city. Rachael Carter, the Local

Site Coordinator, and the QVS Support committee are planning Fall retreat for the current Fellows, who are also spending time connecting with Spiritual Nurturers and other local friends. Spiritual Nurturers recently attended a virtual gathering online to learn some best practices. The LSC continues to think deeply about equity and other practices of organizing our work. If you are interested in joining the LSC, please contact Steve Collins or Jillian Eller for more information.

If you would like to meet with Fellows to learn more about them and the work that they are doing, you can sign up to host lunch from 12:30pm-1:30 pm every other Friday with Coryn at coryn.c.murphy@gmail.com.

The QVS LSC, Fellows and Local Coordinator would like to extend a thank you for all who participated in our Local Orientation this year and provided the Fellows with food and other items for their house. We hope that you are interested in participating in the future.

Committee Corner:

Nina Gooch, reported as Office Coordinator and also as Newsletter Editor, is considering the best way to share minutes from meeting for business and asked Friends where they read business meeting minutes. She also encouraged Friends to contact her if they had information they wanted in the weekly announcement sheet and/or in the monthly newsletter or if they had questions or thoughts about how the meeting communicates with members and attenders. She reminded Friends that other ways of sharing information or finding out information include the discussion email list and the announcement email list and the meeting's facebook group.

Announcements:

Anton Flores announced about the forum via Zoom 24 October 2021 "Asylum Seekers and Migrants in an Era of Mass Detention." There will be three speakers who have become activist after being detained.

Anton will also be joining the board from Pendle Hill.

State of the Meeting Report

Lissa Place, the Clerk of the Atlanta Friends Meeting, asked for committee chairs and people with special roles in the meeting to send in items for the state of the meeting report by November Business Meeting.

Approval of Minutes for August 2021 and September 2021 Clerk's Item:

There were errors in the March Minutes and the August Minutes.

Minute: 10/17/2021:03: The Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the changes to the minutes from March 2021 Minutes. The Atlanta Friends Meeting also approved the August 2021 minutes and the September 2021 minutes.

Events in the life of the Meeting

Ruby-Beth and Taylor welcomed Lazuli Jaq Buitechamp who was born October 6th, 2021. The baby's last name is a combination of the parents' last names.

Closing Worship

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ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING

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Ways to communicate and share information:

- You may receive the announcement sheets and other announcements relating directly to the life of the meeting. This is the announcement email list. (The announcement sheet is also posted online.)
- You may receive announcements AND posts about a broader range of topics relating to being a Quaker via email. This is the discussion email list.
- You may receive notification that the newsletter is online. This is the newsletter email list.
- To join any of these email lists above, please email the office at atlantaquakers@gmail.com
- To receive weekly emails with details about Zoom and in-person meetings for worship and First Day School, email atlantaquakers@gmail.com
- To join the meeting's Facebook page, search for Atlanta Friends Meeting & click the + **Join Group** button.

If you need a directory:

Email atlantaquakers@gmail.com or call 404-377-2474

Would you like to appear in future AFM Directories?

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