

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

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Meeting for Worship each First Day (Sunday) in Person & via Zoom, 10:00 am. Details page 5.

QUERY FOR SEPTEMBER

How can we support all life in finding and sharing their own paths to peace?

Source: 2nd Grade Class, Friends School of Atlanta

Mother
I remember your
green thumb
the life that
flourished under
your touch
fern, African violet,
begonia, orchid
nothing indifferent
to your care
Your touch creating
wild-rose gardens that grew
into ever-green forest
trailing its vines into my
dreams
Wrapping around the barren days
the days of famine and failure
making a vegetable garden oasis
tomatoes, cabbage, collards, peppers
Your hands carefully
weeding, tending, cultivating,
holding
seeds as reverently
as prayers.

poem by Patricia Turner

NEWS FROM THE MEETING LIBRARY

Submitted by Cal Gough, Library Clerk

A New Library Catalog!

The most significant post-pandemic change in the Meeting's Library: the multi-year project to convert the Library's card-based catalog to an online format has finally been completed.

While many members and attendees may prefer to *browse* the library's contents for books they might find interesting to read, the collection has grown so large – we now have almost a thousand different titles (some with multiple copies) – that it's sometimes necessary to search the library's catalog to determine if we own a particular item, and to be able to quickly locate it.

Instructions are now posted in the library that explain how library users can use their smartphones and home computers to check the Library's specific holdings for books by subject, keyword, title, or author's name. (Eventually, we hope to post these instructions on the Meeting's updated website.)

It Takes a Village!

The library's reorganization and the creating of its online catalog was accomplished with the help of numerous volunteers who helped with the labor-intensive tasks of inventorying, re-cataloging, and relabeling every book in our library, building additional library shelving and a library desk, and addressing various computer hardware and software issues. Among those volunteers were: Judith Greenberg, Kathy Johnson, Patti Lee, Pete McCaughan, Renda McCaughan, Sue May, Aaron Rusetta, Erica Schoon, Karen Skellie, Jim Tolmach, and Ashley Wilcox. Helpful in identifying and/or purchasing materials for our three special collections (Bible Study, Green Friends, and Race Relations) were Julia Ewen, Kathy Johnson, and Susan Firestone. Members helping to separate items belonging to the library and items belonging to the Meeting's Religious Education Committee were Jennifer Dickie, Karen Morris, and Elizabeth Tolmach. Office Coordinator Nina Gooch and Meeting Bookkeeper Jonah McDonald were also very helpful with various library-related projects or annual purchases.

A Gentle Reminder

Over 100 books that various members and attendees have borrowed from the library over the past few years have not been returned. Please check your home (and car?) to see if you have a library item you meant to return and haven't yet. Other members or attendees may want to read what you borrowed, and we definitely want to minimize the percentage of the library's modest annual budget devoted to replacing lost items (vs. purchasing new ones). You can bring any un-returned library book on your next visit to the Meetinghouse – and, instead of re-shelving it, please put it in the basket on top of the library desk that's labeled RETURNS.

RECOMMENDED LIBRARY BOOKS FOR THOSE NEW TO QUAKERISM

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| 248.4 Gul | <i>Living the Quaker Way: Discover the Hidden Happiness in the Simple Life</i> (2014) by Philip Gulley |
| 248.4 Kel | <i>A Testament of Devotion</i> (1941) by Thomas R. Kelly |
| 248.4 Ste | <i>Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings</i> (2005) edited by Douglas Steere |
| 248.4 Whi | <i>Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity</i> (2001) by Catherine Whitmire |

254 Hub	<i>Quaker by Convincement</i> (1985) by Jeffrey Hubbard
264.096 Pun	<i>Encounter with Silence: Reflections from the Quaker Tradition</i> (1987) by John Punshon
289.6 Bir	<i>Silence and Witness: The Quaker Tradition</i> (2004) by Michael L. Birkel
289.6 Bri	<i>Friends for 350 Years: History and Beliefs of Friends</i> (xxxx) by Howard Brinton
289.6 Cam	<i>The Friendly Guide to Quakerism</i> (2004) by Janet M. Cameron
289.6 Dur	<i>Being a Quaker: A Guide for Newcomers</i> (2013) by Geoffrey Durham
289.6 Dur	<i>What Do Quakers Believe?</i> (2019) by Geoffrey Durham
289.6 Gil	<i>A Light that is Shining: An Introduction to the Quakers</i> (3 rd ed., 2003) by Harvey Gillman
289.6 Ham	<i>The Quakers in America</i> (2006) by Thomas D. Hamm
289.6 Pin	<i>Celebrating the Quaker Way</i> (2009) by Pink Dandelion
289.6 Pin	<i>The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction</i> (2008) by Pink Dandelion
289.6 Pym	<i>Listening to the Light: How to Bring Quaker Simplicity and Integrity into Our Lives</i> (1999) by Jim Pym
289.6 Ram	<i>The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery</i> (2013) by Rex Ambler
289.6 Wes	<i>The Quaker Reader</i> (1992) edited by Jessamyn West
J 289.6 Wil	<i>The Quakers</i> (1998) by Jean Kinney Williams [for young readers]

SELECTED LIST OF RECENTLY PURCHASED / DONATED LIBRARY BOOKS

201 Gui	<i>The Early Quakers and the Kingdom of God: Peace, Testimony and Revolution</i> (2012) by Gerard Guiton
230.96 Joh	<i>A Quaker Prayer Life</i> (2013) by David Johnson
248.4 Bil	<i>Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker: A Humble Stumble toward Simplicity and Grace</i> (2016) by J. Brent Bill
248.46 Ale	<i>Everyday Spiritual Practice</i> (1999) by Scott W. Alexander
248.489 Dra	<i>A Language for the Inward Landscape: Wisdom from the Quaker Tradition</i> (2016) by Brian Drayton
248.489 Hum	<i>Seeds that Changed the World: Essays on Quakerism, Spirituality, Faith and Culture</i> (2017) by Debbie L. Humphries
248.8 Con	<i>Spirit Rising: Young Quaker Voices</i> (2010) edited by Angelina Conti and others
254.96 Sou	<i>A Guide to Our Faith and Practice</i> (2021) by the Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (AFM's Yearly Meeting)
289.6 Abb	<i>Quakerism: The Basics</i> (2020) by Margaret Abbott
289.6 Buc	<i>Primitive Quakerism Revived: Living as Friends in the Twenty-First Century</i> (2018) by Paul Buckley

289.6 Dur	<i>What Do Quakers Believe?</i> (2019) by Geoffrey Durham
289.6 Kei	<i>Seeds of Silence: Essays in Quaker Spirituality and Philosophical Theology</i> (2021) by R. M. Keiser
289.6 Ram	<i>The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery</i> (2013) by Rex Ambler
289.6 Wal	<i>Traditional Quaker Christianity</i> (2014) by Ohio Yearly Meeting
289.609 Gul	<i>Unlearning God: How Unbelieving Helped Me Believe</i> (2018) by Philip Gulley
289.641 Hoo	<i>Walking in the World as a Friend: Essential Quaker Practices</i> (2020) by Nadine Clare Hoover
289.673 You	<i>How the Quakers Invented America</i> (2007) by David Yount
294.3 Bro	<i>Hope Leans Forward: Braving Your Way toward Simplicity, Awakening, and Peace</i> (2022) by Lauren Brownlee
303.4 Mac	<i>Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're In without Going Crazy</i> (2012) by Joanna Macy
303.6 Lak	<i>How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning</i> (2018) by George Lakey
303.61 Kur	<i>Nonviolence: The History of a Dangerous Idea</i> (2008) by Mark Kurlansky
305.8 Bat *	<i>Birth of a White Nation: The Invention of White People and Its Relevance Today</i> (2013) by Jacqueline Battalora
305.8 Rot *	<i>The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America</i> (2017) by Richard Rothstein
305.8 Wal *	<i>America's Original Sin: Racism, White Privilege, and the Bridge to a New America</i> (2016) by Jim Wallis
658.4 Bur	<i>Build It! A Toolkit for Nurturing Intergenerational Spiritual Community</i> (2011) by Kri Burkander
970.5 Cap	<i>The Quakers</i> (2020) by Captivating History Publishers
970.5 Cat	<i>As They Were Led: Quaker Steps and Missteps Toward Native Justice, 1795-1940</i> (2021) by Martha Claire Catlin
970.5 Fis	<i>The Quaker Colonies</i> (2020) by S.G. Fisher
BIO Lak	<i>Dancing with History: A Life for Peace and Justice</i> (2022) by George Lakey
J 289.6 Cur	<i>We're Going to Meeting!</i> (2015) by Stacey Currie

Books followed by a * are shelved in the Race, Racism, and People of Color Collection

PLEASE JOIN ATLANTA FRIENDS ON SUNDAYS FOR WORSHIP AND FIRST DAY SCHOOL



We continue to worship on Sunday at 10:00 am in person at the meeting house in combination with worship via Zoom for the indefinite future. Please choose the option that is best for you. Masks are optional at the meetinghouse, but if you test positive for COVID or are ill for any reason, please stay home and join us for worship and other events via Zoom. Any updates to Zoom info will be in the current announcement sheet at www.atlantaquakers.org/_announcements/Announcement_Sheet.pdf.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 am Sundays, combined in person and Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

(see more details for each Sunday below)

9:00 to 9:50 am Sundays, combined in person and Zoom

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

Meeting ID: 860 6366 5797

Passcode: 013191

FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

10:15 am Sundays, in-person

Children and teens 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.

WEDNESDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP EACH WEEK

IN-PERSON AT THE MEETINGHOUSE AND VIA ZOOM AT 8:30 AM

In the meeting room. For more information, contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 .

<https://zoom.us/j/92038862952>

Meeting ID: 92038862952

Password: 726229

IN PERSON AT THE MEETINGHOUSE AT 7:00 PM

In the library. All are welcome to attend. For more information, contact Alex Zinnes, azinnes@gmail.com and Clive Gordon, cmgord28@gmail.com.

VIA ZOOM WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP AT 7:00 PM

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, invites us to join them for this ongoing meeting for worship via Zoom! For more information, contact Bill Holland and Mary Ann Downey.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemlxL1d2R3Q2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787

Passcode: 22Light

**PLEASE HOLD
IN THE LIGHT:**

Free Polazzo
Lynn Leuzsler

If you wish to have requests for holding in the light included in this monthly newsletter and in the announcement sheet, please give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.

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For info about these and other 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.

2023 AFM DIRECTORY NOW COMPLETE

- Our new directory is now complete. If you did not receive an electronic copy by email, please contact the office at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.
- Paper copies can be picked up at the meeting house on the greeting table near the front door. Or email the office or call 404-377-2474 if you need one mailed to you. (If you'd like to make a donation to cover the cost of printing, you can put \$5 in the Contribution slot in the greeting room or add \$5 to your next donation.)
- We want to be able to reach you! If you find errors in the new directory or are not in it at all, please email your (updated) info to both atlantaquakers@gmail.com and afmdirectory@gmail.com or fill out the paper form on the greeting table.

QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS: A LIVING ECONOMY FOR A LIVABLE EARTH

by Pamela Haines, read the full article at quakerearthcare.org/a-living-economy-for-a-livable-earth/

“Most of us are intimidated by economics, made to feel too ignorant to understand, question, or challenge its system. But, just as we do with peace, we can step boldly into that arena with our faith and values intact, daring to imagine a living economy for a livable world. Here are six big ideas that help capture the moral issues.”

Center and measure what we value.
Replace linear with circular models of production.
Reclaim the commons.
Make money a public utility.
Move from individual to shared rights.
Live within the “Doughnut”
We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE ANNUAL GATHERING

“This past July, over 540 Friends came to Monmouth, Ore., for the first all-ages, in-person Friends General Conference Gathering in four years. They came from nearby Salem and Portland, and from as far away as Costa Rica and Vermont. They danced, listened, saw the giant sequoias, and hugged. Overwhelmingly they were glad to be back to almost normal.”

read the rest of this report by Liz Dykes at Friends Journal
(<https://www.friendsjournal.org/the-gathering-that-is-becoming/>)

RESOURCES FROM FREEDOM TO LEARN SUMMER 2023

Quakers for Racial Equality (QRE) invites you to use the following resources from this excellent 3-day virtual event, subtitled Truth-telling and Real History in Workplaces, Schools and Public Life:

- PDF document of Susan Firestone’s sharing at the 7/23/2023 Quakers for Racial Equality meeting: includes key points from 4 presentations by nationally known speakers.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_30oVDxKcebO8drkaJgJBgaATn6Kpowi/view?usp=sharing
- Freedom to Learn Summer 2023 Resource Guide includes extensive hyperlinked resources recommended by the speakers: includes articles, books, videos, podcasts, key concepts, and further learning opportunities.
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1y6_TtJAFbcDqSh29wjl_lIWqXbc6AFF/view?usp=sharing

SESSION 1: ANTI-BIAS RESTORATIVE JUSTICE CIRCLE TRAINING – fill out survey by Aug 31

The Committee on Undoing Racism in AFM (CURAFM) is very excited to be partnering with Restore More (<http://www.werestoremore.com/>) to help AFM Friends dig into Restorative Practices with an anti-racist lens to build our skill sets with restorative circles to address racist incidents and repair harm. We encourage as many AFM members and attenders as possible to participate in the virtual training sessions. The training sessions are free for all AFM members and Attenders.

Session 1: Unpacking Biases to Promote Restorative Practice, Sept. 18, 7:00-8:00 PM EST

Session 2: Restorative Practice Circles, Oct 1, 2:30-3:30 PM EST

Restore More has sent registration information, flyers, and a link to a short AFM Restorative Justice Circle Training pre-survey.

Please register for Session 1 as soon as possible, but no later than September 8 at

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlsfuGhpzsrEtK67Z15G4I4PhLiBcbScPi1#/registration>

and complete the pre-survey no later than August 31st at 5 pm at

(<https://forms.gle/rSJrQhHQSFsLXza76>). Your survey answers will help Restore More better tailor the training sessions to AFM participants’ needs. Registration info for the second session will be in the announcement sheet.

LANDSCAPE WORK DAY – Saturday, September 2

The Landscape Committee will have a work day Saturday, September 2 from 9 am to 12 noon to continue beautifying the ravine behind the meetinghouse (which contains the source of Peavine Creek). Bring fluids to keep hydrated and, if you have them, shovels, wheelbarrows, and large cardboard. See Myrna Trapp (mlt929@msn.com) if you have questions.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS AND ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL – Sundays

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 September 3, Jeremiah Gold-Hopton will offer his spiritual journey. (To hear Folami Adam's Spiritual Journey, shared August 6, visit <https://tinyurl.com/277hhhcb>. To listen to other previous Spiritual Journey, contact Mary Ann Downey.)

We offer a standing invitation to all attenders and members, those new to meeting, transfers from other meetings, or longtime Atlanta members and attenders to share your answers to these questions. Some Friends find it helpful to do this as an interview. For more information and to schedule a time to tell your story, contact Mary Ann Downey at madowney@mindspring.com. You can also learn more about these stories at <https://www.friendsjournal.org/telling-stories-spiritual-journey/> (see pages 1 and 2 above) and <https://www.friendsjournal.org/what-we-can-say-now/>.

On second, third, and fourth Sundays in September, Adult First Day School will study the Israel/Palestine situation using the books *The Shortest History of Israel and Palestine* by Michael Scott-Baumann and *Occupied with Nonviolence* by Jean Zaru. The history will probably be first, but that has not been finalized yet. All are welcome whether you have read the books or not. On fifth Sundays, Adult First Day School will have worship sharing based on a query, either that month's query or another query.

Adult First Day School meets in person at the meetinghouse, and people can also join via Zoom.

POTLUCK – Sunday, September 3

Please join us for a potluck lunch following the rise of Meeting on the first Sunday of the month. Weather permitting, we have tables outside for you to enjoy.

If you can, please bring not only enough food for your family, but also extra for newcomers and guests.

FLGBTQC GATHERING AT POTLUCK -- Sunday, September 3

Join Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) at potluck. Look for the rainbow flag on a table in the meeting room. For more information about FLGBTQC, about marching in Atlanta Pride on October 15, or to join the group email list, contact Nina Gooch, either in the office, at her personal email or phone, or after meeting for worship.

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR -- Thursday, September 7

The book group reading works by and about people of color meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. On September 7, the group will be meeting in person in combination with Zoom to read and discuss poetry selected by individuals in the group. On October 5, they will discuss *Afterlives* by Abdulrazak Gurnah. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net).

SEWING CIRCLE -- Thursday, September 14

Join us for a Sewing Circle, meeting in the library, on September 14 at 7pm. All art/craft mediums (that are easily cleanable!) welcome as we create deeper community around shared interests. For more information, see announcement sheets or contact Lisa Magee, Lisamagee@gmail.com.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS – Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17

Stay after meeting for worship, whether in person or via Zoom. Meeting for Business will be held in a combined format about 11:45, using the Zoom coordinates for Meeting for Worship (see above). The minutes for last month's meeting are below.

LISTENING 4 JUSTICE EXPERIENCE -- Tuesdays and optional Fridays, begins September 19

The L4J experience is a series of online gatherings. Youth and adults come together to listen and share stories rooted in personal and collective history that help us see a way forward. The L4J experience is a robust and compassionate exploration of racial equity and cultural justice that educates, inspires, and helps participants answer the question: "What is mine to do?" Created by member Folami Adams. More info at: <https://htcatalysts.net/listening-4-justice/>. Register at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/listening-4-justice-8-week-experience-registration-666117323847>

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT: BASIC WORKSHOP Saturday, Sept 30 & Sunday, Oct 1

The GA chapter of Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) (www.avpusa.org) is back after a long hiatus during the pandemic, and is sponsoring a Basic workshop, 18 hours over 2 days, at Kennesaw University, Saturday, September 30 and Sunday, October 1. Flyer with registration information at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/alternatives-to-violence-avp-basic-1st-level-workshop-sept-30-oct-1-2023-registration-690968113227>. (FREE virtual info session on Wednesday August 30th at 7:00-7:45pm. Sign up via the registration page.) AVP is for anyone 18 years and older, and was begun by Quakers and people incarcerated in New York Prisons in the 1970's. It has grown around the country and world ever since in communities, prisons, and schools. Questions? Contact Karen Morris (karenth.1415@gmail.com)

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO MARRIAGE: Sara Patenaude and Stacey Sharer Saturday, October 7

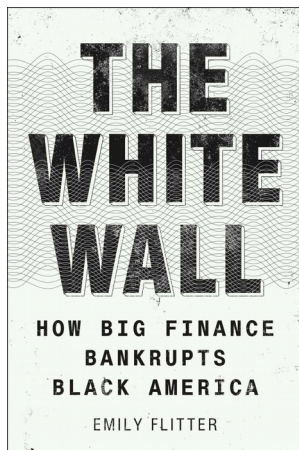
Sara Patenaude and Stacey Sharer will be married under the Care of the Meeting on Saturday, October 7, at 11:30am at the Atlanta Friends Meeting. Members and attenders are encouraged to attend to show support for this couple and their life together. Marriages under the Care of the Meeting are a Meeting for Worship and a celebration for the entire community! A potluck lunch will be served following the meeting for worship and guests are requested to bring a dish to share. Please consider street parking or carpooling or taking MARTA to keep room for outside guests in the parking lot. If you have questions, or would like to help, please contact Marriage Committee clerk Mary Ann Downey at madowney@mindspring.com. It will help us plan if you let Mary Ann know that you will come and bring a dish.

ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE -- Sunday, October 15

Atlanta Friends Meeting and the Friends School of Atlanta will be walking up Peachtree Street in the Atlanta Pride Parade on October 15. The parade steps off at 12 noon, but we will not leave the beginning of the parade route for at least half an hour. The Friends School will be bringing their small bus for people of all ages who may not be able to walk the whole route. To let us know you're interested and to receive further information, fill out our form at prideparadeform.

FORUM ON REPARATIONS AND RIGHT RELATIONS

BOOK TALK AT THE ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING WITH EMILY FLITTER – Sunday, October 29



From acclaimed New York Times finance reporter, Emily Flitter, comes an explosive and deeply reported look at the systemic racism inside the American financial services industry. *THE WHITE WALL: How Big Finance Bankrupts Black America* will shock and galvanize readers by taking them inside a secret world that doesn't simply "look the other way," but endorses racist practices.

Emily Flitter covers banking and Wall Street for The New York Times. Before this, she spent eight years at Reuters, writing about politics, financial crimes, and the environment. Flitter holds an MA in Near Eastern studies and journalism from New York University and a BA from Wellesley College. She began her journalism career as a freelance reporter in Cairo. *THE WHITE WALL* is her first book. She continues to report on issues of racism in banking and finance. Her revelation this year that Wells Fargo often interviews Black job candidates only after filling the positions for which they've applied as a way

to juice its diversity numbers sparked a federal criminal investigation, unprecedented in corporate America, into whether the bank had violated applicants' civil rights.

Emily will be at the Atlanta Friends Meeting on Sunday, October 29th at 12:00 Noon. The program will begin with a reception followed by the book talk and conclude with a book signing. Books will be available for purchase either prior to the event or onsite. This will be a hybrid event. You can attend either in person or via Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRlVVPaIFFYmVDQT09>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

FCNL'S QUAKER PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE IN WASHINGTON, DC -- November 15 to 19

Registration is now open for the Friends Committee on National Legislation's (FCNL's) Quaker Public Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., Nov. 15-19. All are welcome to attend in person or virtually for this annual gathering of hundreds of Quakers and friends to advocate for Local Power, Lasting Peace. This meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation includes a lobby day on Capitol Hill, where we will urge Congress to invest in international peacebuilding by funding three accounts: Atrocities Prevention, Reconciliation Programs, and the Complex Crises Fund. Kevin Moran, Ellen Slack, and Sue May will be there. Interested? Contact Sue May, susanmay1@icloud.com, 404-775-5958. Scholarships available.

General info: <https://www.fcnl.org/events/annual-meeting-and-quaker-public-policy-institute>.

For information about scholarships for Young Adult Friends (18 to 35 ish) contact Bill Hooson, Clerk of Ministry & Worship at bhooson@aol.com.

MINUTES FOR EIGHTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
August 21, 2023, held in person and via Zoom in a blended meeting
Minutes Recorded Pending Approval

Attendance: Mike Aland, Steve Collins, Jennifer Crumpley, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Ewen, Sally Ferguson, Susan Firestone, Eric Glenn, Nina Gooch, Clive Gordon, Bill Holland, Bill Hooson, Kathy Johnson, Teri Key-Hooson, Martha Hutchins, Alison Mawle, Kevin Moran, Karen terHorst Morris, Caroline Morris, Elizabeth Muller, Lissa Place, Mary Place, Aaron Ruscetta, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Jennifer Thompson, Jim Tolmach, Myrna Trapp, Austin Wattles, Jennifer Dickie (Clerk), Emma Bingham (Recording Clerk)

Worship

Query for Eighth Month: Do all aspects of your life bear the same witness? Do you center your life in the awareness of the presence of God so that all things take their rightful place?

Source: Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association *Faith and Practice*

Discernment:

Ministry and Worship Committee — Bill Hooson reported for Ministry and Worship Committee. Sa'ed Atshan has moved to Swarthmore and asked to have his membership transferred back to Central Philadelphia Meeting.

Minute-08-20-23:01: On the recommendation of Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting requests Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting to take the membership of Sa'ed Atshan under your care.

Administration Committee — Steve Collins reported for the Administration Committee.

Anton Flores, Friend-in-Residence (FiR) for AFM since July 27, 2019, has agreed at the request of the committee to serve another year. As prescribed in the Meeting's Handbook, the Resident's term is for a "two-year minimum, with an option to extend the term for up to two extra years with approval of the Meeting for Business."

Four calendar years have passed since Anton's service began. However, the Administration Committee feels that the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Meeting during much of 2020 and 2021 and the inability of the Friend in Residence to fully perform the role for which he was hired warrants an extension of his term through July 2024.

Minute-08-20-23:02: The Meeting approves extending the term of Anton Flores, current Friend-in-Residence, an additional year, through July 2024.

A Friend asked if that excludes him from extending past 2024. Steve replied that it does not and it will come back up in the next month or so.

Reports:

Administration Committee — Steve Collins reported for the Administration Committee.

During the first week of August, a medium-sized tree fell in the area adjacent to the playground and slightly damaged the chain-link fence. It was seen that the inside of the trunk was rotted out. Some limbs were hanging dangerously close to the playground, so they got our (i.e. Myrna Trapp's) preferred arborist out to take the tree down. The arborist removed it and it cost \$1400. The committee is still considering ways to repair the fence because one of the cross bars is bent.

Nominating Committee — Lissa Place reported for the Nominating Committee.

The Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee picked nine members to serve for terms of three years: John Carpentier, Sallie Carpentier, Mark Bryans (clerk), Mark Smith, Joan Thompson, Caroline Morris, Mike Aland, Martha Hutchins and Jennifer Thompson. Please get to know them this month, and they will be brought back next month for approval.

A Friend asked if the terms will be staggered. Lissa replied that theoretically yes but the committee tends to keep people on for longer.

A Friend said that he preferred there to be staggered 3-year terms so that people won't need to end up serving in perpetuity. He requested that the Nominating Committee make sure that this is looked at every year.

A Friend clarified that there's a very active cabin committee, and the stewards is a special group of people designated to take particular responsibility if anything is going wrong with the cabin.

Mike Aland, who is a current steward, said they are addressing the issue of having staggered terms. He said he wasn't sure if there was a need for the Nominating Committee to step in because the people on the Cabin Committee don't have any concerns.

The clerk said she thought it was important to have staggered terms so that the meeting can keep the committee in our thoughts and consideration.

Kathy Johnson said she is laying down her work on the committee. A Friend responded that those who saw Kathy Johnson's spiritual journey learned that she used to go to a cabin as a high school student, back when the cabin was owned by Dwight Ferguson. She has been caring for it for many years since then. The Friend said he thinks the meeting owes Kathy a minute of appreciation for her work and care at the cabin over the years. Kathy clarified she was only there once as a high school student. The clerk said that she would propose a minute of appreciation for September.

Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee handbook description [[click here to read description](#)]

Jennifer Thompson reviewed the changes to the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee handbook description. The only changes are about the funding — the cabin funding is under the care of AFM Treasurer, it doesn't have its own funds. Also, the cabin committee meets quarterly, not monthly. Jennifer added that there is one work weekend in spring and one in fall. Usually the stewards go for these and that's how they got that name. (The handbook description doesn't include the work weekends, and not all the stewards go every time.)

The clerk asked if we should make a change to say that there are stewards (5-9 of them) but anyone can join the committee.

A Friend said he made comments in 2011 and they never came back to Meeting for Business, so now he is making them again. He suggested that the Cabin Committee bring back an annual report to meeting every November and institutionalize this report. He also pointed to a sentence in the handbook description that suggests the committee is responsible for decisions about the property, however, it is the meeting that will decide what to do with the property. He recommended to clarify that the committee makes recommendations but the meeting decides.

Jennifer Thompson asked for these comments to be sent to Nominating Committee.

Care and Counsel Committee handbook description [[click here to read description](#)]

Jennifer Crumpley reviewed the changes to the Care and Counsel Committee handbook description. Under the section about the common purpose of Ministry & Worship and Care & Counsel, they

wanted to differentiate between what these two committees do. They simplified a paragraph and made clear the committees will maintain close contact, that the committees will meet different needs, that they will sometimes have to consult with each other, and that they don't want to neglect any concerns of people in the meeting because of role confusion. They took out the language that terms were 'nonconsecutive and usually for three years' (another part of the description states that the clerk and two members are nominated and approved to serve for three years). They also added that anyone with concerns should contact the C&C clerk before coming to their committee meeting. They have recently had people show up with concerns they were not prepared for. They also clarified details about the discretionary funds. They deleted the duty about managing volunteers for Sunday responsibilities, which now falls under the office coordinator role.

A Friend suggested there should be a consultation between the two committees (Ministry & Worship and Care & Counsel) before the items about the two committees are approved.

Following a discussion about this, Bill Hooson, clerk of Ministry & Worship, apologized to the clerk of Care & Counsel and the Ministry & Worship Committee because he was sent the handbook revisions and did not pass them along in a timely manner because he was dealing with family issues.

Other concerns that were raised by a Friend were about committees where people serve in perpetuity. The Friend said that terms are important. He also said he was surprised that they took off 'welcome all new members to the meeting', especially since they give a candle to people who leave. Also, C&C is supposed to set up the guidelines for greeters and other Sunday responsibilities, although they do not coordinate the volunteers. There was also a concern about overnight guests — C&C has helped in the past to find overnight hospitality for people coming from out of town e.g. to visit sick relatives or for weddings. He added that in general: If you're [in this case, C&C] not doing this (e.g. overnight hospitality), then who is doing it?

Nina Gooch said that hospitality is under the role of the Hospitality Committee. The clerk asked Alison Mawle (clerk of Hospitality) to speak to this. She said as far as she knows, overnight hospitality is under the care of the Hospitality Committee, but it doesn't come up often. The clerk said there may be a difference between hospitality for events vs. individuals. Which committee is responsible for which? C&C and Hospitality Committee should confer.

Regarding the terms, a Friend pointed out that the description says that the clerk and two appointed members serve for 3 years and others are welcome to be part of the committee for any length of time.

Friend requested that the minutes clarify that you can be a member of most committees if you show up and participate. It is just that we are asking for clarity on particular appointed positions such as clerks or cabin stewards.

Jennifer Crumpley said she was concerned that the M&W handbook description was already approved. Lissa Place, clerk of Nominating, said that it would be fine if there were changes to M&W's description and that it could be brought back.

The clerk acknowledged that there were concerns about language and clarity between M&W and C&C. Next month, Nominating should bring back a revised description after considering the concerns raised in Meeting for Business.

A Friend asked that there be a consistent format in the handbook for specifying membership and terms. The clerk said this would be handled by the Nominating Committee.

Ferguson Cabin Committee — Mike Aland reported for the Ferguson Cabin Committee.

Mike said they have had a situation where a neighbor has been encroaching on the property for a number of years. Mike and John Carpentier were asked to write a letter to the neighbor. Mike read a background report and a letter that has been drafted to be sent to the neighbor.

Mike shared the following background:

I would estimate that MM bought the property to our right, (facing the lake), maybe 6-8 years ago. He has been generally friendly and helpful, but has always overflowed onto our property's clearing, planting grass and bushes, and making rock borders.

He has said that, when he was sold the property, he was shown a large swath of our property as being part of his, and did not survey it, but was given a survey as part of the sale. Although he had been told by John Carpentier that he was encroaching on our property, I don't think he believed it until we had our survey done in 2019.

In the cabin committee, we had discussed the need to send a letter to MM to show our intent to keep the property undeveloped, but until we had the survey, we weren't able to show the exact location of the line. At that time, he was shocked to find out that the line came within 10' of his buildings, and crossed the patio that had been built before his ownership. I was there at the time, with the surveyor, who showed MM the survey line on MM's own copy, which our surveyor had also done, (for the previous owner).

MM immediately asked if we would sell him some property, but after several discussions on the committee, we decided against making that recommendation to the meeting. It is worth noting here that Dwight Ferguson had registered a right of way along both sides of the line when he sold a strip to a friend of his who owned this property that MM now owns. Dwight had pointed this out to a few people, and asked them to be certain to preserve that access.

AFM has collaborated with MM on two notable occasions. He contributed financially to having rock placed around the island, as did some other neighbors, and he was more involved than we were in trying to prevent the rezoning of the property next to us, just beyond Treetops, for a boat storage facility.

He has called me to let me know that the driveway chain had been left down when no-one was there, and called to request permission to cut down a dead tree relatively near our property line. It is also worth noting that, over the years, I believe that there have been some visitors to the cabin who have had interactions with MM to suggest that we had no interest in limiting his activity on our property.

After the survey, I assured him that the AFM had no interest in selling, or developing our property, that on the contrary, we wished to preserve it in its natural state. I also said that we were unlikely to bother his use of the patio, and that personally, I had no issue that he continue to mow the grass, now that it was there, but that he should end all other cutting, trimming, landscaping, etc. across the line. I had a conversation with him this spring to reiterate that we would like for him to leave our property alone, and while he agreed, it appears that he has continued to landscape since that time.

I don't really know his intent. I suspect it is hard for him to imagine that anyone would not appreciate the "beautification through landscaping" that he has done. I think he would like to give the impression to friends and family that it is all his yard. While I don't think he is planning to do a legal takeover, I would also not rule that out.

On the cabin committee, in the past, there have been a range of views from "we don't care about that section", to "put up a fence to stop him", but the general consensus is to have the Meeting Clerk send a letter to establish our intent to retain possession, and use, without requiring fencing, or clearing of the right of way, until and unless it becomes necessary.

A Friend said he is concerned about potential squatters' rights and said he thinks the committee should consult with an attorney to prevent having the property squatted on. Mike said he agreed they should consult an attorney. He's read some of the law, but doesn't have a law background.

The clerk asked if the meeting is requesting legal counsel, and asked if the meeting is okay with taking on the costs. Should the finance committee be consulted?

A Friend said he thinks a lawyer should be consulted before the letter is sent to the neighbor. He suggested we minute that the meeting pursue legal counsel on this matter.

A Friend asked if selling a portion of the property in question to the neighbor is off the table. Jennifer Thompson clarified that the problem with that is that they'd lose the right of way, and the right of way was very important to Dwight. Kathy Johnson said that Dwight used the right of way for putting his sailboat in and out of the water, and we haven't had any boat up there since. However, there's a nice piece of forest on that part of the lake, and they are trying to preserve it, and if the property is sold, people will probably start to encroach on the forest. A lot of the lake shore is already developed.

Minute-08-20-23-03: The Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the Ferguson Cabin Stewards to seek legal counsel on our behalf regarding the encroachment on our property.

The clerk will wait to send the letter until further instruction from the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee, and the clerk will also alert the Finance Committee of this minute.

If Friends want to see the draft letter, they can request it from the Ferguson Cabin Stewards Committee.

Ministry and Worship Committee — Bill Hooson reported for Ministry and Worship Committee.

- Sara Patenaude and Stacey Sharer Marriage. Mary Ann Downey reported the Marriage Committee had met with Sara and Stacey on July 29 to prepare for the wedding.
 - Care and Counsel is working to identify volunteers for some of the roles.
 - The meeting will be invited to attend. Announcements will be in the September AFM newsletter with a request to bring food for the post-wedding potluck.
 - Sara shared a photo of the Wedding Certificate featuring Atlanta sites.
 - All is in good order.
- Forum with Emily Flitter, October 29. Herb reported that the forum with Emily Flitter author of *The White Wall: How Big Finance Bankrupts Black America* has been confirmed for 5th Sunday in October. This will be a hybrid format with her giving a presentation during the forum time after meeting. She will sign books after her presentation. She has not asked for an honorarium, and we may purchase a collection of her books for the event.
- A care group continues to meet weekly with Georgia Lord to meet challenges for Lynn's care now that he is home. A meal calendar is in process, see Mary Ann Downey for details.
- Quality of Worship. There is a concern that a regular attender of meeting routinely begins checking a cellphone and texting during the holding in the Light period. This has become a regular activity and distracting to some.
 - Checking Cellphones, ringing cellphones, reading during meeting have all been

perennial issues in meeting. We have a continuing responsibility to keep meeting centered.

- There is a sign on the door to turn off cellphones.
- It is in right order to talk with the Friend directly and it is our job to protect the space for worship.
- There are many reasons people may actively have their cellphones in meeting. Being able to respond to care-giving needs or being on-call. We want everyone to feel comfortable in meeting.
- It is helpful to hold up the practice that the meeting for worship includes the holding in the Light period. We should encourage the same listening worship during this period.

The clerk said she tried to center a worshipful sense for herself before introducing the holding in the light period, and suggested that a simple language change during the period of holding in the light might help — “as we continue in worship” vs. “for the remainder of our worship”.

The clerk asked if it is appropriate to say that everyone should feel comfortable in meeting for worship. It is sometimes warranted to feel uncomfortable.

A Friend brought up the quote “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comfortable”.

CURAFM — Karen Morris reported for the Committee on Undoing Racism in AFM.

The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) is pleased to announce the dates for the Anti-Bias / Restorative Justice Circle Training with Restore More. Based on responses from 28 people on the pre-planning survey, the AFM calendar, and the trainers' availability, the best dates were Monday Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, at 2:30 p.m. (The sessions are 1 hour and virtual.)

SESSION 1: Unpacking Biases to Promote Restorative Practice

Date: Monday, September 18, 2023

Time: 7:00PM - 8:00PM EST

SESSION 2: Restorative Practice Circles

Date: Sunday, October 1, 2023

Time: 2:30PM - 3:30PM EST

We encourage as many AFM members and attenders as possible to participate in the virtual training sessions. The training sessions are *free* for all AFM members and Attenders. The training is for you, whether you are

- interested in serving on the Standing Response group to help resolve racist incidents in AFM
- willing to help with a particular incident as needed
- interested in learning about restorative practices as part of a supportive AFM community.

We're very excited to be partnering with [Restore More](#), to help us dig into Restorative Practices with an anti-racist lens to build our skill set with restorative circles to address racist incidents and repair harm. Restore More has sent us registration information, flyers, and a link to a short pre-anti-bias/ restorative justice training survey. Your survey answers will help Restore More better tailor the training sessions to AFM participants' needs.

As soon as possible, CURAFM will send out the pre-anti-bias / restorative justice training survey, registration links, and flyers to the AFM announcement sheet, newsletter, various AFM email lists, and to the people who already expressed interest in the training. At that time, we will also let you know the deadline for filling out the survey and registering for session 1.

SAYMA Finance letter — Karen Morris reported for the SAYMA Finance Committee.

Karen (clerk of SAYMA Finance Committee) read [a letter from the committee](#). She said the letter will be received by all SAYMA meetings soon because it was just approved Friday. She reflected that the recent SAYMA Finance meetings were uplifting. She also said she wanted to thank Paul Manglesdorf, clerk of the AFM Finance Committee, who told her that if you don't ask for money, you won't get any.

August 2023

Dear Friends,

As the clerk of the SAYMA Finance committee, I am sharing important finance news from June's Yearly Meeting sessions. Please share widely within monthly Meetings, worship groups, and committees.

First, a huge thank you to the body for approving the fiscal year 2024 budget, the "minimal budget, which begins in October 1, 2023, and runs through September 30, 2024.

Thanks also to the many participants in the "open" Finance meeting who shared their thoughts, concerns, and suggestions for ways to help SAYMA address the expected revenue deficit in Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024.

We heard comments about

- ★ the importance of the racial justice training modules and the affinity groups;
- ★ the value and importance of supporting and growing our Monthly Meetings;
- ★ noticing the more active participation of YAF's in Yearly Meeting and how YAF participation is growing more vibrant Meetings; and,
- ★ nominating YAF's for committees and positions of responsibility in SAYMA.

We heard many suggestions for increasing SAYMA's income:

- ★ Asking Meetings and individuals to contribute generously to particular set-aside funds: Released Friend, Racial Conflict Transformation, Southern Appalachian Young Friends, Uplifting Racial Justice, Spiritual Development, FWCC 3rd World Delegate, FWCC Conference, and the General Fund;
- ★ Encouraging donations from participants in the SAYMA affinity groups that were offered for free in the first year of the racial justice transformation program; ★ Raising the assessment rates for members/attenders in monthly Meetings, and/or asking larger and growing monthly Meetings to increase their contribution levels;
- ★ Considering a suggested scale for Meeting assessments so that Meetings may discern the appropriate rate for their contributions;
- ★ Continuing growing the Young Adult Friends program through the Kenworthy Trust;
- ★ Continuing the work of applying for grants for racial justice training; and,
- ★ Reaching out to older Yearly Meetings, such as Philadelphia, New England, and Baltimore, to support SAYMA with funds for racial justice transformation and anti-racist training.

For your information, there are donor-restricted funds for each set-aside fund in the Yearly Meeting to which individual Friends and Meetings may specifically contribute by indicating the name of the fund on the contribution form. For example, a specific contribution can be made to the Donor Restricted Racial Justice Transformation fund, for participating in the SAYMA Affinity groups. The Contribution Form is on the SAYMA website. The form is also attached to this letter.

General donations for all of SAYMA's work may be earmarked for the General Fund.

The Ministry and Nurture committee also has separate donor- restricted funds for Released Friend and Spiritual Development. During this Fiscal Year (2023), two Friends were approved as released Friends by Ministry and Nurture, and the funds in those accounts need more donations to reach the level of funding promised.

The Racial Justice Transformation set-aside fund needs \$4,000 more for 2024, to completely fund the 3 Racial Justice training modules for the second year.

Donations can be made through the SAYMA website, either by check or credit card with Square. To pay with Zelle, contact the SAYMA treasurer (saymatreasurer@gmail.com) for instructions.

We encourage MM's and worship groups to consider these suggestions in Spirit-led worship and business.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Morris

Clerk of Finance

AFM's clerk asked Karen to clarify the term "Released Friend." A Released Friend is one who has been released from some of their daily responsibilities to focus on their ministry and receive financial support from a Quaker body. Friends can refer to SAYMA Faith and Practice for further discussion of Released Friends.

A Friend wanted to clarify whether SAYMA or the monthly meeting releases a Friend.

Does SAYMA minute a release or simply finance a Friend released by their monthly meeting?

Kevin Moran responded that SAYMA Ministry and Nurture discerns if the Friend to be released has clearness for it.

After some discussion, the clerk asked Kevin Moran to clarify the question with SAYMA Ministry & Nurture about whether SAYMA releases Friends or if their monthly meetings release them.

The SAYMA Released Friend designated fund supports Released Friends but doesn't indicate the Released Friend's home meeting. Should the wording be changed to clarify that it is to support Friends released by monthly meetings? Kevin will take this back to SAYMA Ministry & Nurture.

The clerk said we (AFM) owe SAYMA a response to the letter from the SAYMA Finance Committee, since they are asking for money. Budget time is coming up. We will set this aside for next month's meeting for business.

Social Concerns Committee — Kevin Moran reported for Social Concerns Committee.

- SCC Donations
 - Provided \$500 for the Restorative Justice training program.
 - Donated \$100 to WRFG our local multicultural radio station in memory of Beth-Ann Buitekant of the longtime host of the "Just Peace" program.
 - After the donations below unallocated funds approximately \$600.

- SCC recommends Interfaith Children's Movement's *Prayers for Peace and Positivity* video inspired by the children's prayers. It is a particularly moving video. Here is the link; the program begins at minute 5:55 time on the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wzrklw9_kCE. (Thanks to AFM ICM Liaisons Jennifer Crumpley & Elizabeth Muller). We thank the liaisons for their service and AFM for its support.
- SCC supports Representative Hank Johnson's Bill Modifying the Tenure of Supreme Court Justices to 18-year terms on a two-year rotation. [https:// www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8500](https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/8500)

In an effort to restore legitimacy and independence to the nation's highest court, Congressman Hank Johnson (GA-04) Chairman of the Judiciary Subcommittee on Courts introduced the Supreme Court Tenure Establishment and Retirement Modernization (TERM) Act.

"America is alone among modern constitutional democracies in allowing its high-court justices to serve for decades without term or age limits, resulting in some Presidents appointing no justices and others appointing as much as a third of the Court.

SCC, with Sue May's guidance, will be asking for support from the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) this week.

- The next one-hour SCC hybrid meeting is on Sunday, September 10 at 11:45.

Announcements

- Friend Dieudonne Ntibayazi, Stone Mountain Evangelical Friends Church pastor and AFM's custodian invites us to attend the "**Burundi Peace Project**" forum on Thursday, August 31, at 7 pm at the Atlanta Friends Meeting.
- AFM continues to Seek a new contact person for Decatur Cooperative Ministries [DCM] and Decatur Emergency Assistance Ministry [DEAM]. The clerk encouraged Friends to think about who in our community is called to direct service with people in need and who can liaise with other church groups in Decatur.
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Approval of Minutes from 7th month 2023

http://atlantaquakers.org/_afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2023-08.pdf

Minute-08-20-23-04: The Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the 7th month 2023 minutes.

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