

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

(can be read online at our recently revised website) AtlantaQuakers.org

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Query for Seventh Month

In what ways do you contribute to the life of your monthly meeting and / or the worldwide Quaker movement?

If you'd like more information about Quakerism or Atlanta Friends Meeting, stop at the Welcome Table after Meeting, see the brochures (including "Next Steps") on the table near the front door, visit <https://atlantaquakers.org/newcomers/> on our website, or contact Nina Gooch in the office (contact info above).

PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT

Margaret Nagawa & family; Derek Harootune Otis & parents; Adam Hicks & family; Nan Roark; Peggy Barlett

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Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Bill Withers, Sally Ferguson, Alison Mawle, Erin Daniel, Nanseera Wolff, Jeremiah Gold-Hopton, Ryll Mathews, Phyllis Samuels, Elizabeth Lamb, Eric Glenn and all those who helped with tables and clean up for potluck. *Also thanks to our guest Elementary First Day School teacher Jennifer Crumpley of Care and Counsel.*

You can sign up at <http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers> to help with First Day School and the Nursery, to greet, or to set up or clean up coffee hour/potluck. There's a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house on the table by the front door. <https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide2023> as information about each of these opportunities to help make Sunday worship and First Day School run smoothly.

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Funding our Work

Contributions throughout the year, and especially earlier in the year, are greatly appreciated. You can bring a check or cash to the meetinghouse, mail a check, or donate securely using Paypal or your Credit / Debit Card at <https://atlantaquakers.org/contact-donate/> (new link as of February). You can also set up monthly / recurring contributions when you contribute on our website OR through your bank's ACH bill payment system.

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Announcements due by Thursday at noon at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

Regular Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm; Friday by appointment.

The office coordinator is also a notary. If you need something notarized, contact 404-377-2474 or atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

~*~*~* **FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS** ~*~*~*

On Sundays, we worship in person combined with Zoom worship. Please pick the option that is best for you. First Day School, Adult First Day School and nursery care for children under three are in person at the Meetinghouse. Zoom links below.

Masks are optional at the meetinghouse, but if you test positive for COVID or are ill for any reason, please do not come to the meetinghouse. Instead join us for worship and other events via Zoom. The CDC tracks COVID numbers at https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#maps_new-admissions-rate-county, with a link to trends over time further down the page.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays, combined in person and Zoom

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQTo9>

Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751

Passcode: 789456

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL

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

See under Events for more details for each Sunday

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/86063665797?pwd=NmsoVm5MSW91UXdWRGJSOXA5NWRjZzo9>

Meeting ID: 860 6366 5797

Passcode: 013191

FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

10:15 am Sundays, in-person

For more info, contact Amanda Gendreau (AmandaGendreau5@gmail.com, 678-078-52120).

For info about the teen class, contact Asa Kramer-Dickie (afm.young.friends@gmail.com, 404-520-6216).

~*~*~*~ EVENTS ~*~*~*~

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, July 14, 21, 28, August 11, 18, 25, etc

In July, on the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, Adult First Day School will be reading and discussing the book *Quaker Quicks - Practical Mystics: Quaker Faith in Action* by Jennifer Kavanagh. All are welcome whether you have read the books or not. Contact Elizabeth Lamb for more details. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday, July 14

The Social Concerns Committee committee helps organizations, committees, and individuals address social issues such as work on peace, social justice, racial justice, or environmental concerns in their community, state, nation, or world. It meets at 11:45 a.m. in the meeting room and also via Zoom, using the meeting for worship's Zoom link (see above). Newcomers are welcome. For questions, contact Kevin Moran, Clerk of Social Concerns. 470-471-2229.

OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS Sunday, July 14

- Finance Committee, 11:30 am via Zoom (Clerk: Paul Mangelsdorf)
- Care & Counsel, 11:45 am in Classrooms A/B (Clerk: Jennifer Crumpley)
- Ministry & Worship, 11:45, in Library and also via Zoom (Clerk: Clive Gordon)
- Nominating, 7 pm, in Library (Clerk: Lissa Place)

For more information, contact the Clerk of each committee.

ZOOM WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP Wednesdays, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, etc

9 am. Zoom only. Contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 if you have questions.

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

Meeting ID: 92038862952

Password: 726229

IN-PERSON MIDWEEK EVENING WORSHIP Wednesdays, July 17, 24, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, etc

In-person only in the Library from 7 pm to 8 pm every Wednesday evening. All are welcome.

For more info, contact Alex Zinnes, azinnes@gmail.com and Clive Gordon, cmgord28@gmail.com.

ZOOM WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP Wed, July 17, 24, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships on every Wednesday at 7:00 pm via Zoom. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact maconquakers@gmail.com or Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/85017745787?pwd=RUQ3OGJPenMrYktXemIxL1d2R3Q2Zzo9>

Meeting ID: 850 1774 5787

Passcode: 22Light

WELCOME DINNER Thursday, July 18

Are you new (or new-ish) to Atlanta Friends Meeting or looking to build deeper connections among the people you see each week? Alison Mawle will host the July Newcomers Dinner at 479 Emory Circle, Atlanta, GA 30307, where you'll have a chance to meet other newcomers as well as long-time Quakers in a casual setting on Thursday, July 18 at 6:30 pm. If you have any questions or any dietary restrictions, please contact Alison Mawle at 470-494-3442 or zumilla@gmail.com.

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: A WILD INDEPENDENCE Sunday, July 21

Special Virtual Documentary Night in honor of Disability Pride Month on Sunday, July 21 from 7 to 9 pm. This event is in collaboration with Disabled Hikers (<https://www.disabledhikers.com/>), a 501(c)3 non-profit building a disability community and justice in the outdoors towards a vision of an outdoor culture transformed by representation, access, and justice for Disabled and all other marginalized people. In *A Wild Independence*, discover how passionate volunteers are trying to rebuild the nation's first wheelchair-accessible hiking trail in California's Gold Country after its destruction in a 2020 forest fire. Alden Olmsted (Director, Writer) will be present for a special guest Q&A. Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://youtu.be/GxMTgkyM6Mc?si=4TnU1qeYC1JrZNyn> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-853899966787>. For more details, contact attendee Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/>.

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY Sunday, July 28

Please join Quakers for Racial Equality meeting on July 28, 1:00 ET online for sharing from SAYMA and/or FGC on topics about uprooting racism and communicating across differences. Some of us can share from SAYMA about abolishing prison slavery, listening for healing, beyond land acknowledgement, and/or racial conflict transformation. Susan Firestone, Karen Morris, and S. Bowland were all at the presentation on "Continuing the Work of Abolition" and have some materials from that. We also invite others who were at SAYMA to share from their workshops/sessions. If you were at FGC, please let us know if you would like to share from workshops related to racism or reparative justice, from the plenaries, or something else. Everyone is welcome! Listening is great! To reply with something you'd like to share or for more information, contact Susan Firestone, susanfires@gmail.com.

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89579697778?pwd=MHhHOGtlaVpqeHd2UURwcjVoMmZSUTog>

Meeting ID: 895 7969 7778

Passcode: 440164

MEN'S RETREAT AT FERGUSON CABINS August 2 to 4, 2024 (Sign up by July 28!)

The annual Men's Retreat ("man" is self-defined) at the Ferguson Cabins on Lake Burton in the North Georgia mountains will be Friday afternoon, August 2 through Sunday afternoon, August 4. Enjoy fishing (license required), swimming, hiking, canoeing and listening to the sound of nature. When registering, please let us know about any health conditions that we might want to help accommodate. We will charge \$10 or less per night per person to cover the \$130 cost of renting the property. Maximum attending will be about 20. We will share cooking and share the cost of food. Costs are estimated at \$4 for breakfast or lunch and \$6 for supper. There will be vegan options for meals. There will be scholarship funds available, so don't let money stop you from joining us! To sign up, please call or text Eric Glenn at (770) 744-9963 or call or email Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799 or bertskellie@gmail.com. For more details about the Ferguson cabins, go to this link:

<https://atlantaquakers.org/ferguson-cabins/>

FCNL ZOOM PANEL ON STUDENT ACTIVISM THEN AND NOW Wednesday, July 31

Over the past year, students have come together in new ways to advocate for peace and freedom in Palestine. Now is a time to learn from the past and plan the future. Join Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) in DC or online via Zoom on July 31 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. ET for their "Students Uniting Then & Now" panel to discuss student activism at colleges and universities. This event will feature a panel of leaders from past and present movements, including the anti-apartheid movement, the Vietnam era anti-war movement, the Palestinian liberation movement, and the current movement for a ceasefire and divestment of U.S. support for the war in Gaza. Details and RSVP at <https://act.fcnl.org/survey/students-uniting-FP/>.

ATLANTA'S GATHERED MEETING RETREAT IN PERSON Sept 6 to 8 (register by Thurs, August 1)
AFM will have an in person Gathered Meeting Retreat this year at Lutheranch Retreat Center, Tallapoosa, GA, with Christina Repoley, AFM member and founder of Quaker Voluntary Service, as Facilitator. The theme will be: *The Story of Me, The Story of Us, the Story of Now*. The program will focus on community building, with opportunities to reflect on your own story, the story of the meeting, and our dreams for the future of our AFM community. The facility is spacious with accessibility needs and dietary concerns accommodated. Free time is built into the program so you can explore the beautiful grounds. Families are welcome and there will be a separate children's program. Registration is open now and goes through August 1st. To register, fill out the form and email an electronic copy to atlantaquakers@gmail.com or put a paper copy in the locked black box on the greeting table (include your check if writing a check). Copies of the form are available online at <https://tinyurl.com/57vxneur>, and paper copies are available at the meeting house. You can submit payment through check or online at <https://atlantaquakers.org/contact-donate/>, noting "Gathered Meeting Retreat" on the memo line of the check or under Special Instructions online. Scholarships available (full scholarships available for those 18 to 35 and partial scholarships for everyone else). For more information contact Lisa Magee (lisammagee@gmail.com) or Mary Ann Downey (madowney@mindspring.com).

HIROSHIMA DAY VIGIL Tuesday, August 8

Our Atlanta Advocacy Team, a program of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, will host a vigil to mark Hiroshima Day from 8 to 9 am on Tuesday, August 6. We'll gather in silent worship outside the Meetinghouse on the sidewalk by Howard Avenue, marking this tragic onset of the nuclear arms race and remembering the horror of the toll on civilians of the bombing that day and soon after, on Nagasaki. All are welcome to witness with us. If you have questions, please contact Sue May (susanmay1@icloud.com) or Bill Holland (wwholland@mindspring.com).

~*~*~ GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS ~*~*~

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for July 14

Topics: Embracing Black businesses Fosters a More Just Economy, Local Businesses by Black entrepreneurs, Praise House Project in Decatur, Researchers for Quaker Involvement in Indigenous Boarding Schools, Arguments in the Muscogee(Creek) Nation Supreme Court for Black Creek (Freedmen) Citizenship, Sacred Defense National Parks and Monuments Initiative, Facts, not Fear: How Welcoming Immigrants Benefits New York City, 1982 Murder Inspires Asian American Activism
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PUcKxEcUT1VmrkScUqsmfqr2V3Zssx_I/view?usp=sharing

HOW TO HELP CASA ALTERNA WITH GROCERIES

The sign-up sheet to volunteer to purchase groceries and other needed items for Casa Alterna guests for July thru September can be found at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10Co84FA5A72DAAFBC16-50040530-grocery#/>. Your support of this work is making a huge impact on the lives of asylum seekers as they find their way in a new country, and your help is greatly appreciated. Visit the Casa Alterna website at <https://casaalterna.org/> for more updates.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

July's newsletter is now available at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/> along with newsletters going back to 2008. If you'd like to receive an email each month when the newsletter is posted to the website, email atlantaquakers@gmail.com. Recent printed newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse near the front door.

JOINT QUAKER STATEMENT ON PEACE AND JUSTICE IN PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Eight Wider Quaker Organizations representing Friends in the United States, Europe, England and worldwide have signed onto a statement dated April 12, 2024 regarding the future of Palestine and Israel. The statement lays out a vision of peace: https://www.fcni.org/sites/default/files/2024-04/april-12-joint-quaker-statement-on-peace-and-justice-in-palestine-and-israel_updated.pdf. While no single organization speaks for all Friends, the statement represents the collective discernment of many Friends from around the world. There are also paper copies on the greeting table.

On July 21, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be considering whether to support this statement by signing it.