

Atlanta Friends Meeting Announcement Sheet

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DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 9

Query for Third Month

Do I hold in the Light the responsibility to share my views even though I perceive I may be a minority of one?
How do I discern when to stand in the way or when to stand aside?

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") 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

Gray & Suzanne Folger; Lisa Magee's mother; Donna Roberts' niece; Myrna & Bob Trapp; Carol Gray; Judy Lumb & sister Becky; Diane Rowley & family; big Softy

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Thanks to last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse

Charlotte Flores, Jeremiah Gold-Hopton, Jennifer Thompson, Nina Gooch, Elizabeth Baldwin, Becky Lough, Bob Lough, Barbara Seal, Elizabeth Lamb, Brenda Smeeton, Howie Sankofa, Katie Smilley, and everyone else who helped with tables and clean up for potluck

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 also a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house on the table by the front door. <https://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteerguide2024> has information about each of these opportunities to help make Sunday worship and First Day School run smoothly and to help create a welcoming space for our youngest Friends.

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Funding our Work

Contributions throughout the year are greatly appreciated, especially earlier in the year. 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/>. 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. .

Office Coordinator 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 are ill for any reason or test positive for COVID, please do not come to the meetinghouse. Instead join us for worship and other events via Zoom.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10 a.m. Sundays, combined in person and Zoom in the meeting room

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MICROPHONES IN MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Speaking out of the silence: We are using microphones so that messages for all may be heard by all
Ministry & Worship says: We gather in silence, in expectant waiting to receive insights and guidance for ourselves and our community. We break the silence to share ministry meant for everyone gathered. If you discern there is a message meant to be shared and it is the right time to share the message, we ask that you stand, if able, or raise your hand, prepare yourself, and wait for a microphone to be brought to you. Hold the microphone close to your mouth. Let the spirit speak through you.

SMALLER MEETING FOR WORSHIP IN THE LIBRARY

There is also a small group Meeting for Worship in the library as a more intimate alternative to the larger Meeting for Worship.

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

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FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS (FOR MARCH 30, SEE BELOW)

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** ~*~*~*

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS Sunday, March 9

Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 9. Any clocks or watches that won't automatically reset themselves should be set one hour forward, to 3 am, at that time, so you'll be on time for meeting for worship or for Adult First Day School.

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, March 9, 16, 23, April 13, 20, 27

On the second, third and fourth Sundays of the month, those in Adult First Day School read and discuss a book. Beginning in March, the book is *The Depth of Our Belonging: Mysticism, Physics and Healing* by Mary Coelho. . All are welcome whether you have read the book or not. Contact Elizabeth Lamb for more details. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MEETING Sunday, March 9

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. Social Concerns committee meets Sunday March 9 at 11:45 am, by the zoom screen/table in the Meeting room and online using the same link as for Meeting for Worship.

All are welcome. If you have questions, contact Karen Morris, karenth.1415@gmail.com

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OTHER COMMITTEE MEETINGS Sunday, March 9

- 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, 11:45, in Classroom E (Clerks: Ellen McQueen and Elizabeth Lamb)

For more information, contact the Clerk(s) of each committee.

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *AKASHINGA: THE BRAVE ONES* Sunday, March 9

Virtual Documentary Night in honor of International Women's Day on Sunday, March 9 from 7 to 9 pm. With many of Africa's key species, including elephants, heading toward extinction, Akashinga is a radical, new and highly effective weapon against poaching. Founded in Zimbabwe by former Australian special forces soldier and anti-poaching leader Damien Mander, the women-only team of rangers is revolutionizing the way animals are protected, communities are empowered — and its members' own lives are being transformed. Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WUYQS4oIgmw> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1244260248899>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com.

ZOOM WED EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP Wed, Mar 12, 26, April 9, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships via Zoom on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com. (Macon also meets in person on the first and third Saturdays of every month. Details for this below.)

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Passcode: 22Light

REPARATIONS, REPARATIVE JUSTICE AND RIGHT RELATIONS COMMITTEE Thursday, Mar 13

You are invited to attend the open meetings of the Reparations, Reparative Justice and Right Relations committee, RRJRR for short. We will meet on Thursday, March 13 at 2 pm on Zoom. Our committee invites interested individuals and also individuals who represent a Meeting group or committee to join <https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/5171998073?pwd=b1YUHVPczRVMos5VmVoMmhwekE1dz09&omn=84326887254>

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IN PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: *ANOTHER WAY OF LIVING* Friday, March 14

In-Person Documentary Night on Friday, March 14 from 6:45 to 10 pm. *Another Way Of Living* chronicles urban planner Robert Simon's quest to create a new kind of suburban American town that values community, nature, diversity and social equity. You can watch the trailer at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1F2fxovEzo>. The event will be held in the Northwest Unitarian Universalist Congregation (NWUUC) Sanctuary, 1025 Mount Vernon Hwy, Sandy Springs, GA 30327. The film will start PROMPTLY at 7:10 pm with discussion to follow. RSVP in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/in-person-documentary-night-tickets-1249823187799>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com.

MACON QUAKERS IN PERSON WORSHIP Saturdays, March 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17, etc

The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person for worship every first and third Saturdays at 2 pm at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, Macon, GA. (People of all ages are welcome, but there is no childcare available.) Enter through the side door on Ash Street. There is also a Zoom option, using the Wednesday evening Zoom coordinates. For more information: maconquakerworshipgroup@gmail.com. (For details of Wednesday evening worship via Zoom only on the second and fourth Wednesdays, see above.)

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS Sunday, March 16

Stay after meeting for worship, whether in person or via Zoom, using the Meeting for Worship zoom info shown above. Meeting for Business will be held in a combined format about 11:45. *"Whenever we remember that we are in the presence of God, transformation is possible. Every task, no matter how mundane, becomes an act of worship, a word of praise offered to God. This is the basis for Quaker business practice. We call it 'meeting for worship with attention to business' because it is grounded in an awareness of God's presence!"* (quote from Friends General Conference)

For the minutes from our last Meeting for Business, see the newsletter in paper form on the table by the front door or at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>. To find out how meeting for business works, please visit https://atlantaquakers.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines_for_Meeting_for_Business.pdf and <https://www.friendsjournal.org/meeting-for-business-as-spiritual-rehearsal>, which talks more about the spiritual side of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business as well as the ways the Quaker decision-making process differs from consensus.

COMMENT PERIOD ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES FOR TRANS PASSPORTS ends March 17 & 20

The U.S. Department of State is threatening trans people's ability to obtain accurate passports—creating dangerous barriers for **travel, identification, and basic rights**. You can help stop these harmful changes by adding your comments to three different federal comment portals.

More information and links to the comment portals at <https://transequality.org/news/freedom-fly-passport-access-action>.

WELCOME DINNER FOR NEWCOMERS Tuesday, March 18

Anyone who wants to learn more about Atlanta Quakers is invited to attend our monthly newcomers' dinner. The March dinner will be on Tuesday the 18th at the home of Sally Ferguson and Jim Tolmach, just two miles from the Meetinghouse. Gather at 6:00 pm; a simple meal will be served about 6:30. Please call or text Sally at 404-960-9755 or email Jim at jimtolmach@icloud.com to confirm and for more details.

If you would like to host a welcome dinner in late spring or summer, please contact Jim Tolmach at jimtolmach@icloud.com or 404-294-5194.

SEWING CIRCLE Saturday, March 22

Join us for a Sewing Circle, meeting in the library on Saturday, March 22 at 3 pm. All art/craft mediums (that are easily cleanable!!) welcome as we create deeper community around shared interests. For more information, see Lisa Magee, lisamagee@gmail.com.

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN Sunday, March 23

On March 23 our Meeting will be celebrating International Women's Day and Women's History Month. During coffee hour, we will be celebrating courageous women, and the men who support them. We will have CAKE!! Please bring a book or article to share to a good Friendly home!

As we browse and nosh, let's tell one another about the courageous women in our families who have helped us all to be who we are today!

After you peruse the books and publications about women's history and enjoy some cake, join us in the AFM meeting room at 11:45 am for a hybrid forum on "Racism and Women's Health" with Dr. Diane Rowley as guest speaker. Dr. Rowley is Emeritus Professor of the Practice of Public Health, Gillings School of Global Public Health, UNC. She is board certified in pediatrics and preventive medicine and has spent 30 years examining infant and pregnancy health disparities. Dr. Rowley is involved in conceptualizing health inequity and in creating tools to evaluate institutional equity. We're very fortunate that she is a member of Atlanta Friends Meeting and has agreed to share her expertise on this subject. She will focus on systemic racism and activities Black women have engaged in to promote their health in response to it. We will have time for Q & A after her talk. Everyone is welcome! For more information, contact Susan Firestone at susanfires@gmail.com or 404-268-6480.

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RESTORATIVE CIRCLE LEARNING EXPERIENCE Saturday, March 29; register by Sun, March 23

On Saturday, March 29, on Saturday, March 29 from 1:30 – 4:30 pm in the AFM meeting room, the Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) invites you to participate in a Restorative Circle Learning Experience with S.Y. Bowland. She is skilled in conflict resolution and restorative practices. S. Y. Bowland is a co-editor of *Beyond Equity and Inclusion: Recentering the profession* and of *RE-CENTERING Culture and Knowledge in Conflict Resolution Practice*. She attends AFM worship and committees virtually and is active in SAYMA. One of the purposes of this Restorative Circle Learning Experience is to help create a community of Friends that is open to exploring difficult situations that involve race matters in a sacred, brave space. There will be an opportunity for building community and interactive sharing of stories with listening and support. This Restorative Circle Learning Experience is open to both people who are new to restorative circles and those who have had experience with restorative practices through AFM or elsewhere. People who have had some previous training will have the chance to do hands-on practice in a circle, followed by the whole group coming back together. This event is free for all Atlanta Friends Meeting members and attenders. CURAFM encourages everyone to participate as AFM builds a spiritual community that embraces inclusion, equity, and anti-racism. Registration is necessary for planning purposes. Please contact Karen Morris at karenth.1415@gmail.com by March 23, 2025 to register for the March 29, 2025 event. For more information, contact Susan Firestone at susanfires@gmail.com.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE FOR 2025 WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE March 26 - 29

The White Privilege Conference was established by African American professor, Dr. Eddie Moore, and is open to all as an opportunity to examine white privilege, white supremacy, and the intersection of oppression in various forms. The 2025 White Privilege Conference (WPC26) will be held in Hartford, CT from March 26-29, 2025. The conference will be completely in-person this year with no online offerings. FGC (Friends General Conference) is offering a \$100 discount off of registration to Quakers who pre-register with FGC before registering for the White Privilege Conference. Details and links at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1GDUPdTTMwDbVXSZYuelhj6RRtNC-rylR/view?usp=sharing>

WORSHIP SHARING ON QUERY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL Sunday, March 30

On the fifth Sunday of each month, Adult First Day School will consider a query using worship sharing. Time 9:00 am. For more information on worship sharing, see https://friendsgc.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Worship-Sharing-Guidelines_1.pdf. Combined in-person and Zoom. Zoom details above.

INTER-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP Sunday, March 30

Each fifth Sunday, instead of our regular First Day School classes, Religious Education hosts intergenerational worship. Beginning at 10:00, all ages 3 thru teens will have intergenerational class starting at 10 AM (instead of entering worship). Youth will go into meeting at 10:45. Regular nursery program will be available. Adults and families, parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to join the intergenerational class. For more information, contact Laura MacNorlin.

VIRTUAL DOCUMENTARY NIGHT: THE SIX TRIPLE EIGHT Sunday, March 30

Virtual Documentary Night in honor of Women's History Month on Sunday, March 30 from 7 to 9 pm. In February 1945, the U.S. Army sent the Six Triple Eight, 855 women from the Women's Army Corps (WACs), to England and France to clear the backlog of mail in the European Theater of Operations. They were the only predominantly-Black female battalion to serve in Europe during WWII, and were confronted with racism and sexism from their own leadership and troops. Col. Edna Cummings will be present for a special guest Q&A! Watch the film ahead of time for free at <https://tubitv.com/movies/100019886/the-sixtripleeight> and RSVP in advance for the online discussion at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/special-virtual-documentary-night-tickets-1228514723609>. For more details, visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/> or contact attender Adam Hicks at 404-414-8917 or CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE: GATHERED MEETING RETREAT September 5 to 7

Mark your calendar now and plan to gather the weekend of September 5-7 with Friends to explore individual and group discernment. At Calvin Center with facilitators: Christina Repoley and Folami Adams.

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

MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS AVAILABLE

March's newsletter is 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.

SPIRITUAL NURTURE GROUPS

Are you interested in deepening your spiritual experience at AFM? There are currently 3 spiritual nurture groups in the meeting, one of which is currently open to new members. There is also the possibility of forming a fourth group if there is enough interest. For more information, please contact Alison Mawle at zumilla@gmail.com

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for February 28

For the month of February, Quakers for Racial Equality asked Friends of Color to share a piece of Black History they are particularly energized by. For February 28, S.Y. Bowland shared this: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1g-TWiRRDIT4wjsDOLYrTsVzfeU2Y-Mm2oldxrbDQroM/edit?usp=sharing>

QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for March 9

Expanded resources and video from the forum on Race, Health, and Food, webinars about Indian boarding schools and Intergenerational Trauma, Disrupting Patterns of white Womanhood in Social justice Movements, March 23 celebration of Women's History and forum on Racism and Women's Health, March 29 Restorative Circle Learning Experience, speech by Rev. Barber on the 'State of Our Union', article on Federal Budget Cuts to Tribal Communities, film on Farming while Black, and PBS programs on the Great Migrations https://drive.google.com/file/d/1aJgXP1CSZcwU36h35np-FXE-UCpIGZ/view?usp=drive_link

FUNDRAISING FOR SOLIDARITY PILGRIMAGE TO PALESTINE

AFM Attendee and Emory Master of Divinity student Cate Tedford will be going on a solidarity pilgrimage to Palestine this March with a cohort of students in partnership with Sabeel, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology center, promoting justice, peace, and liberation for Palestine. For more information about the trip and to donate, visit <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/fundraising/cate-tedford>.

PLEASE CHECK LOST & FOUND (INCLUDING POTLUCK CONTAINERS)

Please check the Lost and Found box near the front door to see if anything is yours. It's getting full again! If you've lost jewelry, keys, glasses or other small, valuable items, please check with Nina in the office. Also please check for leftover containers of any kind from potluck / coffee hour in the kitchen drawer labeled *Plastic Containers* or on the counter top in the kitchen.

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED & WAYS TO SHARE INFORMATION

- Join the announcement list, an email list which includes only the weekly announcement sheet and a very few other emails, all directly related to the life of the meeting. You can also find the latest announcement sheet at <https://atlantaquakers.org/announcement-sheet/> or at the meetinghouse. *To add something to the announcement sheet, email atlantaquakers@gmail.com.*
- Join the discussion list, which includes the announcement sheet and a variety of other emails from members and attenders about a broader range of topics related to being a Quaker, often including social justice issues and opportunities. *You may share info here.*
- Join the newsletter list, which lets you know when the monthly newsletter is online on the meeting's website at <https://atlantaquakers.org/newsletter/>. Newsletters are also available at the meetinghouse. *To add something to the newsletter, email atlquakerltr@gmail.com.*
- Join the Atlanta FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and Nonbinary, Genderqueer and Genderfluid – and Queer Concerns) email list for those who are lgbtq+ or are interested in lgbtq+ issues.

To join any of these email lists, contact the office at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

We also have a Facebook group. To join, search for Atlanta Friends Meeting and click the + Join Group button near the top.