

# ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2024



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Meeting for Worship each First Day (Sunday) in Person & via Zoom, 10:00 am.  
Details for Sunday worship and for our Wednesday small meetings for worship, in person and zoom, are in the announcement sheet (link just above).

## QUERY FOR OCTOBER

Are younger Friends, new members, and attenders encouraged to take part in committees and attend meetings for business?  
Do we encourage their participation in the meeting's activities?  
Do we encourage them to pursue membership when they are ready?

## POEMS

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*by patricia turner*

We are all in a  
state of translation  
the first word spoken  
shattering  
    into light and being  
fragments into  
    expanding galaxies  
we are code  
enigma  
    indecipherable  
    shards of  
the godhead  
    crashing  
onto shore  
    destined  
and forsaken  
    the handwriting  
    emerging from the shadows  
stumbling and flesh bound.

Reciprocity

Stillness frames me  
no cleft  
in my attention  
to the one who  
never forgets  
a promise

wind and rain  
caress the tender  
green  
home to birdsong  
keening  
for the new world

I am lost and recovered  
as  
you turn  
the heart  
of stone  
to  
flesh.

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QUAKER QUOTE: WORSHIP & “THE TRANSFORMATIVE PRACTICE OF BEING”

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*by Carrie Newcomer*

*selections from a QuakerSpeak video with transcript at  
<https://quakerspeak.com/video/the-transformative-practice-of-being/>*

“You know, people have asked me, you know, “You are a musician, you’re a songwriter, and you make your life in sound and you attend a silent Quaker meeting. What’s with that?” You know, and I have to say that some of my best language has emerged out of the silence and the listening part of that. You know, I think in the kinds of spiritual communities I grew up, you know, we do a lot of talking at whatever is sacred. You know, we praise we ask we . . . you know, there’s a lot of talking at whatever is sacred in the world. And I really appreciated when I discovered a silent Quaker meeting that all I need to do is listen. In fact, something lovely happens when . . . I when I quiet myself and I quiet my heart and I actually listen to what is coming up from the spirit, from the depths. You know? From the community. From something, if not greater, at least wider and larger than myself.”

“You know, like I think for songwriting, it’s asked certain things from me. You know, it’s asking me to pay attention — that you can’t write a song if you weren’t there. You know, if you’re writing a poem, if you’re writing a piece, if you’re just a writer, you know, it takes a practice of paying attention. Mary Oliver said “It’s our first and most important work to pay attention.” And, you know, in that process of paying attention, going deeper into the moment and into the now and into the experiences that you have every day — you need to be here.”

## RECORDING FROM JUNE FORUM ON HOLDING IN THE LIGHT

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On June 20, Ministry and Worship held a forum on Holding in the Light Forum at rise of meeting. If you were not able to attend or would like to hear it again, there is a recording at <https://tinyurl.com/5yupryua>. Recommended reading for the forum was the *Friends Journal* article "We are all held in Love" by Peter Blood-Patterson at <https://www.friendsjournal.org/we-are-all-held-in-love/>, which was part of the March 2024 issue focusing on Prayer and Healing (<https://www.friendsjournal.org/issue-category/2024/prayer-and-healing/>).

### PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT:

Georgia Lord's niece  
Diane Green  
Connor McMahon  
Noel Thornton  
Alicia Jacobs' sister

*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, visit or download the AFM Handbook from <https://atlantaquakers.org/handbook/> OR contact the Clerk of the committee you're interested in.**

## EARTH QUAKER ACTION TEAM ON VANGUARD AND DIRECT ACTION

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*During the recent Friends General Conference, Kevin Moran took on responsibility for the leadership of EQAT in the southeast and has established an EQAT group supported by SCC. In addition to AFM members, AFSC Atlanta (Southern Region) and SAYMA are collaborating on this initiative.*

Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) is a grassroots, nonviolent action group including Quakers and people of diverse beliefs, who join with millions of people around the world fighting for a just and sustainable economy. EQAT's actions nonviolently confront the people who benefit from the current energy system, boldly challenging them to turn away from fossil fuels. EQAT uses nonviolent direct action because it works. Direct action has been crucial to the success of every major social movement over the last century. Direct action allows us to boldly challenge power and highlight injustice. As Dr. Martin Luther King elaborates in Letter From a Birmingham Jail, "nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue."

Based in Philadelphia suburb Malvern, PA, Vanguard is the second largest investor in the world, managing about \$9 trillion on behalf of tens of millions of clients. It's also the world's largest investor in fossil fuels. Vanguard's investments prop up the industries destroying our climate and harming our communities.

How does Vanguard drive climate chaos?

- With about [\\$413 billion invested in fossil fuel companies](#), Vanguard is world's biggest investors in fossil fuels.
- Vanguard invests about [\\$180 billion in projects expanding fossil fuel infrastructure](#) at a time when experts agree that we need to halt fossil fuel expansion to prevent catastrophic effects of climate change.
- Vanguard has one of the worst voting records on climate change-related shareholder resolutions, [ranking 65 out of 68 asset managers](#) for its shareholder voting.

We're demanding that Vanguard:

- Use its power and influence as a shareholder to push the companies it invests in to do better on climate change
- Offer climate-responsible funds as mainstream products that are promoted by financial advisors
- Exit its investments in fossil fuel companies that refuse to transition their businesses to be in alignment with a livable future
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I pledge "Never Vanguard"!

By pledging "Never Vanguard," we're saying that we refuse to do business with Vanguard or stay silent, as long as it continues on its reckless course of investing in the destruction of our climate and communities. Sign the "Never Vanguard" pledge at <https://eqat.org/never-vanguard/>.

*For information contact Kevin Moran, Clerk of Social Concerns Committee, 470-471-2229, [moran.kevinmoran.kevin@gmail.com](mailto:moran.kevinmoran.kevin@gmail.com).*

## IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

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October 7 is the last day to register as well as the last day to confirm your registration (please confirm your registration), also at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>.

You can request an absentee ballot for the November 5 election now thru October 25 at <https://mvp.sos.ga.gov/s/>. Absentee ballots will be mailed beginning on October 15.

Advance voting begins on October 15 and ends on November 1 (including Saturdays October 19 and 26 and possibly Sundays October 20 and 27).

For more important dates for the election, see <https://sos.ga.gov/page/election-calendar-and-events>.

## MAKING QUEER HISTORY: LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS – thru October 27

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American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is co-sponsoring the Making Queer Quaker History event series through Beacon Hill Friends House with Brian Blackmore, AFSC's Director of Quaker Engagement. The goal of the series of lectures and workshops is to share the often-untold stories of Quakers' influence and involvement in the project of gay liberation during the mid-twentieth century. Available on Zoom throughout October. Tickets for all events are available on a pay-as-led/sliding scale. Learn more and register at <https://bhfh.org/making-queer-quaker-history/>.

## COMMITTEE ON UNDOING RACISM IN AFM – Tuesday, October 1

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The Committee on Undoing Racism in Atlanta Friends Meeting (CURAFM) will have our regular first Tuesday Zoom meeting on October 1 at 7:30 pm ET. Everyone is welcome! Tentative agenda topics include approving statement of purpose and next steps about restorative circle trainings in November and next year. For more information, or if you have a question or comment between meetings, please contact Lissa Place (lissaplace@yahoo.com or 678-793-9260) or Susan Firestone (susanfires@gmail.com or 404-268-6480).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88572920986?pwd=Q0FHc0Jzb3Y0RmpTZk5FdnAxaCtHUT09>

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## FLGBTQC GAMES NIGHT – Friday, October 4

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Atlanta's local FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) group will be holding their monthly game night on Friday, October 4 at 6:30 pm at the meetinghouse. We will be meeting in the Nursery again this month. You (and all your friends) are invited for conversation, games and potluck-style food! Allies welcome. We encourage you to bring any board game or other tabletop game you'd like to share with the group. Just be willing to explain the game to new players, or (if it's your first time playing it) be willing to learn it along with the rest of us.) For more information, contact Nina Gooch or Derek Harootune Otis. To join the group email list, contact Nina in the office.

## BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR -- Thursday, October 3

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The book group reading works by and about people of color meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month in person in combination with Zoom. On October 3, they will read and discuss *Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America 1619-2019*, edited by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain. For more information about the book, see the August 25 Virtual Literature Table from Quakers for Racial Equality at

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CE3agKx\\_IZHv6dkcFTC\\_PS\\_ie4EeuV9YXsLKqs6QCBs/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CE3agKx_IZHv6dkcFTC_PS_ie4EeuV9YXsLKqs6QCBs/edit).

Upcoming books include:

November 7, *Behind You Is the Sea: A Novel* by Susan Muaddi Darraj

December 5, *Daughters of the Dust* by Julie Dash

For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net).

## SAYMA FALL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING -- Saturday, October 5

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Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA) will hold their Fall Representative Meeting virtually on Saturday, October 5 from 9am Eastern Time (8am Central Time) until 3pm ET (2pm CT) with a break for lunch. Zoom will open 30 minutes early (8:30 am ET/7:30 am CT) for those interested in socializing. The Meeting will begin with worship at 9am. All are welcome.

To register, go to SAYMA.org or <https://forms.gle/dMWpQBXYELQr1hTG9>. If you have questions, please reach out to Jennifer Dickie at [Clerk@SAYMA.org](mailto:Clerk@SAYMA.org).

## BREAKFAST AND LEARNING: ZOUGHBI AL ZOUGHBI -- Saturday, October 5

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Oakhurst Presbyterian invites Atlanta Friends Meeting members and attenders to join them at their continental breakfast meeting on Saturday, October 5. There will be food and discussion from 9:00 to 9:45 and a program of presentations and discussion from 9:45 to 11:15 in the Fellowship Hall. Address: 118 Second Avenue, Decatur, GA 30030 (off East Lake Road). The speaker is Zoughbi al Zoughbi, Founder and Director of WI'AM: The Palestinian Conflict Transformation Centre in Bethlem and a world-renowned speaker, trainer, counselor, activist, and writer who has been waging peace in war-torn West Bank, Israel since the 1990's.

## MACON QUAKERS WORSHIP – in person with zoom option, Saturdays, October 5 & 19

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The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, is now meeting in person for worship the first and third Saturdays at 2 pm at Centenary United Methodist Church, 1290 College Street, Macon, GA. Enter through the side door on Ash Street. (People of all ages are welcome, but there is no childcare available.) For more information, contact [maconquakers@gmail.com](mailto:maconquakers@gmail.com) or Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey. Macon Quakers also worship via Zoom only on the the second and fourth Wednesday evenings of the month. See details on Wednesday evening in the announcement sheet (link on page 1).

## SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS & ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL – Sundays, October 6, 13, 20, 27

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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 October 6, Devin Lenz will share his Spiritual Journey. (To hear Fred Knight's Spiritual Journey heard on September 1, visit <https://tinyurl.com/kvcbyz5f>. To listen to other past Spiritual Journeys, contact Mary Ann Downey at [madowney@mindspring.com](mailto:madowney@mindspring.com).)

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](mailto:madowney@mindspring.com).

Adult First Day School meets in person at the meetinghouse, and people can also join via Zoom. (Zoom details in the announcement sheet; see link at top of page 1.) For questions, please contact Elizabeth Lamb. On second, third and fourth Sundays each month, Adult First Day School reads and discusses a book. See the announcement sheet for the October book. Contact Elizabeth Lamb for more details.

On fifth Sundays, Adult First Day School has worship sharing based on a query, either that month's query or another query.

## WORLD QUAKER DAY -- Sunday, October 6

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For World Quaker Day on Sunday, October 6, we have invited other nearby Quaker meetings and Atlanta Friends Service Committee to join us for worship and potluck. We encourage car pooling, riding a bike, or taking MARTA (see announcement sheet for details).

## POTLUCK – Sunday, October 6

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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. Green Friends will meet during potluck in classrooms A/B and Atlanta's FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender – and genderqueer, nonbinary and genderfluid – Concerns) will eat together at potluck.

If you bring things to be reheated on the stove at potluck, please see the announcement sheet for information about which pans work on our new induction stove.

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

## VIRTUAL & IN-PERSON DOCUMENTARY NIGHTS – October 6, 11, 20, 27

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*For virtual documentary nights, participants watch the film online in advance, then meet online to discuss the film. For in-person documentary nights, participants watch the film together in person and then discuss it. Reservations are required for both. For reservations and links to watch the films for virtual documentary nights, check the announcement sheet or visit <https://documentarynight.wordpress.com/events/>. You can also contact attendee Adam Hicks with questions at 404-414-8917 or [CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com](mailto:CommunityDocumentaryNight@gmail.com).*

**Virtual:** Sunday, October 6 from 7 to 9 pm. *Pink Ribbons Inc* shows how the devastating reality of breast cancer, which marketing experts have labeled a “dream cause,” has been hijacked by a shiny, pink story of success.

**In-Person:** Friday, October 11 from 6:45 to 10 pm. *King Coal*. The cultural roots of coal permeate the rituals of daily life in Appalachia, even as its economic power wanes. The journey of a coal miner’s daughter reveals the region’s dreams and myths.

**Virtual:** Sunday, October 20 from 7 to 9 pm. In *Forks Over Knives*, researchers explore the possibility that people changing their diets from animal-based to plant-based can help eliminate or control diseases like heart disease, diabetes, and cancer.

**Virtual:** Sunday, October 27 from 7 to 9 pm. *A Prayer For Compassion* follows Thomas Jackson on a quest across America that ultimately takes him to Morocco for the UN Climate Conference and throughout the Indian subcontinent to ask the questions, “Can compassion grow to include all beings? And can people who identify as religious or spiritual come to embrace the call to include all human and nonhuman beings in our circle of respect and caring and love?”

## MARCH WITH AFM IN THE ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE – Sunday, October 13

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Atlanta's Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns invites you to join them to march / walk with them in the Atlanta Pride Parade following meeting for worship. The parade steps off promptly at noon, but our group will not move til 1 pm or later.

Share in the joyousness of Pride and serve as a witness for those who need to see that God does love them for who they are and who they love. Friends School of Atlanta will be joining us for the parade. See later announcement sheets for logistical details, but taking MARTA to and from the parade route is recommended.

## WELCOME DINNER FOR NEWCOMERS – Friday, October 18

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Newcomers to Atlanta Friends Meeting are invited to dinner at the home of of Bob and Becky Lough on Friday, October 18 at 6:15. You'll have a chance to meet other new attendees as well as long-time Quakers in a casual setting. See announcement sheet for more details.

(If you are interested in hosting a fall or winter Welcome Dinner, held on the 18th of each month, please contact Jim Tolmach at 404-294-5194 or jimtolmach@icloud.com.)

## MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS – Sunday, October 20

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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.

The minutes for last month's meeting are below. To find out how meeting for business works, please visit [https://atlantaquakers.org/wp-content/uploads/Guidelines\\_for\\_Meeting\\_for\\_Business.pdf](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 about the spiritual side of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business as well as the ways the Quaker decision-making process differs from the usual understanding of consensus.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYlIFWEhSQUtZRVPaIFFYmVDQT09>

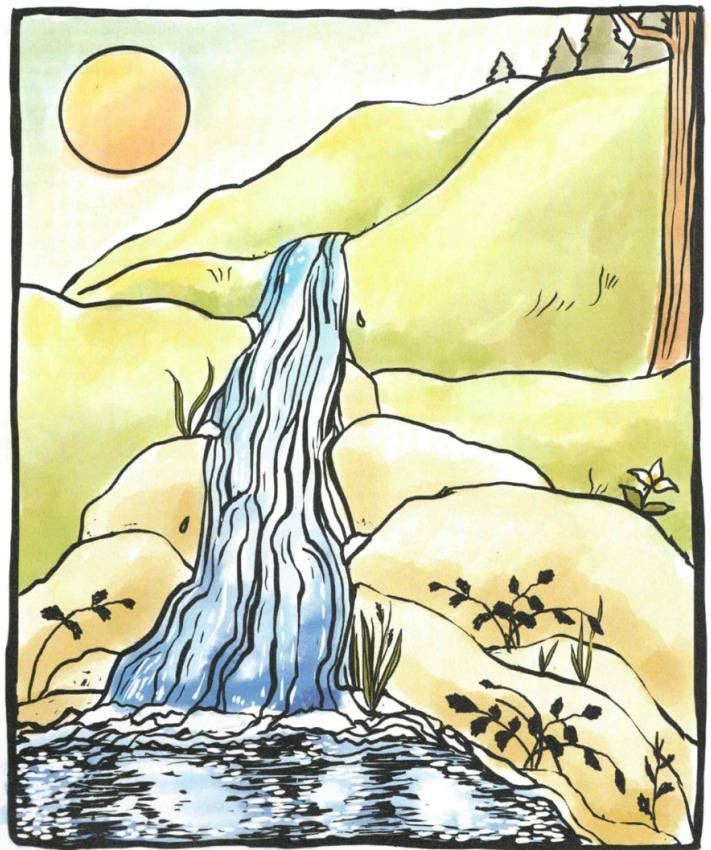
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## SAVE THE DATE: ONLINE FGC GATHERING -- February 1 to 9, 2025

Friends come together from across North America (and sometimes further) to deepen connection to one another and the Spirit at Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering. As of 2024, on-site Gatherings occur in even years while online Gatherings are held in odd years. Smaller, Young Adult & Youth (YAY) events are also held during odd years to offer continuity of programming for younger friends. In 2025, the Gathering will be online February 1 to 9, with the theme *A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail*. For more information, see <https://www.fgcquaker.org/fgcprograms/the-gathering/>.

Founded in 1900, Friends General Conference is an association of mostly unprogrammed Quaker meetings primarily in the United States and Canada. In addition to the Gathering each year, it offers many other resources for Quakers. For general information about FGC, visit <https://www.fgcquaker.org/>.







**Nominating Committee** — Lissa Place reported for Nominating Committee.

**Minute-09-15-24:02:** On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Kevin Moran for a two year term on SAYMA's Ministry and Nurture Committee until June of 2026.

**Minute-09-15-24:03:** On the recommendation of Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Dean Leaper, Lisa Kruse, and Asa Kramer Dickie as teachers on Religious Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

## **Reports**

**Admin Committee** — Jack Honderd reported for Admin Committee.

A new induction stove has been installed in the kitchen. The old stove will be recycled. Some education will be needed in how to use the new stove, so if anyone feels called to do that, they are welcome. Nina has purchased cookware for the induction stove, as it only works with cookware made of particular materials.

A Friend asked if dishes brought for potluck will need to be put in a different pot to warm. Jack said it would work to put things in the oven to warm. Nina said a pot would work on the induction stove if a magnet would stick to it.

A Friend asked what happens if you put a pan on the stove that is not suited for it. Jack said the pan will not heat, but it will not explode or cause harm.

Clive offered to help with learning how to use the induction stove, as he has experience with appliances.

Jack also reported about the mold in the meeting room ceiling, which Admin thinks might be from leaks in the skylight. The person who was going to help us with this broke his arm last Saturday and is out of commission for 8 weeks, so we will have to wait on him for that.

**Ministry and Worship** — Clive Gordon reported for Ministry & Worship Committee.

Forums

On August 25, Dot Lopez, the head of the Friends School of Atlanta shared her reflections on the Friends School of Atlanta as they begin a new school year and the school's vision for the future. This was an opportunity to learn about the contributions of Friends Education. 27 Friends attended in person.

On September 29 at rise of meeting, Ministry and Worship will conduct our annual forum on the meaning and process of membership. The forum is intended for those interested in membership or curious about the meaning and process of membership in the meeting. For those of us who are already members, this is a great opportunity to reflect on what membership means to us. There will be a period of worship sharing providing an opportunity for you to share what membership and this meeting means to you. We will also talk about the membership process.

A Friend asked how long it takes to become a member. Clive answered that your journey to membership begins with your first contact with the Religious Society of Friends, when you find there is something there that resonates with your own spiritual journey. The process of becoming a member begins when you find that the meeting is an essential part of your life. He said we will explain how to become a member at the forum.

**Nominating Committee** — Lissa Place reported for Nominating Committee.

The Nominating Committee would like to bring forward the name Bill Hooson as First Day School teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. We will bring his name back next month.

**Green Friends** — Henry Slack reported for Green Friends.

Green Friends would like the meeting to state that it will phase out fossil fuels. This draft is provided now for comment.

Fossil fuel pollution is causing Atlanta and the world to overheat. The meeting commits to phasing out use of fossil fuels in its buildings and encourages members to do the same with buildings that they own. Ordinarily, at the end of a piece of gas-fired equipment's useful life, the meeting will install an electric-only piece of equipment. (In short: "When it dies, electrify.")

A Friend asked if it would be feasible to use solar or wind energy to generate enough power for the meeting's needs. Henry replied that the short answer is "no". It would be too expensive to install enough solar panels and windmills are not practical in Atlanta.

A Friend said for historical context that we approved a minute from SAYMA in around 2010 regarding concern about climate change. She added that Green Friends has been doing things for many years on this front, encouraging people to take actions and also doing a survey.

A Friend said he is going to SAYMA and can communicate with the SAYMA Earth Justice Committee.

A Friend suggested that Green Friends can give resources for how to electrify, get an affordable electric vehicle, recommend stuff for their home, etc.

A Friend asked if the meeting house would be warm enough on a cold day if heated with electricity. Henry said that it would be warm enough. Heat pump technology has gotten much better and is even being installed in Maine, a much colder climate.

A Friend said he met someone who has a lot of experience in solar power, and he rode in his electric car and couldn't believe how fluid it was compared to a petrol car. He said that person can share and provide resources too.

Henry mentioned that lawn equipment is another category that is fossil-fuel powered, and we should expand to include lawn equipment as well.

### **Clerk's Items**

- **World Quaker Day is October 6**, and there will be a celebration at the meetinghouse at the rise of meeting.
  - Since we will have lots of guests, consider carpooling or taking MARTA to open up parking spaces.
  - That is a potluck day, so the clerk also requests Friends to bring more food if possible so that we can accommodate the guests.
  - The clerk invited a number of guests:
    - Friends School of Atlanta, American Friends Service Committee, Athens Friends Meeting, Peachtree Friends Meeting, Stone Mountain Friends Church (Burundi Friends)
    - Guests from the predominantly black theology schools in Atlanta

