

# Morningside Matters

*The Newsletter for Morningside Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)*

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March 2018

## Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible study	room 12T	9:30 am
	Second Sunday	Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting: everyone welcome <b>(third Sunday in March)</b>	room 12T	1:00 pm
	Fourth Sunday	Welcome Breakfast: An easy way of getting to know other members and attenders. Just tell the cashier you're with the Quakers. The tab is picked up by our hosts, the Ministry & Counsel Committee	Riverside Café	9:30 am
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	March 11	Discernment of FCNL Legislative Priorities	room 12T	1:00 pm
	April 6 – 8	NYYM Spring Sessions hosted by NYQM <a href="https://www.nyym.org/session/spring-sessions-2018">https://www.nyym.org/session/spring-sessions-2018</a>		
	April 15	NYQM Business Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	
Events of interest	First Sundays	Monthly Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Astor Place	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	March 9 – 11	AVP Basic Workshop	Purchase Meeting	
	March 9 - 11	From Mourning to Renewed Witness, a weekend with Doug Gwyn and Brian Drayton	Pendle Hill	
	March 11 - 15	The Prophetic Faith from Moses to Martin	Pendle Hill	
	March 11 - 15	Freedom Fast by Imokalee farmers and allies	280 Park Avenue	
	March 13	CAIC Advocacy Day. Info: <a href="mailto:caicadvocacyday@gmail.com">caicadvocacyday@gmail.com</a> .	Albany	
	March 15	Time's Up Wendy's March	Dag Hammarskjold Plaza	5:00 pm
	March 15 – 17	Re-imagining Faith-Based Service, Activism and Relationships	Powell House	
	March 17 – 18	Compassionate Communications Skills & Awareness for Life in Relationship	Pendle Hill	
	March 17 – 20	FCNL Spring Lobby Weekend	Washington, DC	
	March 22	Quakers in Politics – Live Web Panel sponsored by Friends Journal and Earlham School of Religion. Info: <a href="https://www.friendsjournal.org/quakers-in-politics/">https://www.friendsjournal.org/quakers-in-politics/</a>		3:00 pm
	March 23 – 25	The Power of Enough	Powell House	

March 24	NYC March for Our Lives	72 <sup>nd</sup> & CPW	10:00 am
March 24	This Evil Thing: Conscientious Objectors in World War I	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	7:00 pm
March 26 – April 2	Present in Every Moment: Waking up to Love and Compassion in Our Lives	Pendle Hill	
March 30 – April 1	Work/Messiah Sing/Scavenger Hunt	Powell House	
April 1	Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
April 6 – 8	Sustainable Spirit Led Action	Pendle Hill	
April 7	Tapestry: Weaving Sacred Images	Pendle Hill	
April 12	Engaging North Korea: Quaker Work for Peace on the Korean Peninsula	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	7:00 – 9:00 pm
April 12 – 14	Reading Classics with a Quaker Classics Scholar: a series of 3 evenings with Sarah Rudin	Pendle Hill	
April 15 – 19	Nurturing Faithfulness	Pendle Hill	
April 20 – 22	Playing in the Light/ Godly Play/Faith & Play Training for Quakers	Powell House	
April 24 – 26	Peacemaking Circles Training sponsored by the NYYM Conflict Transformation Committee Info: <a href="mailto:kreixach@gmail.com">kreixach@gmail.com</a>	New York City	
April 27 – 29	Tending the Flock	Powell House	
April 28	Framing the Sacred: The Spiritual Journey of Photography	Pendle Hill	
May 3 - 6	Truth and Healing: Quakers Seeking Right Relationship with Indigenous Peoples	Pendle Hill	
May 4	Restorative Practices & Transformative Justice Conference Info: <a href="http://www.bestrestorativepractices.com/">http://www.bestrestorativepractices.com/</a>	Lehman College	
May 4 – 6	Habitat for Humanity: Build for Unity	Queens	
May 5	Shake Your Soul	Powell House	
May 11-13	Story Fire, A Retreat for Parents	Powell House	
May 12	Compassionate Listening	Pendle Hill	
May 12	Journal Harvesting Listening	Pendle Hill	
May 14 - 17	Finding and Living the Community of Love	Pendle Hill	
May 18 – 20	Retreat: Rebalance, Recharge	Pendle Hill	
May 19	Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas	Powell House	
May 26	Writing and Dancing Our Challenges and Our Joys	Pendle Hill	
June 1 - 6	Continuing Revelation 2018: Building Intentional Lives	Pendle Hill	

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## *Reflection*

*This is what the LORD says: Do what is just and right. Rescue from the hand of the oppressor the one who has been robbed. Do no wrong or violence to the foreigner, the fatherless or the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place. (Jeremiah 22:3)*

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### Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business March 4, 2018

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from John Woolman in Sixteen Quaker Leaders Speak:  
“There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath different names. It is, however, pure, and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stand in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren, in the best sense of the word.”  
The reading was also followed by silent worship.
2. Charlene Ray read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. After some discussion, Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. After some discussion, Friends accept the report, and it is attached.
4. Corona Machermer gave the Peace and Social Concerns report. Friends discussed the proposal to join the National Farm Worker Ministry: Together with Farm Workers, Harvesting Justice and their boycott of Wendy’s, and discussed their Freedom Fast March 11<sup>th</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>. Friends accept the report. The report is attached.
5. The proposed minute from Peace and Social Concerns was discussed. The minute:  
“Morningside Monthly Meeting endorses the boycott of Wendy’s, which is sponsored by the National Farm Workers Ministry: Together with Farm Workers, Harvesting Justice.”  
Friends approve the minute.
6. Sally Campbell made the following announcement as a follow-up on the #2 item in the Peace and Social Concerns report:  
The FCNL Advocacy Team has invited Dan Jasper and Linda Lewis of AFSC to speak on preventing war with North Korea which is FCNL’s priority this year for its Advocacy Teams. It is to be at the 15th Street Meetinghouse on Thursday April 12th from 7:00 to 9:00. All are welcome.
7. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:  
The New York Coalition Against Isolated Confinement requested that organizations join it in supporting a petition to Carl Heastie, the Democratic Speaker of the NY State Assembly to schedule a vote on the Assembly’s Criminal Justice Package that includes reform of solitary confinement, bail, full disclosure of evidence before a trial, faster trials and other reforms. Although the bill does not go as far as the HALT Solitary Confinement Bill, which we endorsed on June 1, 2014. NYCAIC felt that any improvement to the use of solitary confinement is important. Because of our previous endorsement of the HALT Solitary Confinement bill and NYCAIC’s support of the bill, I felt clear to sign the Meeting on as a supporter as there was no time to get approval before our Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.  
Friends accept the report.
8. The Clerk made the following announcement:  
Housing for attenders at Spring Sessions here in New York City, from Friday, April 6 to Sunday, April 8, is still needed. Please contact Helen Garay Toppins at [office@nyym.org](mailto:office@nyym.org) if you could offer housing for one or two nights. A bed, a sofa or a floor would be welcome.
9. Friends made other announcements.
10. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Sally Campbell, Dave Britton, Nancy Britton, Corona Machemer, Carlene Ray, Virginia Shipley, Barton Dominus, Peter Beck, Jane Alexandre, Bryan Oettel, Joyce

Richardson, Robert Leuze, Kathy Stackhouse, Daniel A. Seeger, Tom Goodridge, Robert Renwick, Jason McGill, Charlotte Ehrman, Bryan Wigfall, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

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### Ministry and Counsel Report

1. M&C met on Monday February 26<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday March 26<sup>th</sup> at Pam Wood's at 7:15 pm. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on March 25<sup>th</sup> hosted by David Fletcher at 9:30 am in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Also, on March 25<sup>th</sup> after meeting Pam Wood will lead a worship sharing on the theme of speaking truth.
5. Bible Study will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am.
6. A Racial Justice Study Group will meet after meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>. David Fletcher, Karen Taborn, and Helen Garay Toppins have been continuing the work from last fall's retreat on dismantling white privilege and invite the meeting to join them for an ongoing consideration of this topic.
7. Formation of groups for Quaker sixes is ongoing.
8. Formation of new Spiritual Nurture Groups and additions to existing groups is almost complete.
9. M&C currently has 8 support committees and 1 clearness committee.
10. M&C plans to hold a one-day retreat on a Saturday in May as we did last year. Anyone interested in helping with the planning of this event should be in touch with a member of M&C. More details to come.
11. Moving with Spirit. Jane Alexandre and Tom Goodridge invite friends to explore movement in worship on April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10-10:30 am in the meeting space. Friends will be led into some simple movements and encouraged to move as the spirit leads. No experience necessary.

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### Treasurer's Report, March 4, 2018

As is to be expected, activity has been slow during the first two months of the year. Disbursements have been made for child care, Huntington House, a Peace and Social Concerns allocation to the Woodbourne Worship Group, and for members' and attenders' breakfasts. The Treasurer awaits the report from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee to start the annual schedule of Outreach disbursements. The website manager no longer receives a monthly check but will be paid on a fee-for-service basis when she sends invoices.

Contribution income through March 1, 2018 totaled \$1,248.40. Interest earned came to \$1.68. Income exceeded expenses for the period by \$624.08, but only because we pay the Yearly Meeting covenant on a quarterly rather than a monthly basis.

The large spreadsheet is provided so members can see the budget for the year as amended at the last business meeting. The amended budget was provided to the Secretary so

it could be included in the February meeting for business minutes. It will not be necessary to provide the large spreadsheet on a monthly basis. There is one variation in the end-of-year figures for 2017 because a member sent a \$1,000 contribution in mid-February, 2018 which she wanted credited to 2017.

Members and attenders who have difficulty setting up an automatic monthly payment to the Meeting should speak to a platform officer at their local bank branch. The Treasurer can provide the account number and routing code. The regular and predictable support for the Meeting provided by those who do automate their contributions is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

**Income/Expense by Category – Year-to-Date  
1/1/2018 through 3/1/2018 (Cash Basis)**

Category	1/1/2018- 1/31/2018	2/1/2018- 2/28/2018	3/1/2018- 3/1/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>				
General Fund Contribution	293.40	455.00	500.00	1,248.40
interest and Dividends	1.68	0.00	0.00	1.68
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>295.08</b>	<b>455.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>1,250.08</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Huntington House	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	36.00	0.00	36.00
Operations - First Day Child Care	0.00	290.00	0.00	290.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>526.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>626.00</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>195.08</b>	<b>-71.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>624.08</b>

***Treasurer's Report***

**March 4, 2018**

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year-to-date (March 1)
1 <b>Balances at the Beginning of the Year</b>				
2     Unrestricted Reserves		37,438	36,972	36,972
3     Funds Restricted as to Use				
4         Huntington House		782	663	663
5         Crumlish Bequest		500	500	500
6         Reintegration Fund			500	500
7             SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:		38,720	38,634	38,634
8     Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits		(1,858)	(685)	315
9     Unrestricted funds in Schwab		500	500	500
10    Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospitality)		144	132	132
11 <b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37,506</b>	<b>38,581</b>	<b>39,581</b>
12				
13 <b>Income</b>				
14     Contributions – General	31,254	38,801	37,680	1,248
15     Contributions – Restricted as to Use:				
16         Reintegration Fund		500		
17         Huntington House		400		
18         Interest and Dividends	18	19	20	2
19         Contributions earmarked for other organizations	(780.00)			
20         Retreat Fees		3,060	3,200	
21         Transfers from Reserves – General	1,665			20
22         Transfers from Reserves – Restricted				
23             Huntington House		119		
24             Crumlish Bequest				
25             Reintegration Fund				
26 <b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,157</b>	<b>42,900</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>1,270</b>
27				
28 <b>Expenses</b>				
29     New York Yearly Meeting allocation	15,397	15,976	16,500	
30     Outreach:				
31         Peace and Social Concerns/FUN	11,568	11,850	12,800	100
32         Miscellaneous Outreach	0	300	300	
33         Huntington House		519		200
34         Reintegration Allocations				
35         Scholarships/Relief		660	2,000	

**Treasurer's Report**

**March 4, 2018**

	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	Approved 2018 Budget	Year-to-date (March 1)
36	Operations			
37	2,100	2,100	1,000	
38		567	0	
39	Communications: Newsletter			
40	Communications: Advancement			
41	1,460	2,000	2,400	290
42	0		100	
43	373	390	400	20
44	101	166	200	36
45	Clerk/Ministry and Counsel			
46	Retreat			
47	177	194	300	
48	Literature			
49	<b>32,157</b>	<b>40,032</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>646</b>
50	Transfers to General Reserves			
51	Transfers to Restricted Reserves			
52	Reintegration Fund			
53	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality			
54	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality			
55	<b>32,157</b>	<b>41,900</b>	<b>40,900</b>	<b>646</b>
56				
57	<b>Balances at the End of the Year:</b>			
58	37,438	36,972	36,286	
59	Funds Restricted as to Use			
60	782	663	663	
61	500	500	500	
62		500	500	
63	<b>38,720</b>	<b>38,634</b>	<b>37,949</b>	
64	(2,218)	315		
65	500	500	500	
66	144	132	132	112
67	<b>37,146</b>	<b>39,581</b>	<b>38,581</b>	

**Report from Peace and Social Concerns Committee**

Peace & Social Concerns met on February 18, 2018.

Attending were: Sally Campbell; Richard Schmidt; Pamela Wood; Robert Renwick, Soo Bok Kim; Corona Machermer (clerk)

The meeting opens with a few minutes of silence.

1. The committee resumes consideration of the 2018 Peace & Social Concerns budget. Because of unresolved concerns, the budget is not finalized. However, the committee approves the following:
  - a. A contribution of \$100 to the Samburu Mission in Kenya. The mission, which is under the aegis of Friends United Meeting (as are almost all Quaker projects in East Africa), serves pastoralists in Northern Kenya. It is involved in

conflict resolution using AVP methods between two pastoralist tribes that are being driven into conflict as drought worsens in the Sahel region of Africa. It also has projects providing education, especially for girls, and medical care. Both the school projects and the clinic are mobile. The liaison is Pam Wood. (The contribution will be made through FUM.)

- b. A contribution of \$100 to the Coalition for Immokalee Workers (CIW) and/or the Alliance for Fair Food, with which it is affiliated. For more on this see below. The liaison is Naomi Paz Greenberg.
- c. To reduce our contribution to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) to the annual membership fee of \$50. It is felt

that NRCAT is now well established and no longer needs our additional contribution.

2. The proposed presentation and forum at 15<sup>th</sup> Street about North Korea involving Dan Jasper of the American Friends Service Committee is discussed. A weekday event, in which Friends Seminary might also be involved, is considered favorably, but everything depends on discussions with Dan and 15<sup>th</sup> Street. FCNL is also making this a priority. Soo Bok Kim is joining FCNL's focus group on the issue.
3. Pam Wood reports on Ravi Ragbir's situation. His deportation has been stayed while he pursues an appeal of the conviction for wire fraud that made him "eligible" for deportation.
4. The next CAIC (Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement) "Advocacy Day," when CAIC organizes a lobbying campaign in Albany against Solitary Confinement, will be March 13. A number of Morningsiders have participated in these events. Contact Sally Campbell to learn more.
5. The committee supports Naomi Paz Greenberg's proposal that Morningside join the *National Farm Worker Ministry: Together with Farm Workers*, Harvesting Justice and that we formally endorse their boycott of Wendy's. **(See Proposed Action Minute.)** She also suggests we support the Freedom Fast

from March 11 through March 15, culminating in a rally on March 15, outside the Manhattan hedge fund offices of Nelson Peltz, Wendy's largest shareholder and Chair of the Board of Directors. The offices of the hedge fund, Trian Partners, are at 280 Park Avenue.

6. Every two years, during election year, FCNL solicits the views and concerns of Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations around the country to help discern what should be FCNL's Legislative Priorities for the new Congress, which is seated the following year. This process, for the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress (2019-2020), is now underway. Peace & Social Concerns invites all Morningside to a special meeting of the committee on March 11 to discern what Morningsiders believe these priorities should be. The deadline for submitting the results of Morningside's discernment to FCNL is April 13. An email with details of the procedure will go out to all Morningsiders.
7. Because of the FCNL Priorities meeting, the next regular meeting of the committee will be held on the third Sunday in March, March 18.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corona Macheimer, clerk

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## Engaging North Korea: Quaker Work for Peace on the Korean Peninsula

April 12<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 pm  
15<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting

Linda Lewis, AFSC's Country Representative for China/DPRK, and Daniel Jasper, AFSC Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Asia based in Washington, DC, will speak on preventing war with North Korea, AFSC's program in North Korea, the challenges of working in this isolated nation, the impact of sanctions, and opportunities for peace on the Korean peninsula.

The event is organized by FCNL's New York City Advocacy team. This year's lobbying focus is on legislation to prevent the president from starting a pre-emptive war with North Korea. See <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/prevent-war-with-north-korea-1112>.

The Quaker-affiliated American Friends Service Committee has been working in North Korea for over three decades. By 1998, AFSC had established an on-going agricultural development project with cooperative farms, and today it is one of only a handful of American NGOs actively engaged in the DPRK.

### Speakers:

**Linda Lewis**, the American Friends Service Committee Country Representative for China/DPRK, is responsible for AFSC's North Korea program, including its long-standing agricultural development project. Dr. Lewis is a regular visitor to North Korea and has organized numerous study tours and exchanges outside Korea for DPRK partners.

**Daniel Jasper** is AFSC's Public Education and Advocacy Coordinator for Asia. His role is to bring lessons learned from AFSC's programs throughout Asia back to policymakers in Washington. His current work focuses heavily on the humanitarian, peacebuilding, and people-to-people aspects of U.S.-North Korea relations.



AFSC delegation visit to North Korea, May 2016