

# Morningside Matters

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

[www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org)

January 2020

## Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Moving with the Spirit	room 12T	10:00 – 10:30 am
	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible study: Genesis	room 12T	9:30 am
	Second Sunday	Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting. Everyone welcome	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
	Fourth Sunday	Racial Justice Study Group	room 12T	1:00 pm
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	Thursdays	Downtown Manhattan Quaker Meeting (May – September)	Battery Park	6:00 pm
	January 19	NYQM meeting	Brooklyn Meeting	1:00 pm
	January 22	Meeting for Eating Potluck	15 <sup>th</sup> Street Meeting	6:30 – 9:30 pm
	January 26	Open Mic	15 <sup>th</sup> Street Meeting	1:00 pm
	April 3 – 5	NYYM Spring Sessions	Oakwood Friends School	
	April 19	NYQM meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> Street Meeting	
	July 18	NYQM meeting	Friends Cemetery, Prospect Park	
	July 19 – 25	NYYM Summer Sessions	Silver Bay, NY	
	August 1	Ribbon International Peace Walk, NYC		
	October 23 – 25	Morningside Fall Retreat	Stony Point, NY	
	November 6 – 8, 2020	NYYM Fall Sessions	Shrewsbury & Plainfield, NJ	
	First Sundays	Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Union Square	11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Events of interest	January 17 – 20	Dwelling Deep: A Contemplative Retreat	Powell House	
	January 31 – February 2	Friends Decision Making and Clerking	Powell House	
	February 2 – 4	Aiming for Justice: Race, Reparations and Right Path	Pendle Hill	
	February 7 – 9	Beauty, Truth. Love & Life	Powell House	
	February 7 – 9	Anger as an Ally	Powell House	
	February 14 – 16	Annual Winter Wonderland	Powell House	
	February 21 – 23	Embracing our Inner Critics	Pendle Hill	
	February 21 – 23	Energy Work for Everyone with John Calvi	Powell House	
	February 28 – March 1	Building a Culture of Multi-Age Inclusion	Powell House	
	March 6 – 8	Journey Toward Wholeness	Pendle Hill	
	March 6 – 8	Experimenting with Joy	Powell House	
	March 13 – 15	Pie for Parents – A Parents’ Retreat	Powell House	
	March 20 – 22	Facing Transitions Together: Couples Enrichment Retreat	Pendle Hill	
	March 22 – 29	Perfection of the Moment: 7-day Mindfulness Retreat	Pendle Hill	
	March 27 – 29	The Sankofa Path: Healing from the Traumas of Racism	Pendle Hill	
	April 2 – 10	The Student Dharma Project,	Powell House	
	April 3 – 5	Opening the Heart of Worship	Pendle Hill	
	April 17 – 19	The Meaning & Challenge of Resurrection with John Dominic Crossan	Pendle Hill	
April 23 – 28	An Invitation to Sacred Silence	Pendle Hill		
April 24 – 26	Bless the Night	Pendle Hill		

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*Newsletter Submission Guidelines: The purpose of the newsletter is to inform members, attenders and other interested people of Meeting news, including member interviews, news of Friends, other Quaker-related subjects, news of Quaker organizations, upcoming events, Meeting-sponsored projects, book reviews, etc. Articles and pictures are welcome. The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please e-mail your material in Word or text format to [morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com) by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at [www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org).*

### *Reflection*

*Hope is not a lottery ticket you can sit on the sofa and clutch, feeling lucky. It is an axe you break down doors with in an emergency. Hope should shove you out the door, because it will take everything you have to steer the future away from endless war, from the annihilation of the earth's treasures and the grinding down of the poor and marginal... To hope is to give yourself to the future – and that commitment to the future is what makes the present inhabitable.*

*Rebecca Solnit*

## Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business January 5, 2020

- The Meeting began with worship at 12:35 p.m., and Jane Alexandre read a selection from Rufus Jones:

“The primary problem in religion is not to prove that an external God ‘exists’ and once worked miracles. The bare proof that a God ‘exists’ yonder *in excelsis* would in itself alter nothing. We have to shape our lives by realities which are revealed here in our world and which operate upon us as positive resident forces. For us whatever ‘exists’ at the same

time ‘operates.’ We are primarily concerned, therefore, to find indubitable evidence of a Life, a Spirit, underlying, infusing, informing, unifying, overarching all that appears without or within us:

*Spirit that knows no insulated spot  
No chasm, no solitude; from link to link  
It circulates, the Soul of all the worlds.*

(Wordsworth’s “Excursion,” Book ix)”

- Rufus Jones, The Later Periods of Quakerism

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2. Jane Alexandre gave a Clerk's Report. Ernestine Buscemi is released from the Nominating Committee. Friends accept the report.
3. Mason Jenkins gave a first reading of the 2020 nominations from the Nominating Committee. Friends gave edits. The written grid is attached.
4. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer's Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
5. Corona Macheimer gave the Peace and Social Concerns Report. The next meeting of P&SC will be held on Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
6. Ed Elder read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on December 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Ron Rieder. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP to Ron. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
7. Corona Macheimer gave a Communications Committee Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
8. Jane Alexandre gave the first reading of the State of Meeting Report. We will add the queries that were used for the report. If Friends have edits, they will send them to Jerry Reisig. The report will have a second reading at the next meeting for worship with a concern for business. The written draft of the report is attached.
9. Charlotte Ehrman reported on the lease from Riverside Church. Charlotte noted a rent increase of \$600 annually. Charlotte Ehrman, Jason McGill and Jane Alexandre will take up the concern of the number of chairs and tables that we need on a weekly basis before we ask Quarterly Meeting to sign the lease. We need to include an increase in the budget for additional space in 2021 for Quarterly Meeting.
10. Pamela Wood reported on the Naming Committee, with a first reading of Robert Renwick to the Nominating Committee. Friends accept the report. Friends approved Bryan Oettel to the Nominating Committee. These Nominating Committee terms will end in 2022.
11. Friends made Announcements.
12. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Pamela Wood, Mason Jenkins, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Kathy Stackhouse, Corona Macheimer, Ed Elder, Charlene Ray, Peter Beck, Ronald Rieder, Carly Rogers, Bryan Oettel, David Fletcher, Barton Dominus, Carol Wilkinson, Charlotte Ehrman, Ernestine (Ernie) Buscemi, Jerry Reisig, Joyce Richardson, Robert Renwick, Sally Campbell, Richard Schmidt, Jane Alexandre, Stephen McDonnell.

### Treasurer's Report

Last year contributions fell behind expectations, and we were at risk of ending the year with a substantial current deficit, when a "surprise" \$8,000.00 donation arrived, not only wiping out the deficit, but also allowing us to end the year with a surplus.

This year the meeting budgeted for a total contribution income of \$39,000.00. In doing so we were expecting an average annual donation of \$780.00 from active members and attenders. We have nearly reached that goal: total general fund contributions have so far amounted to \$38,488.39, which is just \$511.61 short of the goal. This is a preliminary report. We cannot close the books on 2019 for another two or three business days just to be sure we include in our income any donations the givers intend for 2019 but which they may only have been mailed on December 31.

We budgeted \$43,735.00 for expenditures. But we have only spent \$40,184.83. I have paid all requests for reimbursements and all the bills which have been presented to

me. The scheduled Peace and Social Concerns disbursements have all been made. So, unless there is an unpaid invoice lurking somewhere, we are at this point showing a surplus of \$2,914.59. This favorable balance has been achieved without the help of an unusual \$8,000 windfall, such as we received last year. The faithful support of members and attenders, many of whom contribute on a regular monthly basis, has made this possible. The Finance Committee also worked conscientiously this year to get appeals out in a timely way, and the spasmodical givers responded generously.

The books will be closed in a few days, and next month you will see income and expenditures for 2019 compared with what was budgeted, line by line, and you will also be able to compare the 2019 results with those of several previous years. Our largest single outlay was for the New York Yearly Meeting covenant contribution, which came to \$17,325.00. The next most significant expenditure was for Peace and Social Concerns, which came to \$13,525.53. Although the Retreat was budgeted to break even at

\$4,090.00, there was a shortfall of some \$740.00. So the third largest expenditure, actually, was for child care, which cost \$2,245.00 in 2019. All other expenditures are minor compared with these three: the Yearly Meeting contribution, Peace and Social Concerns disbursements, and First Day child care.

Forty-eight individuals contributed to the Meeting (not counting anonymous contributors of cash), giving an aver-

age contribution of \$791. About 25% of the Meeting's contribution income is given by only two individuals. Approximately 17 of the 48 donors give at or above the \$791 average. There is nothing unusual in this pattern of giving for charitable enterprises. But it is useful to keep it in view when considering reserve policy because some small personnel changes can have large a large impact on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

### Income/Expense by Category 1/1/2019 through 12/31/2019 (Cash Basis)

Category	1/1/2019- 3/31/2019	4/1/2019-6/30/2019	7/1/2019-9/30/2019	10/1/2019- 12/31/2019	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>					
General Fund Contribution	6,909.40	6,874.33	6,667.33	18,037.33	38,488.39
Huntington House Grant	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Interest and Dividends	6.14	6.49	6.34	2.06	21.03
Retreat Fee Income	0.00	0.00	3,630.00	480.00	4,090.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,915.54</b>	<b>6,880.82</b>	<b>10,303.60</b>	<b>16,999.39</b>	<b>43,099.42</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Huntington House	0.00	0.00	143.09	0.00	143.09
MMM Oper. - Hospitality	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00
NYYM Allocation	4,331.25	4,331.25	4,331.25	4,331.25	17,325.00
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	10.00	0.00	210.00	220.00
Operations - Finance	0.00	156.48	0.00	110.65	267.13
Operations - First Day Child Care	0.00	0.00	1,205.00	1,040.00	2,245.00
Operations - Literature	0.00	0.00	146.51	161.61	298.12
Operations - Ministry and Counsel	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	60.00
Operations, Comm. - Website	120.00	100.86	0.00	0.00	220.88
Outreach - Friends in Unity w Nature	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	1,300.00	4,080.00	3,300.00	4,246.63	13,625.63
Outreach - Scholarships, Relief	0.00	0.00	0.00	480.00	480.00
Retreat Expense	1,200.00	0.00	3,630.00	0.00	4,830.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6,951.25</b>	<b>8,878.59</b>	<b>13,755.85</b>	<b>10,899.14</b>	<b>40,184.83</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>-35.71</b>	<b>-1,997.77</b>	<b>-3,452.18</b>	<b>8,400.25</b>	<b>2,914.59</b>

### Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report

Peace & Social Concerns did not hold a regular meeting in December. Instead, as we have done during recent years, Morningsiders gathered on the second Sunday to participate in Amnesty International's annual Write for Rights Campaign. The event was organized by David Fletcher, who provided letters to be signed and envelopes addressed to officials of the countries concerned. David reports that we sent a total of 127 letters.

This year's 10 cases were young people under threat in China, Egypt, Canada, Mexico, the Philippines, South Sudan, Nigeria, Greece and Belarus. To learn about them and their cases, go to [write.amnesty.org](http://write.amnesty.org).

The Write for Rights campaign continues through January 31, so if you did not get a chance to participate in December's event, and are so led, you may go to the website and

follow the procedures detailed there to send your letters. Let David know if you do so, and how many letters you sent.

The next meeting of Peace & Social Concerns will be next Sunday, January 12, a 1:00 pm. We will be finalizing the 2020 P&SC budget as well as discussing the third-Sunday presentations about the organizations we contribute to, which are planned for the coming months. We will also consider making a contribution from 2019's "Emergency" fund to the Friends Ugandan Safe Transport Fund. (See below.)

Respectfully submitted,  
Corona Machermer (acting as clerk)

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During the past few months, the Ugandan government has ramped up its efforts to revive the country's Anti-Homosexuality Act, including renewed calls for the death penalty for LGBTQ Ugandans. General violence against LGBTQ Ugandans has risen sharply, including violence against members of Bulungi Tree Shade Friends Meeting, a meeting that is in relationship with Olympia Friends Meeting (NPYM).

In response to this crisis, Olympia Friends Meeting is actively seeking immediate donations to its **Friends Ugandan Safe Transport Fund**. The meeting created this fund in 2014 to help LGBTQ Ugandans help flee their homeland after the Anti-Homosexuality Act was originally passed in December 2013. In the coming months, the *Friends Ugandan Safe Transport Fund* will help pay for medical expenses for victims of anti-LGBTQ violence and will help with transportation costs of LGBTQ Ugandans who choose to flee the country for their lives and safety.

(From an email from Helen Garay Toppins)

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### Ministry and Counsel Committee Report

1. Next Meeting of M&C is scheduled for 7:15 pm, Monday, January 27, in a new location, Ron Rieder's home.
2. On January 26, Ministry & Counsel's Fourth Sunday breakfast will be hosted by Pam Wood, beginning at 9:30 am. On Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> it will be hosted by Ed Elder.
3. Moving With Spirit will meet the first Sunday in February at 10 am and Sunday.
4. Bible Study will take place on Jan. 12, beginning at 9:30 am. If you are not on the email list, please let Jerry Reisig know you are interested.
5. We have found that having one or two Ministry and Counsel members located by the guest books and available to talk with new-comers has been very helpful. We will continue with this practice.
6. Currently Ministry & Counsel has 8 clearness and support committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Elder, Clerk

### Communications Committee Report

The Committee met on Thursday, December 12. Attending at Bryan Oettel's home. Attending were Bryan, Scott Bluementhal (co-opted member) and Corona Machermer (acting as clerk).

1. At the meeting on December 12, we prepared a tentative design, including text and photos, for our Facebook ad, and familiarized ourselves with the procedures for posting it, but were unable to finalize it. We will be doing that over the next few days so the ad can run as planned in connection with the New Year. Given recent events, we will reference the Quaker commitment to peace in the text.

2. The new Address Register is ready. We will distribute hard copies to attenders on January 12 during the social hour after Meeting for Worship, and mail them to those on the list who are not at Meeting that day. We will also send out copies by email to everyone. The list will be posted on the Website (in a protected area to which only those who are in the database have access).

Respectfully submitted,  
Corona Machermer, acting as clerk

### Morningside Monthly Meeting 2019 State of the Meeting Report

On December 17, 2017, Morningside Monthly Meeting gathered to discern the spiritual state of the meeting and to meditate on the past year. Members initially responded to the Query provided by NYM: *How has the Life of the Spirit been fresh and visibly at work in your Meeting during the past year?* Soon after, however, the Spirit took Meeting in a direction of its own.

The vitality and life of the community is reflected in its growth this year, and we rejoice in the increased numbers of Friends in our community. We've had 3 if not 4 new people call our meeting their home.

As a spiritual body, we express the life of the Meeting in our examination of ourselves and society, "our own and institutional racism," and the life of the work we do in and for prisons. Lofty thoughts on theory and policy manifest themselves on the ground with lobbying, letter writing, making phone calls, visiting representatives in Albany, and maintaining a relationship with the men in the worship group at the Woodbourne Correctional Facility. When we live the lives that we

preach, we become both a mystical and practical religion. Friends expressed great appreciation for the depth of the silence during Worship, while honoring the centuries of worship and work that continue in this Meeting. We are unique not only in the manner of our worship, but also in its expression in social action. Meeting is a safety net; members and attenders share the silence while they provide assistance to one another; if someone needs to go to the hospital another Friend will go along. As one person said, "If something bad should happen to me, I know that I will not be alone."

Morningside has become a safety net not only within the Meeting, but to the larger Morningside neighborhood. Students and faculty from nearby Columbia, Barnard, and several other schools, find Meeting to be a safe space where they can be with others in silence, without a requirement that they identify themselves or promise that they will be here the next week. It was noted, however, that although we are blessed with the attendance of students and faculty, we have no coordinated outreach to the schools. Perhaps we should revisit outreach at these colleges and work with NYYM on the possibility of a chaplain at Columbia and Barnard. We should at least consider a young adult committee that would interface with the schools.

This year, previous concerns with the exhaustion of committee members has been replaced with a new vitality. There is a new firmness and sense of purpose. Important to the life of the Meeting are the ongoing Spiritual Nurture Groups which provide some of the most intimate spaces offered to the community. Because of their extreme intimacy, these small groups can "become raw, but they provide is a safe space where members of can express strong emotions together.

Several people described the Morningside community as a joyous place, where the experiences of anger and risk end in joy. In our monthly gathering of "Moving with Spirit," we dance together, soaring beyond our words. If, after Meeting for Worship, individuals announce that they are performing somewhere, you can be sure that Morningside Friends will be there for them. The sense of fun is shown in the smiles of retreat attenders. During hospitality hour, we are not only sharing and enjoying each other, but we are also talking to new people. Because hospitality is so essential to who we are, Friends expressed the need for an additional member on the Hospitality Committee. In addition, we need more proactive involvement by members and attenders in the setup and cleanup before and after Meeting for Worship as well as other Meeting functions.

We take risks when we provide hospitality, which requires that we put ourselves out there for others, sharing who we are, what we believe, and what we have. We are experimenting with having a designated person from M&C in place after Meeting for Worship, in order to answer questions about the Meeting and Quakerism. Morningside was privileged to host Quarterly Meeting as NYQM risked its inauguration of a Jubilee Year. It was a joyous and meaningful time for reflection, while getting to better know one another. The quality of hospitality to NYQM was commented on by Friends outside of Morningside, as was the joy and fun that was generally felt. At the retreat, we embraced the experience of the Council of All Beings, a communal ritual in which participants step aside from their human identity and speak on behalf of another life-form. Although this experience might have been uncomfortable, it was a risk accompanied by shared laughter.

We need to remember the important part that Child Care plays in hospitality, providing a worshipful space for parents who attend meeting, as well as a space where children can enjoy one another. The small moment when children come down to worship feels big, as there is something wondrous in their intermingling with adults, increasingly becoming an important part of the larger community. In immediate and practical terms, we need another childcare person, as well as more volunteers. We need to consider how Meeting can help provide space for parents and children, so that there is more family time and less screen time.

Attendees of Bible Study stretch and take risks, exposing themselves and their reading of the text to the larger study group. The group meets before Meeting for Worship and provides a foundation for that worship. For some members, Bible Study is the activity that binds them to Meeting. As one Friend observed, "You don't have to be into everything, to participate in Meeting."

At this time in history, many Friends come to Meeting out of great (dis)stress. We bring the noisy world with us which makes it imperative that we not allow the noise to affect the quality of our Worship. We move away from the chaos of the world, but not the world itself, for as we move away in order to worship, through deep listening we move closer to a place of compassion, family, safety, and consistency. To those who share in worship, Meeting feels like a community that has been built upon a rock, and members expressed their gratefulness for that bedrock. One unique way that we move out into the world is through the small group of five or six worshippers at the Quarterly open air downtown Meeting that we share in the summer. Being quiet and being together in the middle of the noise and activity of the city is a wonderful expression of how we are present in the world.

Our voice is out there, whether at the workplace or letters we have sent to the governor. In all these relations, we present the world with a Third Way. Specifically, Morningside is involved in preparing for the Ribbon Project International next summer, commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, as we work for a world without nuclear weapons. This fall, Friends participated in the inaugural cohort of The Collaborative for Faith Leadership at Union Theological Seminary. A group of six people from various religious institutions met over five sessions to discuss issues of faith, leadership, and social justice. This was a way of reaching out to other religious institutions in our city. It is through specific acts that we are known. A Friend summed up the Meeting with the quote: “By their fruits/action, you shall know him” (Matthew 7:16).

During our talk about social justice, we were reminded of the strength of a past member whose life was committed to fighting social injustice, and who continued to be involved in Peace and Social Concerns as her own health waned. The departure of another Friend reminded us that one of our strengths is how the Meeting supports members and attenders who are very sick and preparing for death. In many ways, the reason that Meeting feels life is because of our memory of those whose lives gave testimony to their beliefs, and who trusted Meeting to be with them in their final and most intimate moments.

### FCNL: NY Friends Lobby to Repeal AUMFs

At FCNL’s Quaker Public Policy Institute [QPPI] in November 13-15 more than 400 Quakers and friends asked their representatives and senators to repeal the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force [AUMF]. Congress passed the AUMF to authorize the war against Iraq. The current administration’s assertion that the 2002 AUMF authorizes force against “threats to, or stemming from, Iraq” is troubling and clearly contrary to what Congress intended. The last 18 years of endless war demonstrate the dangers of leaving an AUMF in place, open to broad interpretation.

To prepare for meetings on Capitol Hill, we heard from FCNL lobbyists and outside policy experts who presented the costs of post-9/11 wars in Afghanistan and Iraq:

- Over **801,000** people have died due to direct war violence, and several times as many indirectly
- Over **335,000 civilians** have been killed as a result of the fighting
- **21 million** is the estimated the number of war refugees and displaced persons
- The US federal price tag for the post-9/11 wars is over **\$6.4 trillion dollars**
- The US government is conducting counterterrorism activities in **80 countries**

Here are some highlights of the QPPI and annual meeting:

- Sen. Kristen Gillibrand came to the Advocacy Team session on Wednesday to announce her new War Powers Reform Resolution (<https://www.gillibrand.senate.gov/news/press/release/gillibrand-introduces-landmark-legislation-to-restore-congresss-role-over-the-nations-war-powers-and-finally-put-an-end-to-for-ever-wars>).



- Rep. Barbara Lee (D-CA), shown above, the only member of Congress to vote against the 2001 AUMF, which authorized military force against al-Qaeda and the Taliban after the 9/11 attack, thanked FCNL for its continued support of her efforts to repeal it.
- Rep. Ann Wagner (R-MO) received the Edward F. Snyder Award for her leadership on genocide and atrocities prevention.

Participants from 44 states made 227 lobby visits. The New York state delegation included 20-some students from Friends Seminary, who spoke eloquently about the impact of endless war on their young lives.

FCNL’s General Committee approved changes to Policy Statement: The World We Seek, which is based on input from more than 100 Quaker meetings, churches, and organizations.

Audio recordings of presentations are here: <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/love-thy-neighbor-annual-meeting-2019-2467>

by Kathy Stackhouse

## Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology

The Washington Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology will hold its annual conference at Claggett Episcopal Retreat Center, between Baltimore and Washington, DC, at Adamstown, Maryland, Feb. 14-16, 2020. The Plenary this year will be "Transforming the Negative Father Complex," by a Jungian analyst (3 sessions), and participants choose an Interest Group (discussion, body work, or reflective writing, 3 sessions). The conference is also enjoyable as a community of Friends and attenders, in our "wider circle of Friends"--attenders often are repeat attenders of this conference and the larger FCRP held Memorial

Day weekend at Pendle Hill. FCRP has been meeting for over 75 years, with themes of interest to psychology-minded Friends, in particular Jungian psychology.

<http://fcrp.quaker.org/wfcrp-history/wfcrp-plenary-2020/>

Our member, Stephen McDonnell, has been active in FCRP for about 10 years, (including terms as clerk), and will be going to the WFCRP conference this year. If you have any interest, contact Stephen.

THE 15<sup>th</sup> STREET ARTS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

# Open Mic Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.



Quaker Meeting House at 15 Rutherford Place, NYC.  
Between East 15<sup>th</sup> and East 16<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves,  
in the Upstairs Lounge.

**Hosted by Bobby Gonzalez**

Read a poem, tell a story  
sing a song or just come  
listen and have fun.

**ALL ARE WELCOME.**



**Morningside Monthly Meeting Committee/Liaison Appointments for 2019**

Position	# of Positions	Term	Responsibilities	2019 Holders	Nominees
Clerk	1	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets agenda and runs the Monthly Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business</li> <li>• Acts as Principal correspondent on behalf of the Meeting</li> <li>• Maintains Meeting records including Business Meeting minutes and correspondence</li> <li>• Serves on Committee for Ministry and Counsel</li> </ul>	Jane Alexandre	Jane Alexandre
Assistant Clerk	1-2	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takes minutes at Business Meeting and conveys them to the Newsletter Committee</li> <li>• Assists Clerk with correspondence as needed</li> <li>• Serves as Clerk pro tempore of Business Meeting when Clerk is absent</li> </ul>	Stephen McDonnell	Bernard Winter
Treasurer	1	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps the accounts of the Meeting, pays all bills, accepts and deposits contributions</li> <li>• Reports periodically to Business Meeting</li> <li>• Presents by the March Business Meeting a report of the previous year's finances, audited as arranged for by Ministry and Counsel. Such report will include a statement of the Meeting's assets and obligations, and the condition of the Crumlish Bequest and any other separate funds.</li> <li>• Serves on Finance Committee</li> </ul>	Daniel A. Seeger	Stephen McDonnell
Assistant Treasurer	1	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Becomes familiar with the Meeting's accounts and its accounting practices</li> <li>• Has authority to sign for the Meeting's accounts in the Treasurer's absence</li> <li>• Serves on Finance Committee</li> </ul>	Bryan Oettel	Bryan Oettel
Recorder for Membership/ Historian	1	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keeps track of memberships, marriages, divorces, births, deaths and addresses</li> <li>• Forwards new information to Yearly Meeting office</li> <li>• Annually forwards total number of adult Monthly Meeting members to Quarterly Meeting, Audit and Budget Committee</li> <li>• Maintains Meeting records regarding membership</li> <li>• Organizes our papers and submits appropriate items to the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College</li> </ul>	Helen Garay Toppins	Helen Garay Toppins
Finance Committee	4, flexible (including the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer)	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raises money for the Monthly Meeting through letters of appeal and other methods</li> <li>• Solicits proposed expenditures from the various committees of the Meeting and proposes a budget to the December Business Meeting for final approval in January</li> <li>• Attends the General Services Meeting of the New York Yearly Meeting to discuss the Yearly Meeting budget and allocation</li> <li>• Meets as needed, usually about <b>three</b> times a year</li> </ul>	Charlene Ray, Pamela Wood	Charlene Ray, Pamela Wood
Nominating Committee	4; ideally two will be serving their first year, two their second	2 years, renewable once	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fills positions and committees in Monthly Meeting by asking people <b>what they</b> would like to do, getting suggestions, and searching for hidden talents</li> <li>• In December, presents nominations for positions and committees to Business Meeting, for final approval in January</li> <li>• Meets as needed, but more frequently in the fall</li> </ul>	Convenor: _____ Dave Britton, Peter Beck, Mason Oettel	Peter Beck, Mason Jenkins, Bryan Oettel

Ministry and Counsel Committee	10, including Clerk of the Meeting;	3 years, renewable once	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All members of Nominating Committee who are members of the Society of Friends also serve on Quarterly Meeting Nominating Committee, which meets about four times per year</li> <li>Is concerned with the pastoral care of the Meeting</li> <li>Recommends acceptance and release of members, for approval by Business Meeting</li> <li>Oversees marriages and funerals</li> <li>Appoints clearness committees as needed</li> <li>Visits the sick and counsels those in need of pastoral care</li> <li>Arranges programs and retreats on Quaker topics</li> <li>Arranges an audit of the Treasurer's annual report before the report is presented to the March Business Meeting</li> <li>Considers and approves/denies requests for scholarships and travel assistance to Quaker events</li> <li>Considers and approves/denies requests for financial assistance from the John Bohne Memorial Fund</li> <li>Ideally the terms of three will expire each year</li> <li>Young Adult Friends: currently Ministry &amp; Counsel is in charge</li> <li>Three ex-officio members include the MMM webmaster, the email communicator, and the newsletter editor</li> <li>Works on issues related to digital communication within the meeting, including distribution of the newsletter, the MMM website, policies concerning use of the MMM email list to transmit messages to meeting members.</li> <li>Prepares and distributes the monthly newsletter, issued September through June, which includes the minutes of the Monthly Meeting with a Concern for Business, the calendar, and articles or announcements that may be submitted</li> <li>Editor assembles and formats the newsletter for copying</li> <li>Maintains library and coordinates lending of books</li> <li>Coordinates the selection and purchase of books with New York Yearly Meeting's annual \$50 contribution from the Mosher Fund</li> <li>Makes literature, such as Faith and Practice and various other pamphlets available to Meeting attendees</li> <li>Arranges the literature table before each Meeting for worship and stores the literature after Meeting</li> <li>A Committee of the Whole</li> <li>Others may join on a voluntary, ad hoc basis.</li> <li>Proposes to Business Meeting activities to be undertaken by the Meeting and financial contributions to be made by the Meeting</li> <li>Undertakes such social action activities, on its own responsibility, as it may wish, without representing the Meeting</li> <li>A local group of the North American Quaker FCUN organization.</li> <li>Other interested Morningside members and attendees are invited to join. The group members work among themselves and with the Meeting at large in understanding and living the goals of FCUN. These goals are:</li> <li>To search for the life that affirms the unity of all Creation</li> <li>To apply Friends' practice to live in deep communion with all life spirit</li> </ul>	Ed Elder (clerk), Karen Taborn, Tom Goodrich, David Fletcher, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reising, Ron Rieder, Jason McGill, Pamela Wood	Ed Elder (clerk), Karen Taborn, Tom Goodrich, David Fletcher, Charlene Ray, Jerry Reising, Ron Rieder, Jason McGill, Pamela Wood
Communications and Website Committee	4-5, flexible	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three ex-officio members include the MMM webmaster, the email communicator, and the newsletter editor</li> <li>Works on issues related to digital communication within the meeting, including distribution of the newsletter, the MMM website, policies concerning use of the MMM email list to transmit messages to meeting members.</li> <li>Prepares and distributes the monthly newsletter, issued September through June, which includes the minutes of the Monthly Meeting with a Concern for Business, the calendar, and articles or announcements that may be submitted</li> <li>Editor assembles and formats the newsletter for copying</li> </ul>	Bryan Oettel (Convenor), Emily Bishop, Corona Machermer, Kathy Stackhouse	Bryan Oettel, Scott Blumenthal, Emily Bishop, Kathy Stackhouse
Librarian	1-3, flexible	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintains library and coordinates lending of books</li> <li>Coordinates the selection and purchase of books with New York Yearly Meeting's annual \$50 contribution from the Mosher Fund</li> </ul>	*Sally Campbell	Sally Campbell
Library Committee	1-3 flexible	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Makes literature, such as Faith and Practice and various other pamphlets available to Meeting attendees</li> <li>Arranges the literature table before each Meeting for worship and stores the literature after Meeting</li> </ul>	Jane Alexandre, Corona Machermer, Richard Schmidt	Jane Alexandre, Corona Machermer, Richard Schmidt
Peace and Social Concerns Committee	A Convenor and Assistant Convenor	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertakes such social action activities, on its own responsibility, as it may wish, without representing the Meeting</li> </ul>	*Corona Machermer and *Sally Campbell (Co-Convenors)	*Corona Machermer and *Sally Campbell (Co-Convenors)
Friends' Committee on Unity with Nature (Friends Earthcare Witness)	1 Convenor and 1 Asst. Convenor	1 year, renewable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A local group of the North American Quaker FCUN organization.</li> <li>Other interested Morningside members and attendees are invited to join. The group members work among themselves and with the Meeting at large in understanding and living the goals of FCUN. These goals are:</li> <li>To search for the life that affirms the unity of all Creation</li> <li>To apply Friends' practice to live in deep communion with all life spirit</li> </ul>	Tom Goodridge	Tom Goodridge



Quaker United Nations Office						•			QUINO does not want a liaison at this time
New York Yearly Meeting						•		Pamela Wood	Pamela Wood
New York Quarterly Meeting						•		Ed Elder	Ed Elder
Friends World Committee on Consultation						•			Vacancy, liaison appears to be intended for yearly meeting
Friends General Conference						•		Sally Campbell	Sally Campbell

**Morningside Appointments to  
New York Quarterly and Yearly Meeting Committees**

must be a Member of the Meeting ( \* ) Means Morningside Nomination

Audit and Budget Committee	1	3 years, maximum two consecutive terms				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets once per month</li> <li>• Sets the budget for Quarterly Meeting, and assures that the funds are expended appropriately</li> </ul>		Kathy Slackhouse	
Relief Committee	1	Three-year term, maximum three consecutive terms				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administers funds to help Quarterly Meeting people in need</li> <li>• Determines whether there are Morningside Friends in need, through consultation with NYQM Ministry and Counsel</li> <li>• Meets about once per year; most business done by phone <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets monthly</li> <li>• Leads spring and fall work days</li> <li>• Provide NYQM Friends and family help with routine tasks associated with plot selection and burial, assisting with visits to the cemetery, and tending to the long-term care of the cemetery's physical property.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		John Slater	
Cemetery Committee	1	3 year term, max 3 consecutive terms				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meets monthly</li> <li>• Leads spring and fall work days</li> <li>• Provide NYQM Friends and family help with routine tasks associated with plot selection and burial, assisting with visits to the cemetery, and tending to the long-term care of the cemetery's physical property.</li> </ul>		Bryan Oettel	
Trustees of Quarterly Meeting Corporation	1	Three-year term, two consecutive terms				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administers funds and property of Quarterly Meeting and supervises employees</li> <li>• Meets once per month</li> </ul>		Katherine Alford, Barton Dominus	
Education Fund and Phoebe Anna Thorne Scholarship Committee	1	Three-year term, two consecutive terms				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Administers funds that support children who are members and who attend Quaker educational institutions</li> <li>• Morningside's member lets any children of Morningside Meeting know of opportunities available</li> <li>• Meets occasionally; most business done by phone</li> </ul>		Bryan Wigfall	

Ministry and Counsel Committee	1	Two-year term, maximum three terms		Karen Taborn
NYQM Joint Nominating Committee	1	1 year term, renewable	Should be a member of Morningside Nominating Committee	David Britton
Representative Yearly Meeting	1 (and 1 alternative)		These persons must be members, and attend an April meeting in upstate New York, and a December meeting in New York City. Our representative should bring back to us the business of Yearly Meeting.	Ernie Buscemi
Yearly Meeting M&C Committee Member			Must be a member of the Meeting who has at some time served on our own Ministry and Counsel Committee.	vacancy

Friends Seminary School Committee: Corona Macheiner  
~~Housing Committee (Resehill): Ed Elder~~  
 The Great Lakes Region (Africa) Education Committee: Corona Macheiner  
 Committee for Downtown Manhattan Allowed Meeting: Sally Campbell, Richard Schmidt  
 NY YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE ON DISCERNMENT: Peter Beck  
 NY YEARLY MEETING RIGHT SHARING OF WORLD RESOURCES: Sally Campbell

\* updated December 2019