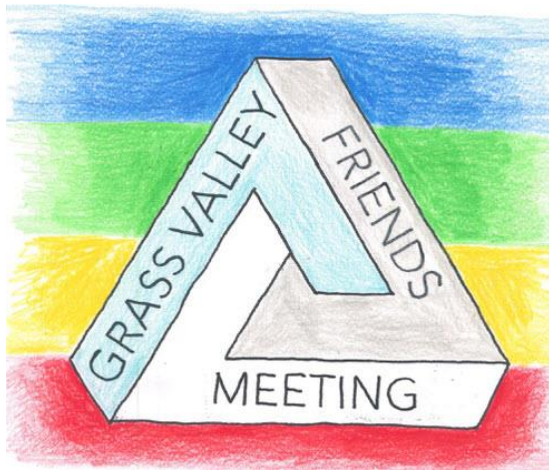




GRASS VALLEY
FRIENDS MEETING
*Of the Religious Society of Friends
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 @ The
Sierra Friends Center, off Jones Bar Road, Nevada
City, CA 95959

Website: www.gvfriends.org

Email: grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com

**First Days: 9:00am Singing at the Meeting House (zoom)
10:00 am Silent Meeting for Worship (in-person and zoom)
To receive the zoom link, grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com.**

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MEETING CALENDAR

First Sunday

- Program to be announced

Second Sunday

- Hybrid Silent Meeting for Worship Meeting, Potluck and for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Third Sunday

- As announced

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

Fifth Sunday

- On Fifth Sundays we hold a Family Meeting for Worship. *Children and adults gather and spend 20 minutes in storytelling, 20 minutes in singing and 20 minutes in silent worship.*

- ✚ 1st First Day: Bible Story and Song
- ✚ 2nd First Day: A Story and a Craft or Activity
- ✚ 3rd First Day: A Story plus Time for Silent Worship
- ✚ 4th First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum
- ✚ 5th First Day: Family Worship (a story, singing and silent worship)
- ✚ [Online Worship](#): every [Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm](#)

HAPPENING NOW

- College Park Quarterly Meeting - 2023
January 14 (Saturday)
- COP Forum: Thursday, January 12th, 1pm Eastern/10am Pacific. See page 13 for details.
- Sunday, Jan 22, 2023, 11:30a.m. Spiritual Care Program: *Sojourning* with Amy and Chamba Cook, see page 9.
- Jan 27-29, 2023, [Quaker Mystical Experience](#), Ben Lomond Quaker Center, Don McCormick, Facilitator

HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, February 12, 2023
GVFM Potluck – After the rise of Meeting
GVFM *Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business* 11:45a.m.
 - PacYM RepCom Meetings
Saturday, February 25, 2023
Saturday, March 4, 2023
 - College Park Quarterly Meeting - 2023
May 19 - 21 (Fri-Sun)
October 13 - 15 (Fri-Sun)
 - PacYM Annual Session, Mount Madonna Center: July 21 – 26, 2024
 - Friends General Conference “Listen So That We May Live”: July 2 -2, 2023; Western Oregon Univ.
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GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter

SFC: Sierra Friends Center

M&O: Ministry and Oversight

PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting

PHP – Pendle Hill Pamphlet

FGC: Friends General Conference

QUNP: Quaker United Nations Project

FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly

CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting

RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resources

Threshing Session: A meeting at a separate time specifically not for decision-making; normal practices of a Quaker meeting for business are relaxed so that Friends may speak more than once to an issue, speak to a point just made, or ask a question of a previous speaker.

Query: The Friends practice of examining our souls and seeking clarity. These questions & exercises help to give time to seek truth about ourselves and our spiritual condition and to tap into Divine insight.

GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, January 8, 2023

We met in a hybrid meeting on Zoom and in person.

Present: Dean Olson, clerk; Lo Hamm, Fosten Wilson, Hailey Wilson, Dianne Marshall, Doug Hamm, Dorothy Henderson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Gordon Starr, Mary Starr, Amy Cooke; recording clerk, Anita McCormick, Pat Phillips, Judy Hamilton.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query: What drives us to participate in our business meetings? What motivates us to be here?

Friends shared from their experiences of meeting for business and their faith that informs their participation.

Action Items and Seasoning: There were no items being seasoned.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

(see reports appended, committee clerk is noted in bold)

NOMINATING: (*terms as noted*) Dorothy Henderson (fulfilling Pat Phillips term): 2022-2023, Sharon Davisson, continuing: 2021-2023, Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024, Gordon Starr: 2022-2024

No report.

STEWARDSHIP: **Mary Starr** (clerk), Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, Doug Hamm. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian)

Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

We confirmed the purchase of the computer used for Zoom and hybrid meetings, with gratitude for the work of purchasing the OWL and making the technology involved effective.

We need more people who would be willing to set up the tech system for meetings. Mary Starr is available for tutorials on setting up and putting away the OWL - just ask! She is very skilled and helpful. Please contact Mary if you can assist. You can also come at 8:45 am on any Sunday to observe the process. Thank you!!

Don McCormick's work as librarian was acknowledged with gratitude. Don asked us to contribute small book reviews for display in the library. Dianne's work packing up the library and then reassembling it was also celebrated. Sylvia Osman's work was warmly remembered.

SPIRIT & WITNESS: **Amy Cooke**, Sharon Davisson, Reed Hamilton, Dorothy Henderson, Dean and Karen Olson (ex-officio co-clerks)

Dorothy Henderson gave the report, appended.

There was some discussion about the queries that the committee is using to guide their work in tending the "Witness" portion of the committee. The queries are being used internally by the committee, and the committee welcomes input into how we, as a meeting, attend to how we witness our faith out into the world.

Friends engaged in discernment about how the Meeting is tending to being on Nisenan land, with reading the land acknowledgment and contributing funds annually. The idea of having a sign posted at the junction of Woolman Lane and Jones Bar Road was raised. It was acknowledged that Woolman is going slowly and carefully, with sensitivity. We will be listening for how we can support this work. We were reminded of the importance of including the Nisenan, which Woolman is striving to do. We were also reminded that we are renting from Woolman, who has decision making responsibility with the land, and that there is healing needed between the CPFEA board and Quakers who have pushed for actions without good process. We were asked to hold this with mindfulness, letting right actions rise in their own time.

Friends are encouraged to write letters in support of the federal recognition of the tribe. More information can be found on their website, <https://nevadacityrancheria.org/>.

Reed Hamilton gave the report on [Right Sharing of World Resources](#), appended.

WELCOME: Kathy McCreery (clerk), Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Karen Olson. Hailey Wilson (ex-officio, zoom coordinator), Amy Cooke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Judy Hamilton (ex-officio, email coordinator) Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Dorothy Henderson (clerk), Gordon Bishop, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Karen Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Anita McCormick

There is no report this month.

OFFICER REPORTS

- **TREASURER:** fosten wilson

Fosten gave the report, appended.

Several items were clarified by the Treasurer.

- **SFC REPRESENTATIVE:** Pat Phillips

No report.

- **INTERFAITH NEVADA COUNTY:** Dianne Marshall

No report.

Dianne would like to work with someone in the Meeting on a 15 minute presentation for Interfaith Nevada County on Quaker process. Anita volunteered.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- If you use Facebook, follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page, or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. If you share a post from the page, your friends will see it! It helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).

- It is easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Go to gvfriends.org and click on the Give button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Please consider making your contribution monthly. Your contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. Thank you. Please note: Tithely now allows the user to change the dollar of their gift without making a new donation request.

- On January 27-29 at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, Don McCormick will be leading a workshop on The Mystical Experience: Science, Sharing, and Vision. This highly interactive program explores Quaker mysticism, psychology, neuroscience and the philosophy of religion. Participants will be encouraged to share their own experiences and questions. The program will end with participants crafting a vision of the future of mystical experience in Quakerism.

- Amy and Chamba Cooke will be presenting on their experiences in France on January 22nd.

- Sierra Friends Center has volunteer opportunities available. See www.woolman.org.

- The College Park Quarterly Meeting (CPQM) will gather Saturday, January 14, at Berkeley Friends Meeting (and online for some activities). The theme for this quarterly meeting will be "Let us then try what love will do." The flyer with more information is available by [clicking here](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).

- Pacific Yearly Meeting RepCom 2023: The next meeting of the Representative Committee (RepCom) will be held online via Zoom February 25 and March 4, 2023 (two Saturdays).

- There is a [new PacYM directory online](#).

- PacYM Annual Session 2023 will be a hybrid event (in-person gathering with opportunities for remote or online participation) held at Mount Madonna Center July 21-26, 2023.

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ACTION ITEMS & ITEMS SEASONING

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READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

The record and the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

If you are giving a report to GVFM, please send the actual report to the recording clerk at grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com THE FRIDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am.

The Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully recorded by Amy Cooke, recording clerk.

APPENDICES:

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| a. Right Sharing of World Resources | 4. Treasurer's Quarterly Report |
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ADVICES and QUERIES: FIRST MONTH - PEACE

Friends oppose all war as inconsistent with God's will. As every person is a child of God, we recognize God's Light also in our adversaries. Violence and injustice deny this reality and violate the teachings of Jesus and other prophets.

Friends challenge their governments and take personal risks in the cause of peace. We urge one another to refuse to participate in war as soldiers, or as arms manufacturers. We seek ways to support those who refrain from paying taxes that support war. We work to end violence within our own borders, our homes, our streets, and our communities. We support international order, justice, and understanding.

Become an instrument of peace. At every opportunity, be peacemakers in your homes,

Do I live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars?

How do I nourish peace within myself as I work for peace in the world?

Do I confront violence wherever it occurs, even when my personal relationships are involved?

Where there is distrust, injustice, or hatred, how am I an instrument of reconciliation and love?

What are we doing to remove the causes of war and destruction of the planet, and to bring about lasting peace?

Do we reach out to all parties in a conflict with courage and love?

workplaces and communities. Steep yourself in the power of the universal Spirit. Examine your actions for the seeds of violence, degradation and destructiveness. Overcome the emotions that lie at the root of violence and nurture instead a spirit of reconciliation and love. Come to know the oneness of all creation and oppose the destruction of the natural world.

**Grass Valley Friends Meeting
Treasurer's Quarterly Report
1-8-2023**

summary = mostly ok

Fosten Wilson, Treasurer,
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This report covers October thru December 2022. The contributions you provided in those months (\$4,029) were pretty good, thank you. Our spending (\$4,775) had a couple of unplanned things – our new Owl & a Treasurer's error.

The purchase of an Owl was approved in November and appears in the “Misc Unbudgeted Expense” line of our General Fund. Plus the Technology Fund had Owl related donations & spending.

The Treasurer's problem involved my misplacing a couple of Meetinghouse Maintenance invoices from 2020. Luckily the vendor had been paid but I was those years late in reimbursing the cost (\$256).

The “Fund Balances” & the “Actual Spending vs Budget” reports are available in the Meeting House and by contacting me. Our Technology fund & Sharing fund have been active & our Placer County Worship Group fund has increased. The other Restricted Funds are unchanged.

Thank you for your help. All gifts, both in service to the Meeting & financial are deeply appreciated. Money contributions to GVFM can be in-person, mailed to my address below, or online by using the “give” button at gvfriends.org.

Support Grass Valley Friends Meeting!



This button will take you to a secure site.

It's easy to give to Grass Valley Friends Meeting! Click on the Give button above or go to gvfriends.org and click on the “GIVE” button. This takes you to a secure site for donations. Your monthly contribution covers our Pacific Yearly Meeting dues and ensures that our activities as a Meeting are sustained. *Tithely* now allows the user to change the dollar of their gift without making a new donation request. **Thank you.**

*"The most powerful ministry is a wordless radiation
of the love of God."*

Friends Journal Names “Safe Meetings Don’t Avoid Conflict” One of 2022’s Top Five Articles

The *Friends Journal* Editorial Staff named Don McCormick’s article, “Safe Meetings Don’t Avoid Conflict” one of 2022’s top five articles. They wrote, "Quakers today have been challenged to reconsider much of what they know about their predecessors and their role in worldly affairs—at the same time, they have been given many opportunities to show how their testimonies can be applied to contemporary crises. These concerns are reflected in the articles that resonated most strongly with the *Friends Journal* community over the last year."

In their announcement, they included a quote from one of *Friends Journal* readers who responded to the article online.

“I am not a believer in ‘safe space’—in Quakerdom nor anywhere else,” Shannon Roberts Smith reflected after reading Donald W. McCormick’s report on how adversity to confrontation can actually hold meetings back. “I understand the concept as an ideal, but it seems to be no more than that—an ideal. That said, I can testify that the White middle-class cultural norms that pervade our meetings can be particularly insidious when directed against folks who inhabit more marginal identities. Particularly Friends of Color . . . All Quaker meetings need to introspect and examine what is meant by ‘safety’ (safe for whom?) and what needs to happen to make our spaces open and welcoming beyond platitudes.”

Plakat MIRU - Peace Poster - Lions Slovenija



This drawing is by Anja Rozen, 13-year-old primary school student in Slovenia, the winner of the international Placket Miru competition. Anja was chosen from 600,000 children around the world. "My drawing represents the land that connects us and unites us. Humans are knit together. If one gives up, others fall. We are all connected to our planet and to each other, but unfortunately, we have little knowledge of it. We are intertwined together. Others weave beside me my own story; and I weave theirs."

QuakerSpeak – 5 Top Videos for 2022

2022 has been quite the year for QuakerSpeak! We posted 19 new videos and reached almost 4.8 million views on YouTube. This week, we're looking back at the top five videos of

2022.



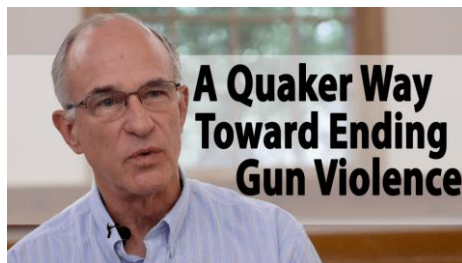
Scattergood Hostel: A Quaker Response to the Holocaust

#4 - In the summer of 1938, a group of young Quakers in Iowa wrote a letter to the American Friends Service ... [Continue reading](#)

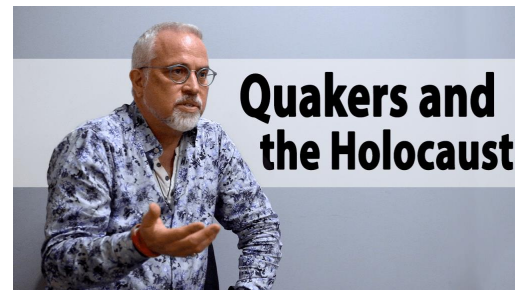


#2 On Quaker Deathways: Practices Around Death and Dying

In this week's episode, Carl Magruder tells us how he became an "accidental chaplain." As part of his seminary training, ... [Continue reading](#)

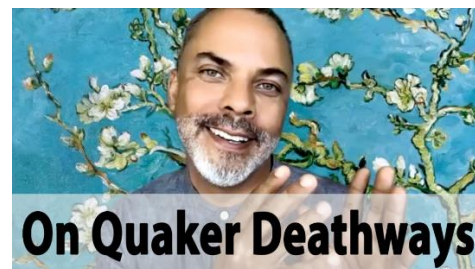


#5 - Contemporary Friends have a wide range of beliefs on various topics—all the more reason Adria Gulizia takes comfort in the ... [Continue reading](#)



#3 - J.E. McNeil prides herself on her ability to bridge the regional, cultural, and political divides in the United States—the ability, ... [Continue reading](#)

J.E. McNeil, featured in two of this season's QuakerSpeak videos, shares her secrets to communicating with folks with whom you disagree.



#1 - "There is so much overlap between advocacy for gun violence prevention and what Quakers believe in," says Peter Murchison. "It's ... [Continue reading](#)

College Park Quarterly Meeting

Home

College Park Quarterly Meeting (CPQM) is a quarterly meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in northern California and northern Nevada ([list](#)).

News

The quarterly meeting will gather **Saturday, January 14, at Berkeley Friends Meeting** (and online for some activities). The theme for this quarterly meeting will be “Let us then try what love will do.” The flyer with more information is available by [clicking here](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).

Pacific Yearly Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Online Worship**: every [Wednesday evening, 7:00-7:30 pm](#) sponsored by the Eldering Subcommittee of PacYM Ministry Committee.
- **RepCom 2023**: The next meeting of Representative Committee (RepCom) will be held online via Zoom **February 25 and March 4, 2023** (two Saturdays).
- **PacYM Annual Session 2023** will be a hybrid event (in-person gathering with opportunities for remote or online participation) held at Mount Madonna Center July 21-26, 2023.

Friends General Conference – 2023



- [2023 Gathering Program](#)
- [2023 Gathering Location](#) in Monmouth, Oregon
- [Videos from the 2022 Gathering](#): Evening Programs and Bible Half Hour
- The 2023 FGC Gathering, “Listen So That We May Live”, will be held at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR, from July 2-July 8, 2023. [Learn about the Gathering](#) (online participation) held at Mount Madonna Center July 21-26, 2023.

Sojourning – Spiritual Life Program with Amy & Chamba Cook



Sojourning member—A member of a monthly meeting who resides temporarily elsewhere and becomes a recognized part of a monthly meeting in the area of that temporary residence. After proper procedures, the Friends is understood to have the same rights and responsibilities as the members of that meeting. The assessment for support of the yearly meeting remains with the sojourning member’s home meeting.

SPIRITUAL LIFE: Join us Sunday, January 22nd after the rise of Meeting to share Chamba & Amy Cook’s sojourn to Centre Quaker de Congénies.



JANUARY– FEBRUARY, 2023 REPORT

Provided by Shera Banbury

HUMAN RIGHTS UPDATE:

Permanent Forum on People of African Descent was approved by the U.N. In August, 2021 to promote, protect, and respect the people of African descent around the world. QUNO has been actively participating to make this happen. Further work is being done to support human-rights based multiculturalism on migration within the UN by participating in the 2022 International Migration Review Forum follow up of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration at the UN Network on Migration. Quakers are collaborating with AFSC, Quaker Council for European Affairs, Britain Yearly Meeting, and Friends Committee for National Legislation. For more information contact Yasmin Beldjelti at ybeldjelti@quni.ch

STAFF: By May 1, 2023 QUNO will hire a 50% PT Finance Officer in its Geneva Office. Applications were closed in mid-December.

Two QUNO New York Staff attended a workshop in Cambodia sponsored by AFSC to build international connections on sustainable peace. Kavita Desai also was a panelist in Nov. for “Tipping the Scales: Proposals for UN Reform In A Time Of Need” hosted by the Baha’I International Committee. Dick Erstad was spotlighted and shared his reflections on his years of QUNO service. QUNO is governed by a Committee of Friends appointed by the American Friends Service Committee and Friends World Committee for Consultation.

Program Assistants (PAs) 13-month positions throughout the world end and begin at the end of each year, and are highly valued.

QUNO NY’s Director, Sarah Clarke, delivered a lecture in Sept. at Pendle Hill to 500 Friends on “Strategizing for Change: Applying Lessons from the Life of Bayard Rustin to Quaker Work at the UN”. Ms Clarke also spoke at George Mason University on the “Historic Peace Churches: Integrating Theology and Practice for Peacebuilding”.

PLASTICS POLLUTION: Working with WTO and UNCTAD, QUNO participated in a workshop on sustainable and effective substitutes and alternatives for plastics as part of its efforts to reach sustainable and just economic systems. QUNO attended the first Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee on Plastic Pollution in Uruguay 11/28-12/2/22.

QUNO has partnered with WORLDWIDE FUND for NATURE(WWF) South Africa to address plastic pollution policies.

CLIMATE CHANGE: QUNO attended the 57th session of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in September in Geneva.

QUNO’s Human Impacts of Climate Change program was present at COP27 in Egypt and in Bonn prior to that. QUNO attended the COP27 to represent human justice impacts, negotiations and science in the Arctic, and co-hosted an event with the Inuit Circumpolar Council to address the “Cold Rush” to exploit Arctic resources. Developed nations have been called to deliver \$100 billion per year in climate finance from

2020-2025. QUNO and the Catholic Climate Covenant co-hosted a webinar on sovereign debt reduction with a focus on financing climate change mitigation and adaptation.

QUNO cohosted a round table with the PBSO on “Peacebuilding contributions to crisis and climate change response: Learning from practice” at the annual Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development.

MIDDLE EAST: QUNO and the UN Israeli-Palestine NGO co-hosted an intimate conversation in October with the authors of Light in Gaza: Writings Born in Fire.

GENEVA PEACE WEEK: QUNO moderated a High Level Panel in Nov. 2022 to address UN Goal 16 for Sustainable Development to promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, access to Justice for all, and effective accountability and inclusive institutions at all levels.

QUNO published a “Statement on the Peace Testimony and Ukraine” as a cumulative set of actions: (1) Refusal to kill, (2) Relief of Suffering, (3) Building the Institutions of Peace, and (4) Supporting peace building and removing the causes of war.

QUNO’s Geneva Peace and Disarmament program participated in the 51st session of the Human Rights Council; and in the Council’s systemic racism meeting in “Expert Mechanism on Law Enforcement and Racism”.

PEACE and DISARMAMENT: Geneva QUNO’s Florence Fister was an expert speaker at the UNIDIR’s launch of its “Arms-related Risk Analysis Toolkit”.

YOUTH: QUNO NY hosted its first Consultive Youth Listening exercise with an agenda on @Youth, Peace, and Security”. Kavita Desai, one of QUNO Quaker representatives, spoke to UN Member States and civil society representatives at the General Assembly in August about identifying and strengthening youth engagement in the General Assembly.

77th UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY Opened: The first in person session since the COVID-19 pandemic was held in September. Subscribe to the QUNO newsletter for more updates.

Kindest Souls

Some of the kindest souls I know have lived in a world that is not so kind to them. Some of the best human beings I know, have been through so much at the hands of others, and they still love deeply, they still care. Sometimes, it's the people who have been hurt the most, who refuse to be hardened in this world, because they would never want to make another person feel the same way they themselves have felt. If that isn't something to be in awe of, I don't know what is.

--Bianca Sparacino

How to donate items, volunteer time for migrants in El Paso

by [Priscilla Totiyapungprasert](#), *EL PASO Matters*, December 16, 2022

El Paso's humanitarian organizations need help as they aid migrants who are passing through El Paso, and with border crossings expected to rise when public health policy [Title 42 lifts](#), community leaders are predicting a situation that will require all hands on deck.

One of the biggest unauthorized border crossings in El Paso history occurred earlier this December when thousands of [migrants waded across the Rio Grande](#) from Ciudad Juárez. For most migrants – who hail mainly from Nicaragua, Cuba, Ecuador and Dominican Republic – El Paso is a temporary stay until they can depart for their intended destination. By presenting themselves to immigration officials, they have the legal right to request asylum. People continued to cross the border throughout the week, but since shelters are at capacity, federal agents are releasing migrants into the streets, according to a [city dashboard](#).

Temperatures are expected to drop below freezing. An encampment has formed outside the Greyhound bus station, where individuals are bringing water, food, blankets and other supplies, including a mattress. After reports of limited access to public restrooms, the city set up several portable toilets in a nearby parking lot.

On Dec. 14, Texas Gov. Greg Abbott asked the state's attorney general to investigate nongovernmental organizations which he claims are helping migrants illegally cross the border near El Paso. In his letter, Abbott did not provide any evidence supporting his allegations and local nonprofits accused the governor of trying to [criminalize groups for providing humanitarian aid](#) to migrants.

Despite the governor's language, NGOs in El Paso are calling on people to support their work. [Click here for ways you can help](#).



Ring the bells that
Still can ring
Forget your perfect offering.
There is a crack, a crack
In everything
That's how the
Light gets in.

Leonard Cohen



Dear Friends,

Please join us for these upcoming events. We look forward to being in community with you in 2023!

In Peace & Friendship, Hayley Hathaway, Director, Quaker Earthcare Witness

COP Forum

Thursday, January 12th, 1pm Eastern/10am Pacific



COP27 (the annual climate conference) this past November in Egypt was historic. For the first time, countries came together globally to create a 'Loss and Damage' Fund. Loss and Damage is the way the United Nations refers to environmental justice – providing support for countries that have experienced the worst of climate change, have the fewest resources to become resilient, and historically did the least to cause the problem.

QEW is sponsoring a forum to hear from five climate activists/advocates/policy analysts about their experience at the COP. Peniel Ibe (AFSC) and Wes Gobar (Yale School of the Environment) attended as part of the Black Hive, Clarence Edwards (FCNL) and Frank Granshaw (QEW) attended remotely, and Lindsey Cook (QUNO) has attended the past 9 COPs. They will share their perspectives and experiences.

[REGISTER](#)

January Worship Sharing

Tuesday, January 24th, 7pm Eastern/ 4pm Pacific

Quaker Earthcare Witness is hosting monthly online worship sharing groups in partnership with Ben Lomond Quaker Center.



In worship sharing, we gather in small groups to focus on a particular question (or questions) to explore our own experience and share with each other more deeply than we would in normal conversation. It seeks to draw us into sacred space, where we can take down our usual defenses, and encounter each other in "that which is eternal." We welcome all to join us!

Together we are creating more opportunities for Friends to be in spiritual community with one another.

[REGISTER](#)

Ukraine Resources

- [War in Ukraine: Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict](#) by Medea Benjamin
- [To Form a Faithful Community](#), Julie Harlow, Western Friend, September/October 2022
- [Interview with Olha Lychko-Parubocha of friends Peace Teams in Ukraine](#), Gail Whiffen, Friends Journal, December 2022
- [Quaker organizations issue joint statement on peace testimony and Ukraine](#), Friends Journal Editors, November 7, 2022
- [My Next Guest with David Letterman: Volodymyr Zolensky](#), Netflix series

Winter Morning by James Crews

When I can no longer say thank you
for this new day and the waking into it,
for the cold scrape of the kitchen chair
and the ticking of the space heater glowing
orange as it warms the floor near my feet,
I know it is because I've been fooled again
by the selfish, unruly man who lives in me
and believes he deserves only safety
and comfort. But if I pause as I do now,
and watch the streetlights outside winking
off one by one like old men closing their
cloudy eyes, if I listen to my tired neighbors
slamming car doors hard against the morning
and see the steaming coffee in their mugs
kissing their chapped lips as they sip and
exhale each of their worries white into
the icy air around their faces—then I can
remember this one life is a gift each of us
was handed and told to open: Untie the bow
and tear off the paper, look inside
and be grateful for whatever you find
even if it is only the scent of a tangerine
that lingers on the fingers long after
you've finished eating it.

Grass Valley Friends Meeting Contact Information (7-1-22)

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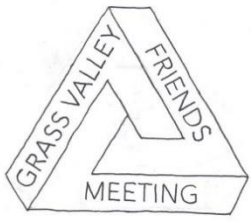
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