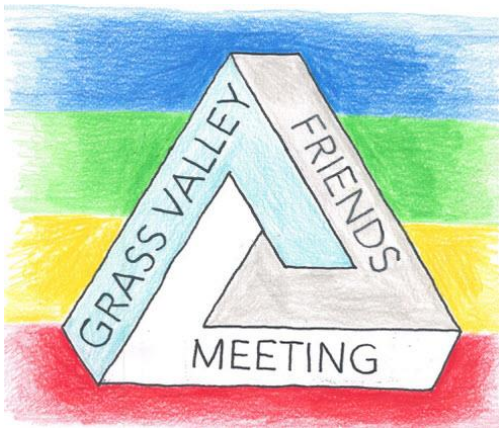




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends in the Truth,
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.grassvalleyfriends.org

Email: grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com

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

Newsletter, Tenth Month, 2024

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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.

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

Third Sunday

- Program to be announced.

Fourth Sunday

- Spiritual Life

- ✚ 4th First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum
- ✚ 5th First Day: Family Worship (a story, singing and silent worship)
- ✚ Online Worship: Wednesday evenings, 7:00-7:30 pm

HAPPENING NOW

- October 3-6, 2024 - Quaker Earthcare Witness Fall Gathering *Water is Life*.
- October 18-20, 2024 - College Park Quarterly Meeting
- October 30, 2024, 3:30 - 4:30 PM PST Friends' Witness and Action for our Democracy (See page 9 for details.)

HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, Nov. 3, 2024: NATIONAL ZOOM CALL FOR WORSHIP, 4-5:00p.m. PST (See page 9 for details)
- November 13 – 17, 2024 – FCNL's *Advocacy that Never Gives Up*. See the July-August issue of this newsletter for details
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center ~ Music and Dance weekend, December 6-8, 2024, [Learn more](#).
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center ~ The 2024 year-end retreat, Sharing our Spiritual Stories, December 28, 2024 – January 1, 2025 [Learn more](#).
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center ~ All Will Be Well: An Exploration, An in-person program with Mica Estrada, January 24 to 26, 2025 [Learn more](#)

NOTE: *College Park Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Ben Lomond Quaker Center this Fall.*

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

QUNO: Quaker United Nations Office
FASE: Friends Association for Services to the Elderly
CPQM: College Park Quarterly Meeting
RSWR: Right Sharing of World Resource
UwN: Unity with Nature

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

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.

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business October 13, 2024

We met in a hybrid meeting in person at the meetinghouse and on Zoom.

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Judy Hamilton, Dianne Marshall, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Marilyn Guida, Sharon Davisson (elder to the clerk), Stuart Smith, Doug Hamm, Lo Hamm

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- The reports we give in Meeting for Worship for Business are the expressions of the work our people do - their acts of love toward our Meeting.
- Can you think of an example of an act of love, or a person, that has shown love toward you and/or our Meeting, and share about it?
- Friends spoke out of the silence.
- One Friend spoke of Meeting for Worship for Business as the place where love is made visible in our relationships with one another. We are not just accomplishing a task, we are finding unity.
- Another Friend was appreciative of the many examples, not just one, of love that came to mind for her from our community.
- Someone else expressed appreciation for the Board members and recognized a feeling of inclusion and belonging in the community. This is transferring to the new relationships with the Nisenan who are returning to the land. It is a community of caring, love, and belonging.
- Another Friend spoke of finding a balance in her personal life and being a part of this community is a huge part of that balance.
- Someone else spoke of serving on the Spirit and Witness committee and getting to be a part of that group of loving, committed people who are concerned for the welfare of the meeting.
- Another Friend appreciated the love expressed through the effort to connect through Zoom. It is a demonstration of love, inclusion, and produces a feeling of belonging.
- A simple act of love, extended to one, can spread and bring in new members to our community.

MINUTE 2024.09.29: In a specially called meeting for worship on the occasion of business, Grass Valley Friends Meeting approved sending on our behalf the attached letter to Shelly Covert and the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe acknowledging our celebration at the return of their land.

October 2, 2024

Dear Shelly and the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe,

I am writing as the Clerk of Grass Valley Friends Meeting to tell you how much we celebrate this historic moment with you. We have been holding in our prayers the lengthy, and at times, difficult process that you have gone through. We honor you and look forward to you being back in this place that is finally returned to you.

As a Meeting, we offer our support and allyship. At the same time, we do not want to impose on you in any way. We recognize the need for careful attention to what you will be experiencing as we go forward.

We understand that CHIRP is willing to have us continue to rent the structure (formerly the barn) that we use as our Meeting house on Sunday mornings. We are very appreciative of the possibility of continuing with this arrangement.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns that arise as we transition to

this new beginning. It is strange to say welcome to what has been yours all along, but that is what is in our hearts.

Welcome home.
Sincerely,

Dorothy Henderson
Clerk, Grass Valley Friends Meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke (2024-2027), Stuart Smith (2023-2026), Reed Hamilton (2022-2025), Sharon Davisson (2022-2025), Dean Olson (2023-2026), Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk)

Amy Cooke gave the report, appended.

- There was a clarification on the term “Toward Right Relations” and not “Relationships.”

PROPOSED MINUTE (seasoning until the 11th month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the nomination of fosten wilson to the Nominating Committee, for a term of 2024-2026.

Stewardship: Gordon Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Mary Starr (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), HaileyWilson (ex-officio Tech Support).

There was no meeting in October and no report given.

MINUTE 2024.10.01: Grass Valley Friends meeting approves the 2024-2025 Budget.

Welcome: Peter O’Rourke (Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk).

Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended.

- There was a question about Friendly Eights with the small size of our meeting. Maybe we should use the monthly potlucks to reach out to members who are not attending, rather than add another social event.

Nominating Committee: (terms as noted) Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024, Gordon Starr: 2022-2024, Dean Olson 2023-2025, Sharon Davisson 2023-2024.

There was no report.

Children's Program: Keely McDonald, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

There was no report.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: No report given.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: No report given.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: Doug Hamm gave a summary of the clerk, Eric Sabelman's, theme: What do Friends Have to Offer? Friends can see more on the website.

Interfaith Nevada County: No report given.

Sharings from the wider Quaker world:

- Dianne Marshall shared from Quaker Call to Action. There is a national Zoom call to worship Sunday, Nov 3, 7-8:00 PM EASTERN TIME. This is a call to worship for our democracy before the election.
- Amy Cooke reported on Britain Yearly Meeting laying down the Meeting for Sufferings, which had been a long-held tradition.

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- I would like my remarks to focus on love, and the ways we express our love, and bring joy to others.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **College Park Quarterly Meeting** will be October 18-20, 2024 at Ben Lomond Quaker Center.
- **Facebook:** please 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, and it helps our visibility. Follow this [link](#).
- The **2023-2024 PacYM General Directory**. The directory is now available. The Directory is for use by members and attenders of monthly meetings and worship groups within Pacific Yearly Meeting and by Friends serving on Pacific Yearly Meeting committees. It is not to be shared beyond this community. Dorothy and Don have the new password for the PacYM Directory.
- **Carl Magruder:** You can follow Carl's healing journey on the CaringBridge.org website [HERE](#). Friends have also set up a daily Meeting for Healing from 7:30 to 8 am (Pacific) on Zoom [here](#) or contact Amy Cooke at amyliette@gmail.com for the link.
- **Contributions to Grass Valley Friends Meeting** are gratefully accepted. You can give by mailing a check to Mary Starr or through Tithely on the website or our newsletter. Our treasurer is asking for additional funds this month in order to fund our year end donation.

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 **jenniferjksmith@gmail.com** THE WEDNESDAY BEFORE MEETING FOR BUSINESS. Please write reports in **12 point, Times New Roman font**. This formatting will match the formatting in our Meeting for Worship for Business Minutes and Record. And, if possible, write reports in Google Docs and share with both Dorothy and Jennifer.

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

The Meeting closed with silent worship.
Respectfully recorded by Jennifer Smith, recording clerk.

APPENDICES:

1. Spirit and Witness Committee report
2. Stewardship Committee report
3. Welcome Committee report
4. Children's Committee report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Pacific Yearly Meeting Monthly Report
7. Interfaith Nevada County report
8. Information: Organization Representatives by Committee

ADVISES & QUERIES: TENTH MONTH ~ PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

In daily relationships with others, both inside and outside the home, our lives as Friends speak immediately and lastingly. In these relationships, our faith may also be severely tested. We are called to respond to that of God in everyone: we are all children of God. Friends celebrate any union that is dedicated to mutual love and respect, regardless of the unique make-up of the family. We strive to create homes where the Spirit of the Divine resides at the center and where the individual genius of each member is respected and nurtured.

Human sexuality is a divine gift, forming part of the complex union of body, mind and spirit that is our humanity. In a loving adult relationship in a context of mutual responsibility, sexuality brings delight, fulfillment and celebration.

The presence of children carries a special blessing as well as responsibility. Children bring unique spiritual gifts — wonder, resiliency, playfulness and more. Recognize and honor the Divine Light within children and treat them with the dignity and respect that is due to all people. Listen to and learn from children; share with them those values and practices that are central to our own lives. Special care must be given to resolving problems between adults and children in a manner that gives equal weight to the feelings and needs of both children and adults. Tender parenting is one of the critically important peace vocations in our society. Make every effort to offer all parents the personal and institutional support that this challenging work requires.

Take a strong stand against any form of abuse, whether that abuse is minor or severe, and whether it is emotional, physical or sexual in nature. The terrible impact of abuse on the most vulnerable members of our families creates lifelong suffering for its victims and is a major source of violence in our society. Perpetrators are themselves usually victims of similar violence and should be approached with compassion as well as firmness.

- Do I make my home a place of friendliness, joy, and peace, where residents and visitors feel God's presence?
- Are my sexual practices consistent with my spiritual beliefs and free of manipulation and exploitation?
- What barriers keep me from responding openly and lovingly to each person?
- *Do we open our thoughts, beliefs, and deep understandings to our children and others who share our lives and our hospitality?*
- *Do we provide our children and young adults with a framework for active, ongoing participation in the Meeting?*

FROM OUR TREASURER, MARY STARR

Thanks to each of you for your contributions, both in service to the Meeting and financial are deeply appreciated. ***To assure our capacity to pay Quarterly Meeting membership fees and to make GVFM's financial contributions to selected programs and organizations, please add as much as you are able to your regular contributions.*** Money contributions can be in-person, mailed to my address below, or online by using the "give" button in our newsletter (below) and at grassvalleyfriends.org.

Mary Starr, Treasurer, P. O. Box 506, Applegate, CA 95703 Email = mstarr2133@aol.com

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 - Or mail your donation to **Mary Starr Treasurer, P. O. Box 506, Applegate, CA 95703.**
Thank you.
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FIND US ON FACEBOOK! [Grass Valley Friends Meeting Facebook link](#)

Are you a **Facebook** user? Do follow the Grass Valley Friends Meeting page or join the Facebook Grass Valley Friends Meeting group. When you share a post from the page, your friends will see it, and it helps our visibility.

WOOLMAN AND CHIRP MADE IT HAPPEN October 1, 2024

Escrow has closed, title has transferred! Here is a collaborative press release from CHIRP and the Woolman team...

The California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP) and the College Park Friends Educational Association (CPFEA) AKA Woolman are deeply proud to announce their successful endeavor to transfer 232 acres and the site of the John Woolman School into the hands of CHIRP and the Nevada City Rancheria (NCR) Nisenan Tribe. The escrow completed on September 27, 2024 and was the result of significant and inspired effort of all parties.

The land, located on the historic Nisenan village site of Yulića, will once again become a landbase for the Tribe—and provides an opportunity for the NCR Nisenan Tribe to reclaim a piece of their land-based ceremonial and Cultural practices, Elder housing, and renewal of the Tribe’s relationship with their Ancestral Homelands and its more-than-human kin.

For the past sixty years, Woolman has used the property to operate Quaker-based educational programming, including a residential high school, a semester school for high school juniors and seniors, outdoor school and after-school programs, summer camps for youth, and educational experiences for adults on topics such as activism, the arts, peace, justice, environmental sustainability, and personal and spiritual growth. In the last few years, due to both the Covid pandemic halting in-person programs and the Jones Fire which incurred unexpected costs, Woolman could no longer sustain its programming, and began to look for a way to transition the property to new hands consistent with its mission and values. The Woolman board asked themselves, “Is there something good that could come from our loss?”

The Woolman board and staff had already been participating in their own internal process of coming to terms with the history of the land they occupied, including the Indigenous Peoples who called that land home, the legacy of colonialism that violently dispossessed those communities, and the land theft and commodification that ensued and led to current day “ownership.” Guided by the belief that the land is Sacred and that restoring “ownership” into the hands of the original stewards was most consistent with the values upheld by Woolman, the Woolman board reached out and began interfacing with CHIRP, who confirmed a commitment to the site. A few years later in Fall of 2023, formal conversations about a land transition emerged between the Woolman board and CHIRP, and an exclusive “discount sale” negotiation between the non-profits began. [READ MORE.](#)



Nisenan Land Acknowledgment

We acknowledge the Nisenan people are still here among us today, though they are nearly invisible, and their story continues to be excluded from history.

We understand we are on Nisenan land that was never ceded, and the original tribal families have yet to recover from the near genocide of their people.

As a resident or visitor in Nisenan land, we support the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan tribe in efforts to stabilize their people as well as the campaign to restore tribal sovereignty through federal recognition.

HOLDING DEMOCRACY IN THE LIGHT



Friends' Witness and Action for our Democracy

October 30, 2024, 6:30 - 7:30 PM EDT | Online

[REGISTER HERE](#)

In a pivotal election season, what are Friends called to do? What might letting our lives speak for peace, justice, and love look like now? On October 30, join us for a conversation with two Friends, Emily Provance and Diane Randall, as they discuss their own journeys with this work. Building on their October 1 conversation with Thee Quaker Podcast, we will hear how they are preparing for this election and its aftermath and what role Friends might play, individually and collectively in the face of ongoing threats to the integrity of our democracy. [LEARN MORE](#)



INVITATION: NATIONAL ZOOM CALL FOR WORSHIP, SUNDAY, NOV 3, 7-8:00 PM EASTERN TIME (4-5:00p.m. PST)

REGISTER [HERE](#) to join us on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, from 7:00-8:00 PM EASTERN TIME** for a national zoom call for worship. Join Friends from across the country for a time of worship, reflection, inspiration and preparation two days before the most consequential election of our time. Early voting has already begun in a number of states! You will receive a zoom link the day before the gathering. [LEARN MORE](#)

THE QUAKER CALL NATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE

Marian Beane, Bruce Birchard, Sam Caldwell, Gretchen Castle, Mary Ellen McNish, Diane Randall, Jim Waddington, and Michael Wajda (Clerk).

"SO, IF YOU ARE TOO
TIRED TO SPEAK,
SIT NEXT TO ME
BECAUSE I,
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SILENCE."

-R. Arnold



OUR WORDS MATTER

From Bishop White: Our Words Matter – Speaking Up Against Hate in Springfield

September 16, 2024

People of God in Southern Ohio,

As people of God, we know that our words matter. Our stories matter. In our baptism, we promise to proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ, and to respect the dignity of every person. When we go into the world, we seek and serve the marginalized, drawing our circle ever wider, knowing that Jesus calls us unequivocally to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Over the last several days, because of hate-filled words and fabricated stories, the community of Springfield, Ohio has been thrust into the national spotlight, prompting a barrage of racist threats against our Haitian neighbors. Let me be clear: these stories are fearmongering and admitted lies. These dangerous falsehoods have resulted in a tense moment of palpable racism, bomb threats that have shut down schools and workplaces, and the cruel politicization of one child's tragic death.

Over the past week, I've been in conversation with the Rev. Michelle Boomgaard, Ph.D., rector serving Christ Church, Springfield, and am deeply grateful for her leadership. United with other faith leaders in Springfield, they have been strong in their witness against hate and calling the community toward compassionate welcome. They offer these ways to take action in support of the Haitian community in Springfield and in our own communities:

- Stop spreading misinformation and memes. The situation in Springfield is dangerous, and joking about it only exacerbates the tension on the ground and gives credibility to the conversation.
- Engage Haitian businesses. With the barrage of bomb-threats and other abuse, utilizing our neighbors' businesses can mitigate the effects of unforeseen closures and other safety provisions.
- Join me in giving to Springfield's [Haitian Community Help and Support Center](#), a nonprofit by and for Haitians, helping to connect neighbors with local services and support networks.
- Act locally to support immigrants of all backgrounds in their transition to this new country, making clear our call to welcome the stranger in our midst.

Friends, as Episcopalians in Ohio, we must stand strong and use the words and stories Jesus taught us. Together, we can confront this hate with love, this fear with compassion, these words of evil with the words of the Good News: that the way of Jesus is the way of God's boundless and never ceasing love.

Yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Kristin Uffelman White

Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Ohio



Oasis of Peace

American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam

“In the sea of hopelessness, there exists a small island of sanity; a tiny glimmer of hope.”

— *The Jerusalem Post*

Our Mission

The American Friends of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam (“Oasis of Peace” in Hebrew and Arabic) supports the operations, programs, and initiatives of Neve Shalom/Wahat al-Salam, a unique and inspiring cooperative village jointly founded by Israeli Jews and Arabs in 1972 to explore lived solutions to peace in the region. Our membership represents diverse backgrounds and faiths, united by a passion for championing real-world, achievable approaches to a more just, equitable, and peaceful world for all.

Through our fundraising and volunteering, we provide resources for the over 300-member Village as well as support peace-seekers from around the world who travel there to participate in trainings and programs. Through our publication and events, we raise awareness across the U.S. about the Israeli/Palestinian conflict and the Village’s ground-breaking peace-building work.

At this polarized moment in our own history, it is more important than ever to stand behind initiatives that disarm conflict, bridge differences, and build empathy and understanding. The American Friends of Oasis of Peace upholds the village as a model for this work not just in the Middle East, but in our own communities.

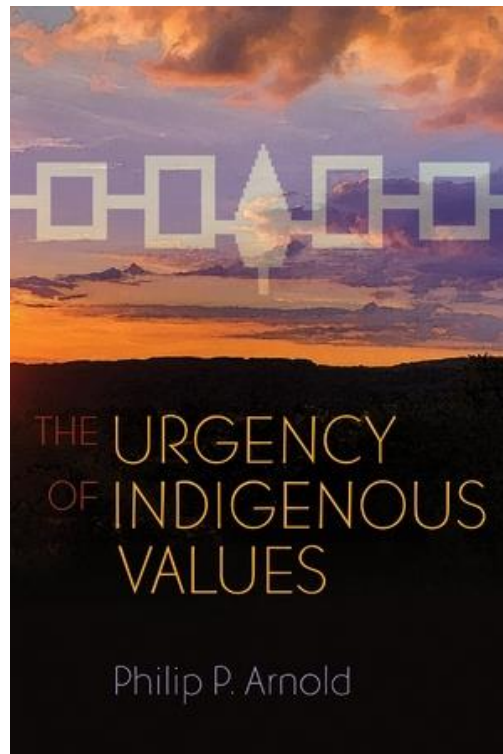
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URGENCY OF INDIGENOUS VALUES

"Arnold illuminates how the tragic imposition of the materialist colonial worldview jeopardizes our relationship with the natural world and with one another. His urgent call for renewal of the Indigenous worldview grounded in respect, reciprocity, and reverence will help propel the values shift that might save us."—*Robin Wall Kimmerer, author of Braiding Sweetgrass*

"What is distinctive about this book is the focus on Indigenous values and the ecological and human crisis we are living in."—*David Carrasco, Harvard University*

"Arnold’s book is a brilliant example of a key Haudenosaunee value, the ‘power of the good mind’ as it brings to the center issues that are critical to the survival of Indigenous peoples, of humanity, and of the planet."—*Robin M. Wright, Journal for Study of Religion, Nature and Culture*





HOW WE WORK IN PARTNERSHIP: *The Power of Right Sharing Right Sharing of World*

Resources (RSWR) currently has two focus areas: “Right Relationship” and “Right Sharing.” Right Sharing work forms, trains, and funds women’s groups around the world through global partnerships that transform communities. The funds are shared with the partner communities in the form of micro-grants that stay within them. Led by Country Coordinators who are from the partner communities, the program invests in relationship building and training, and works exclusively with women’s groups, rather than with individuals.

The cohesion of these groups is vital to community transformation. It is the women as a team who support each other in their enterprises, save money in a group for personal emergencies, and create the social structure that enables the loans to be repaid and re-loaned to other women. Micro-loans to individuals, which do not offer this level of support, have a high rate of default. In Right Sharing’s mode of operation, the women identify, with the support of the Country Coordinators, areas of need in their communities and then address those needs.

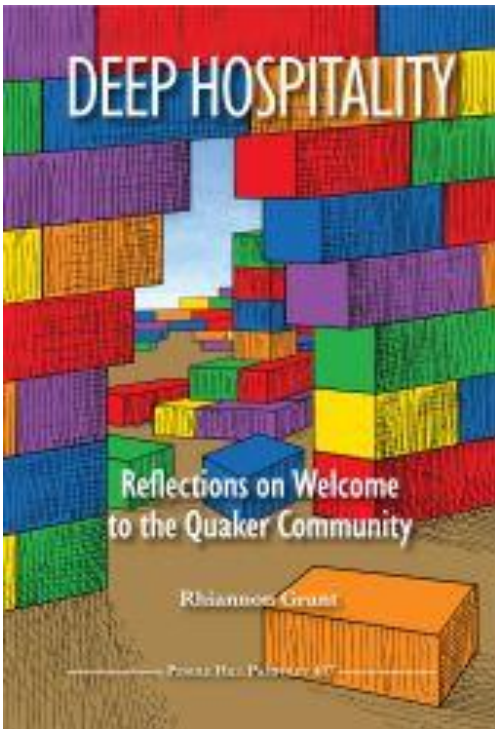
Three common themes for community needs are increased access to education, food, and safe transportation. Women’s groups have sold healthy food in their communities at critical access points and arranged for transportation and uniforms for school-aged children. The power of the group, and the group’s determination of how best to run its enterprises, are key components of RSWR’s program.

Funds granted to partner groups never return to RSWR. Instead, the grants go into the coffers of the women’s groups and then are distributed to the women in the form of micro-loans, which have an attached rate of interest that protects the money from the effects of inflation.

In the countries with which we partner, personal or small business loans are difficult, if not impossible, to obtain. Moreover, the typical interest rates on loans are extremely high, sometimes up to 20%, and the loans may be offered by moneylenders who entrap people when the bills cannot be paid on time. Loaning money is not, however, the most important thing about the women’s groups: self-determination and group cohesion are more vital to a group’s ongoing success. Country Coordinators offer training on self-esteem, small business, money management, group dynamics, and access to government services that strengthen communities in a lasting way. [LEARN MORE.](#)



RECENT PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS



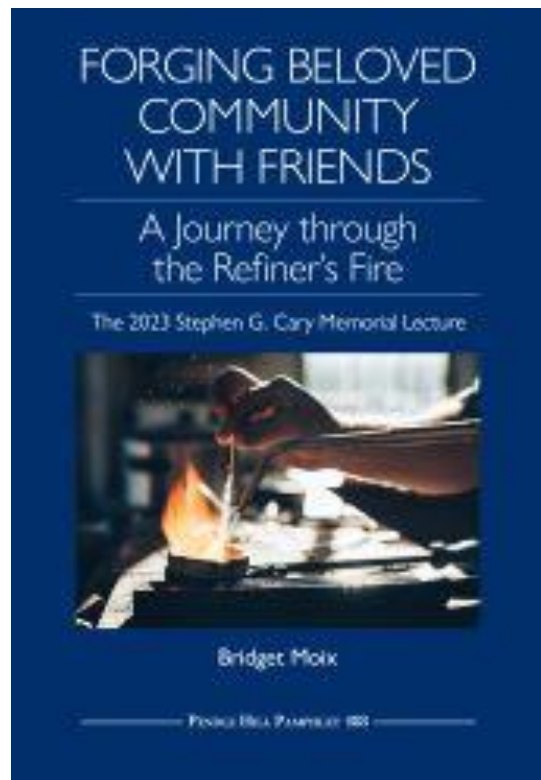
Deep Hospitality: Reflections on Welcome to the Quaker Community By Rhiannon Grant
Pendle Hill Pamphlet #487 (June 2024)

How can we truly welcome others – and ourselves – to the Quaker community? What if offering a deeper hospitality means demolishing the structures we know and rebuilding in new forms? In this pamphlet, Rhiannon Grant reflects on her experience in the British Quaker community, paying particular attention to the dynamics of privilege and oppression, and calls for a more radical form of welcome. This will mean going beyond inviting people to be guests; it means allowing them to be members of the household in order to make our communities more fully inclusive and equitable. She includes some practical and provocative suggestions. Discussion questions are included.

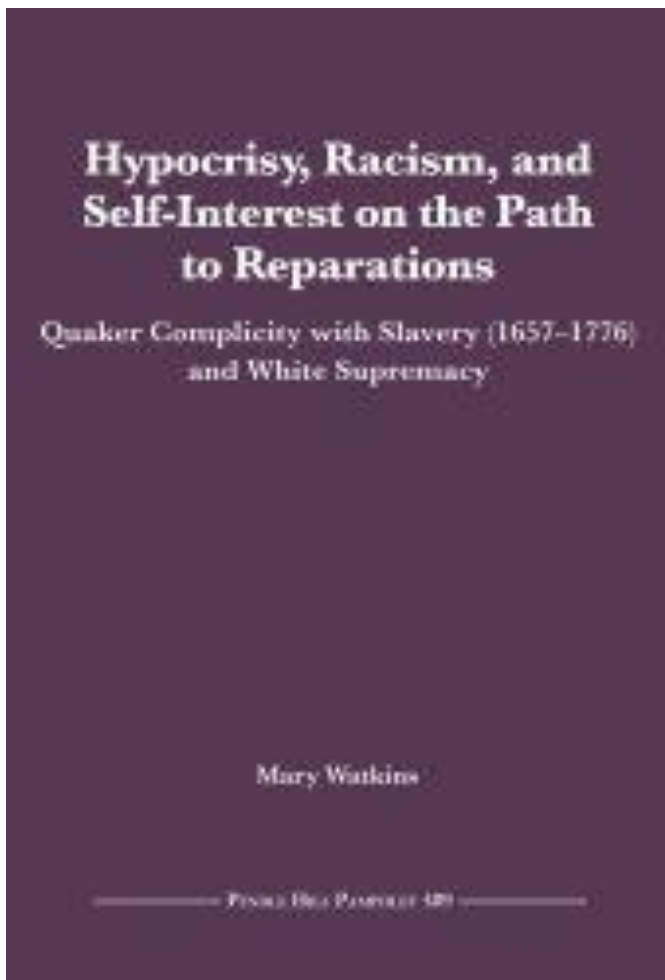
Forging Beloved Community with Friends: A Journey Through the Refiner's Fire
By Bridget Moix
Pendle Hill Pamphlet #488 (August 2024)

Synopsis

In a world wrought by lies, injustice, and violence, how do we live our Quaker faith and spiritual truths? How do we live “in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of war”? How do we “walk cheerfully over the earth” while sacred forests burn and oceans rise around us? How do we “seek that of God in everyone” when we are so deeply divided from one another by fear and pain? In her 2023 Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture, Bridget Moix shares lessons, laughter, and Light from her journey with Friends toward becoming the beloved community we seek.
Pendle Hill Pamphlet #488



RECENT PENDLE HILL PAMPHLETS (continued)



Hypocrisy, Racism, and Self-Interest on the Path to Reparations: Quaker Complicity with Slavery (1657-1776) and White Supremacy

By Mary Watkins

Pendle Hill Pamphlet #489 (October 2024)

Synopsis

Many Quakers are grappling with leadings for racial reparations and a deeper commitment to anti-racist awareness and action. Reparations must begin with an adequate grasp of Quakers' direct involvement in chattel slavery and white supremacy. From 1657 to 1758, Quakers did not act decisively to end the hypocrisy of valuing equality, plainness, and peace, while simultaneously profiting from the slave trade and human misery. What rationalizations did Friends use to justify the continuation of enslaving and slave trading? What racist thoughts undergirded resistance to manumission? In what ways did Quaker governance fail to end Quaker complicity with slavery? Integrating this erased history will aid our efforts at racial reparations and the development of anti-racist awareness and actions. Discussion questions are included.

Pendle Hill Pamphlet #489



Grass Valley Friends Meeting Contact Information (1-16-24)

COMMITTEES: (convener or clerk in bold)

Stewardship: Mary Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, Doug Hamm, David Bowman. Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson (ex-officio, Treasurer), Don McCormick (ex-officio, Librarian), (ex-officio Tech Support).

Welcome: Peter O'Rourke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cheryl Hendrickson, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, CJ Patterson, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio, email coordinator).

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, Stuart Smith, Reed Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Dean Olson, Dorothy Henderson (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk of the Meeting),

Children's Program: Keely McDonald, Dorothy Henderson, Doug Hamm, Judy Hamilton, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, David Cowan, Lo Hamm.

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- Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024
- Gordon Starr: 2022-2024
- Sharon Davisson: 2023-20205
- Dean Olson: 2023-2025

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- **Sierra Friends Center:** Gordon Starr
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Doug Hamm
- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Doug Hamm



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