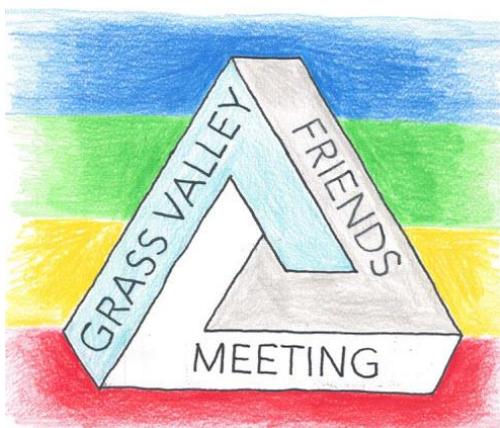




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*Of the Religious Society of Friends in the Truth,
College Park Quarterly Meeting,
Pacific Yearly Meeting*

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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.

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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

- Program to be 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:** [Wednesday evenings, 7:00-7:30 pm](#)

HAPPENING NOW

- January 14, 21, 28 & Feb 4th, 3:00p.m. PST ~ “The First Thanksgiving” offered by the *Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian* Saturday, January 18, 2025,
- January 18, 2025:
 - National People’s March, 2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m. Robinson Plaza, Nevada City. (See page 8 for details.)
 - Pot Luck, 5:00p.m at Mary and Gordon Starr’s home, 500 Butler Street, Grass Valley. (See pg. 8 for details.)
- Tuesday, January 21, 2025, 4:30p.m. PST ~ Right Sharing of World Resources: Practicing the Testimonies – Self and Society (See pg. 8 for details.)
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center ~ All Will Be Well: An Exploration, An in-person program with Mica Estrada, January 24 to 26, 2025 [Learn more](#)
- Pendle Hill Winter Reading Group ~ January 14 – February 18, 2025 (See pg. 9 for details)

HAPPENING LATER

- Ben Lomond Quaker Center ~ All Will Be Well: An Exploration, An in-person program with Mica Estrada, January 24 to 26, 2025 [Learn more](#)
- Saturday, February 1, 2025, 2:00p.m., Memorial Service for Janet Bullock, Unitarian Church, 246 S. Church Street, Grass Valley
- February 1 -9, 2025, Friends General Conference Online Gathering of Friends, [A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail](#) (See pg. 9 for details)
- Saturday, February 8, 10am-2pm PST ~ FGC: "The Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools: Toward Accountability and Healing" (See pg. 11 for details)
- **Sunday, February 9, 2025~ Potluck and Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business**
- Thursday, February 20, 2025, 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m., InterFaith Nevada County meeting, hosted by Grass Vally Friends Meeting
- Pendle Hill: Spring Courses ~ (See pg.9 for details)

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

QEW: Quaker Earth Witness
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, January 12, 2025

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

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Peter O'Rourke, Doug Hamm, fosten wilson, Kathy McCreery, Dean Olson, Dianne Marshall, Reed Hamilton, Judy Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, Stuart Smith

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- We feel a connection to the people in Los Angeles who are being affected by the fires, including those who are Friends, and those who are not. We are a big California Quaker family. We acknowledge the many transitions that are happening, and have happened, to us as a community, and to individuals in our community. We acknowledge the transitions happening to others across the world, and especially in Southern California.
- In place of a query, we would like to have Friends express experiences, concerns, and offer a place to hold our brothers and sisters in the Light.
- Friends spoke out of the silence:
 - One Friend expressed a personal experience with friends in Los Angeles and their experiences with the fire. Even though they have not lost their home, she feels there has been a huge change in Southern California because so many people have been affected.
 - Another Friend spoke about Quarterly Meeting and how he felt a connection to the many different groups of Quakers who had gathered. It felt like an embodiment of our Quaker Family. Even though the fires are far away right now, we still feel connected to these Friends.
 - Another Friend spoke about feeling the heartache of those who are affected by the fires in Southern California. He also expressed gratitude for his family's safety from the fires.
 - Another Friend expressed appreciation for the query and the touching on "family." In their own experience of losing a home to fire, this Friend discovered that the treasures we have are in the people that surround us, not in our cupboards. She expressed gratitude for our "Family" as we go through a global right of passage. We might lose a lot, but we won't lose our family.
 - Another Friend spoke about her personal experience with loss due to fire, and how those who are going through this are in a state of shock. Be gentle when you talk with those going through this loss. Don't ask them to retell their story, unless they offer it.

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.

- Several Friends questioned how many meetings the Toward Right Relations letter would be sent to and how much it would cost.
- It was decided that approval of the letter should be a separate concern from questions about the fiscal impact.
- Another Friend wondered if this letter should be published and seasoned before we send it out.
- In response to this, it was brought up that it is the responsibility of those who are present to approve items during Meeting for Worship for Business. If those attending today discern that the letter is ready, we should move forward. The letter does not need to be season.
- Several Friends expressed gratitude for the letter and that it spoke clearly to their experiences, and gratitude toward those who wrote it.

MINUTE 2025.01.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the Toward Right Relations letter to be sent to other meetings.

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), Hailey Wilson (ex-officio Tech Support).

Gordon Starr gave the report appended.

- There was extensive discussion about the correct process of approving the lease/rental agreement, especially considering that the document had already been through a discernment process in committee, and was recommended to the meeting. We would like to move forward with approval. It does not need to be seasoned.
- There was also discussion about the use of the term “lease” vs. “rental” for the agreement. The actual term should be “rental” agreement. We chose to use the word “lease” in the minute below to reflect the verbiage used in the actual document.

MINUTE 2025.01.02: The position of Recorder/Archivists will be placed within the Stewardship Committee, ex-officio.

MINUTE 2025.01.03: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the new lease agreement with California Heritage Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP), as appended.

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).

Peter O'Rourke gave the report, appended.

- There was a question about the term "supplies" in the report. This term applies to toilet paper and paper towels.

Nominating Committee: (terms as noted), Gordon Starr: 2022-2024, Judy Hamilton: 2022-2024, Dean Olson 2023-2025, fosten wilson 2024-2026.

Gordon Starr gave a quick update

- Nominating will be meeting soon to find someone for the Recorder/Archivist position. If you are interested, contact a member of Nominating.
- The current Recorder/Archivists are Gordon Starr and Don McCormick, but their terms ended July 1st. They have been filling in since then.
- Amy Cooke and Don McCormick have been working on the job description for the Recorder/Archivist, but there seems to have been a change. Don is unable to step into this position. Amy acknowledges that she should withdraw her name as well, so that Nominating can proceed clearly with finding a new person(s) for this position.

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

No report given.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: Report given by Mary Starr, appended.

Pacific Yearly Meeting: No report given.

College Park Quarterly Meeting: No report given.

Interfaith Nevada County: No report given.

Interfaith Nevada County is scheduled to meet on site here on February 20th.

Sharings from the wider Quaker world:

- Chamba Cooke asked to hold the Ramallah Friends School and the Ramallah Meeting in the Light with what is happening in Gaza.
- As Quakers we need to be aware that Israel is blocking the food shipments/services to Gaza.
- Quaker Earthcare Witness is mapping meeting houses globally that have resilient measures toward sustainability. This might be something Stewardship should look into for our Meeting.
- Amy and Chamba Cooke are giving a clerking workshop in Paris, France to help train and support clerks on Feb. 22, 2025.

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- I want to appreciate those who are working in our own Wider Quaker World, and acknowledge those who need to be held in the Light.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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.

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 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
 - a. Toward Right Relations Letter to Other Meetings
2. Stewardship Committee report
 - a. Rental/Lease Agreement with CHIRP
3. Welcome Committee report
4. Nominating Committee report
 - a. Recorder/Archivist 2024 Job Description
5. Children's Committee report
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Interfaith Nevada County report
8. Pacific Yearly Meeting report



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, 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.

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?

Treasurer's Quarterly Report, January 12, 2025

Summary = A great start to our new fiscal year!

This report covers the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year: October 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

The "Fund Balances" and the "Actual Spending vs Budget" reports are available in the Meeting House – near the library – and by contacting me. Thank you for all of your help. All gifts, both in service to the Meeting and financial are deeply appreciated. Money contributions can be in-person, mailed to my address below, or online by using the "give" button at grassvalleyfriends.org. *Your Donations Keep GVFM here and visible in our Community! Thank you! Donate here!*



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- Giving is easy! Click on the Give button above or go to grassvalleyfriends.org and click on "GIVE" You'll go to a secure site for donations. Monthly contributions are very important. *You may now change the dollar amount of your gift without making a new donation request!*
- Or mail your donation to **Mary Starr Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, CA 95945.**
Thank you.

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S MARCH; NEVADA CITY, CA

Saturday, January 18, 2pm-3:30pm

This is a local version of the National People's March that will be happening on Jan.18 at 2pm, gathering at Robinson Plaza (In front of Harmony Books) for a brief rally and then marching through the streets. It is intended to encourage people to keep working for the causes we believe in (equality, social justice, women's rights, etc) and to connect people with organizations that are doing the work.

LET'S VISIT! Monthly Potluck & Housewarming & Birthday Celebration – No gifts!

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Time: 5:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Place: The home of Mary and Gordon Starr

Address: 500 Butler Street, Grass Valley, CA

RSVP requested: Mary Starr mstarr@2133aol.com

Need to call? Mary: 530-320-8108 or Gordon: 530-320-8202.



Right Sharing
of WORLD RESOURCES

Simplicity

Join [Pamela Haines](#) and RSWR board member [Sally Weaver Sommer](#) in our upcoming Right Sharing Conversations session. We'll explore how simplicity manifests in our lives, and how its practice impacts our wider community and the world.

This will give a taste of RSWR's upcoming workshop at the online FGC gathering, "[Practicing the Testimonies: Self and Society.](#)" As always, come prepared to share and listen deeply.

Please join us on Zoom at 7:30 pm ET on Tuesday, January 21, for this interactive conversation. [Click here](#) for the registration link.

PENDLE HILL OFFERINGS ~ Winter and Spring, 2025

[See Courses](#)

Spring Courses with Peter Blood, Dwight Dunston, and John Baird

On Campus: Apr 1-29, 2025

Registration is now open for courses being offered as part of Pendle Hill's resident student program, The Spring Term. [Primitive Quakerism Revived](#) with Peter Blood will explore the visions of early Friends; [The Right Time to Change](#) with Dwight Dunston will offer opportunities to get in touch with our deeply held beliefs; and [Journey Inward, Journey Outward](#) with John Baird will provide space to co-create supportive community. And though the application deadline for The Spring Term has passed, if you are interested in joining all or part of this transformational 10-week program, you can contact registration@pendlehill.org. But don't hesitate: availability is limited.

Winter Reading Groups

Online: Jan 14 & Feb 18, 2025

Join us for these free winter reading groups as we discuss *Money and Soul* by Pamela Haines on January 14th, and *Hypocrisy, Racism, and Self-Interest on the Path to Reparations: Quaker Complicity with Slavery (1657-1776)* by Mary Watkins on February 18th. We look forward to exploring these popular and evocative Pendle Hill Pamphlets with you!

[View All Events](#)

[Register Online](#)



Solitude with God repairs the damage done by the fret and noise and clamour of the world.

Henri Nouwen

It's not easy to sit and trust that in solitude God will speak to you - not as a magical voice but that God will let you know something gradually over the years. And in that word from God you will find the inner place from which to live your life. Solitude is where spiritual ministry begins. That's where Jesus listened to God. That's where we listen to God. **Henri Nouwen**



A Spring Whose Waters Never Fail

2025 Online Gathering of Friends

February 1-9



We're building the excitement for our speakers, Bible half hour leader, workshops, and especially some of the spontaneous opportunities for community building. Learn more about workshops, plenaries, and all the exciting programming happening at the Online Gathering!

We're also building our registration website! Registration will open this week (look for an email announcement). Event package descriptions & fees are up on the website. You can expect a streamlined experience with registration. Prepare by checking out which event package you are interested in:

Full Program: Nine days of online events! Up to 3 workshops (one each weekend and one Monday thru Friday), four plenaries, daily worship, afternoon activities, evening Spiritual Sharing groups, open hang out time, and Bible Half Hour.

Plenaries Plus: Four plenaries, daily worship, afternoon activities, evening Spiritual Sharing groups, open hang out time, and Bible half hour. (it does not include workshops)

Workshops Plus: Up to 3 workshops, daily worship, afternoon activities, evening Spiritual Sharing groups, open hang out time, and Bible half hour. (it does not include plenaries)

Weekends only: Up to 2 workshops (one each weekend) and all other events on the two weekends of the Gathering, including plenaries (February 1-2 and 8-9).

Meetings: For meetings that would like to stream plenaries as a group, we have an opportunity to register for those four events. Our expectation is that most of those participating at a meeting group streaming would be registered for some portion of the Gathering, but do not want a meeting to turn away a visitor or guest.

As in the past, we will have a tiered pricing structure for each package. However, we will not offer an option for custom pricing. The "Limited Resources" category has a finite number of slots in order to manage the budget. If the limited resources pricing is still too steep, you should first ask you monthly or yearly meeting for assistance. Then you may let FGC know of your remaining need through the Online Gathering registration form or by emailing lizd@fgcquaker.org.

We understand that all Gatherings are a financial commitment for Friends. We want to be inclusive of Friends regardless of their financial status. However, we are unable to provide as much financial aid as we wish.

- Please note deadlines and other options for financial aid, and reach out if you have questions.
- Please register by Friday, January 3, for priority access to financial aid.
- Please be prepared to pay a \$50 deposit on registering. If you do not have a credit card, you may check a box for special processing and mail a check the day you register.

As we come together as a spiritual community, we are asking Online Gathering participants to consider how you may want to share your gifts & contribute to the community during the Gathering. Opportunities abound at the Online Gathering for – might you convene a worship sharing group? Be a welcoming presence in Open Hangout spaces? Volunteer at the Information Desk? You can express interest in different roles when you register, or when you join the Online Gathering!

The 2025 Online Gathering is coming up! This year's workshops include "Challenging Racial and Ethnic divisions," led by Vanessa Julye and Janice Dominik. They also include "Couple Enrichment for Friends," led by Kathy Richman and Jeff Richman. The Online Gathering will be February 1-9, 2025.

You can learn more about the Online Gathering program & all the details on our website. We look forward to seeing you there this February!

And so you can mark your calendars now, here are the dates for all our upcoming Gathering events:

- 2025 Online Gathering: February 1-9, 2025 (for adults & high schoolers)
- 2025 YAY Gathering: July 2-6, 2025 in Michigan (an event centering children, youth, and young adults)
- 2026 Gathering: July 5-11, 2026 in Vermont (for all ages)

Registration for the 2025 Online Gathering

Gathering registration is open and you can find out [all you need to know to register here](#). Plenaries, workshops, Bible half hour, worship sharing opportunities and community will all be available throughout the week.

Workshops are being assigned on a first come, first serve basis, so register now to get your preferred sessions!

While we have tried to make the gathering accessible to most Friends with the tiered pricing and varied packages, we realize that it may still be a stretch for some Friends.

Financial aid is being offered and the first grants will be made to those who make requests by the end of the day Friday, January 3, 2025. After January 4, 2025, awards will be made on a rolling basis as long as funds remain.

Those connected to FGC yearly and monthly meetings are granted aid first, then others in North America. First time attenders also have a priority.

If you have any questions please reach out to gathering@fgcquaker.org. We look forward to seeing you online!

Friends General Conference Online Gathering - "The Quaker Indigenous Boarding Schools: Toward Accountability and Healing"

The Quaker Indigenous Boarding School Research Network (QIBS) is offering this 4-hour workshop to share their research on the 30 Indian boarding schools that Quakers operated between 1796 and 1965. They will narrate a one-hour slide presentation, followed by time for reflection and discussion.

Then members of New England Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and Alaska Friends Conference will talk about actions they have taken, including apology, accountability, and reparations. Discussion will center on ways Friends can build relationships with Native communities today, based on truth, respect, and justice.

Saturday, February 8, 1-5 pm ET; noon-4pm CT; 11am-3pm MT; 10am-2pm PT.

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/2025-online-gathering>

If you would like to organize your own showing of the slide presentation and reflection time, the slides and prompts are freely available: <https://bhf.org/the-quaker-indigenous-boarding-schools-facing-our-history-and-ourselves/>

Guns to Gardens

From Amanda Wilcox, mother of Laura Wilcox

Today, December 15, 2024 on the twelfth anniversary of the shooting at Sandy Hook School, I volunteered for the first time at a [Guns To Garden Metro Denver](#) event. It was very meaningful to participate.

Gun owners are invited to safely surrender their unwanted, unloaded guns at the events. The guns are dismantled by trained volunteers. Then, the leftover metal pieces are transformed into garden tools, artwork, or other life-giving materials. These materials are then given back to the community or sold to continue to fund the work.

PURPOSE: We are a grassroots community of faith working to reduce gun violence in the Denver Metro area by destroying guns and forging the parts into life-giving tools.

“They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” Isaiah 2:4

Year End Report: Grateful for You!

Provided by Keith Runyan, General Secretary,
Quaker Earthcare Witness



As we round out the end of the year, it's a moment to pause, appreciate the connections that sustain us, and give thanks for our collective efforts shaping a brighter, more just, and sustainable world. Here at Quaker Earthcare Witness, we are deeply grateful for you.

This year, QEW has been blessed to support many efforts led by Quakers towards ecological integrity, climate re-stabilization, and a thriving and sustainable future for us all. Here is a shout out to Quaker Earthcare efforts we've uplifted or supported this year, through our mini-grants, online programming, and on the ground efforts.

- ➔ The efforts of Friends in Bolivia to address food scarcity in the face of climate change induced drought.
- ➔ The efforts of Earth Quaker Action Team this summer to lead a large scale action to challenge Vanguard, the world's largest investor fossil fuels, to divest!
- ➔ The ceaseless efforts of Friends Committee on National Legislation and Daren Caughron to compel legislators to include funds for regenerative agriculture in the US Farm Bill and International Climate Finance in the US Budget! Fund (GCF) in the final budget of the Biden administration. This
- ➔ The efforts of Quaker United Nations Office and our other international Quaker partner at two international climate negotiations

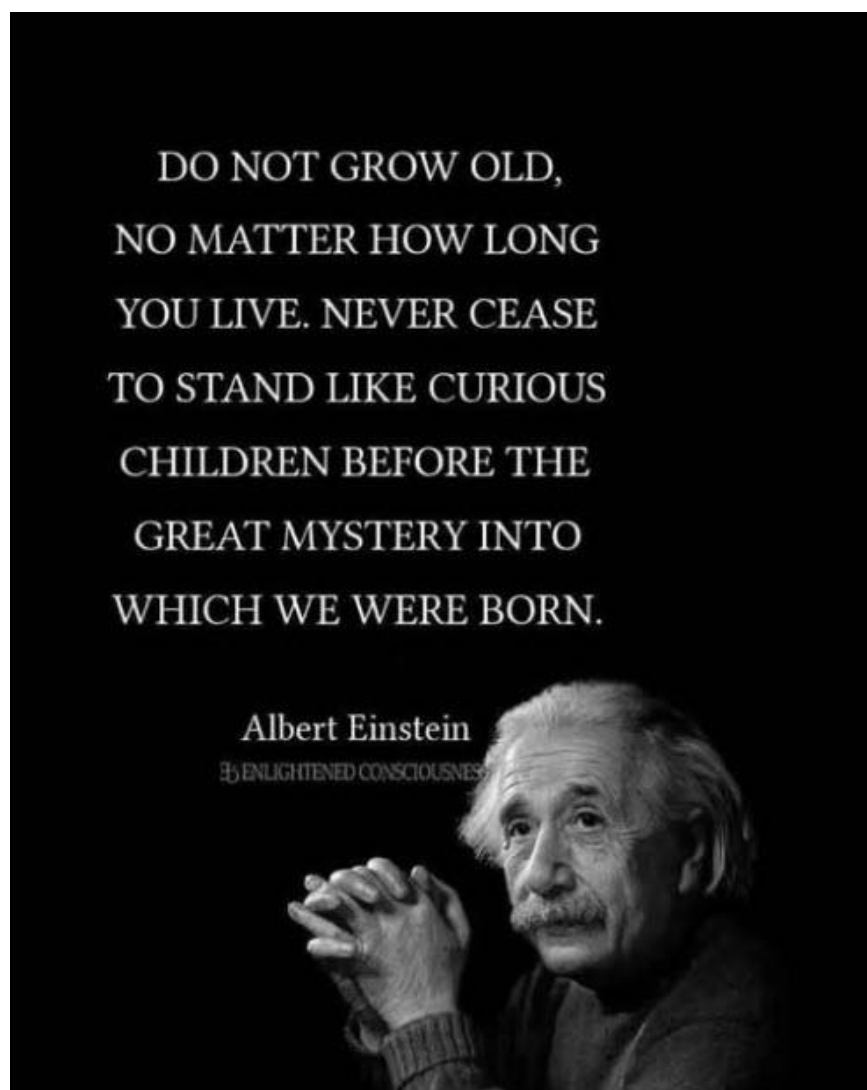
- ➔ The efforts of individuals friends who we uplifted through events, such as Friends David and Lise Abazs's initiative to actively help trees migrate in the face of climate pressures; to the efforts of Friend Timmon Wallis to marry climate action to nuclear nonproliferation; to the successful efforts of Northern California Quakers to return the formerly Quaker lands of Sierra Friends Center to the Nisenan Tribe.

We could not be more grateful to join and support these inspiring efforts led by Friends around the world! We know that you, as a QEW supporter, dedicate your efforts every day towards our shared vision of a thriving and sustainable for all living things. We cannot thank you enough for your tireless efforts.

Please share your efforts and the efforts of your monthly meetings by filling out the input form in our growing QuakerEarth Action Map visualizing the efforts of Quakers around the world acting independently and together to bring about the World We Seek!

Looking ahead, your partnership fuels our courage to continue this vital work. You remind us that, together, we are capable of profound change.

With New Year's Light, **Keith Runyan**, General Secretary, Quaker Earthcare Witness



The “First Thanksgiving”: How Can We Tell a Better Story?

[Online Professional Development | The “First Thanksgiving”: How Can We Tell a Better Story? Becoming an NK360° Educator Series](#)

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, and February 4, 7–8:15 PM ET

Free | Registration required

Register now to join the education team of the *Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian* to learn more about the newest Native Knowledge 360° resource, *The “First Thanksgiving”: How Can We Tell a Better Story?*

Based on an inquiry design model, this resource helps teachers and students dispel misconceptions about the “First Thanksgiving” by examining the events through multiple perspectives, including those of the Wampanoag Nation, who have been largely excluded from this national story. Educators will receive a Certi

ificate of Completion upon attendance and filling out the survey.

10 ways to be prepared and grounded in our current times

[10 ways to be prepared and grounded now that Trump has won](#) by [Daniel Hunter](#) November 4, 2024

The key to taking effective action in a Trump world is to avoid perpetuating the autocrat’s goals of fear, isolation, exhaustion and disorientation.

1. Trust yourself

I started writing this list with strategic principles (e.g. analyze your opponents weakness and learn to handle political violence), but actually the place to start is with your own self.

2. Find others who you trust

I promise I’ll head towards practical resistance strategies. But the emotional landscape matters a great deal.

3. Grieve

No matter what we try to do, there’s going to be a lot of loss. The human thing to do is grieve.

4. Release that which you cannot change

Growing up my mom had a copy of the Serenity Prayer: “God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.” Notably, that prayer comes from theologian Reinhold Niebuhr as he was watching the rise of Nazis in Germany.

5. Find your path

I’ve been writing scenarios of how a Trump presidency might play out.

6. Do not obey in advance, do not self-censor

The *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times*’ [cowardly refusal to endorse a political candidate](#) is, it appears, a classic example of self-censorship.

7. Reorient your political map

A few months ago I sat in a room with retired generals, Republicans like Michael Steele, ex-governors and congress people.

8. Get real about power

In Trump’s first term, the left’s organizing had mixed results.

9. Handle fear, make violence rebound

[Otpor in Serbia](#) has provided an abundance of examples on how to face repression.

10. Envision a positive future

Spend some time envisioning how we might advance our cause. (What If Trump Wins/Elizabeth Beier)

UPDATE 11/6/24: This story was published prior to the election and updated on Nov. 6 to reflect the results.

CORRECTIONS 11/6/24: Hardy Merriman’s name was incorrectly spelled. And the quote from Otpor was mistated as “It doesn’t hurt if you’re afraid.”

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

COMMITTEES: (convener or clerk in bold)

Stewardship: Mary Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Gordon Starr, 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.

Nominating Committee: (terms as noted)

- Judy Hamilton: 2022 - 2026
- Gordon Starr: 2022 - 2020
- Fosten Wilson: 2024 – 2026
- Dean Olson: 2-23 - 2025

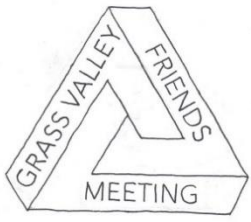
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Representatives: one-year terms

Please note: Most organizations no longer have representatives from GVFM. They are held in two committees, Welcome and Spirit and Witness. The following organizations are the exceptions:

- **Interfaith Nevada County:** Dianne Marshall
- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** Doug Hamm
- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Doug Hamm



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