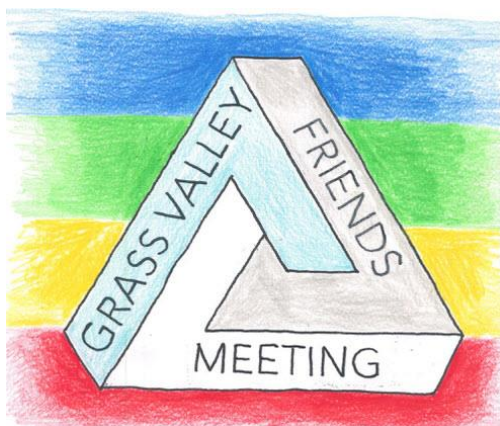




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

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

13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959
Yulica Community, 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, Second Month, 2025

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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

✚ 4th First Day: A Creative, Topical Curriculum

- ✚ 2nd First Day: A Story and a Craft or Activity
- ✚ 3rd First Day: A Story plus Time for Silent Worship

- ✚ 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
- Pendle Hill Winter Reading Group ~ January 14 – February 18, 2025 (See pg. 9 for details)
- Sunday, February 16, 2025, 11:15a.m.: *State of the Meeting* Listening Session (See page 6 for details.)

HAPPENING LATER

- Thursday, February 20, 2025, 11:00a.m. – 1:00p.m., InterFaith Nevada County meeting, hosted by Grass Vally Friends Meeting
- [Thursday](#), March 6, 2025, Clerks’ Meeting [at Dorothy Henderson’s house, 13074 Woolman Lane, Time to be announced.](#)
- **March 9, 2025, 11:00a.m.: Potluck and Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business 11:30a.m.**

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: 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, February 9, 2025

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

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; fosten wilson, Kathy McCreery, Doug Hamm, Reed Hamilton, Dianne Marshall, Judy Hamilton, Sharon Davisson, Chamba Cooke, Amy Cooke, Stuart Smith, CJ Patterson, Peter ORourke, Marilyn Guida, Gordon Starr, Mary Starr, Lo Hamm, Don McCormick, Arly Helm, Meghan Shannon

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- Micah 6:8: Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.
- Query: How do you see Meeting for Worship for Business, and this process, assisting or guiding you as you attempt to live out the request from Micah to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God.”
- Friends spoke out of the silence:
 - One Friend recalls another friend who recommended a two-step approach to Quaker Bible study: 1. Try to understand what the scripture/quote meant at the time, who was saying it, and who it was being said to. 2. What does it mean to you today? This Friend says our quote is meaningful to him today.
 - Another Friend shared that Meeting for Worship for Business is not about making decisions. It is about loving one another. We can be present, not just for the issue, but for all the hearts in the room. To “speak and release” requires such humility but it needs to be paired with love. Do our process with love and release it outward.
 - Justice, when done in love, is “just us.”
 - Another Friend recalled her work with treatment courts that recreate a family with love, and not throwing anyone away. Take a breath. Let’s wait a second before we react. Even after pain and trauma, we can use our Quaker process to heal and come together with love.
 - Another Friend remembered how children can be guided to come together and find unity.
 - Too often “justice” is used to mean “retribution” or punishment. Everyone needs to be involved. No one should be left out. When we work as activists, we are working to make sure everyone is included in our government structures, and no one is left out.
 - One Friend expressed a personal concern about how we take these Quaker ideas and Quaker processes and bring them out to the concerns of the world?
 - Sometimes “walking humbly with your God” means you don’t know the way forward, but you continue forward steadfastly, knowing you will be guided.
 - Another Friend is sitting with a concern about our Quaker process. What happens when a weighty concern is brought to Meeting for Worship for Business and a decision is made when you know people who feel strongly on the other side, or are affected by the decision, are not in attendance? Do we go forward and make the decision as is the process, or do we wait and include the people who are affected by the decision? Several Friends spoke to this about extending an opportunity for participation is both justice and mercy. If justice does not include everyone, it might be “just us” in the justice system.
 - Tyrants draw their power from people’s fear. If we don’t buy into the fear, they don’t have the power. We need to have passive INSISTENCE, not just resistance.

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.

- One Friend wondered if anyone remembered the Death and Dying Committee results. This would go to Spirit and Witness. This friend was satisfied with the response.

MINUTE (Seasoning until 3rd Month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the following change to the Spirit and Witness job description. One paragraph of the Spirit and Witness job description has read: “Provide ongoing coordination and care of the relationship between Grass Valley Friends Meeting, College Park Friends Educational Association (CPFEA) and Sierra Friends Center (SFC).” We replace that language with: “Provide ongoing care of the relationship between Grass Valley Friends Meeting, the California Heritage: Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP), and the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan tribe.”

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.

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 clarification about the process to speak with members of CHIRP about site issues, compliments, etc. Communication should go through Dorothy Henderson and she will speak with CHIRP on our behalf.

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

Gordon Starr gave the report.

- There was a question if this will be three people operating as a subcommittee, or are the three people sharing the librarian position. They decided to let the three people choose amongst themselves the roles they will share, rather than dictate it to them. This will not be a committee, it will be three people sharing that librarian position.
- The three will need to decide who will attend the Stewardship meetings.

MINUTE (Seasoning until 3rd Month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves Don McCormick, Judy Hamilton, and Kathy McCreery as candidates for a shared position of Librarian.

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: No report given.

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:

- There are Quaker Meetings that have filed suit against the change in government policy allowing ICE officers into places of worship, hospitals, and schools. Dianne has several articles that she will include in the newsletter. There is a Meeting tonight with members and clerks of PYM to see which other Meetings are interested in getting involved.
 - There was discussion on if we need a Minute as a meeting to go forward and support PYM being named in this lawsuit?
 - There was a lot of discussion on two separate issues: how to handle the call to the meeting this evening with PYM on this issue, and if we should create a minute in support.
 - There was concern about sharing the email on the email tree, when it is supposed to be discrete. Friends agree that not every member needs to attend. Our clerk can go on our behalf.
 - Friends agreed that there should be a formal Minute so we, as a meeting, are on record for supporting action on this issue.
 - There were questions about whether we support PYM being named, or support the discernment and decision made by PYM going forward. One Friend brought up that much discernment has already been done by other Quaker meetings already involved in the lawsuit. Several Friends agreed that we should say that we support Pacific Yearly Meeting being named and take a stand against the government's action.

MINUTE 2025.02.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting supports Pacific Yearly Meeting being named in the lawsuit being brought by the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection of Georgetown Law to address the rescission of "sensitive locations" protections (sanctuary) for places of worship, schools, and hospitals.

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- [The State of the Meeting reports are available on our website. If you'd like to read them in preparation for next week's State of the Meeting report, they are available.](#) The meeting Minutes are also available on the website.
- The lease with CHIRP has been signed. Any concerns, suggestions, or questions should go through Dorothy Henderson.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

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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 amylisette@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.

APPENDICES:

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| 1. Spirit and Witness Committee report | 5. Children's Committee report |
| 2. Stewardship Committee report | 6. Treasurer's Report |
| 3. Welcome Committee report | 7. Interfaith Nevada County report |
| 4. Nominating Committee report | 8. Pacific Yearly Meeting report |
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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.

Second Month Queries: Spiritual Life

The life of the spirit gains depth and vigor through devotional practices, prayer, study and meditation. Take time regularly for individual and family worship, discussions, readings from sacred texts, and other spiritual refreshment in order to live a more centered life and to bring a deeper presence to the Meeting for Worship.

Friends believe that the spiritual path is best found in community. Create opportunities in your Meetings for people of all ages to explore and express their evolving relationship with the Divine, their spiritual highs and their doubts. If different metaphors and language interfere with communication, listen more deeply, honoring the Spirit in which the thought and words have their beginnings.

Do I live in thankful awareness of God's constant presence in my life?

Am I sensitive and obedient to the leadings of the Holy Spirit?

When do I take time for contemplation and spiritual refreshment?

What steps am I taking to center my life and to stay open to continuing revelation?

Do we share our spiritual lives with others in the Meeting, seeking to know one another in that which is eternal?

Does the Meeting provide religious education including study of the Bible and Friends' history and practices?

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.



← ***This button will take you to a secure site.***

- 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.

In Memorial: Carol Fuller

Message from Dodie Johnston, January 16, 2025

News of former Co-Clerk of Grass Valley Friends Meeting

Dear ones: Carol Fuller spent Thanksgiving with her Grass Valley family this year and she and I returned to Ajijic, Mexico, together November 30. She seemed exhausted by the whole flight experience, but in otherwise good health. The following day she complained of a cold, which became a "lung infection" according to her local naturopath. Then came the antibiotics, which upset her digestive system and didn't cure the infection. Then she became dehydrated, etc, etc. etc.

I found the diagnostic process between then and now very frustrating and alarming and kept suggesting returning to the States for a clearer treatment plan. But you know how deeply Carol was committed to her Unity/Course in Miracles belief system and was determined to THINK herself well, so she resisted all suggestions to activate her SkyMed insurance and fly home. The Namaste community of which Carol is a member, believe similarly, so the endless CAT scans and, blood tests and ultra-sounds continued with no specific diagnosis rendered and nobody pressing for one because they were toning and tapping and thinking her well.

Now (1/16/2025) her daughter, Kara, is at her bedside in Ajijic, and Carol is within a day or two of death. I cannot tell you of what. I thought you would want to know that she is leaving us and might want to send your thoughts and prayers in whatever way you do to speed her on her way. Nancy, remember when she said "I'll die in Mexico" when we last visited at your home in co-housing? Well, even though she said she was not ready then, she is now. Please pass this news on to anyone who you know loves Carol and wants to know Love to all of you, Dodie

IT'S A SCAM!

How to recognize a scam when you receive one:

The message comes from a trusted name or source with a dubious request. Example:

1. Dorothy Henderson <quakerismcenter666@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello, are you less busy at the moment? I got a request for you to manage discreetly. I will be going into a meeting shortly, please no calls so kindly respond back via email.

Dorothy Henderson clerk.

2. Thanks! Here's what I want you to do for me because I'm a little busy right now. I have been working on incentives and I aimed at surprising some of our diligent members with gift cards. I will reimburse you. This should be confidential until they all have the gift cards as it's a surprise and you will keep one for yourself too.

Can you get this done? Dorothy Henderson clerk.

3. On Feb 10, 2025, at 12:00 PM, Dorothy Henderson <quakerismcenter666@gmail.com> wrote:

I will be glad if you can do this now. I need 9 qty of Sephora gift cards worth \$100 value on each (total \$900). You should get them at any local stores around you now. After you get them, I need you to remove each card from the pack and scratch the back then take a clear picture of the front and back of each card and receipt then send them to me on here in my email so I can easily get them sent to each member myself.

Please keep physical cards for reference. Let me know when you are on your way to the store. Thank you.

Dorothy Henderson, clerk.

Look at the email address that is sending you the message. Quakerismcenter666@gmail.com is a bogus address. That's what scammers use, bogus addresses.

Always look at the email address.



Upcoming Quaker Center Events

Upcoming events:

Young Adult Friends (YAF) Retreat (in person), February 14-17, 2025. Are you a young adult Quaker, new attender, or Quaker-curious person? Are you interested in creating community, connecting with nature, and enjoying fellowship and fun with others? Spend a holiday weekend at Quaker Center doing all that and more. Rain or shine.

<http://www.quakercenter.org/young-adult-friend-yaf-weekend/>

Inner Life, Inner Light, with Will Meecham, MD (in person), March 21-23, 2025. Daily, we feel the warm aliveness of the human body. During worship, we feel the loving mystery of Divine Light. In this retreat, we'll strengthen connections between these two experiences, using imagery, silence and shared inquiry.

<http://www.quakercenter.org/inner-life-inner-light/>

Thank you. As always, send along any questions or comments.

In peace, Nico, Nicholas Wright (Nico), director
Ben Lomond Quaker Center
(831) 336-8333
1949 to 2024: QC is 75! [Read more.](#)



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**I go to prepare a place for
you. Harriet Tubman**

The Black Quaker Project

In Honor of Black History Month: February was officially established as Black History Month in 1976 when President Gerald Ford recognized it as such, marking the month as a time to honor the achievements of Black Americans throughout history.



Retrospective Justice in Healing Historical Injustice and Ills: Reparations

Defined as “an attempt to administer justice years after the commission of a severe injustice or series of injustices,” we advocate that Quakerism adopt Retrospective Justice as a model for healing historical injustice. Our ministry is providing education on this call to action through e-newsletters, publications, and collaborative lecture-presentations with Friend Nozizwe Madlala-Routledge, a leader in South Africa’s anti-apartheid movement, the African National Congress, and transnational organizations

The Quakers of Color International Archive (QCIA)

As a study-and-research collection, our archive documents the oral histories of Quakers of Color worldwide through videotaped interviews and transcriptions. Established in 2019, the QCIA is a partnership with UMass Amherst, Haverford College, and Swarthmore College, currently housed in the W.E.B. Du Bois Library of UMass Amherst. For access to these videotaped interviews and transcriptions of Friends of African, Asian, Middle Eastern, and Latinx descent, please [click here](#).

Reforming Quakerism: Developing New Narratives & Models

The Black Quaker Project calls on Friends to take the following steps:

- Address the inadequacies of the acronym SPICES, which neglects the testimony of justice and constrains our vision of what Quakerism is and what it might be.
- Move the justice testimony to the front-burner in the Religious Society of Friends.
- Focus on structural violence—not just direct, visible violence—as we confront today’s domestic and international conflicts.
- Adopt a model of Retrospective Justice for healing historical injustice.

We remain committed to releasing e-newsletters, pamphlets, and books that give voice to Quakers of Color, both past and present. To subscribe to receive our e-newsletter, [click here](#). To view a full record of all our past e-newsletters [click here](#). To view a selected list of our other publications, [click here](#).



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"Friends General Conference
supports every Quaker meeting's
right to live out and share
the testimonies of our faith to
all who enter the meetinghouse doors."

BARRY CROSSNO,
GENERAL SECRETARY



In Friendship, Rashid Darden
*Associate Secretary for
Communications and Outreach*

Friends General Conference (FGC) has joined a multifaith coalition and the Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP) in opposition to the rescission of ICE's sensitive locations policy, which is a direct violation of the First Amendment and the Religious Freedom Restoration Act.

The repeal of this policy directly interferes with the ability of meetings and churches within FGC to fulfill our spirit-led obligations and priorities. FGC strives to support all our meetings and attenders in the spirit of the equality testimony, and with the dignity that all people deserve.

We don't take this step lightly, but this action from the United States government challenges a foundation of our faith and threatens the peace of our meetinghouses and our communities. We are compelled by our religious convictions and the movement of Spirit to take a stand and protect our places of worship.

[Read more about the lawsuit](#) and other plaintiffs joining us in this action.

[Sign the petition](#) to signify your support of the efforts.

Read the *Friends Journal* article ["Friends General Conference Joins over Two Dozen Religious Groups in New Immigration Lawsuit."](#)

Quakers Sue DHS over Immigration Enforcement and Religious Freedom [Updated]

Friends Journal
February 10, 2025

By [Sharlee DiMenichi](#)

[Leer en español](#)

Quakers are suing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) over potential immigration raids at houses of worship. Plaintiffs include Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly

Meeting, Adelphi (Md.) Meeting, and Richmond (Va.) Meeting. The suit argues that plaintiffs’ religious liberty is violated by the Trump administration’s [January 20 rescindment](#) of protections for people without legal status in “sensitive locations” such as places of worship.

Updated 2/10/25: New England Quakers explain their participation

New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) Secretary Noah Merrill noted that when making the time-sensitive decision to join the lawsuit he and others at the yearly meeting level discerned based on guidelines in a [2015 minute](#) on responding to urgent matters.

NEYM has received support from other Christians, as well as communities of Sikhs, Muslims, and Jews, according to Merrill. Across the country, monthly meetings, yearly meetings, and other Quaker entities, have endorsed the lawsuit by adopting minutes, offering to become plaintiffs, and expressing their willingness to file amicus briefs, Merrill noted.

An amicus brief is filed by entities that are not directly involved in a lawsuit but who have a compelling interest in the outcome. [MORE](#)

ADDITIONAL ARTICLES ON QUAKER ACTION:

- Source: Reuters: [Quakers sue to keep US immigration agents out of houses of worship | Reuters](#)
- Source: [Axios](#): [Quakers challenge Trump order allowing immigration raids at religious sites](#)



Share the Story of Your Meeting in Response of the DHS Lawsuit *Written on: February 6, 2025*

As Friends continue to worship, discern, and discuss PYM’s involvement in the lawsuit with the Department of Homeland Security, we encourage Friends, members, and attenders to connect with Christie Duncan-Tessmer, General Secretary of PYM, or Nikki Mosgrove, Presiding Clerk, with any questions or needs they have.

Christie and Nikki need to hold space for your concerns, questions, and experiences. Your experiences—and of those who worship with you—are meaningful to the lawsuit and to your fellow Quakers and meetings across our community.

Please share the story of your meeting and how you or other members doing during this time. Please share if you or others are uncertain or unable to worship due to concerns about ICE. Please also share if you are sitting in worship with new visitors or visitors who are reconnecting with the Religious Society of Friends in light of their awareness of the lawsuit.

Monthly meetings are responding to PYM's involvement in a variety of ways, such as sharing Minutes of Support. We encourage you to share how your monthly meeting is responding to the DHS lawsuit—whether through worship, fellowship, or other forms of engagement in your community.

We know there is more information that could support you—such as pastoral care resources for those who gather at your meeting, guidance on welcoming newcomers, and ideas about what else can be done. The staff of PYM will continue to gather and share information with you. Christie or Nikki are welcome you to share what would support you and any resources you require, any resources you have created, or have uncovered.

For more information or additional questions, please contact Nikki Mosgrove, Presiding Clerk of PYM, at nmosgrove@pym.org, or Christie Duncan-Tessmer, General Secretary of PYM, at cduncan-tessmer@pym.org.



URGENT CALL TO ACTION

Michael Wajda, Clerk, Urgent Call Steering Committee

Mary Ellen McNish and Michael Wajda have been offering a workshop this week (Feb. 9-15 2025) on An Update to the Urgent Call. The Urgent Call Steering Committee is currently regrouping following the results of the election and the dangerous actions coming out of Washington. While we are currently in discernment, ut us expected that we will be issuing a statement about our ministry and roles to our full email list soon. Suffice it to say that we remain called, and that some of our considerations include continuing to support Friends by bringing them together on zoom for worship and encouraging careful discernment by individual Friends and their meetings. One of our roles could certainly be providing a space for Friends to learn what other Friends and meetings are doing.

I assume that you are aware of the lawsuit that was recently filed by Baltimore, New England, and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings against the Department of Homeland Security challenging their policy that would allow ICE (Immigration & Customs Enforcement) to enter religious spaces seeking undocumented immigrants. Here is a link to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting website with more information if needed. <https://www.pym.org/pym-involvement-in-dhs-lawsuit/>



Quakers in Action

Every day, Friends are changing the world with prophetic witness. From discerning FCNL's policy priorities to speaking truth to members of Congress, Quakers persistently seek a better world. You can be a part of this faithful movement.

Ready to get started?

Five Ways Forward for Friends Contact FCNL Quaker Engagement at fcnl.org/quakers or quakers@fcnl.org for more information and opportunities to engage. 1 2 3 4 5

1. **Serve as an FCNL Quaker Contact** for your meeting or church Become a liaison between your meeting and FCNL!
2. **Serve as a point of contact for FCNL staff** and relay updates and actions to your meeting or church. fcnl.org/contacts
3. **Invite FCNL to lead a workshop for your community:** FCNL staff and volunteers travel to Quaker communities in person and virtually leading workshops to provide spiritual and practical support, and encourage Spirit-led witness and advocacy. fcnl.org/workshops
4. **Attend FCNL Events for Friends Silent Reflection:** Join us in silent reflection every Wednesday at 5:15 P.M. EST to worship with Quakers and friends from FCNL and all over the country. Quaker Changemaker Events Join us for our monthly Changemaker event where we bring Friends witness in the world into conversation with FCNL's Quaker advocacy work.
5. **Join or start a local Advocacy Team:** Join more than 1,500 Quakers and friends across the country who use their power as constituents to make change in Washington. fcnl.org/advocacyteams Volunteer with FCNL as a Friend Inquire about serving as an FCNL board member, visiting Quaker meetings on behalf of FCNL, or coming to Washington to work with staff on a specific project! fcnl.org/volunteer

[FCNL 2024 Report to Yearly Meetings](#)



As we navigate a world where webs of connection have been torn apart it can feel like an ocean must be traversed in order to start the work of reweaving. Nora Cooke will braid the practical with analogy as she leads us through a space for processing and moving forward with active hope alive in our hearts

What Can My State Do? A Quaker Roundtable on State-Level Climate Advocacy



Saturday, February 22nd at 4pm Eastern / 1pm Pacific

Join a virtual roundtable on state-level climate advocacy and its role in advancing environmental justice. Featuring Quaker leaders from across the U.S., the discussion will cover strategies for engaging policymakers, addressing environmental injustices, and building community resilience.

[REGISTER](#)

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Vanguard Leadership



Wednesday, February 26th at 8 am Eastern/5 am Pacific

As Vanguard shareholders meet virtually to vote for fund trustees, we will gather virtually with Earth Quaker Action Team and others around the world. Join online for Quaker style silent worship, ending with information for more ways you can be involved to reach Vanguard.

[REGISTER](#)

Fellowship Hour

- Join us weekly on Friday, 7 p.m. Eastern/4 p.m. Pacific

Most Monthly Meetings have a fellowship hour for dialogue and discussions - the QEW Fellowship hour is designed as a space to mimic this informal environment! Come as you are to discuss earthcare, spirituality, Quakerism, and catch up with other dear persons in our community.

[Learn More](#)

Save the Date: QEW Spring Gathering

Each Spring, QEW gathers online to worship together, learn from each other, share in fellowship, and do business together.

This year we will be meeting from April 3rd-5th. Programming will include workshops, plenary sessions, and shared reflection. All Steering Committee members are encouraged to attend and we welcome visitors for any and all of our weekend together.

We will share information on our theme, our keynote speakers, and how to register soon!

Earthcare News

Quakers Today Question of the Month

Each month, Quakers Today, a podcast with Friends Publishing Corporation asks its audience a question. This month the question is *What is your relationship with Nature like?*

Your answer will be featured alongside Quaker voices, Ruah Swennerfelt and Gail Greenwater, as well as Robin Wall Kimmerer.

You can answer by calling 317-782-5377. You can also comment on their social media channels or send an email to podcast@friendsjournal.org.

QuakerEarth Action Map

We invite your monthly meeting to join our global community by adding your meeting, project, or organization to the map. By doing so, you'll help build a powerful database and visualization tool to foster collaboration, share resources, and inspire one another in addressing today's urgent environmental challenges.

Add your Quaker meeting or project to the map here: quakerearthcare.org/mapform. View the beta version of the map here: quakerearthcare.org/map

The QuakerEarth Action Map will soon integrate with FWCC's platform, providing even greater opportunities for connection and collaboration.

New Year Earthcare Queries

As we enter the new year, amidst urgent ecological and social crises, we invite you to reflect deeply on your relationship with the Earth and how you are called to respond in these times:

How can I listen more deeply to Earth and all her inhabitants, discerning the ways I am called to act with courage and clarity?

What bold steps can I take this year to address the intersecting crises of climate, justice, and peace, and help usher in a more just and sustainable world?

How can I join with others in spirit-led action to amplify our collective impact and respond to the pressing challenges of this new administration and era?

May these queries guide you into deeper listening and inspire courageous action as we work together to restore balance and hope to our shared home.

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

COMMITTEES: (convener or clerk in bold)

Stewardship: Gordon Starr, Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Fosten Wilson, Mary Starr (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

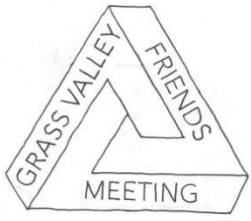
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Representatives: one-year terms

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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