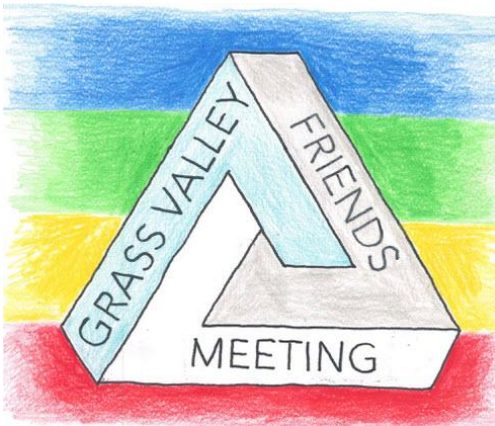


**GRASS VALLEY
FRIENDS MEETING**

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



13075 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959
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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.*

HAPPENING NOW

- Sunday, September 14, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 11:30a.m.
- Sunday, September 28, 2025, 11:30a.m., Dorothy Henderson and Gordon Starr, *Nonviolence as a Way of Life* (See page 9 for details.)

HAPPENING LATER

- Saturday, October 4, 2025: Lo Hamm Memorial Service and Potluck (See page 8 for details.)
- Sunday, October 5, 2025: Dianne Marshall: **Daniel Hunter's "Defending Our Democracy: Where Are We and What's Next?"** recording and discussion (See page 9 for details).
- Sunday, October 12, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 11:30a.m.
- College Park Quarterly Meeting, October 17-19, 2025. See page 10 for details.
- Sunday, October 26, 2025: Reed Hamilton: *Toward Right Relations* Quaker Peace Teams (film and discussion)
- Sunday, November 9, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 11:30a.m.
- Sunday, November 23, 2025: Doug Hamm: *A Force More Powerful* (film and discussion)
- Sunday, December 14, 2025: Potluck and Meeting for Worship for Business, 11:30a.m.
- Sunday, December 20, 2025 – Amy Cooke: *Stop, Drop, and Roll: A Practice for Living Nonviolently*

GLOSSARY- Abbreviations and terms used in the GVFM newsletter.

M&O: Ministry and Oversight

PacYM: Pacific Yearly Meeting

PHP: Pendle Hill Pamphlet

FGC: Friends General Conference

QEW: Quaker Earthcare 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 examining our souls and seeking clarity using 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.



From the GVFM Newsletter Editor: Dear Friends, Please make every effort to keep your articles to 500 words or less. If your article exceeds 500 words, please provide a link for the entire article or make the necessary edits to reduce the number of words. This will allow our newsletter to stay within budget. Many thanks, Dianne, Editor!



For current news:

[CHIRP](#)

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.

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship for on the Occasion of Business, Sunday, September 14, 2025

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

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Anita McCormick, Don McCormick, Foster Wilson, Kathy McCreery, Dianne Marshall, Reed Hamilton, Dean Olson, Judy Hamilton, Doug Hamm, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Mary Starr, Gordon Starr, elder to the clerk, Steve Borroum, & Stuart Smith

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- Query: How are we coming together to rest for sabbath? When coming together with proposals to ponder and discern, how do you find rest? How do you observe the sabbath?
 - Friends spoke out of the silence:
 - If we are going to meet in discernment, it is helpful to rest before getting there.
 - Being able to set your own opinions aside and instead focus on the process of discernment, seemingly insurmountable solutions can be found. Allowing the process can be a form of rest.
 - Resting into God's will, and not the details of the work, and allowing our attention to return to God's will is an ideal.
 - Resting is something we all do, animals included, when we have trust. It is trusting the process that leads to the possibility of rest.

- I find rest in releasing ideas I've had beforehand, and letting go to see where the process leads us, and as Friends share their leadings.
- Allowing us to take the time we need, and to go really slow with silence, allows us to rest and release into the safety and community that we are. It is a holy moment.
- The query and the sharings of others in our community can open up new ideas and perspectives that we might not have on our own.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke, 2024-2027, Stuart Smith, 2025-2026, Reed Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Doug Hamm, 2025-2026, Dorothy Henderson, 2026 (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

Amy Cooke gave the report, appended.

- One Friend had a concern about the length of time for some of the presentations in the season of non-violence. Amy will address this concern outside of Meeting for Worship for Business.
- Another concern was about if it is comfortable for the Nisenan to invite the public onto the land here for these presentations. It was decided the tribe needs more time to settle and feel that this is a place where they get to invite people. So, these presentations have not been made public.

MINUTE 2025.09.01: We hereby release Amy and Chamba Cooke from their sojourn with the Groupe Languedoc in Congénies, France (see letter, appended). We send our gratitude to Friends there for providing another spiritual home for Amy and Chamba, and look forward to hearing more about their discernment as traveling Friends.

MINUTE 2025.09.02: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the Minute of Service letter for Stuart Smith.

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

Reed Hamilton gave the report, appended. Fosten Wilson gave the budget report, appended.

- There was a question about what the word limit is for articles. Dianne will include it in the newsletter.
- There was confusion about if we were approving the budget now, or later during the treasurer's report.
- We have two separate issues, and two separate minutes. One is approving the budget for next year, and another for the use of surplus funds.

MINUTE 2025.09.03: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the proposed use of the surplus funds to double our out-bound donations. This is a one time change of \$1,025.

MINUTE 2025.09.04: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the contribution of \$500 to both the FGC and PYM/CPQM scholarship funds. This is a one time contribution out of surplus funds.

There was a long discussion about the trial meeting for worship at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley.

- There was a question about why the decision was made to have a Sunday morning non-hybrid trial meeting vs. an evening meeting for worship. Stewardship found that moving the meeting and ongoing weekly worship is of higher priority to see how it works for us as a meeting.

- For the trial meeting, we would only have access to one room, so Religious Education would not be able to meet that day.
- There is a concern about not using the zoom equipment. We would want to try this before a decision is made. The hybrid could still be carried out by simply bringing a laptop which would allow Friends at a distance to still participate in the trial.
- The trial doesn't address all concerns, such as signage, etc. There are logistical and spiritual concerns here and should make sure that spiritual concerns are addressed. We have a spiritual commitment to equality. We don't want to discriminate against people who don't have a car.
- An evening meeting means we wouldn't have to notify the public of a change in location. It would keep this trial internal to our meeting. An evening meeting might exclude people who are not comfortable driving at night.
- To help visitors or members who weren't notified of the change in location, several members could be at the current meeting house to worship and guide visitors to the new location. This information can also be included in the email that goes out to the email list.
- Part of the reality of the experiment is to see what it is like to co-exist with the Peace Lutheran congregation. It will be a bumpy transition no matter what.
- The experiment means nothing will be decided yet. We would return to discern further.
- We can bring a laptop to allow this to be hybrid. It's possible to set up the equipment, if it's important to members.
- Notification would not go out on Facebook or the website.
- Music would happen before the trial meeting.
- Shelly Covert (CHIRP) has been notified.
- Spirit and Witness and Stewardship will work with all parties involved on deciding on a date.
- We want to make sure the members of CHIRP know we are grateful and that this process is not because of them.
- There would be a \$45 charge for the use of one room for the experiment.
- Any concerns about details for the experiment should be addressed to Stewardship.
- Spirit and Witness will be involved with figuring out the logistics on who will be at the current meeting house. Spirit and Witness and Stewardship will communicate with each other on the planning of this experiment.

MINUTE 2025.09.05: Grass Valley Friends Meeting will be experimenting with a single Sunday morning Meeting for Worship being held at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley. We will begin with a single meeting experiment with a charge of \$45.00 for the use of one room to be used from Stewardship's discretionary funds.

MINUTE (Seasoning until 10th Month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

- It was noted that if we decide to move the meeting to Peace Lutheran Church, the rent would be a little less than we are paying now, and internet would be included.
- Also, the large donation made this year has verbally been committed for next year again.

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

Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended.

- Welcoming will be looking into some emails on Quakerism that could be shared with new

visitors and attenders.

Nominating Committee: (*terms as noted*), Chamba Cooke: 2025-2026, Dean Olson 2025-2027, Mary Starr 2025-2027, fosten wilson 2024-2026,

No report was given.

Religious Education: **Judy Hamilton**, Doug Hamm, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Keely McDonald Substitutes: Gordon Bishop, Gordon Starr, Alan Stahler. Fifth Sunday reader: Anita McCormick

No report was given.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: fosten wilson gave the report, appended in Stewardship.

Co-Archivists/Recorders:

The co-archivists/recorders are reviewing paper and digital files for meeting members and attenders. We will be sending some messages in the coming months about updating the files for our members and attenders. Thank you for partnering with us on our goal of updated files in the meeting!

Kathy McCreery and Amy Cooke

- **Pacific Yearly Meeting:** No report given.
- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** No report given.
- **Interfaith Nevada County:** No report given.
- **Sharings from the wider Quaker world:**

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- Coming here and being in this meeting with everyone here is a balm for my soul. This whole process is a balm for my soul. We are a small group but the way we hold making decisions and creating beloved community is so worthwhile.
- You can come to meeting when you are experiencing hardship and don't feel whole. You can come here and be held.
- The beloved community feels alive and well in Grass Valley Friends Meeting and this was a sabbath day of rest.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

MINUTE (Seasoning until 10th Month): Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the proposed budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **College Park Quarterly Meeting:** Fall Meeting is scheduled for the weekend of October 17-19, 2025, 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 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 Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, CA 95945** or through Tithely on the website.

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.

ADVISES AND QUERIES: NINTH MONTH ~ Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Come to Meeting with hearts and minds prepared to be open and faithful to the leadings of the Spirit. Then the conduct of business will lead to truth, unity, and love.

When a matter is before the Meeting for Business, each person present contributes to the corporate search for a decision that accords with the will of God. Inaction is a form of action. Silent worship in the Meeting for Business contributes to the process of achieving unity.

Listen attentively to others' words and use the silence between messages to reflect carefully on what you might contribute. When you are clear, speak simply what is in your heart, without repeating what has already been offered. In making your insights clear, lay aside personal opinions and attend to what God requires.

- Do I attend Meeting for Business regularly?
- Do I speak in Meeting for Business only when I am led to speak?
- *Is the Meeting for Business held as a Meeting for Worship in which we seek divine guidance for our actions?*
- *Are we tender and considerate of different views, coming to a decision only when we have found unity?*
- *Do we give prayerful support for our clerks that they may be sensitive to the movement of the Spirit among us?*

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Lois 'Lo' Hamm

We are saddened to share that Lo Hamm passed away on Tuesday, August 12, at her home. Lo was a regular attender at Grass Valley Friends Meeting and a valued part of our community.

The memorial for Lo will take place on Saturday, October 4th from 10 am to noon PST. The memorial will be hybrid on zoom and in person at the home of Doug Hamm and Dorothy Henderson, 13074 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959. *If you want the zoom link, please send a message to grassvalleyfriends@gmail.com*



Please hold Doug and Dorothy, Doug's brother Bruce, and the Hamm family in the Light.

GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING SEASON FOR NON-VIOLENCE

The *Programs Committee*, which also meets under the care of Spirit and Witness, has been developing after-Meeting programs for the Fall. We are naming this season the GVFM Season for Nonviolence, with all programs reflecting and supporting this central theme. Below is our current lineup (titles and descriptions may be revised as needed):

Grass Valley Friends Meeting

**A Season for Nonviolence:
Fall 2025**



**Join Us for a Series on
Nonviolence**

Explore the power of **nonviolence**
through programs and discussions.

Program Schedule & Highlights

- August 24: Worship sharing on nonviolence.
- September 28: Nonviolence: Personal commitments to nonviolence
- October 5: A Quaker Call to Action
- October 26: Toward Right Relations, film and discussion
- November 23: A Force More Powerful, film and discussion
- December 21: Stop, Drop, and Roll, a practice for living nonviolently

13075 Woolman Lane Nevada City

- September 28 – *Dorothy Henderson and Gordon Starr*: Nonviolence as a way of life See page 8-9 for preparatory materials.
- October 5 – *Dianne Marshall*: Daniel Hunter: A Quaker Call to Action (recording and discussion) See page 9-10 for preparatory materials.
- October 26 – *Reed Hamilton*: *Toward Right Relations* Quaker Peace Teams (film and discussion)
- November 23 – *Doug Hamm*: A Force More Powerful (film and discussion)
- December 20 – *Amy Cooke*: Stop, Drop, and Roll: A Practice for Living Nonviolently



Nonviolence in our Daily Lives Gordon Starr and Dorothy Henderson

In this program, the second in the Grass Valley Friends Meeting Season of Nonviolence, we will explore the ways in which we can begin to embrace nonviolence in our daily lives. Quakers have a long history of nonviolent activism with peace and justice issues. The current state of our country and world has led many to begin training in nonviolent action. In this program, we will take one step back and ask ourselves to explore and if possible, make a commitment in our daily lives to nonviolence of hands, hearts, and speech. Using the handout, Nonviolence as a Way of Life, we will explore how to help each other “refuse to insult our opponents,” “to speak our truth with clarity,” “to acknowledge our own complicity and personal responsibility for the conditions of the world.” Sharing our stories, our experience, our prayers, and our vision of a nonviolent future, we will take small steps together toward building beloved community.

Nonviolence as a Way of Life

I commit to nonviolence as a way of life. To that end I will try at all times to:

-  Maintain awareness that nonviolence is the foundation of the beloved community.
-  Refrain from violence of hand, heart, or speech.
-  Refuse to insult my opponent.
-  Be open and respectful of one another, friend, or opponent, observing simple courtesy in conversation.
-  Listen with my heart fully present and alert, seeking to understand.

Share my truth with clarity.

Remain humble and acknowledge my own complicity in and personal responsibility for the conditions of this world.

Offer my actions as substance for my words, and my life in service to my brothers and sisters and all my relations.

To assist in keeping these commitments I will study the lives, words, and deeds of women and men of nonviolence.

"Defending Our Democracy: Where Are We and What's Next?"

A presentation by Daniel Hunter (courtesy of Quaker Call to Action <https://quakercall.net/>)

Daniel Hunter makes use of careful research to describe where we are in this country with Donald Trump's use of the “authoritarian's playbook.” He also outlines who is on “Team Democracy” and the nonviolent process of stopping an authoritarian coup

These are the six key elements of the authoritarian's playbook that Daniel addressed:

1. Direct investigations against critics
2. Give license to lawbreaking
3. Regulatory retaliation

Do try to make time to look at [Daniel's presentation](#) before we gather on October 5th. It is about 90 minutes long. We will share his presentation and our thoughts,

4. Deploy military domestically
5. Federal law enforcement overreach
6. The autocrat won't leave

responses and calls to action. Time: After the Rise of Meeting ~ Location: Grass Valley Friends Meeting, Woolman Lane

How have you seen Donald Trump and the current administration fit the pattern described in this playbook?

Here are some of “Team Democracy’s” players:

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| 1. State and local governments | 4. Opposition political parties and grass roots organizations |
| 2. Federal civil servants | 5. Civil society—that’s all of us! |
| 3. The judiciary system at all levels | |

What other players do you see now on Team Democracy? Are you called to be a player? If so, how?

Daniel outlines Team Democracy’s Goals Regarding a Coup:

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| 1. Slow it down. | 3. Reverse the process—restore democratic institutions and practices.. |
| 2. Stop it entirely. | |

Daniel sees us at step one.

- What do you see as the current impact of resistance and any “slowing down” of the coup?
- How do you believe local Quakers (and your meeting) might support these three steps?

Daniel’s presentation had an uplifting effect on those who watched it on June 1.

- **What is your overall reaction to his presentation?**
- **How do you maintain hope during these challenging times?**
- **What do you imagine as your next step to support the work of Team Democracy as an individual and as a community?**

Here is the [link](#) to Daniel’s recorded talk. [Here](#) you will find his full slide deck. Please forgive the background interruptions that were recorded on the Zoom call. We couldn’t edit them out.



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- Or mail your donation to **Mary Starr Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, CA 95945.**
Thank you.

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.

COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING

The Fall meeting of College Park Quarterly Meeting will take place at [Ben Lomond Quaker Center](#) the weekend of October 17-19, 2025. [Register here](#)

Theme for Fall quarterly meeting: What are Friends led to do in these times?

We don't know what is coming, so Friends and others who share their feelings must be prepared to live in an increasingly repressive country, or equally prepared to aid the nation in recovery from its time of repression. In this session, we will examine how we might prepare for either kind of world by contemplation of keywords recalling our testimonies.

Theme keywords for contemplation, either singly or in combination: How are these words embodied in our Quarterly Meeting?

News from [Quaker Center](#)



We're in our late summer transition - a busy but reflective time when, following Family Work Camp at the beginning of August, we turn towards our fall programs and activities. This year, we're happy to share that Quaker Center has six programs to offer leading up to the year-end retreat.

Two of these programs are new additions that weren't on our original 2025 calendar, so make sure to take a look at upcoming programs led by Eileen Flanagan and Cherice Bock.

Family Work Camp this year was amazing - take a look at some photos below.

We're working on getting the 2026 program calendar out soon, but until then, here's a peek: registration is open for an in-person January clerking workshop with Barbara Babin.

Gratefully, the Quaker Center team

PROGRAMS

*Organizing for Climate Resilience
online: Tuesdays in October:
(Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28)
from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

*Resisting Authoritarianism
with love and power
in person: October 24-26

*Music and Dance weekend!
in person: December 5-7

*Year End Retreat:
Bringing Our Bodies to QC,
and the Bible
an in-person program
December 28, 2025 - January 1, 2026

Clerking Today
in person: January 23-25, 2026



FGC GOVERNANCE REFORM

Friends General Conference is moving into a new chapter of governance.

After careful discernment, research, and prayerful listening, FGC is considering a transition from the long-standing Central Committee to a new structure: a Governing Board, a Representatives Council, and a renewed committee system. This change will allow FGC to make decisions with integrity, communicate more clearly across the community, and center Friends of Color, LGBTQ+ Friends, and younger Friends in leadership.

The Governing Board will provide oversight, fiduciary care, and spiritual grounding for FGC's work. The Representatives Council will strengthen communication between Yearly Meetings, Monthly Meetings, committees, and Friends engaged with FGC programs. Both bodies are essential to building a vibrant and inclusive future. Friends who feel led to serve on either the [Governing Board](#) or the [Representatives Council](#) are warmly invited to put their names forward.

To help shape this transition, two public listening sessions will be held on [September 7](#) and [September 11](#). These sessions will provide space to ask questions, share concerns, and lift up hopes for FGC's future. All Friends are encouraged to participate.

[Learn more about FGC's Governance Restructure](#)



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





The Peace Kids is a [Tel Aviv street art mural](#) depicting [Srulik](#), a symbol of Israel, in embrace with [Handala](#), a symbol of Palestine. It was created by Israeli artist [John Kiss](#) in dual locations: [Bethlehem](#), Palestine (together with Palestinian artist Moodi Abdallah) and [Tel Aviv](#), Israel.

INTERNATIONAL DAY (S) OF VIGILS



Quakers for Peace in Palestine and Israel is encouraging Friends Meetings to host a vigil with concern for Gaza between September 21 (International Day of Peace) and October 2 (International Day of Non-Violence). These vigils are intended to remember children who have been killed in Palestine and Israel, and they can incorporate elements such as a simple meal, name reading, letter-writing, fundraising, and/or educational activities.

You can learn more about the suggested elements for these vigils and access planning resources in QPPI's Action Packet. If you host an event and have photos to share, please send them to friends@afsc.org.

In Peace, AFSC Quaker Engagement

American Friends Service Committee

1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia , PA 19102`United States



Prayer Beginning with a Line by Czaczkowski, by Pablo Piñero Stillmann

Throw me into a cloud o lord
with those awkward hands of yours
that mean aught yet are—of it—all
o lord. Make the rain fall harder o lord wetter
as a reminder of our unreliability &
I'm even begging you o lord to laugh
as you watch me slip & fall & slip & once
again fall & laugh again as you watch me gather
what's left of my belongings o lord.
All clouds are at arm's length o lord I guess
that's what you'd been trying to tell me
o lord but o lord you're so coy.
In this new cloud o lord my home
o lord make it seem as if all will be well o lord.
Lie to me o lord. I promise o lord I'll still see
but even if it's only for a moment
o lord let me gorge on this honey
before realizing just how deep I've been stung.



GVFM CONTACT INFORMATION: 2025- 2026 Committees and Officers

All committee members serve one-year terms with the exception of Spirit and Witness (3-year term) and Nominating (2-year term). Names in bold are current committee clerks and conveners for the new term.

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).

Welcome: **Pete O'Rourke** (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cindy Bliss, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk).

Spirit and Witness: **Amy Cooke**, 2024-2027, Stuart Smith, 2025-2026, Reed Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Doug Hamm, 2025-2026, Dorothy Henderson, 2026 (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, elder to the clerk).

Religious Education: **Judy Hamilton**, Doug Hamm, Dean Olson, Reed Hamilton, Don McCormick, Keely McDonald, Substitutes: Gordon Bishop, Gordon Starr, Alan Stahler. Fifth Sunday reader: Anita McCormick

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