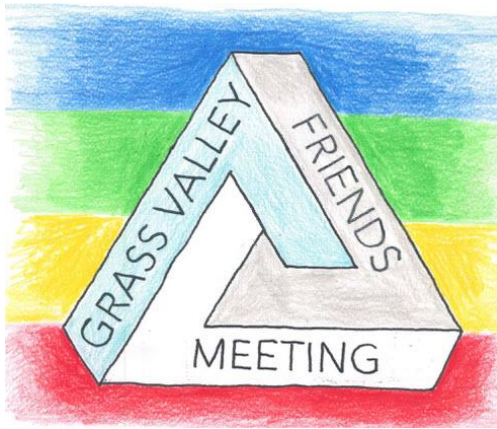


**GRASS VALLEY
FRIENDS MEETING**

*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, TENTH 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.*

HAPPENING NOW

- 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 worship sharing)

HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, November 2, 2025: Meeting for Worship at Peace Lutheran Church, singing at 9:00a.m., Meeting for Worship at 10:00a.m., Details may be found on page 7.
- 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, Saturday, October 11, 2025

We met in a called Meeting for Worship for Business on Zoom.

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Jennifer Smith, recording clerk; Gordon Starr, elder to the clerk; Mary Starr, Reed Hamilton, fosten wilson, Kathy McCreery, Doug Hamm,

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query

- We are here to approve the budget for the year, and will hold all other business until next month.

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). **No report was given.**

Stewardship: Mary Starr (Clerk and), 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). **No report was given.**

MINUTE 2025.10.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

- There was a trial set up of the Zoom equipment at the Peace Lutheran Church. There were some

technical difficulties, but it is working again. Mary and Gordon will go again to make sure it is ready.

Welcome: Peter O'Rourke (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Pat Phillips, Cindy Bliss, Lo Hamm, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk). **No report was given.**

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, Lo Hamm. Substitutes: Gordon Bishop, Gordon Starr, Alan Stahler. Fifth Sunday reader: Anita McCormick ~ **No report was given.**

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Treasurer: No report given.

Co-Archivists/Recorders: No report given.

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: No report was given.

CLERK'S REMARKS:

- The new exhibit is open at the 'Ube Seo Nisenan Arts and Culture gallery. We moved our meeting for worship for business so meeting members can go support our friends.
- The new exhibit is called **Pamblo - Remembering a Forgotten Leader: A Changed Land, A Changing Culture**. The exhibition honors a little-known Nisenan leader and his descendants, while tracing the enduring impacts of the gold rush on Nisenan people and their Ancestral Homelands.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

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 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:

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| 1. Spirit and Witness Committee report | 5. Children's Committee report |
| 2. Stewardship Committee report | 6. Treasurer's Report |
| a. Proposed Budget for 2025 - 2026 fiscal year. | 7. Pacific Yearly Meeting report |
| 3. Welcome Committee report | 8. Interfaith Nevada County report |
| 4. Nominating Committee report | |

ADVICES AND QUERIES TENTH MONTH: PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

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

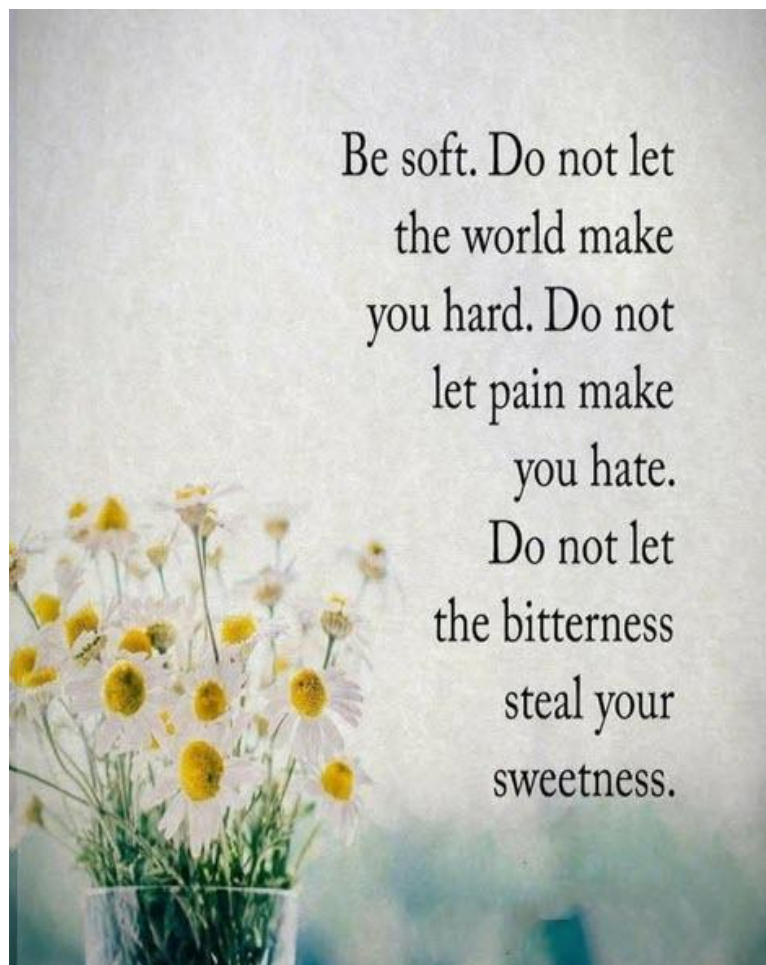
Human sexuality is a divine gift, forming part of the complex union of body, mind and spirit that is our humanity. In a loving adult relationship in a context of mutual responsibility, sexuality brings delight, fulfillment and celebration.

The presence of children carries a special blessing as well as responsibility. Children bring unique spiritual gifts — wonder, resiliency, playfulness and more. Recognize and honor the Divine Light within children and treat them with the dignity and respect that is due to all people. Listen to and learn from children; share with them those values and practices that are central to our own lives. Special care must be given to resolving problems

between adults and children in a manner that gives equal weight to the feelings and needs of both children and adults. Tender parenting is one of the critically important peace vocations in our society. Make every effort to offer all parents the personal and institutional support that this challenging work requires.

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

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



Taking Steps Towards a New Place for Worship

Dear Friends,

Grass Valley Friends Meeting will be holding a trial Meeting for Worship on November 2nd at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley. Our regular service will take place, beginning with singing at 9am and worship at 10am. For this experiment we will not have a space for a young people's program but they are welcome to remain in Meeting if they choose.

This trial meeting will be hybrid and will use the same zoom link.

In case some in our community do not get this message and arrive at the Meeting House, we will have a few members hold worship there at the regular time.



Directions to Peace Lutheran Church:

Peace Lutheran Church is at [838 W. Main Street](#) in Grass Valley. When you turn into the driveway from W. Main, there is an immediate right turn and then a left turn. Drive through the main parking lot up into a narrower handicapped parking area. This is where the entrance to our Meeting Room is. There will be a sign on the door. For regular parking, continue up the hill to the upper parking lot. Someone should be out in the handicap parking area to direct you until 10:10.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns about this plan. Thank you all for your care and participation.

With love, Dorothy Henderson, Clerk of the Meeting

In the quietness of this place, surrounded by the all-pervading Presence of God [the Holy], my heart whispers: Keep fresh before me the moments of my High Resolve, that in fair weather or in foul, in good times or in tempests . . ., I may not forget that to which my life is committed.

Keep fresh before me the moments of my high resolve.

from *For The Inward Journey* by Howard Thurman ~ You can find more of the original quote [HERE](#).

Approved Budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year:

General Fund: Actual vs. Budget					
10/1/2024 through 8/30/2025 Using 2024-2025 Budget					
Category	10/1/2024 - 8/30/2025 Actual	24 - '25 Budget	25-'26 Proposed Budget	Change	
INCOME	17,141	15,530	16,227	697	
400 - Contributions	17,141	15,530	16,227	697	
EXPENSES	12,976	15,530	16,227	697	
600 - Meeting Expense	12,475	13,290	13,682	392	
603 - Rent	6,325	6,900	6,900	0	
605 - Meeting's Memberships	4,060	3,420	4,062	642	
606 - PYM Dues	4,002	3,360	4,002	642	
607 - CPQM Dues	58	60	60	0	
610 - Technology	1,353	1,370	1,420	50	
611 - Internet & Meeting Webpage	559	660	660	0	
612 - Zoom Fee	160	170	170	0	
613 - Tithe.ly Fees	252	150	200	50	
614 - Technology - Other	382	390	390	0	
620 - Liability Insurance	691	900	700	-200	
621 - Misc. Unbudgeted Expense	0	200	200	0	
622 - Meetinghouse Maintenance	21	300	200	-100	
624 - Officers' Expense	25	50	50	0	
626 - Teen Helper - Childcare	0	100	100	0	
627 - Reps Travel Expenses	0	50	50	0	
640 - Committee Expenses	501	1,215	1,295	80	
645 - Stewardship Comm	451	825	875	50	
646 - Newsletter Expense	345	350	400	50	
647 - Library	37	275	275	0	
648 - Stewardship Comm - Other	70	200	200	0	
650 - Spirit and Witness Comm	49	20	50	30	
651 - Welcome Comm	0	250	250	0	
652 - Nominating Comm	0	20	20	0	
653 - Religious Ed - Children Program	0	100	100	0	
670 - Donation Expense (as current donations allow)	0	1,025	1,250	225	
671 - Nisenan - Nev. City Rancheria	0	125	150	25	
672 - FCNL	0	125	150	25	
673 - FCL - CA	0	125	150	25	
674 - Friends House	0	50	75	25	
675 - Quaker Center	0	125	150	25	
676 - Hospitality House	0	175	200	25	
677 - AFSC	0	125	150	25	
678 - Nonviolent Peaceforce	0	50	75	25	
679 - Laura Wilcox Memorial at FCNL	0	125	150	25	
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ANNUAL APPEAL, 2025

Dear Friends,

Throughout 2025, Grass Valley Friends Meeting (GVFM) has deepened in spiritual strength valued in these changing times. Though we are a small meeting, we hold decision-making and the creation of a beloved community important and worthwhile. You can come to meeting when you are experiencing hardship and don't feel whole. You can come here and be held. Our beloved community feels alive and well, providing a rest for the sabbath.

You are a part of this community. You are always welcomed. You are a part of our efforts to keep you up to date when circumstances may keep you from attending Meeting for Worship. It is especially important now that our Meeting's spiritual strength is available to all who need support.

The sale of what had been Sierra Friends Center to California Heritage Indigenous Research Project (CHIRP) after 60 years of Quaker stewardship, presented existential questions for our Meeting. Would we be able to stay or would we go? We greeted these changes with discernment and sensitivity, appreciating the historic significance of the return of the land to its original inhabitants. John Woolamn School became Yulica, a Nisenan village. Our Meeting has been able to remain in the Woolman Lane Meeting House. We are glad for the acceptance extended to us by the Nisenan.

Financial contributions to our Meeting throughout fiscal 2024 -2025, have made it possible for Meeting to increase donations to the following organizations:

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| • Utah's Place/Hospitality House | • Friends Committee of National Legislation | • Friends Committee on California Legislation | • Friends House |
| • The American Friends Service Committee | • Nonviolent Peace Force | • Laura Wilcox Memorial Fund at FCNL | • Ben Lomond Quaker Center |

There is also increased funding available for scholarships to Pacific Yearly and College Park Quarterly meetings and Friends General Conference. This increased capacity serves to strengthen GVFM's presence in our local communities and within the wider Quaker society.

For many years, the idea of moving our meeting to town has been, from time to time, a topic of consideration. It would make us more visible and easier to find. With the sale of the land, our ability to hold weddings, memorials and more public presentations has come into question, and so we have begun a search for possible sites in town that would serve our needs and, importantly, be affordable. 2025 has been a year that has made it possible for us to consider where we hold Meeting for Worship and our other activities and, if we had a different location, would that make it easier for you to join us.

Peace Lutheran Church has extended an offer for us to consider renting some of their classrooms and Meeting has agreed to explore this. We will be holding a trial Meeting for Worship there on Sunday November 2. Further details have been emailed to all. You are invited to be a part of this experiment. We hope this move, if adopted, wil contribute to your ability to join us for Meeting for Worship and have your young people participate in First

Day School, a program that is well thought out and staffed by qualified and caring members of Meeting. Stay tuned!

As 2025 comes to an end, there is promise of interesting opportunities and, of course, challenges in 2026. Please consider making a tax-deductible, end-of-year financial gift or a suggested monthly donation of \$60/month. You are welcome to set up an account with Tithely < https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithe.ly/give-one-time/638206> if it makes it easier to sustain a monthly contribution. This allows you to set up a regular withdrawal from your bank account. Look for “bank account” where you are asked for amount.

You will receive this letter via traditional mail. That will include a return envelope if you prefer writing a check. You may mail your contributions to Mary Starr, Treasurer, 500 Butler Street, Grass Valley, CA. or give your contribution to her at Meeting.

We do hope you participate in the Grass Valley Friends Meeting in the months ahead. You are a part of this beloved community. Join us in-person or via zoom. May fellowship and worshipful silence guide you in deciding your support for the Grass Valley Friends Meeting this year. ***You are a part of our Meeting’s inner Light and strength.***



Clerk, Stewardship Committee

“We are living in the greatest revolution in history – a huge spontaneous upheaval of the entire human race: not the revolution planned and carried out by any particular party, race, or nation, but a deep elemental boiling over of all the inner contradictions that have ever been . . . , a revelation of the chaotic forces inside everybody. This is not something we have chosen; nor is it something we are free to avoid.”

- Thomas Merton (adapted very slightly to offer inclusive language) You can find more of this quote at the beginning of [this presentation](#).



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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.**

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.

Fourth Stage of Life by Shera Banbury

Hi Friend,

We are rounding up any and all Nevada County friends who are 70 years young and over to find new ways to listen, support, inspire, and include each other.

This Fourth Stage of Life is a gift of opening to new opportunities and sharing our wisdom. Our circle is nondenominational, apolitical, and open. It is a conversational group that complements and supports our local Nevada County Senior Center.

If you are already attending, please invite others to come with you. If you are new and want more information please look at our website: <https://sierracenter.org> or call Chana at the office (530) 274-1018.

BEN LOMOND QUAKER CENTER

Mark Runyan | he/him | Communications and Outreach Coordinator

*Resisting Authoritarianism
with love and power*



An in-person program
with Eileen Flanagan
October 24-26, 2025

Quaker Center is hosting renowned author and activist Eileen Flanagan this month for a program titled "Resisting Authoritarianism with Love and Power." Eileen will be exploring how strategic and spiritual wisdom can help us rise to the challenge of the current political and ecological crisis. [Click here to register!](#) If you would like to know more about Eileen Flanagan's testimony and her work, [click this link](#) to see a TED Talk she delivered several years ago on people power and the climate crisis.

We are all one – and if we don't know it, we will learn it the hard way.
-Bayard Rustin

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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:

Endurance	Experience	Resilience
Inclusion	Teaching	Visiting
Holding	Touching	Blessing
Growth	Resilience	Guidance

How are these words embodied in our Quarterly Meeting?



Faithful Advocacy During a Crisis

On October 9, 2025, FCNL hosted a webinar, [Faithful Advocacy During a Crisis](#), included timely updates, powerful speakers, and opportunities for action.

The recording of our call is available [here](#). Please share the recording and these actions and resources with your community. If you missed the call, I hope you’ll take the time to watch. Here are a few highlights that I’m still thinking about:

- Representative Jason Crow (CO-06) thanked FCNL advocates for your persistent efforts towards a more peaceful world—and challenged us to keep pushing Congress to assert its authority over matters of war and peace.
- Three faithful advocates left me inspired and energized during this difficult time, reminding us about the power of putting your faith into action.
- FCNL’s director for foreign policy, Heather Brandon-Smith, shared breaking news of the Senate voting to repeal the 2002 and 1991 Authorizations for the Use of Military Force.

Here are the actions and resources we discussed:

1. Bookmark and share FCNL's new [Weekly Witness action page](#), a one-stop-shop to empower you to take meaningful action in the ways that are best for you.
2. Urge your members of Congress to [reopen the government, protect health care, and defend Congress's power of the purse](#).
3. Attend an upcoming training, [Intro to Advocacy](#).
4. Join or start an [Advocacy Team](#) near you!
5. Become a [monthly donor to FCNL](#) and help empower our collective advocacy.

I'm so grateful to you and the entire FCNL community of advocates. This is hard work, especially right now. Regardless of how you make your voice heard, redouble your efforts and invite others to join you—and invite them to join FCNL's efforts, too!



Sincerely,

Bridget Moix

**FCNL Welcomes Gaza Ceasefire
Announcement, Calls for Justice,
Accountability, and Enduring Peace**

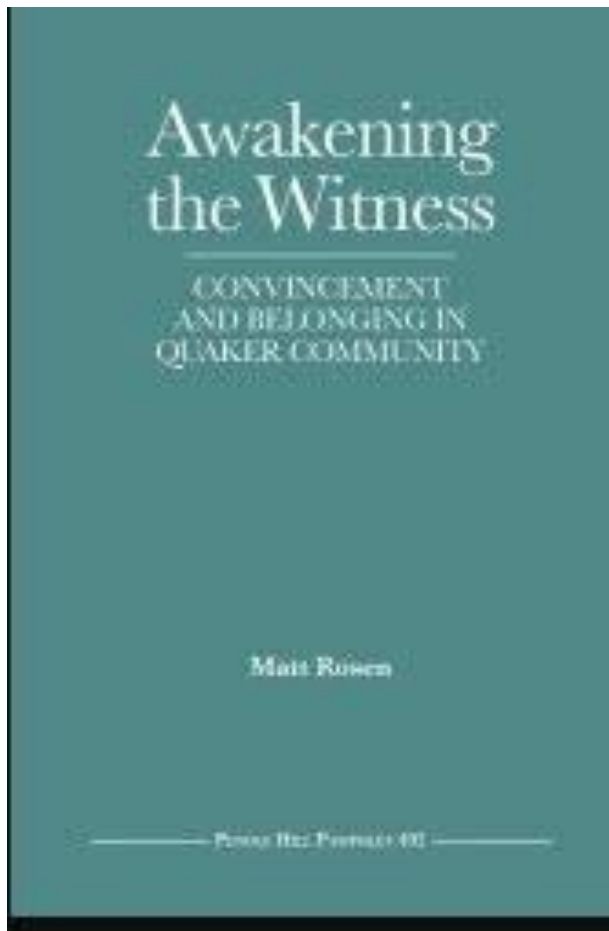


October 9, 2025

- [Middle East & Iran](#)

After two horrific years of bombardment and blockade, we welcome [news](#) of a possible reprieve from the violence and genocide in Gaza and a return of all hostages. Any pause that spares lives is an opportunity to begin the long and difficult work of healing and rebuilding lives.

A lasting peace will require real guarantees, justice and accountability, an end to the occupation, the restoration of robust humanitarian aid, and long-term peacebuilding. Fragile ceasefires have broken down in the past, including, most recently, Israel's [violation](#) of its ceasefire agreement in Lebanon. We urge all parties to the agreement, including the United States government, to turn the world's hopes for peace in Palestine and Israel into reality. [READ MORE.](#)



The GVFM library now has the new Pendle Hill Pamphlet (#492).

Awakening the Witness: Convincement and Belonging in Quaker Community

By Matt Rosen

In many Quaker communities, there are ongoing conversations about what it means to belong. These are often rooted in anxieties about the future of Friends as numbers fall, younger Friends move around, and new forms of Quaker community appear online. In this pamphlet Matt Rosen reminds us that an experience of God's guiding and transforming power, which draws us together – what early Quakers called convincement – is as important as membership. He discusses his experience of convincement, what it meant for early Friends to belong, and how anxieties about the future of Friends can be lessened by recognizing that the living Christ is greater than any institution. Discussion questions included.

In worship we have our neighbors to right and left, before and behind, yet the Eternal Presence is over all and beneath all.

Worship does not consist in achieving a mental state of concentrated isolation from one's fellows. But in depth of common worship it is as if we found our separate lives were all one life, within whom we live and move and have our being.

— *Thomas Raymond Kelly* —

AZ QUOTES

GVFM CONTACT INFORMATION: 2025- 2026 Committees and Officers

All committee members serve one-year terms except for 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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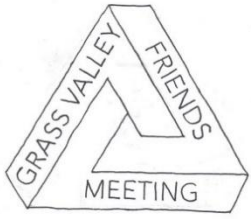
Mail Clerk: Dean Olson(530-270-9366)
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Representatives:

Please note: Most organizations no longer have representatives from GVFM. The following are exceptions:

Interfaith Nevada County: Dianne Marshall
Nisenan/Yulica: Contact Dorothy Henderson

Pacific Yearly Meeting: Doug Hamm
College Park Quarterly Meeting: Doug Hamm



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