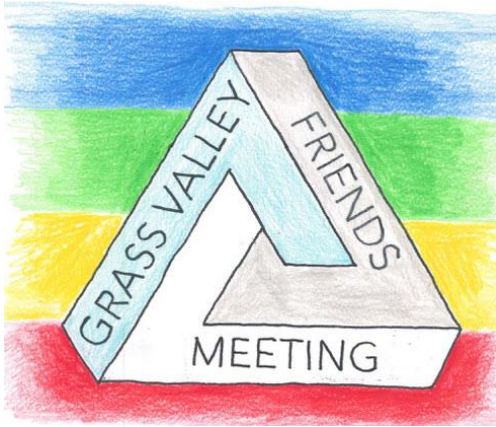




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

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

NOTE CHANGES

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 1421,
Grass Valley, CA 95945

MEETING LOCATION: Peace Lutheran Church
828 W. Main Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

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.

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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

- Quaker Seminary

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 IN MARCH, 2026

- Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business ~ Sunday, March 8, 2026

- Wednesday Meeting for Worship ` See page 8 for details.

HAPPENING LATER

- Sunday, April 12, 2026, 11:30a.m. ~ **Potluck and Meeting for Business on the Occasion of Business**
- College Park Quarterly Meeting: May 15-27, Ben Lomond Quaker Center – Oct. 16-18, Location TBD
- Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session: July 17-22, CA State Univ@ Monterey Bay and via Zoom
- Friends General Conference: July 7-12, 2026, Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, VT

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



NEW LOCATON FOR GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING



Directions to Peace Lutheran Church:

Peace Lutheran Church is at [838 W. Main Street](#) in Grass Valley. When you turn into the driveway off of W. Main, there is an immediate right turn and then a left turn. Drive through the main parking lot up into a narrower handicap 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 until 10:10.

➔ **NOTE:** new mailing address: **P.O. Box 1421, Grass Valley, CA 95945**

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship for on the Occasion of Business March 8, 2026

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

Present: Dorothy Henderson, clerk; Gordon Starr, elder to the clerk, Mary Starr, Reed Hamilton, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreary, Fosten Wilson, Doug Hamm, Amy Cooke, Chamba Cooke, Dean Olsen.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query:

Called to focus on writing book. Stepping down as clerk. Feeling the support of the meeting.

Query: How does this Meeting support you in witnessing your faith?

Friends spoke out of the silence:

- I can be honest here.
- I experience calm and love that I bring into the world.
- I awakened spiritually here.
- I am held as in a fish net with many knots.
- This meeting is healing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Religious Education Committee: Judy Hamilton (Clerk), Doug Hamm, Alan Stahler, Don McCormick, Dean Olsen, Reed Hamilton. Judy Hamilton gave the report, appended. Appreciation expressed for faithfulness of Religious education in GVFM.

Nominating Committee: Fosten Wilson, 2024-2026, Mary Starr, 2025-2027, Chamba Cooke, 2025-2026, Dean Olsen, 2025-2027. Chamba Cooke read the report. Concern expressed re: Dorothy stepping down at end of March and Gordon Starr stepping in as substitute clerk. Discussion of how to go forward with transition. Dorothy requested taking off clerk's hat, not able to clerk this section due to her personal feelings about issue. Amy Cooke stepped in as temporary clerk. A minute is needed to approve transition to new presiding clerk. Also a minute is needed acknowledging Dorothy's service as clerk for past three years. Minute 03.2026.01 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves Gordon Starr as presiding clerk to fulfill the term of Dorothy Henderson from April to June 2026. The remaining weeks in March will allow for any transitions that are needed. Appreciation expressed to Gordon Starr

Minute 03.2026.02 Grass Valley Friends meeting holds the work that Dorothy has done as our Clerk for the last three years with deep gratitude. We have seen her stretch and grow and are thankful for her guidance. Minute approved.

Welcome Committee : Peter O'Rourke (Clerk), Nancy Anderson, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreary. Peter O'Rourke gave the report, appended.

Spirit and Witness Committee: 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 Minute 03.2026.03 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves Arly Helm and Fosten Wilson to serve as members of Nominating Committee for 2026-2028 term. To be seasoned till April Meeting for

Worship for Business.

Minute 03.2026.04 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the 2026 State of the Meeting Report. To be seasoned until April Meeting for Worship for Business.

Stewardship Committee: 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). Mary Starr gave the report, appended.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Treasurer: no report given
- Co-Archivists/Recorders: No report given
- Pacific Yearly Meeting: Mid-year sessions report, Doug Hamm gave the report
- College Park Quarterly Meeting: Spring Quarterly Meeting will be April 24-26.
- Interfaith Nevada County: No report given.
- Sharings from the wider Quaker world:

CLERK'S REMARKS

Today's meeting demonstrated the unity that can be achieved when difficult discernment is held by the whole meeting and time is taken to wait, to listen and to trust that the truth will be found amongst us. We are grateful for this process and our commitment to it.

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

Minute 03.03.2026 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves Arly Helm and fosten wilson to serve as members of Nominating Committee for 2026-2028 term.

Minute 04.03.2026 Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves the 2026 State of the Meeting Report..

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES

The record and the minutes of March Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business will be read at April Meeting for Worship for Business.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall by Tuesday at 10 am. Please use ½" margins and do not format reports in blue.
Meeting closed with worship.

APPENDICES:

- Religious Education Committee
- Nominating Committee Report
- Welcome Committee
- Spirit & Witness Report
- Stewardship Report

Next Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business: April 12th – 11:30a.m.

ADVICES and QUERIES, THIRD MONTH ~ Meeting for Worship

The heart of the Religious Society of Friends is the Meeting for Worship. In direct communion with God, we offer ourselves for God's will. Our daily lives are linked with the Meeting for Worship, the Meeting for Worship with our daily lives.

Come regularly to Meeting for Worship, even when you are angry, tired, or spiritually cold. Bring your joys and your hurts, and the needs of other people. Accept and support each other in the community where God dwells among us. As you do so, you may find the grace of prayer.

At times the Spirit may prompt you to speak in Meeting. Wait patiently to know that the sense and the time are right. When you are sure, have confidence that the words will be given to you. Listen to the ministry of others with an open spirit. If it is not God's word for you, it may be for others. After a message has been given, allow time to ponder its meaning and to let the Meeting return to silent worship. In speech and in silence, each person contributes to the Meeting.

- *Do I come to Meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship?*
- *In both silent and vocal ministry, do I respond to the leadings of the Holy Spirit, without pre-arrangement and in simplicity and truth?*
- *Am I careful not to speak at undue length or beyond personal spiritual experience?*
- *Do we meet in expectant waiting for the promptings of the Divine Spirit?*
- *Are we drawn together in a living silence by the power of God in our midst?*

Leaving in Love, Arriving in Wholeness: Grass Valley Friends Meeting's Journey of Discernment by Amy Cooke

Grass Valley Friends Meeting has come through a significant transition: leaving the land that many of us long knew as the birthplace and home of GVFM, and, for over fifty years, Sierra Friends Center and Woolman, now known as Yulića. After the challenges and grace of the preceding years, we came to unity that it was time to move our Meeting into town. This change did not arise from urgency or conflict, but from years of careful listening, patient discernment, and a shared commitment to walk tenderly with one another, with the land, and with our neighbors.

After the land transfer to the Nisenan, Grass Valley Friends Meeting continued our lease of the meetinghouse. We were received with warmth and generosity. One of our members, Dean Olson, continued his rental of the Ranch House annex, where he had lived for several years. We had a sense of being honored as guests at Yulića and have continued to be welcomed there with respect and care. We hold clearly that the land is theirs, historically and now officially. We carry deep gratitude that the return of the land unfolded in love, and we want to be clear with our community that the Nisenan were steadfast in their welcome of us. That truth speaks to the largeness of their hearts and the integrity of the relationship that has grown between us.

At the same time, our Meeting had been holding, for decades, an ongoing conversation about the possibility of moving into town, where we might be more visible and accessible within the Grass Valley community. This conversation continued quietly alongside our work with the Nisenan homeland return.

One of our committees was moved to make an inquiry about possible available space at Peace Lutheran Church in Grass Valley during a conversation with their pastor. That inquiry led, step by step, into a discernment that felt unexpectedly clear and unburdened. The way opened smoothly. The Nisenan supported our decision. We found ourselves acknowledging not only the practicality of the move, but also its deeper meaning: a sense of beginning anew, a rebirth of the Meeting.

Leaving the Yulića site carries poignancy. There is history there, many memories, and love for the land and the meetinghouse, where so much has taken place. Yet there is also a shared recognition that our Meeting lives in the community we form, in our shared connections, and in the hands of God. In releasing something precious, we discover new opportunities opening before us. We wonder whether this new location might offer a fresh welcome, perhaps even making room for former members and attenders to return, and for newcomers to find us more easily.

As a Meeting, we sense that the deep, sometimes challenging work we did together around the return of the Nisenan homeland strengthened us. Practicing deep listening to all sides of that transition brought us into greater unity and trust. That grounding carries forward into this decision as well.

We are also deeply grateful to the ad hoc group whose careful planning made the practical work of packing, moving, and setting up feel held and easeful. Their quiet faithfulness allowed the rest of us to arrive in the new space without strain.

Today, Grass Valley Friends Meeting feels strong, alive, and vital. We hold the Nisenan and the land of Yulića in love, with abiding gratitude for the relationship we share and for the grace with which this transition unfolded. We step into our new home aware that we are shaped by what we have left behind, and hopeful about what may yet be born among us.

QUAKER SEMINARY: Giving Ministry in Meeting for Worship

Dear Friends,

For our next Quaker Seminary session we will explore the practice of giving ministry in Meeting for Worship—vocal ministry, silent ministry, and the ways Friends hold one another spiritually within the gathered meeting. Our session will explore questions such as:

- How does ministry arise in the silence of worship?
- How do we discern whether a message should be spoken?
- What role does the meeting community play in shaping and holding ministry?

There are some **short** readings attached to help us prepare for our time together.

These readings offer different windows into the Quaker understanding that ministry is not something we generate, but something we receive and offer faithfully for the meeting.

As you read, you might hold these questions:

- What helps a message arise from the Spirit rather than from our own thinking?
- What role does silence play in preparing ministry?
- How does the gathered meeting support or shape the ministry that emerges?

I look forward to exploring this practice together.

In Friendship, **Amy Cooke**

Advance Readings for Quaker Seminary session #3: Giving Ministry Howard H. Brinton — Ministry in the Meeting for Worship Source Friends for 300 Years Pendle Hill / Friends United Press editions Pages: Approximately pp. 73–76 (chapter on Meeting for Worship).

The Daily Quaker Message provided by Wendy Loomas

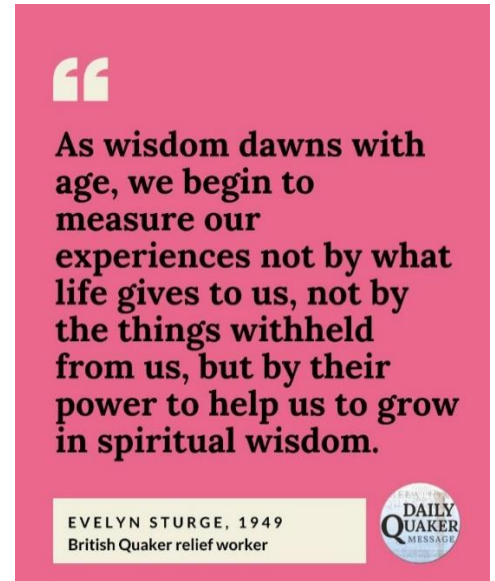
Greetings, Friends, from Vallejo

I am a very occasional attender of your Meeting when I'm visiting the area. I have no home Meeting, so try to stay connected with you via this newsletter and my visits.

I also stay connected to Friends through the Daily Quaker Message and wanted to tell you about it for those who don't know. It's an email in my inbox every morning - a quote to ponder, sit with, hold in the Light. Some I quickly delete; some I revisit over and over. There is a theme each month, March is Quaker Aging.

Visit www.dailyquaker.com to learn more. Subscribing is free, but of course they don't turn away donations! I hope some of you find this a nice way to start your day.

In Peace, Wendy Loomas (perhaps the only Quaker in Vallejo!)



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.

GREETERS NEEDED

Greeters to Friends Meeting create the first impression for everyone attended Grass Valley Friends Meeting. We'd love to have your help welcoming newcomers, returnees and our long-standing active Friends. Here is what Greeters do Sunday morning:

- Please plan to arrive before 9:45. Put up the signs directing folks to the correct door.
- There are two sandwich board type signs located in the hallway closet labeled supplies.
 - The one labeled parking goes across from the Meeting room exit door and points up the hill.
 - The one labeled GVFM Meeting goes on the sidewalk pointing to the entry door.
- In addition, there is a metal sign with GVFM information on it that is located behind the door in the Library. This goes against the building to the left of the entry door.
- All the materials (card table, box of greeting materials, name tags,) for greeting are located just to the left as you enter the Library (near the door and on the bookshelves in a box labeled Greeter Materials).
 - Set up the card table near the shelves in the hallway.
 - From the box labeled Greeter Materials, place items such as name tag box, contribution box, name tag making items and a few pamphlets on Worship and Meeting.
- For those coming for the first time, encourage them to make a name tag and offer them Pendle Hill Pamphlet #39. There are instructions on best greeting practices on a blue sheet of paper in the Greeter Material box.
- At 10:00, close the door to the main part of Peace Lutheran. The greeter remains outside the Meeting room until 10:10.
- After the greeter enters the Meeting room, the children rise to attend the children's program.
- After Meeting please put all the items away in the library. If there is anything in the contribution box, give to treasurer.

If you are interested in serving as a greeter, please contact members of the Welcome Committee. See page 15 for their names. Thank you!

REMINDER: MIDWEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP

Dear friends,

You are invited to a weekly Meeting for Worship on Wednesday mornings from 7:30 to 9 am at Rocky Knoll, the home of Doug Hamm and Dorothy Henderson. The meeting will include 45 minutes of worship and 45 minutes of sharing. This is an experiment after Dorothy received a leading several months ago and engaged in discernment with GVFM's Spirit and Witness Committee. There is no obligation to attend or to notify when not attending. We will gather at 7:30A.M. and the door will be open (metaphorically) for all to enter. Our address is: 13074 Woolman Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959. We are the last home on the left on Woolman Lane, located just west of Yulića, the home of the Nisenan. In friendship, Dorothy and Doug

I have a religion;
It's called Love.
I have a church;
It's called Earth.
I have a scripture;
It's called Heart.
I have a prayer;
It's called Compassion.

—Sofa Archon

QUAKER CENTER at BEN LOMOND

[Rising to the Call](#) with Keith Runyan

- An in-person program | March 20-22, 2026
- Inspired by Daniel Berrigan, Bayard Rustin, and Joanna Macy, we will ask:

'In the tumult of our times, who was I born to be?'



[Spring Quarterly](#)

Friday, April 24th to Sunday, April 26th, 2026

CPQM is a quarterly regional gathering of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in northern California and northern Nevada. It is a cherished and joyous gathering for all ages - children, young people and elders. All are welcome to attend Quarterly Meeting: Friends Meeting members and attenders, visiting Quakers, and those new to Friends.

[Organizing for Climate Resilience](#)

with Cherice Bock

Online | Tuesdays in May (May 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2026) |
6:30pm-8pm



Mark Runyan | he/him | Communications and Outreach Coordinator, **Ben Lomond Quaker Center**
| www.quakercenter.org |

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LETTER CONTENT:

Following United States attack against Iran, de-escalation and diplomacy must be prioritized.

Congress has the sole power to authorize the use of military forces under Article I of the Constitution, not the President - any President. Congress must reassert its war powers by any means necessary as this war is quickly spreading across the region - with civilians, U.S. servicemembers, and our environment paying the price.

Congress has not authorized this war of choice, despite our tax dollars paying for it. With the Pentagon confirming the war costs at least \$1 billion per day and the Trump administration may request additional funding, legislators need to hear from constituents that War is Not the Answer and we will not pay for it.

The American people do not want another endless war in the Middle East. Diplomacy is still possible and necessary. **Urge your members of Congress to speak out forcefully against the war and reject more funding for this illegal war with Iran!**

If you call for war ~Azam Ali

If you call for war and sacrifice from a safe distance, you inherit a moral duty to mourn its victims.

If you so casually call these deaths inevitable, then at least have the moral courage to face this mother who must hold the lifeless body of the child you call "the price of freedom."

And if their lives are worth less to you because the bomb that killed them came from a foreign army, then what you are defending is not freedom, but the abandonment of our common humanity.

Tell Congress:

➔ **No**

➔ **War with Iran**

Use this link to access the FCNL form to use to submit your letter

<https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/131607/>

Once submitted, the title and name of the legislator will be automatically filled in.

**26440 actions taken
3560 needed to reach next goal**

Please edit your letter before sending! Click the pencil icon at the top of the pre-written letter. Personalized letters break through while unedited form letters are batched together.



ALSO, FROM FCNL: Honoring Tribal Sovereignty

Join Us for These Webinars – and Invite Your Friends

Advocating for Native Peoples on Capitol Hill, by Rachel Overstreet (Choctaw)



From her Washington, DC office as the Legislative Representative for Native American Advocacy at Friends Committee for National Legislation (FCNL), Rachel advocates for national policies that honor tribal sovereignty, help Native communities succeed, and repair relationships between faith communities, the government, and Native peoples. Currently, her main goal is to pass legislation to create a [Truth and Healing Commission on the Indian Boarding Schools](#).

Read her article, [Speaking with Friends About Indian Boarding Schools](#), in the January 2026 issue of Friends Journal.

Join us for Rachel's talk and come with your questions for her, such as: *Which bills are you currently advocating for or against? How do tribal nations and organizations influence your priorities? What is your approach to legislators of both parties? How can citizens engage with law makers most effectively?*

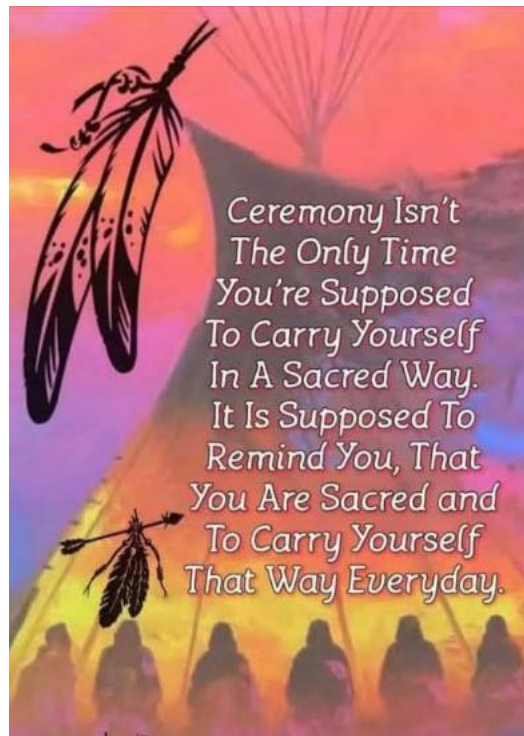
Wednesday, March 18th, from 5-6:30pm PT, 6-7:30pm MT, 7-8:30pm CT, or 8-9:30pm ET. [REGISTER HERE](#).

Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change: Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples

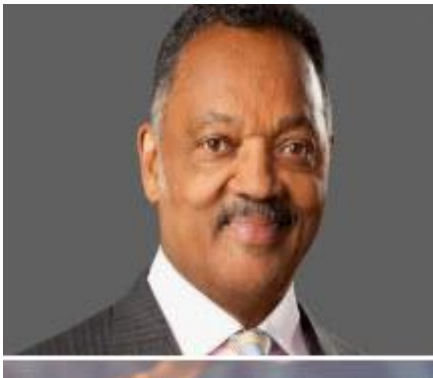


In this 2-hour participatory program, we experience the history of the colonization of Turtle Island, the land that is now known as the United States. The story is told through the words of Indigenous leaders, European/American leaders, and Western historians. We engage with this history through experiential exercises and small group discussions. And we are invited to consider how we can build relationships with Indigenous peoples based on truth, respect, justice, and our shared humanity. Facilitated by TRR's Native and non-Native teams. Appropriate for high school students and adults.

Sunday, March 22nd, 4-6 pm ET (3-5pm CT; 2-4pm MT; 1-3pm PT). [REGISTER HERE](#).



I am ... Somebody ~ Jesse Jackson



October 8, 1941 –
February 17, 2026

I am somebody!
I am somebody!
I may be poor,
But I am Somebody.
I may be young,
I may be on welfare,
But I am Somebody
I may be small,
But I am Somebody.
I may have made
mistakes,

But I am Somebody.
My clothes are
different,
But I am Somebody.
I am black,
Brown or white.
I speak a different
language,
Protected,
Never rejected.
I am God's child

JUDI DENCH Source: Good Old Days post found on Facebook

A quiet update about Dame Judi Dench has touched hearts everywhere. At 91, the beloved national treasure is resting at home, focusing on comfort and privacy while managing health challenges, surrounded by family. The wave of love and respect says everything about the legacy she's built.

At 91, Judi Dench is resting quietly at home, surrounded not by spotlights or applause, but by the soft presence of family during what loved ones describe as a "fragile time." There are no dramatic scenes — just tenderness, privacy, and a nation murmuring its gratitude into the silence.

For decades, she has been the beating heart of British theatre and film — breathing life into the words of William Shakespeare, commanding stages with quiet majesty, and moving audiences to tears in films like *Belfast*. Her voice has carried our stories. Her presence has defined generations.

Now, as she gently withdraws from the glare of the spotlight, the country sends its love back to her — wrapped in thanks, admiration, and the countless memories she gifted us. A national treasure, forever etched into Britain's soul.

Yes, Judi Dench is a Quaker and has stated that her faith influences every aspect of her life. She attended a Quaker boarding school, The Mount School in York, from the age of 14, where she adopted the faith. Dench has described Quakerism as a quiet, essential part of her life she cannot do without.

Key details about her faith:

- **Life-long Beliefs:** She has identified as a Quaker for most of her life.
- **Core Principles:** She has stated, "It informs everything I do. I couldn't be without it".
- **Peacenik:** She has described herself as a Quaker and a "peacenik".
- **Practice:** While she has not always attended meetings regularly due to her busy schedule, she still identifies deeply with the Quaker community and its beliefs.



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

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More information may be found at <https://www.friendsjournal.org/>

About Western Friend

Western Friend is published by the Friends Bulletin Corporation, an independent 501(c)3 non-profit (EIN 93-1156843), established jointly by Pacific, North Pacific, and Intermountain Yearly Meetings. While *Western Friend* is the official publication of these three yearly meetings, the opinions expressed within the magazine and on this website are those of the authors, not the meetings. The Board of Directors for Friends Bulletin Corporation comprises three members from each of the three yearly meetings. The board meets three times a year, rotating between the regions of the yearly meetings. Each board meeting is typically hosted by a local Friends meeting, and local Friends are encouraged to visit with the board and staff!

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Our mission is to build practical and spiritual connections among Friends in the West – in print, online and face-to-face. We accomplish this by:

- Publishing a magazine, *Western Friend*, six times a year.
- Offering Friends everywhere a limited selection of content from our print magazine (and more!) on our website, WesternFriend.org.
- Partnering with other Quaker organizations, such as [Ben Lomond Quaker Center](#) and [Friends Fiduciary Corporation](#), to develop workshops and programs designed to meet the specific needs of Friends in the West.
- Hosting local speaker events in conjunction with our board meetings, held three times a year and rotating through the territories of the three Yearly Meetings we serve.

Learn more: <https://westernfriend.org/magazine>



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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).

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