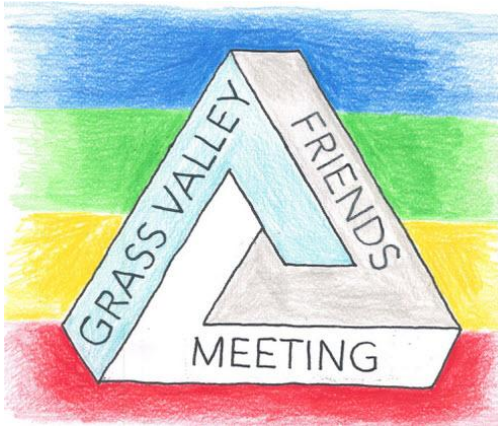




GRASS VALLEY FRIENDS MEETING

*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, email 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 JUNE 2026

- June 20, 2026: Potluck at Gordon and Mary Starr's, 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. (page 10)
- June 22, 2026: Spiritual Life Program - What's It Like to Experience God or the Inner Teacher? Led by Don McCormick
- Sharing of Faiths, July 26, 2026, 10:00a.m. (page 12)

HAPPENING LATER

- July, 2026: There will be no Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business. This will resume August 9, 2026.
- July 11, 2026: Potluck at Kathy McCreery and Fosten Wilson', 5:00p.m. -7:30p.m. (page 10)
- Sharing of Faiths, August 23, 2026 10:00a.m. (page 12)
- 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
- September 25-27, FDC Outreach/conference via zoom (page 10)
- World Quaker Day, Sunday, October 4, 2026, see page 8
- College Park Quarterly Meeting: Ben Lomond Quaker Center – Oct. 16-18,

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

IS YOUR CHILD TEXTING ABOUT QUAKERISM?

ILU =	I Live Unadorned
LMAO =	Let's Marvel at Oneness
STFU =	Starting to Feel Unity
FYI =	For Your Integrity
TBH =	This Blessed Hour
LOL =	Let's Own Less
IDGAF =	I Discern God In All Friends
TTYL =	Tend To Your Light
FFS =	For Friendship's Sake
HYIL =	Holding You In The Light

MINUTES & RECORD: Meeting for Worship for on the Occasion of Business ~ May 10, 2026

Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, June 14, 2026

We met in a hybrid meeting in person and on Zoom.

Present: Gordon Starr, clerk; Amy Cooke, recording clerk; Reed Hamilton, Dean Olson, Chamba Cooke, Don McCormick, Mary Starr, Dianne Marshall, fosten wilson, Andy Huang, Jennifer Dickey, Kathy McCreery, and Peter O'Rourke.

The Meeting opened with silent worship.

Clerks' Remarks and Query: Gordon Starr welcomed us to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion for Business. He noted that we talk about joys and concerns. What is one joy you have and one concern? Friends shared out of the silence.

Our joys included getting to be with grandchildren, being here in Meeting in person, a book group's journey to Ashland, Oregon for the Shakespeare festival, our community and the support that flows from our community, granddaughters and the sweet connections with them, the voyage of a granddaughter who will be going on a wonderful journey and the freedom that comes with being alone together, the knowledge that there is boat that holds us, and an associated concern that comes with the thought of missing the boat.

Our concerns included not being able to be with grandchildren very often, not getting to be here in person very often, a brother-in-law with cancer along with the joy of remembering all the connections they have had, how to be effective and make a difference in this difficult world, connections with an estranged daughter.

Peace Lutheran Church: Gordon met with Pastor Christian about signage for our meeting and have worked things out for the time being. Pastor Christian mentioned that during their committee meeting there was expressed a desire to share Sunday worship services with each other. One Sunday we would worship with them and another they would worship with us. They, especially, are interested in learning about our practices and beliefs. There is the potential of learning from/of our spiritual views and traditions.

Proposal: Meeting with people in a Peace Lutheran service on July 26, fourth Sunday, and they would then meet with us August 23, the following fourth Sunday. For our turn, since our room would be too small, we considered meeting in their large dining area. We could set up concentric circles of chairs according to estimated attendance. This, of course, would be voluntary participation both times.

It was noted that we may want to educate ourselves about the Lutheran liturgy before we take part in the Lutheran service. And, conversely, we would want to send them educational materials about our way of worship in advance as well as having a verbal introduction and seat cards. We agreed to

delegate the work of planning. It was noted that the Welcome Box has pamphlets that explain Quaker meeting.

We shared names for the planning committee out of the silence. The Welcome Committee would develop the materials for sharing, and Gordon would receive the materials from Peace Lutheran to share with the Meeting. Don McCormick volunteered.

Minute 2026.06.01: Grass Valley Friends Meeting approves meeting with people in a Peace Lutheran service on July 26, fourth Sunday, and to having a joint meeting for worship with Peace Lutheran members on August 23, the following fourth Sunday. The Welcome Committee, with the help of Don McCormick and with input from those interested, will develop materials to share with the Peace Lutheran members. Gordon Starr will ask Pastor Christian for information on the liturgy and any other materials to share with the Meeting.

Meeting for Business in July: Due to Friends General Conference (July 7 – 12) and Pacific Yearly Meeting (July 17 – 22) happening in July, we propose skipping the Meeting for Worship for Business in July. Committees will meet as they wish. There will also be no newsletter that month.

Minute 2026.06.02: GVFM approves skipping the Meeting for Worship for Business in July 2026. We will have our next Meeting for Worship for Business on August 9.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Spirit and Witness: Amy Cooke (clerk), 2024-2027, Stuart Smith, 2025-2026, Reed

Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Doug Hamm, 2025-2026, Gordon Starr, 2026 (ex-officio, GVFM Clerk)

Amy Cooke, clerk, read the report, appended.

The revised job description for Spirit and Witness will be included in the next newsletter and we will bring it for approval at the next Meeting for Worship for Business (in August).

We thank the ad hoc committee – Anita McCormick, Arly Helm, Dianne Marshall, and Steve Borrum – for drafting the appended advices and queries on immigration. Dianne Marshall presented the advices and queries to the meeting and these will also go out in the newsletter. Dianne acknowledged that these are not complete and the ad hoc committee will continue working on the document and they welcome input. The Meeting will be able to discern what to do with the document in the future. It was suggested that it could be a letter to the editor in the Union and also be posted on our website.

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

Mary Starr gave the report, appended. The meeting expressed gratitude for the committee facilitating the installation of the sign in front of Peace Lutheran.

Welcome: Peter O'Rourke (Clerk), Nancy Anderson, Judy Hamilton, Kathy McCreary

Peter O'Rourke gave the report, appended. Peter requested that Friends test the survey form who do not have a gmail account.

Peter will send it to some Friends in the Meeting who do not have gmail accounts to test if it will work for them.

Religious Education: Judy Hamilton (Clerk), Doug Hamm, Alan Stahler, Don McCormick, Dean Olsen, Reed Hamilton.

No report.

Nominating Committee: Fosten Wilson, 2024-2026, Mary Starr, 2025-2027, Chamba Cooke, 2025-2026, Dean Olsen, 2025-2027.

Fosten Wilson, clerk of the nominating committee, reported that the Slate for the upcoming term has been seasoning since the second week of May. No thoughts or concerns about the proposed Slate have been expressed. At this time the committee requests approval of the Slate as presented last month. We wish to thank the people in our Meeting who were both able and willing to do the work needed for the coming year. Thank you all for your help.

Minute 2026.06.03: GVFM approves the Nominating slate for 2026-2027, appended.

OFFICER REPORTS and REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

- Treasurer's Report: No report.
- Co-Archivists/Recorders: No report.
- Pacific Yearly Meeting: July 17-22. Onsite at CSU Monterey Bay & Online via Zoom.
- Annual Session Registration is open.
- College Park Quarterly Meeting: Next meeting: October.
- Interfaith Nevada County:
- Sharings from the wider Quaker world: FWCC World Quaker Day 2026 theme and materials announced: Let Peace Be Among Us, with the supporting Bible passage Hebrews 12:14, "Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy." FWCC is planning a massive online Meeting for Worship on World Quaker Day (4 October), bringing together Friends across borders, time zones, and Quaker traditions with a shared focus on peace.

Carl Sigmond, a beloved Friend who attended Grass Valley Friends Meeting over the years, will be getting married in Massachusetts over the July 4th weekend. We send much love to Carl and Inger!

Friends General Conference: 2026 FGC Gathering takes place over July 7 – 12, 2026 in Burlington, Vermont. The theme for the 2026 Gathering is "A Window and a Door: A Prayer." FGC will also be hosting a

virtual welcoming workshop on September 25-27 this year and they are looking for success stories. It was suggested that we could share out experiences. Please contact Gordon Starr for more info.

CLERK'S REMARKS

ITEMS SEASONING or CARRIED OVER

- The job description for Spirit and Witness will go out in the newsletter and be brought back for approval at the next Meeting for Worship for Business.
- The advices and queries on immigration will also come back to us in the next Meeting for Worship for Business as well as the discernment on how this document will be used by the Meeting.

READING OF THE RECORD AND MINUTES : The record and minutes were approved in the course of the Meeting for Worship on the Occasion for Business.

GVFM Newsletter Reminder: Please have items into Dianne Marshall
<diannemarshall33@gmail.com> by Tuesday at 10 am. Please do not format reports in blue.

Meeting closed with worship.

ADVICES AND QUERIES: Sixth Month ~ Social and Civic Responsibility

In the words of William Penn, *“True godliness doesn’t draw men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it and excites their endeavors to mend it.”* Elsewhere he commented: *“It is a reproach to religion and government to suffer so much poverty and excess.”*

Poverty within a wealthy society is unjust, cruel, and often linked to skin color, gender, and language. We must examine our own privilege and role in the economic order that deepens this disparity.

We value our part in shaping the laws of our country. Our task is to see that laws serve God’s purposes and build a just social order.

If, by divine leading, our attention is focused on a law that is contrary to God’s law, we must proceed with care.

What am I doing to carry my share of responsibility for the government of our community, nation, and world?
Am I persistent in my efforts to promote constructive change?

How do we attend to the suffering of others in our local community, in our state and nation, and in the world community? Do we try to understand the causes of suffering, and do we address them as a Meeting? How do we, individually and as a Meeting, support the organizations that work to bring the testimonies of Friends into reality in our society?

COMMITTEES and OFFICERS, 2026-27

➤ Spirit and Witness		➤ Convener: Amy Cooke (24-27)	
Pat Phillips (26-29)		Dean Olson (24-27)	Gordon Starr (ex officio)
Reed Hamilton (25-28)		Fosten Wilson (26-29)	
➤ Stewardship		➤ Convener: Mary Starr (ex officio, Treasurer)	
Gordon Starr	Reed Hamilton	Pat Phillips	Hailey Wilson
Judy Hamilton (ex officio, Library)	Dianne Marshall (ex officio, newsletter)		Kathy McCreery (ex officio Library)
➤ Welcoming		➤ Convener: Peter O'Rourke (until 2-2027)	
Kathy McCreery	Ros Bae	Gordon Bishop	Don McCormick
Nancy Anderson (ex-officio)	Judy Hamilton (ex-officio)	Nora Lisette-Runyan, (ex-officio -website)	
➤ Religious Education		➤ Convener: Judy Hamilton	
Doug Hamm	Alan Stahler	Gordon Starr (support)	
Dean Olson	Don McCormick, support	Reed Hamilton	
Cheryl Hendrickson	Anita McCormick	Shera Banbury, (occasional)	
OFFICES			
Meeting Clerk	Gordon Starr 2026-2028	Website/ Facebook	Nora L.-R. (Peter O. until February 2027)
Recording Clerk	Amy Cooke 2026-2027	Librarian	Judy Hamilton & Kathy McCreery
Newsletter Editor	Dianne Marshall	Recorder-Archivist	Arly Helm
Newsletter Distributor	Pat Phillips	Directory Clerk	Nancy Anderson
Email Coordinator	Judy Hamilton	Mail Clerk	Dean Olson
Treasurer	Mary Starr	Tech Coordinator	Hailey Wilson
REPRESENTATIVES			
Interfaith N.C.	Dianne Marshall	CPQM Representative	Vacancy
PYM Representative	Keith Lisette-Runyan		

Spirit and Witness Committee Job Description

Purpose

The primary responsibilities of the Spirit and Witness Committee are tending to the spiritual wellbeing of the Meeting community, the pastoral care of individuals within the community, and the movement of Spirit among Meeting members as they are led to take action in the wider world. These three areas of responsibility are integrated with one another and are mutually interdependent.

Responsibilities of Members of the Spirit and Witness Committee

Members of the Spirit and Witness Committee are asked to:

- Nurture their own spiritual wellbeing and attend meetings with a waiting spirit. Hold the members of the committee in tender care, setting the tone for the work of the committee and for the larger community.
- In monthly committee meetings, settle into corporate worship to discern right action regarding the spiritual, pastoral, and action-oriented needs of the Meeting community.
- Support the quality of ministry and eldership within Meeting for Worship and Monthly Meetings for Worship for Business.
- Ensure that the pastoral care needs of individuals within the Meeting community are attended to.
- Provide discernment and support for individuals and groups within the Meeting who are experiencing leadings of the Spirit to be expressed in the wider world beyond the Monthly Meeting.

Areas Under the Care of the Spirit and Witness Committee

The following tasks and concerns are under the care of the Spirit and Witness Committee:

Worship and Spiritual Life

- Hold the process for how Meetings for Worship are opened and closed (“tending”).
- Select monthly Advices and Queries for the GVFM newsletter.
- Read selected Advices and Queries during Meetings for Worship.
- Provide support and guidance for spoken and silent ministry.
- Ensure that all are given opportunities to learn more about Quakerism and to deepen their spiritual lives, nurturing all aspects of the religious education of the Meeting.

Clearness, Discernment, and Leadings

- Facilitate clearness committees for members or attenders who request guidance in their spiritual or life path.
- Provide guidance and discernment for individuals and groups who bring action-oriented leadings of the Spirit to the committee for support.
- Provide education for the Meeting on issues of peace and social consciousness that are of concern to Friends.

Community Care and Pastoral Support

- Attend to the pastoral needs of the community, assuring that those who are ill, troubled, or in need are visited, counseled, and assisted as may be needed or desired.
- Care for the corporate life of the Meeting, helping to clarify matters involving organizational procedures and Quaker process.

Coordination and Meeting Care

- Convene a biannual joint meeting of the clerks of all committees to coordinate efforts, encourage creative cooperation, and provide spiritual support.

Membership and Marriage

- Consider and recommend action upon requests for membership, and transfers or withdrawal of membership, following the procedures outlined in Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting.
- Consider and recommend action upon requests for marriage under the care of the Meeting, following the procedures outlined in Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting.

If you are called to join this committee, please contact [fosten wilson](mailto:fwkm@protonmail.com) (530-265-6533)
fwkm@protonmail.com

Spiritual Life Programs - 2026

Offered the First Sundays of the Month after the rise of Meeting:

- June: What's It Like to Experience God or the Inner Teacher? facilitated by Don McCormick
- July: A reflection and review of our Spiritual Life programs held in 2026 as well as ideas for future programs to be scheduled hosted by Gordon Starr
- August: Topic to be determined

The Quaker Seminary series will resume in September, meeting on First Sundays.

- September: The Power of Corporate Discernment
- October: Support for the Spiritual Journey
- November: Topic to be determined



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

June and July... **TWO (2) POTLUCK INVITATIONS!**



Saturday, June 20th

Time: 5:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Hosts: Mary & Gordon Starr

**Address: 500 Butler Street,, Grass Valley, CA
95945**

➤ **RSVP requested: 530-320-8108,
<mstarr2133@aol.com>**

Saturday, July 11th

Time: 5:00p.m. – 7:30p.m.

Hosts: Kathy McCreery and Fosten Wilson

**Address: 15719 American Hill, Nevada City, CA
95959**

➤ **RSVP requested: 530-265-6533
<fwkm@protonmail.com>**

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE Rashid Darden, Associate Secretary for **Communications and Outreach**

Have you experienced growth in your monthly meeting?

Friends General Conference is hosting a virtual conference on outreach this fall, September 25-27, 2026. While we have some great plenary speakers lined up, we are looking for success stories in the community that can be translated into 90-minute workshops or panel discussion that teach what you've learned about meeting growth.

What has worked for you? What mistakes were made? How might you do things differently? If interested, please complete this [interest form](#) by June 30th. 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.

Speaking on Faith as part of the Walk for Faith, Justice and Democracy Dorothy Henderson

Greetings friends, Let's begin with a moment of silence.

We just walked together. We walked as a concerned people. We are concerned about our body politic, our polarization, our public discourse, our democracy, our fidelity to justice.

Can we turn to our faith with these concerns?

Jesus said that even though our faith is the size of a mustard seed, it can move a mountain. In these times, don't we feel that we have some mountains that need moving?

A poem by Emily Dickinson begins "Tell the truth but tell it slant." To me that has always meant to approach the truth humbly, listening deeply.

We are going to use another poet's words to do that, to approach the truth of our faith with humility, listening within and without.

The poem is *Unison Benediction* by May Sarton. I'll read it now.

*Return to the most human,
nothing less will nourish the torn spirit,
the bewildered heart,
the angry mind:
and from the ultimate duress,
pierced with the breath of anguish,
speak of love.
Return, return to the deep sources,
nothing less will teach the stiff hands a new
way to serve,
to carve into our lives the forms of tenderness
and still that ancient necessary pain preserve.
Return to the most human,
nothing less will teach the angry spirit,
the bewildered heart;
the torn mind,
to accept the whole of its duress,
and pierced with anguish...
at last, act for love.*



We walked together, those of us from various faith traditions, and those of us who don't identify with one. For all of us isn't faith a word, a concept, that implies a measure of doubt? When we have no certainty, no proof, we say "We'll just have to take it on faith." Faith contains the seed of its own doubt. In these troubled times, two seeds, faith and doubt.

Is faith enough? Is our faith strong enough to overcome our doubt?

Here we are. We just walked together for Faith, Justice and Democracy. Or perhaps we walked IN Faith, FOR Justice and Democracy.

In faith, here we are. Can we take a moment to look around and see each other? Our brother and sister walkers.

The poet calls us to return to what is, to be nourished by facing the truth of what is most human, and from that place, to speak of love.

Speak OF love, not with love. As though in these times love is something we know and yet have some distance from. In these times of duress, of anguish, love is afar off.

Then the poem shifts. It calls us to return to the deep sources. Our faith? Can we imagine our deep sources as that in which we have faith? Can we take a moment to stop, to return... Return as though we had moved away from, left our deep source, our faith.

Can we stop now in silence together to return, to touch, to name our deep sources, that which we have faith in? We will take a full minute in silence now.

Were you able to feel to touch a deep source you put your faith in?

And perhaps did you feel a return to that deep source, to your faith, a coming home. The poet tells us our faith, our deep source of faith will teach our stiff hands to bring tenderness to the deep roots of our collective pain. Let's take a moment with our hands, to bring tenderness and gratitude to our hands.

Having touched our deep source of faith, the poet calls us again to return to what is most human. We are called to accept it in wholeness. Now we have moved from being nourished, to teaching. From taking in to reaching out. From receiving to giving.

The poet suggests that as we accept our humanness and the humanness of each other, we go beyond "speaking" of love to, at last, acting for love.

In closing I want to ask, as we listen to the next two speakers on Justice and Democracy, can we bring our tiny mustard seed of faith to hold their messages and with the possibility of acting for love, move a mountain.

A Sharing of Faiths

- Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Friends who are so inclined are invited to attend Peace Lutheran Church's Sunday service
- Sunday, August 23, 2026 – Members of Peace Lutheran Church are invited to attend Grass Valley Friends Meeting Silent Meeting for Worship
- *See page 3 of Minutes and Record for details.*

On Immigration

During Meeting for Business in May, we shared discussion about a statement received from Pendle Hill about immigration. Some Friends expressed discomfort with the statement. The statement appeared to be vague with undefined terms, no clear audience, and no associated actions or goals. It was suggested that the statement may not reflect us as a meeting. It was clarified that Pendle Hill is not asking for endorsement, just sharing of the letter.

Four members of the meeting (Dianne Marshall, Arly Helm, Steve Borrum and Anita McCormick) offered to take Pendle Hill's letter under discernment to see if we may generate a statement on immigration that reflects Grass Valley Friends Meeting's spirit.

During a series of e-mail exchanges and one zoom meeting, several decisions were made. We agreed that we are all born of immigrant families. Our families may have waited years to be allowed into the United States through its application process. We agreed that our goal was to advocate for strengthening proper use and reform where needed of existing laws and procedures to assure an effective process for immigrants to gain legal entry into the United States. We also agreed to bring a positive statement back to Friends Meeting that articulated what we stood for rather than focused on what we stood for. We agreed that drafting *Advices and Queries on Immigration* was the approach we would take.

ADVICES AND QUERIES – IMMIGRATION

June 13, 2026

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) believe there is a divine spark in everyone, regardless of nationality or migration status. This is to be honored in all decision making.

We bear witness to see that the laws of the country be fairly, equally and humanely administered. We strongly advocate for immigrant rights, viewing the inherent value and agency of every person as sacred.

We advocate that the worldwide pressures for people to immigrate and the environmental and social impacts of immigration into the United States be integral in the development of humane policies and to the enforcement of immigration justice.

- *Do I consistently seek the divine spark in everyone, striving to confront my own biases?*
- *How do I specifically demonstrate my personal commitment to inclusion?*
- *How do I make known my commitment to fair and just immigration policies and practices?*
- *Where there is distrust, injustice, or hatred, how am I an instrument of reconciliation and love for everyone, not just those who agree with me?*
- *What are we, as Friends, doing to welcome, not only immigrants but also those opposed to immigration, to bring about lasting peace?*
- *What effort are we making to see the light Within those whose values appear to be different from ours?*

Do share with us any suggestions that may arise for you upon reading these Advices and Queries. Thank you, Anita McCormick, Arly Helm, Dianne Marshall and Steve Borrum

World Quaker Day

will be celebrated on Sunday, October 4, 2026, with the global theme "Let Peace Be Among Us," based on Hebrews 12:14. Organized by the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), the annual event connects Quakers across borders, time zones, and traditions to worship and celebrate their shared faith.

Key Details for 2026:

- **Date:** Sunday, October 4, 2026.
- **Theme:** "Let Peace Be Among Us".
- **Scripture:** Hebrews 12:14 ("Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy."). [[1](#), [2](#)]

How to Participate:

- **Global Online Worship:** The FWCC is organizing an 8+ hour continuous online meeting for worship spanning multiple time zones. Each hour will be dedicated to a different part of the world that is in particular need of prayers for peace. [1]
- **Local Fellowship:** Many local meetings and Friends churches gather together to join the online global worship as a group or to organize their own community activities. [1, 2, 3]
- **Resources:** Posters, songs, and worship prompts can be found and downloaded directly from the [FWCC World Quaker Day Page](#). [1, 2]

REMINDER

- Due to scheduling conflicts with Pacific Yearly Meeting and Friends General Conference in July, Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business will not be held until August 9, 2026. Spirit and Witness will not offer programming and next issue of the newsletter will be a July/August edition.

FRIENDS PARTICIPATION IN THE WALK FOR FAITH, JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY



"Everything is love. If it appears not to be, it is a misunderstanding."

Amy Cooke

GVFM CONTACT INFORMATION:

2026- 2027 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: **Mary Starr**, (ex officio-Treasurer) Pat Phillips, Reed Hamilton, Dianne Marshall (ex-officio, Newsletter editor), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, Treasurer), Judy Hamilton and Kathy McCreery (ex-officio, Librarians), Hailey Wilson (ex-officio Tech Support).

Welcome: **Peter O'Rourke** (ex-officio, Website and Facebook coordinator), Kathy McCreery, Don McCormick, Judy Hamilton (ex-officio email coordinator), Nancy Anderson (ex-officio directory clerk) Gordon Bishop, Ros Bae, Nora Lisette-Runyan (ex officio -website)

Spirit and Witness: **Amy Cooke**, 2024-2027 amylisette@ikmail.com, Reed Hamilton, 2025-2028, Dean Olson, 2024-2027, Pat Phillips, (2026-2029), Fosten Wilson (2026-2029), Gordon Starr (ex-officio, Clerk, GVFM).

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