



# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

NINTH MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

*ALL ARE WELCOME*

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00 via ZOOM

Wednesday Evening Worship: contact Esther 541-602-2254

<p><b>Clerk</b> Susan Easton</p> <p><b>Recording Clerk Team</b> Nina Joy Lawrence Esther Schiedel John Selker</p> <p><b>Treasurer</b> Wendy Robinson</p> <p><b>Spiritual Care Committee</b> Judy Hays-Eberts</p> <p><b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> Laurie Childers</p> <p><b>Children &amp; Youth Program</b> Yalda Asmatey</p> <p><b>Groundkeeping Coordinators</b> Mark Boyd, Nancy Roberts</p> <p><b>House &amp; Hospitality</b> Abigail Stoughton</p> <p><b>Major Meetinghouse Maintenance</b> Bob Burton</p> <p><b>Meetinghouse Scheduling</b> Sid Rosen</p> <p><b>Rides Coordinator</b> Donna Gerry</p> <p><b>Corvallis Meeting:</b> <a href="http://Corvallisfriends.org">Corvallisfriends.org</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CorvallisFriendsMeeting">Facebook.com/CorvallisFriends Meeting</a></p> <p><b>Willamette Quarterly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.willamettequarterly.org">www.willamettequarterly.org</a></p> <p><b>North Pacific Yearly Meeting:</b> <a href="http://www.npym.org">www.npym.org</a></p>		<b>THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR</b>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-6	<p><b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,</b> Willamette Park contact Wendy 541-753-6101</p> <p><b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or <a href="mailto:bob11340@comcast.net">bob11340@comcast.net</a></p>
	<b>TUES</b> 9-8	<p><b>7-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration</b> Steven Aldrich of Olympia Monthly Meeting will lead a discussion on "Uprooting Racism: staying engaged to create real change." See information inside</p>
	<b>WED</b> 9-9	<p><b>4 to 6 pm Circle for Third Age Living</b> See information inside</p>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-13	<p><b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park</p> <p><b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:40 am Meeting for Business</b> via Zoom See Wednesday Digest for Link</p>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-20	<p><b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park</p> <p><b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom</p>
	<b>TUES</b> 9-22	<p><b>7-8:30 pm Adult Religious Exploration</b> Quaker Video: How Spirituality makes activism more effective. See information and link inside</p>
	<b>SUNDAY</b> 9-27	<p><b>8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship</b> Willamette Park</p> <p><b>10:00 am Meeting for Worship</b> via Zoom <b>11:45 POTLUCK</b> via Zoom</p>

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## AUGUST 2020 MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

### Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business August 9, 2020

Conducted via Zoom video conferencing

Clerk: Susan Easton

Recording Clerk: Esther Schiedel

Friends present: Bob Burton, Wendy Robinson, Sidney Rosen, Nancy Ewald, Ruth McNeill, Jay Thatcher, Kathy Miller, Bob Henderson, Nina Joy Lawrence, Donna Gerry, Judy Hays-Eberts

Meeting began in expectant quiet.

The Clerk read the following quotation:

*We never know how our small activities will affect others through the invisible fabric of our connectedness ~ Grace Lee Boggs*

The minutes of the previous meeting (July 12) were approved with the correction of Nancy Roberts instead of Kathy Miller as a Groundskeeping Coordinator.

Treasurer's Report: Wendy Robinson provided a written report and made a slight update to the totals in the savings account and total assets.

**The corrected report was accepted with thanks.** Wendy noted that she has received very little feedback on the questionnaire on what other charities/causes we might want to contribute to as a Meeting—Friends are urged to respond to this soon. Wendy raised the question of the charge for pickup of garbage, yard waste and recycling since we are not using the Meetinghouse. Nancy Ewald will contact Abigail Stoughton about our arrangement for waste pickup.

Spiritual Care Committee: Judy Hays-Eberts, SCC Clerk provided the following report: We continue to host Zoom FM. Kathy is representative to Walking Meeting and Abigail coordinates small group Meetings for Worship for members who are housebound or in assisted living.

Jeff will be updating the notice on the Friends Meetinghouse door.

Our contact info in Wednesday Digest will be updated to include Kathy's and Annaliese' phone numbers and an invitation for Friends to meet privately with an SCC member via Zoom, phone or email, if so desired.

SCC is ever open to suggestions and concerns about worship and ministry from members and attendees, and we especially welcome the opportunity for feedback in Meeting for Business.

We've considered and hope to explore further with Jay Thatcher about the concept of a "Friend in the Corner" during Zoom Meeting for Worship.

We plan to share queries, as usually published in the CFM monthly newsletter, during vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship on the third Sundays of the month.

We recommend Zoom chat or a community bulletin board for announcements that may reach beyond the immediate care and business of Meeting.

We attempt to follow up and inform new attendees as we're able, considering the changeover to online Meetings, and communicate with our communicators.

We're following up on a number of care concerns and ideas/info from NPYM.

We continue to endeavor to find ways to be connected as Friends and notice when not, with the help of all concerned.

**Meeting approved the report.**

Nina Joy Lawrence reported on the discussion she, John Selker and Esther Schiedel held on ways our Meeting might honor the indigenous cultural heritage of the land our Meetinghouse stands on. These included the adults and children learning more about the peoples who were displaced. Jay Thatcher noted that the children may know more about this than many adults and would be eager to help educate us in Second Hour or other gatherings. We liked the idea of some kind of "Stumbling Stone"—a plaque or sculpture acknowledging the history of the land. Nina is working on a statement of acknowledgement for our website.

We discussed ways we might be of help to Native Americans who are studying at OSU: befriending, a place for gatherings, hosting visiting family, attending celebrations. Wendy will contact a tribal representative for ideas of things we might do. Wendy also noted the “fierce feathers” picture that may be hanging in the Meetinghouse. This records an actual incident where Native Americans entered a Meeting for Worship intending to attack but were dissuaded by the peaceful behavior of the Quakers present. However, the portrayal of the Native Americans in the picture may not be accurate or respectful.

We discussed a proposal to put a Black Lives Matter sign on the Meetinghouse lawn. There has been resistance in the past to putting any yard signs on the meetinghouse lawn although we have put FCNL related signs in the windows. Friends suggested various ways we might invite consideration of issues and share ideas with people who pass by the Meetinghouse: a little free library, artwork, a poem sharing board, an artwork sharing board, “trading post” where anyone can share food or items or post notices. Wendy pointed out that we do not contribute to the NAACP as a Meeting. Bob Henderson, Wendy Robinson, Nina Joy Lawrence volunteered to form a group to consider these and other actions we might take to address racism. They will invite Yalda Asmatey and Jon Stoll to join them—as well as any other interested Friends

### Next Meeting for Business – September 13

Meeting closed with worship



### Circle for Third Age Living.

Everyone's participation is desired as we gather for group discernment with these concerns:

*How do most of us want to use our time in Third Age circle?*

*How do we see Third Age circle going forward?*

*What would make you want to continue to attend Third Age circle?*

Meeting Wednesday September 9, 4-6 pm

Look for the link in Wednesday Digest.

Contact Judy [jhe@peak.org](mailto:jhe@peak.org) or

Sid [sidrosen53@yahoo.com](mailto:sidrosen53@yahoo.com) for more info.

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### Adult Religious Exploration

We are offering programs on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, starting September 8<sup>th</sup>. Programs will happen on Zoom, starting at 7 pm. Programs will end by 8:30 pm (but we'll hope to finish by 8!). We will mix up live presentations with Quaker-related videos and interactive discussion. The videos for Sept 22 and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> were produced for Friends General Conference. They are short, and we encourage people to watch them in advance as well as during the first few minutes of our hour+ together.

We will send a link in the near future that we hope will work for every Tuesday evening meeting. Meanwhile, mark your calendars, and plan to participate.

For further information contact Laurie Childers [childers@peak.org](mailto:childers@peak.org)

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### FRIENDLY VISITS

Call Abigail at 541-758-5057 if you would like to visit or be visited.

## ADVICES & QUERIES: DISCERNMENT (part 1)

North Pacific Yearly Meeting, *Faith and Practice* 2018

**Advice:** Seeking and waiting for Truth's leadings is a discipline through which all can grow in patience, unity, and love. Decisions under the guidance of the Spirit knit the loving community together.

We remain patient and wait upon God as long as needed for a decision to emerge which clearly recommends itself as the right one.

We guard against contentiousness, obstinacy, and love of control and power. We remember that our views, however fondly cherished, may be wrong.

We season our decisions and test our leadings with patience and integrity. We take care to stay within our leadings, lest we outrun our Guide.

Friends approach meeting for business, committee meetings, and other occasions for group discernment with trust that the Holy Spirit will lead us to unity and right action. Unity is always possible because the same Light of Truth shines in some measure in every human heart.

Communal discernment takes place in a context of worship as those present seek divine guidance.

**Queries:** • Do we patiently seek divine guidance to discern the right course of action?

- How do we test our leadings? Do we patiently and prayerfully seek clearness in the Light? Do we offer spiritual aid for others who are seeking clearness?
- When our own way is unclear, do we seek the counsel of others in our meeting?
- What can we do to help others recognize, temper, and strengthen their leadings?
- Do we hold our meetings for business in the spirit of worship, love, and understanding? How are we seeking God's Truth together in community?

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