



# QUAKERPHERNALIA

The newsletter of the Bucks Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

SEPTEMBER 2023

## Dear Friends,

What a joy to see a full house at Plumstead Friends Meeting at our August Quarterly Meeting! Friends came from both ends of our Quarter to hear our presenters speak on the topic of *A Quaker Response to Indigenous Issues*.

Within the next few weeks the program should (hopefully!) be available on the Bucks Quakers YouTube channel for those Friends who were unable to join us in person.

Many thanks to all Plumstead Friends for providing ideal weather (thanks Elyse!) as well as delicious coffee, sweets and fruit, and a lovely space for lunch and fellowship before we got down to the business of the day. I ♥ our community!



Your Coordinator,  
Wendy

*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”*  
~ Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King



## Monthly Meeting News

### Bristol

Bristol Meeting will be getting a boost from Friends throughout the Quarter as they will be bidding farewell to their Treasurer and a temporary farewell to their long-time clerk.

### Buckingham

Buckingham Friends School continues to buzz with the construction of the upgrades to their campus. Take a look while you visit their campus for the BQ Peace Fair.

### Doylestown

Their FDS garden has struggled a little this summer, and they have also had a problem with rabbits who feasted on the beans before they could get a second harvest. But their little garden puts forth several types of veggies a week to take to the food pantry.

### Fallsington

This summer Friend Jonathan Sprout gifted the Meeting with a beautiful piano that now resides in their worship room. If you like to sing, plan a visit to Fallsington Friends!

### Lehigh Valley

Lehigh Valley Friends are hosting an Attenders' Breakfast on Saturday, September 9th to answer any and all questions about Friends and Friends' practices.

### Makefield

Makefield Friends continue to offer in person worship every First Day, as well as a hybrid Adult Forum most Sundays. Everyone is welcome to join.

### Middletown

Friends have asked their members to help address the urgent need at the Pennel Food Pantry that has resulted from a delay in passing the state budget.

### Newtown

Technological upgrades are coming to Newtown Meeting - their state-of-the-art hybrid meeting configuration should be up and running soon!

### Plumstead

The weather was picture-perfect for our August Quarterly Meeting - thanks to Plumstead Friends for being such gracious hosts (loved the rug in the port-a-potty!)

### Quakertown

Quakertown Friends have already begun planning for an in person, and possibly hybrid Quarterly Meeting for Sunday, November 19th.

### Solebury

Friends are planning an Open House and Grounds Tour for sometime in October; keep your eye on the website for updates: [www.quakersbucks.org](http://www.quakersbucks.org).

### Southampton

Southampton Meeting continues to provide low-cost meeting space for two Narcotics Anonymous chapters.

### Wrightstown

The meeting has approved an Ad Hoc Committee to Explore HVAC and Solar Energy Saving Initiatives as part of a larger Environmental Stewardship group, informally known as the **Green Team**.

### Yardley

Friends hold *Ponderings* the third Sunday of each month; these are conversations to explore thoughts, get to know one other better, and to strengthen their community.

# CALENDAR

Sept 1	5:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">An Evening with Friends</a>	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Sept 6	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Lecture: Smart Phone photography</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Sept 8	6:30–9:30 pm	<a href="#">Resistance and Obedience to God: Living in the Divine Flow</a>	<i>An ongoing virtual series</i>
Sept 9	8:00 am–2:00 pm	<a href="#">Yardley Friends Flea Market</a>	<i>Yardley Friends Meeting</i>
Sept 9 & 10	10:00 am–4:00 pm	<a href="#">College Fest with Campus Philly</a>	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Sept 11	7:30–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Walking in the World as A Friend</a>	<i>Friends Peace Teams</i>
Sept 11	7:30–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2023</a>	<i>Bridget Moix, General Secretary, FCNL</i>
Sept 11	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Lecture: Smart Phone Camera Uses Beyond Photography</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Sept 12	5:30–7:00 pm	Quaker Women's Social Hour	<i>The Langhorne Hotel</i>
Sept 13	10:00 am–12:00 pm	<a href="#">Friends Village Open House</a>	<i>Styer Campus</i>
Sept 13	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Workshop: Google Photos</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Sept 17	1:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">March to End Fossil Fuels</a>	<i>Sponsored by QEW - held in NYC</i>
Sept 18	11:00 am–12:15 pm	<a href="#">Lecture: YouTube</a>	<i>Friends Village Styer Campus</i>
Sept 19	10:00 am–12:00 pm	<a href="#">Grandparents' &amp; Elders Action</a>	<i>Sponsored by EQAT</i>
Sept 19	7:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">Insights &amp; Inspirations: 10 Years as General Secretary</a>	<i>A virtual event sponsored by QEW</i>
Sept 20	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Monday Reading Group</a>	<i>Pendle Hill</i>
Sept 21	7:00–8:30 pm	<a href="#">Building Communities of Hope in the Face of Climate Grief</a>	<i>Sponsored by PYM</i>
Sept 23	2:00–5:00 pm	<a href="#">Child Safety in Meetings: A Conversation About Best Practices</a>	<i>Old Haverford Meeting</i>
Sept 24	2:00-4:30 pm	<a href="#">Resident Reunion</a>	<i>Pendle Hill</i>
Sept 28	7:30–9:00 pm	<a href="#">Quaker Call to Action</a>	<i>National Zoom call</i>
Sept 30	10:30 am–4:00 pm	<a href="#">Peace Fair of Bucks Quarterly Meeting</a>	<i>Buckingham Friends Meeting</i>
<b>ONGOING EVENTS</b>			
Sept 2	9:30 am–3:00 pm	PYM Extended Worship	<i>Virtual Only</i>
Every Sunday	4:00-5:00 pm	<a href="#">Southampton Meeting Vigil for Justice</a>	<i>Southampton Friends Meeting</i>
<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>			
Oct 1		<a href="#">World Quaker Day</a>	<i>Sponsored by FWCC</i>
Oct 5	7:00–8:00 pm	<a href="#">Threshing Session on PYM's Advocacy Policy</a>	<i>A PYM Virtual Event</i>
Oct 12		<a href="#">2023 Peace Center Auction</a>	<i>Save the Date</i>
Oct 22		Open House & Grounds Tour	<i>Solebury Meeting - save the date!</i>
Nov 11		<a href="#">Fall Continuing Sessions 2023</a>	<i>Arch Street Meetinghouse</i>
Nov 17-19		<a href="#">Friends' Decision-Making and Clerking</a>	<i>Register now - this workshop fills up quickly!</i>

## Yardley Friends Meeting



### Annual Flea Market

**September 9th:** Come to Yardley Friends Meeting at 65 North Main Street in Yardley from 8 am to 2 pm to search for treasures! The annual flea market includes vendors offering antiques, crafts, books, housewares, plus the

Meeting's own White Elephant sale. There will be music and food, including vegetarian fare and homemade desserts. Attendees are



encouraged to bring non-perishable food items to be donated to Mercer Street Friends Food Bank. Questions? contact Doreen Gage at 267-391-8054 or email her at [yfmfleamarket@gmail.com](mailto:yfmfleamarket@gmail.com).

## Bucks Quarter Peace Fair



**Sept 30th:** Mark your calendars for the 2023 Bucks Quarter Peace Fair which is scheduled for Saturday, September 30th from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm on the campus of Buckingham Friends Meeting and BFS. Volunteers are needed before, during and after the Peace Fair and it's not too late to sign up: [click here](#). For more information, please e-mail [peacefair@gmail.com](mailto:peacefair@gmail.com) or call Peter Ray, Peace Fair Coordinator, at 215-794-2708. Never been to the Peace Fair? [Click here to see a video of the fun you can have!](#)

## Friends Village



### Senior Planet

**Sept 6th: Smart Phone Photography Lecture:** Want to learn more about your smartphone camera? Come to this lecture to explore your smartphone's camera and some features like recording video, adding filters to pictures, and using your camera's timer! We'll also go over some basic tips for taking good selfies, selecting backgrounds, and using optimal lighting. This presentation will cover Android and iPhone.

**Sept 11th: Smartphone Camera Uses Beyond Photography Lecture:** Learn additional ways you can use your smartphone's camera beyond photography! Explore a variety of fun and useful features made possible by apps, such as scanning QR codes, translating text, measuring objects, and even using augmented reality. Choosing apps and reviewing their privacy and data practices will also be covered.

**Sept 13th: Google Photos Workshop:** This hands-on workshop will explore some of the basic features of the Google Photos app and will walk you through the steps of backing up your photos on your smartphone or mobile

## Bucks Quarter Meeting for Worship Schedule

Bristol	4th Sunday 11:00 am	In-person. Email for information: <a href="mailto:pws@seas.upenn.edu">pws@seas.upenn.edu</a>
Buckingham	Sunday 10:30 am	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:buckinghamfriends@gmail.com">buckinghamfriends@gmail.com</a>
Doylestown	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://doylestownquakers.org">doylestownquakers.org</a>
Fallsington	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://fallsingtonmeeting.org">fallsingtonmeeting.org</a>
Lehigh Valley	Sunday 9:30 am Wed 8:00 pm	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://lehighvalleyquakers.org">lehighvalleyquakers.org</a>
Makefield	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Middletown	Sunday 11:00 am Wed 7:00 pm	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:robin.hipple@gmail.com">robin.hipple@gmail.com</a> Wednesday worship in person only
Newtown	Sunday 11:00 am	Hybrid; for zoom link go to <a href="http://newtownfriendsmeeting.org">newtownfriendsmeeting.org</a>
Plumstead	Sunday 9:30 am	In person
Quakertown	Sunday 10:30 am	In person
Solebury	Sunday 10:00 am	In person
Southampton	Sunday 10:00 am Tuesday 7:30 pm	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:jmm9724@gmail.com">jmm9724@gmail.com</a>
Wrightstown	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.com">wrightstown.mm.clerk@gmail.com</a>
Yardley	Sunday 10:00 am	Hybrid; email for zoom link: <a href="mailto:info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org">info@yardleyfriendsmeeting.org</a>

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device to Google Photos. You'll also learn how to create an album and share it.

**Sept 18th: YouTube Lecture:** This presentation will give an overview of the free content available on YouTube and show you how to navigate the site with ease. You'll also get tips for viewing and sharing others' videos and learn about uploading your own.

[Click here to register.](#) All classes are held at the Styer campus at 331 Lower Dolington Rd, Newtown PA 18940.

### Open House

**Sept 13th:** See what's happening at Friends Village. Meet the staff and residents at the Styer campus located at 331 Lower Dolington Road in Newtown. [Click here to register.](#)

### Quaker Women's Social Hour

**Sept 12th:** Join other Quaker women from around Bucks Quarter for a fun "Quappy Hour" from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. This month will be at the Langhorne Hotel. Interested in joining the group? Email [quakersbucks@gmail.com](mailto:quakersbucks@gmail.com) to get on the mailing list.

### Pennswood Village

To honor the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Pennswood Village hosted a program that remembered the catastrophic events of 1945 and rededicated the community's Peace Pole. Many Bucks Quarter Friends are seen and mentioned. [Click here to view the video on YouTube.](#)

### Bucks Quarter Stories of Vitality

Find out what's happening with Bucks Quarter Friends:

- [Summer Fun with Bucks Quarter Quakers](#)
- [The Healing Power of a Quilt](#)

### Item for Sale

#### Steinway Grand Piano

6-foot Steinway grand piano, mahogany case, in good condition. If there is a 501(c)3 organization in Eastern PA

that would like to have it as a gift, I will pay to move it and be happy with the tax deduction. Its last appraised value was \$40,000 but it's not remotely possible to sell it for that today. Alternatively if a private individual wants to buy it from me, I'd be glad to sell it for \$2500 (and that person pays to move it). Interested? Contact Maggie Beaumont, Bristol Meeting, at [mabeaumont99imho@gmail.com](mailto:mabeaumont99imho@gmail.com).

### African American Museum of Bucks County



#### Underground Railroad Tours

The African American Museum of Bucks County's Underground Railroad Tours emphasize the importance of Bucks County in the network of way stations along the Underground Railroad. These tours showcase many of Bucks County's historic landmarks and treasures. Some are known, but many remain unknown to Bucks residents and visitors. Many of these landmarks are centrally located, right in the middle of historic boroughs and townships. For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact Montana Vasquez-Grinnell at [aambcmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:aambcmuseum@gmail.com), or [click here for an inquiry form.](#)

### A Letter from Pat Mervine - Middletown Meeting:



Dear Friends,  
I am working on a new book for the [African American Museum of Bucks County](#). It will be a collection of vignettes that will reveal the little known stories of individuals in Bucks County during and following the days of slavery and abolition. The focus will be on enslaved and freed people of color and on the people of European descent who became their allies.

One example is the story of County Cornwall, son of an African Queen, who had ties to Wrightstown Meeting, Hulmeville, and Edward Hicks. Another is Martha Schofield of Newtown who founded a school in Aiken, SC, to educate freed Africans and their children; that school has evolved to become part of the public school system today. Other stories will include involvement of Buckingham Friends with Langhorn and Mary, the first legally married interracial couple who lived in the Solebury area; the freedom of an enslaved person purchased by residents of Bristol; the Friend from Wrightstown who was written out of meeting because he sold his enslaved person rather than freed him by manumission; the story of Jeremiah Langhorne, Cudjo and Joe, and Doylestown Borough; the lectures by Lucretia Mott and Frederick Douglass at Newtown Theater (how did they come to lecture there, who were their contacts in the area?); Alice of Dunksferry; the Purvis brothers in Bensalem, Richard Moore in Quakertown, Mahlon Linton of Newtown, and others involved with the Underground Railroad, to list just some of what I want to share. That's a lot, but I'm sure there is more to uncover, including freed people who remained in the area and became business owners, farmers,



### In Memoriam

#### Plumstead

Ken Ahl  
Mike May

#### Lehigh Valley

Faith Shireman

#### Solebury

Bill Tinsman  
Hal Taylor



educators, and accepted, contributing members of the community.

I'm especially interested in obscure stories, and that will take some serious digging! I have access to a number of books and articles that discuss the roots of abolition with Benjamin Lay and John Woolman, the resistance to and gradual acceptance of freeing enslaved people through manumissions but the lingering reluctance to accepting all people as equals (the wall in Middletown Monthly Meeting's graveyard is a stark reminder of this), and the biographies of people in Bucks County of that era who are more widely known. I also have access to several newspaper archives and the archives of the Quaker meeting minutes, all of the local historical societies, and the records in the Spruance Library. In other words, there's enough information out there to sift through to make this a lifelong endeavor without some guidance from Friends to help me better pinpoint my areas of research.

If Meetings in the Quarter have specific information in their archives, and if Friends know of any people from the past — possibly stories handed down from distant relatives or through involvement with local historical societies — that would be relevant, I would be most grateful to learn of these! Please remember that, while you may think this

information is well-known, it is likely only known within the Quaker community. I have been speaking about slavery in conjunction with the Boone farm at various events around the county and the typical reaction is, "Wait, what?? There were slaves here?!!" That's why this book and the AAMBC are so important.

As with my book on the Boone Farm, 100% of all proceeds will go directly to the Capital Campaign of the African American Museum of Bucks County. The construction of this much-needed museum is underway and is expected to open in 2024, but \$2 million is still needed to complete project. Donations, large and small, will be gratefully received at <https://infoaambc.org/>. As the museum nears completion, there will be opportunities for local organizations to volunteer time and talents for painting, landscaping, and other finishing touches. In addition to having this new book available for purchase in the museum's gift shop, some of the stories in the book will become part of the "hidden figures" exhibit.

So...Friends, if you know of any stories from your family, your meeting, or your community, or if you have suggestions on resources I should explore, please reach out to me at [mervinep@mac.com](mailto:mervinep@mac.com) and put AAMBC in the subject line. Thank you for your kind consideration!

## Quarterly Meeting Recap

It was a perfect summer day for Bucks Quarter Friends to gather in and around the 300 year old Plumstead Meetinghouse. As one of our smaller, more simple meetings (i.e., no electricity and no indoor plumbing) Plumstead Friends chose to have an in-person only quarterly meeting, as opposed to tackling the immense challenges of a hybrid meeting.

The program – A Quaker Response to Indigenous Issues – was chock full of important information and was well attended. Many thanks to Arla Patch of Doylestown Meeting and Lois Kuter from PYM for their informative presentation.

Lunch was the time to gather under the large white tent on the lawn and visit with Friends from around the Quarter (maybe someone that you met at the June Friends are Fun picnic?). Brown bag lunches were supplemented by homemade desserts, fruit and other goodies provided by Plumstead Friends.

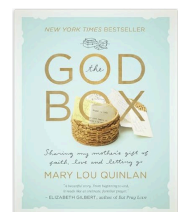
At our Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, in addition to the usual reports given by the Treasurer, Coordinator and monthly meeting annual reports, we discussed two larger issues:

**Support for Bristol Preparative Meeting:** with the loss of 2 of the 4 members of the meeting, Fallsington Friends have asked the Quarter for additional support with their

oversight of the meeting. Friends agreed to form an ad hoc committee to define what that support might look like.

**Report from the Ad Hoc Technology Committee:** this committee met to explore the cost and feasibility of the Quarter purchasing and administering the equipment necessary for meetings to have hybrid capability when they host Quarterly Meeting. This is an urgent issue as the location of our next Quarterly Meeting, Quakertown, NJ, does not currently have hybrid capability. How this can be accomplished in a manner that works for both in person and those on zoom is yet to be determined and we will continue to explore how to accomplish an inclusive Quarterly Meeting experience for all.

The next Bucks Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th at Quakertown (NJ) Meeting; a virtual component has yet to be confirmed. The program will feature author Mary Lou Quinlan, speaking about her book *The God Box*, a story about how, following her mother's death, she finds her mother's "God Box," her private cache of notes to God on behalf of family, friends and strangers. Note by note, Mary Lou unearths a treasure of her mother's wishes and worries and insight. Her requests, penned on scraps of paper, were presented without expectation—the ultimate expression of letting go. You may purchase the book [here](#), or from your favorite local bookseller or borrow from your local library.



## PYM Sponsored Events



## Extended Worship

**September 2nd:** This month the group will have a virtual meeting on Zoom. The day will follow the usual format of worship from roughly 9:30 to 12:30, and worship sharing from 1:00 until around 2:30 to 3:00, with a lunch break in between. The best way to stay informed is to be placed on an e-mail list to receive Zoom links for this and future Extended Worship meetings; contact Andy Hoover at [dandydoover@gmail.com](mailto:dandydoover@gmail.com).

## Resistance and Obedience to God: Living in the Divine Flow

**Sept 8th:** This series is based on the book *Resistance and Obedience to God, Memoirs of David Ferris (1707–1779)*. The series will cover how the experience of Friends in the past may help us today to trust God to be present with us as with earlier Friends, to trust that we receive guidance today, and to know that we are worthy of, and able to follow, guidance from Spirit. **Registration is for the whole series**, which cannot be joined once in progress. You will be sent a Zoom link after registering. [Click here to register.](#)

## Building Communities of Hope in the Face of Climate Grief

**Sept 21st:** Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Climate Witness Stewards invite you to join an online workshop. Jennifer Elam will lead an exploration of the roots of climate grief and hope. In small group sharing sessions, we will learn how to honor one another's



stories as a vital way for juggling big feelings and taking action at the same time. With Jennifer we will also explore the healing power of the arts. [Register here.](#)

## Child Safety in Meetings: A Conversation About Best Practices

**Sept 23rd:** Please join us at Old Haverford Meeting for a conversation about creating safe Meeting communities. We will consider what a safe community looks like, discuss best practices for designing a safety policy for a Monthly Meeting, and share thoughts and ideas. The program will be led by Kristin Simmons, PYM Youth Engagement Coordinator. There is no cost to attend this program, and childcare will be available. [Register here.](#)

## Arch Street Meeting House



## An Evening With Friends

**Sept 1st:** Indulge in complimentary light fare and immerse yourself in history with first-person presentations from some of Philadelphia's most notable Quakers. Don't miss out on this opportunity to visit ASMH and Meet Quaker history with Friends of the past. [Register here.](#)

## CollegeFest with Campus Philly

**Sept 10th:** Presented by [Campus Philly](#), Arch Street Meeting House is joining museums across Philadelphia for CollegeFest! ASMH will be open for free to registered students from 10 am to 4 pm. [Register here](#) for your official ticket to 30+ free experiences all across the city, as well as free transportation on SEPTA all weekend long, free coffee and gift cards from Dunkin', and more!



## The ABCs of PYM

Back in the 1600s George Fox established the structure of monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings. Today, Friends seem most familiar with monthly meetings, with monthly meeting

for business and our numerous committees. Fewer are aware of how a Quarterly Meeting works. And then there is the mystery that is the Yearly Meeting.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was established in 1683, which combined with the meetings in New Jersey in 1685 to make one yearly meeting that encompassed Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, and parts of Maryland. PYM currently has about 105 monthly meetings, which are grouped into 13 Quarterly Meetings. Bucks Quarter has the most monthly meetings, with 14 in our care. If you are a member of a monthly meeting, you are automatically a member of the Quarterly and Yearly Meeting.

The currently yearly meeting governance structure was established in 2015. Here is an overview of the structures that support the PYM corporate work and community.

There are three Councils: Nominating, Administrative (Admin), and Quaker Life (QLC). It is through the Nominating Council that members of Admin and QLC are appointed to do their work. Their charges are:

- **Admin Council:** to maintain the health and integrity of the finances, property, personnel, and long-term vision.
- **Quaker Life Council:** to maintain the health and integrity of the community, spiritual depth, and relationships.

Both Councils have substructures that support their work. But that is a story for the next issue.

All this information is available on the PYM website at [pym.org](http://pym.org) and is nicely described in [this video.](#)



## Pendle Hill



### Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2023

**Sept 11th:** Bridget Moix, General Secretary, FCNL, will be speaking on the topic of Forging Beloved Community with Friends ~ A Journey through the Refiner's Fire. This is an in-person and virtual event.

[Click here to register for in person](#)  
[Click here to register for Zoom link](#)

### September Reading Group

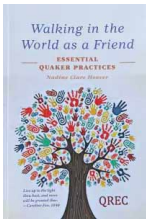
**Sept 20th:** We will be reading our recent pamphlet [Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, and Us: Using Family Systems Therapy to Understand and Dismantle Oppression](#) (PHP #478) by Pendle Hill pamphlet editor Janaki Spickard Keeler. The pamphlet explores the biblical story of Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac through the lens of Quaker theology and family systems therapy, exploring what the story can teach us about power and oppression. [Register here.](#)



## Friends Peace Teams

### Walking in the World as a Friend Discussion & Practice Group

**Sept 11th:** Author Nadine Hoover lays out the three jobs all Friends take on when we begin to follow the Quaker path—minister, steward, and witness. Practices like journaling and spiritual companions help us live into these roles as we tend the inward life (minister), align our outward lives to our inward life (steward), and let our lives speak and tell truths we know publicly (witness). We hope this free Online Practice & Discussion Group strengthens adult religious education in our lives and meetings. It is facilitated by Nadine Hoover and Beth Collea. Attend as you are able. [Click here for the Zoom link.](#)



## Quaker Earthcare Witness



### March to End Fossil Fuels

**Sept 17th:** The United Nations will be gathering world leaders for a first-of-its-kind Climate Ambition Summit to demand that nations stop developing new oil, gas, and coal projects and begin phasing out fossil fuels once and for all. President Biden must immediately reverse course to earn his seat at the table. But it will take all of us acting together to make sure he does. This September, in the largest climate march since the pandemic, thousands will march in New York City to demand President Biden take bold action to End Fossil Fuels. [Click here to register.](#)

### Insights and Inspirations: 10 Years as General Secretary

**Sept 19th:** Join us to honor the ten years Shelley Tanenbaum has guided Quaker Earthcare Witness as General Secretary and three more years she had previously spent as a member and clerk of the Steering Committee. [Register here.](#)

## Earth Quaker Action Team



### Grandparents' and Elders' Action

**Sept 19th:** In honor of Grandparents' Month, EQAT and Elders Action Network are co-hosting this action led by grandparents and elders, to stand up to Vanguard and demand a liveable future for our kids, grandkids and the young people in our lives. This action is taking place in Malvern, PA. Contact Berenice Tompkins at (914) 564-3094 or [berenice@eqat.org](mailto:berenice@eqat.org) for more information.



## Quaker Call to Action

### National Zoom Call

**Sept 28th:** Guest speaker Parker J. Palmer will speak on *The Better Angels of Our Nature: Love, Truth, Justice & the Work of We the People*. In addition to Parker's message, there will be time for worship, small group worship sharing and questions and reflections. To register for this National Zoom call and to read the original Urgent Call, as well as the July 2023 Update, [click here.](#)

## Friends Committee on National Legislation



### Meet the Advocacy Corps Organizers

The 2023-2024 class of Advocacy Corps Organizers are young adults from around the United States who will be advocating for Congress to build safer communities by investing in violence interrupter programs, which employ credible messengers who have a connection to the communities they serve and experience with the justice system. This makes them effective at reaching those most at risk of engaging in violence. They intervene to mediate conflict before it escalates into violence. [Continue reading...](#)

## Friends Journal



Friends Journal's mission is to communicate Quaker experience in order to connect and deepen spiritual lives. You can support them by subscribing, or just access the content online; check out one of their latest articles:

- **Healing Our Communities from White Supremacy and Slavery.** Benjamin Lay's spiritual and social commitment to abolition was sparked and fueled by his direct experience of slavery. [Continue reading...](#)

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