

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER



September 2018

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)
All are welcome
Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.

Lives and Callings: Spiritual Journey Sharing — Sept 1st

On the first Sunday of each month, we listen to how a Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to this meeting, what led them to become a member or not, and what they believe now. We call these stories of spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life. On Sun Sept 1, Althea Sumpter will offer her spiritual journey. Althea moved to Atlanta in 1981 and began attending our meeting, becoming a member in 1992. She grew up in the Gullah culture of St Helena, SC near Penn Center, (founded by Quakers). As a child she met Friends Courtney, and Elizabeth Sicheloff who were resident directors of Penn Center. Come hear more: 9-9:55 on 1st Sundays in the library.

QUERY

“Am I reflective about the ways I gain my wealth and income and sensitive to their impacts on others?”

Orange Grove Friends Meeting

Book Group Meeting – Sept 11th

The group reading books by and about people of color will meet again on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:15 PM in the junior high room at the Meetinghouse. The book for discussion this month is The Color Purple by Alice Walker. Please join us. All are welcome.

The Unspoken Story--a lesson in doorkeeping — Sept 2nd from Noon-1:00

The Unspoken Story:

- You are safe, you are respected, you are trusted, your voice and work are valued, you are important to us.
- This is a special place, it is different from the place you just came from
- This story is important and it is for everybody

Come find out how YOU can tell our children the unspoken story in First Day School!

Contact Jennifer Dickie with questions (michaeljen@bellsouth.net)

Minute from the August 12th Atlanta Friends Social Concerns Committee Meeting

This minute was approved by the Social Concerns Committee and was not submitted for approval by Meeting as a whole.

Within its testimony of truth, peace and justice, the Social Concerns Committee of the Atlanta Friends Meeting (Quakers) bears witness to a call for action based upon the following concerns:

In its long history, our country has faced many challenges in fulfilling its stated goal of liberty and justice for all. Real advances have been made through the hard work and sacrifice of women and men down through the centuries. However, recently, the prospect of a truly democratic nation based on the human rights of all has been under attack like never before. In a wide ranging assault, gains in the rights of people of color, women, the differently abled and the LGBT community are eroding. Economic and social justice in areas such as access to healthcare, criminal justice, environmental and immigrant rights have steadily crumbled.

These changes have been facilitated through the rise of cultural and political demagogues who have taken advantage of people's fears and insecurities to gain support for ideologies and policies that are ultimately detrimental to all. White supremacists and their sympathizers espousing a shameful mixture of racism, misogyny, homophobia and xenophobia have gained access and influence in the halls of government to a degree unparalleled in recent history.

Looking back through time the rise of fear mongering demagogues is not unique to this era or to this country. Furthermore, in our nation their power has tended to wax and wane in political cycles. This cyclic tendency may lull good people into complacency a complacency born from the belief that our nation will inevitably swing back toward freedom and justice. However, there is concrete evidence our current social and political state is unprecedented. Adding to the erosion of progressive policy has been the decline in the means to effect change through democratic processes.

Our nation is experiencing a marked and accelerated regression in civil rights. The ability to cast a ballot is a cornerstone of individual expression in a democracy. In recent years this right has been made more difficult through a coordinated effort to legislatively disempower low income Americans, particularly people of color. These laws include allowing barriers to voter registration and purges of registered voters. This kind of legislation is often pushed by economically elite interests facilitated by the Citizens United decision which allowed the influence of concentrated wealth on the electoral and legislative process at an unprecedented level.

In the past these changes may have been ameliorated by an independent press, but the corporate takeover of media, the general decline of local newspapers and the growing prominence of influential right-wing media outlets have softened opposition. This trend has gained greater import through an attack on journalism and science as means of ascertaining facts. The efforts to discredit the scientific consensus on climate change by claiming it is a hoax is evidence of this phenomenon.

While a spontaneous reversion to a more enlightened government may very well happen, we would be remiss to believe there is something inherent to our nation making it immune to the rise of a long-lasting totalitarian state.

The 2016 election was a wake up call for many as it opened eyes to the power and influence of a segment of society whose actions appear driven by self-interest and hate. The most vulnerable in society (the poor, sick, elderly and children) have borne the brunt of the new agenda. In the time since the election, those in power have refused to moderate their hard-line agenda even in the face of the suffering these policies have caused.

The negative changes in society have come at an accelerated pace that can be overwhelming. Given the dark times we are in, it would be easy to succumb to despair and apathy and shut out the world. It is important to listen to the gentle voice within and recognize it is during the darkest hour that the Inner Light is most bright. We need to open up to the world around us and allow the Light to shine as we take immediate and vigorous action for the greater good of all.

This Minute is a call to action. The Atlanta Friends Social Concerns Committee calls upon Meeting members and the community at large:

- *To understand that the Inner Light exists in all people and to recognize that pain and suffering exists in all, even within those who cause suffering in others. We understand that peoples' hearts can change.*
- *To demonstrate loving-kindness toward those in power who inflict pain. With the guidance of the still, small voice within them, they have the potential for positive growth in time. Until that time, we should use nonviolent means to gently, but vigorously remove access to the levers of power so they can no longer inflict suffering on others.*
- *To recognize anew the value of participatory democracy and the role of the electoral system in enacting positive change.*
- *To understand how excess leisure and consumerism, that can arise from privilege, can impede us from recognizing the greatest value of time and money - to enact change that benefits all, particularly the most vulnerable in society.*
- *To support with time and financial resources the organizations and candidates with values that can build the basis for a compassionate, inclusive and sustainable world.*

Introducing Atlanta's new cohort of QVS Fellows

For Friends who may not know, each September we welcome the newest cohort of Atlanta based Quaker Voluntary Service* Fellows to our community!

Ira Berkley is a recent graduate of Oberlin College, where they studied English with a minor in Creative Writing. They hail originally from Louisville, Kentucky. They completed their capstone research on race and class in British Literature. On campus, they have been active in arts and activism and the Oberlin Student Cooperative Association. Throughout college, they have worked with various LGBTQ+ advocacy organizations and public interest law firms. In their free time, they enjoy writing and performing poetry, and music. They are looking forward to working with Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta in the upcoming year.



Quaker Voluntary Service is an 11-month experiment at the intersection of transformational spirituality and activism. Young adult Fellows work full-time in professional positions at community based organizations addressing a wide range of issues, while living in a cooperative house and worshipping with, and being mentored by, local Quakers. The organization was founded by **Christina Repoley, an Atlanta Friends Meeting member. In August 2012, under the spiritual care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, Christina launched the first QVS program here in Atlanta, inviting seven young adult Fellows into our community. In the six years since, the program has grown to operate in five cities, partnering directly with 15 Friends meetings and church partners. The 130+ alumni have gone on to work for Quaker organizations, continue working with their service site placements, and otherwise re-enliven the Religious Society of Friends. To learn more, check out: www.quakervoluntaryservice.org*



RACHAEL

Rachael Carter is from Philadelphia and went to school at Ursinus College in Collegeville, PA. She studied Politics and Peace and Social Justice with focuses in food justice, religion, and labor. While in school, she worked with several organizations in the greater Philadelphia area including, The Food Trust, Martha's Choice Marketplace Norristown and Camp Hill Kimberton. All of these places taught her the importance of community organizing, faith and the role of food. She spent two years working with the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) both in Harrisburg and D.C. working on organizing and research. For three years, she participated as a Bonner Leader, working with other students to create community change and travelled to Beeston Spring Westmoreland Jamaica to participate in service and understand different faith backgrounds and the challenges that the community faces with short term service projects. Rachael looks forward to working with Georgia WAND in the coming fall and learning with the community on how to respond to the issues that nuclear energy can bring.

Julia Dailey is originally from Hastings on Hudson, New York and graduated from Hamilton College with a degree in Art History and French. In college she worked as a docent and educator at the college's art museum, the Wellin. Julia also co-founded and facilitated a body image and eating disorder peer support group and led orientation trips for incoming freshmen. Julia went abroad to France where she studied art, art history, and literature. In her free time she likes to do art, rock climb, and play ultimate frisbee. Julia is incredibly excited to be working for Atlanta Habitat for Humanity in the coming year.



JULIA



LIVVY

Olivia (Livvy) Feeney grew up exploring the mountains outside of Boulder, Colorado. She recently graduated from Pitzer College, in the desert of Southern California, with a degree in Sociology and Gender + Feminist Studies and a minor in Dance. You can often find her searching for secret camping spots, geeking out about feminist theory, dreaming up better consent programming, or dancing the night away wearing blue lipstick. She cannot stop talking about how grateful she is for the communities of women she has been a part of. Although new to Quakerism, she is eager to learn more about intentional community building and spirituality in her QVS year. She can't wait to dive into housing justice and related community organizing work with The American Friends Service Committee!

Sandra Kluivers has dual nationality, being a Dutch and Swiss national who has lived in five different countries within the last 22 years. She recently graduated from Earlham College, IN, with a degree in International Studies and a minor in Global Management. She was leader of the Model United Nations group on campus for two years and participated in the creation of two different social enterprises. She has been passionate about gender equality all her life, working with women from marginalized communities in Nepal and South Africa doing research on local gender issues. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, karate, and exploring new cities. Sandra's extremely excited to be working with 9to5 throughout her year of service in Atlanta and hopes to continue to fight for a more equal and just world for all in the future.



Ivie Osaghae grew up in Baltimore, Maryland and came of age in the great state of Georgia. Her formative years there opened her eyes to the different cultures and life paths of those around her. Ivie's desire to explore the creation of cultures in her surroundings led her to major in anthropology and minor in African American studies at Georgia State University. During her time there, Ivie served as President of Black Student Alliance where she discovered her passion for social justice work and community education centered on race, gender and identity. She hopes her time at QVS will prepare her for a career in strategic communications centered on branding and messaging for issue-based advocacy groups and non-profit organizations. In her free time, Ivie likes to travel, hike, binge watch Netflix, and test new recipes. This year Ivie will serve as the QVS Fellow for the Racial Justice Action Center.

Eliza Stevenson was born in the mountains of Western North Carolina and grew up in Asheville. In May 2018, she graduated from Guilford College with degrees in Environmental Studies and Psychology, with minors in Gender and Sexuality Studies and Dance. Via the Bonner Scholars Program, Eliza worked as a coordinator for the YWCA's Teen Parent Mentor Program for 3 years and helped to launch an after-school program at the YWCA's emergency family shelter, as well as participated in the growing network of Food Justice efforts in Greensboro. In this realm, Eliza helped with the launch of Mobile Oases, a mobile food market serving the many food deserts around Greensboro, and worked at the Guilford College Farm. During the summer of 2016, Eliza was an Environmental Educator at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, a renowned education center located within the National Park. During college, Eliza studied abroad in Chiang Mai, Thailand, completed an internship in Manta, Ecuador, and wrote an interdisciplinary senior thesis on the intersection of identity factors and connection with the natural world. Typically, Eliza can be found reading, contemplating, playing music, or in the woods. Eliza is very excited to be working with the Sierra Club Georgia Chapter over the course of the next year.





Ari Zuaro is from Scotch Plains, New Jersey and recently graduated from Carleton College in Northfield Minnesota. While in college she majored in both Studio Art and Religion and enjoys making stuff out of found objects and ceramics. At Carleton she was a part of the softball team and enjoyed hacky sacking, cooking with housemates and riding her bike around Northfield. She is interested in farming and her first experience with Quakers at the Friends Settlement in Whanganui, New Zealand studying culture and sustainability. After going abroad and learning about Maori language immersion schools as well as working on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation doing museum education and participating at a Girls' Rock Camp, she is excited to work with the Friends School of Atlanta this coming year.

Want to stay up-to-date about the spiritual life, vocational journeys, and justice work these eight young adults will be up to this year? **Sign up for Quaker Voluntary Service Newsletter here:** <https://bit.ly/2JYHx6G> or visit **QVS online at:** www.quakervoluntaryservice.org

Poetry/Writing Submissions

“SUMMER” Excerpt from Parker Palmer’s Let Your Life Speak

Where I live, summer’s keynote is abundance. The forests filled with undergrowth, the trees with fruit, the meadows with wild flowers and grasses, the fields with wheat and corn, the gardens with zucchini, and the yards with weeds. In contrast to the sensationalism of spring, summer is a steady state of plenty, a green and amber muchness that feeds us on more levels than we know.

Nature does not always produce abundance, of course. There are summers when flood or drought destroy the crops and threaten the lives and livelihood of those who work the fields. But nature normally takes us through a reliable cycle of scarcity and abundance in which time of deprivation foreshadow an eventual return to the bountiful fields...

In the human world, abundance does not happen automatically. It is created when we have the sense to choose community, to come together to celebrate and share our common store. Whether the “scarce resource” is money or love or power or words, the true law of life is that we generate more of whatever seems scarce by trusting its supply and passing it around. Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection, but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them – and receive them from others when we are in need...

Here is a summertime truth: abundance is a communal act, the joint creation of an incredibly complex ecology in which each part functions on behalf of the whole and, in return, is sustained by the whole. Community not only creates abundance – community is abundance. If we could learn that equation from the world of nature, the human world might be transformed.

Summer is the season when all the promissory notes of autumn and winter and spring come due, and each year the debts are repaid with compound interest. In summer it is hard to remember that we had ever doubted the natural process, had ever ceded death the last word, had ever lost faith in the powers of new life. Summer is a reminder that our faith is not nearly as strong as the things we profess to have faith in – a reminder that, for this single season at least, we might cease our anxious machinations and give ourselves to the abiding and abundant grace of our common life.

Talk on Immigration & Climate Change: Sunday, Sept 23rd, 11:50am

Immigration has become a wedge issue of late, dividing the political parties. Quakers have historically welcomed refugees and immigrants, and most Quakers oppose the current Administration's efforts to change immigration policies. On September 23, we will hear from Ted Terry, State Director of the Georgia Chapter of the Sierra Club and Mayor of Clarkston, GA, about how immigration will be affected by climate change, and what actions we might take. Mayor Terry also serves on the advisory board for the Global Village Project. The program will start around 11:50 (with snacks) in the Meeting Room. This talk is sponsored by Green Friends and Quakers for Racial Equality.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: August 19, 2018

Record Pending Approval

Attendance: Mike Aland, Richard Allen, Michael Allison, Don Bender, Judy Bender, Carolyn Coburn-Allen, Suzanne Cole, Steve Collins, Jennifer Dickie, Kellie Divis, Mary Ann Downey, Julia Ewan, Susan Firestone, Clive Gordon, Alberta Guise, Julie Hliboki, Bill Hooson, Teri Key-Hooson, Elizabeth Lamb, Lynn Leuszler, Georgia Lord, Alison Mawle, Martha Kang McGill, Leeland McPhail, Elaine Meyer-Lee, Caroline Morris, Karen terHorst Morris, Ronald Nuse, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Henry Slack, David Small, Rebecca Sullivan, Myrna Trapp, Pat Williams, Brent Wolff, Jackie Yates, Mark Yates, Bill Holland (Clerk), Bethany Morrison (Recording Clerk) (40 Friends).

Query: Elizabeth Lamb shared the query for Eighth Month, which was written down by Margaret Fell: "Art thou a child of light and hast thou walked in the light, and what thou speakest, is it inwardly from God?"

Discernments

Local Support Committee for Quaker Voluntary Service: At Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in the Seventh Month, three names were brought forward for the Clerk and the two appointed members of this committee.

- **Minute 08-19-2018-01:** Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Steve Collins for the position of Clerk of the Local Support Committee for Quaker Voluntary Service for an August 2018-August 2021 term.
- **Minute 08-19-2018-02:** Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Elizabeth Valera for the position of appointed member of the Local Support Committee for Quaker Voluntary Service for an August 2018-August 2021 term.
- **Minute 08-19-2018-03:** Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Mary Ann Downey for the position of appointed member of the Local Support Committee for Quaker Voluntary Service for an August 2018-August 2020 term.

The decision to make Mary Ann Downey's initial appointment a two year term was in response to suggestions that the committee have staggered terms to enable continuity.

Nominating Committee: Myrna Trapp presented for discernment two nominations presented in seventh month.

- **Minute 08-19-2018-04:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Elaine Meyer-Lee for co-clerk of Religious Education for a term of 3 years. (August 2018 July 2021)
- **Minute 08-19-2018-05:** On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Beth Ensign for co-clerk of Religious Education for a term of 3 years (August 2018 July 2021).

Memorial Minute: Mary Ann Downey brought forward the following memorial minute for Perry Treadwell:

Minute 08-19-2018-06: *Perry Edward Treadwell, 86, died on June 25, 2018. He was raised in Wausau, WI, the only child of Wilma Perry and Paul Treadwell. He attended a Methodist church before going to Shattuck Military Academy in Faribault MI, where he was an Episcopal acolyte. He attended UCLA, receiving a PhD. in Microbiology, and was a postdoctoral fellow at the UCLA Brain Research Institute and the University of Minnesota Cell Research Program. He became a professor at Emory University, advisor to CDC and a junior fellow at the Salk Institute.*

Following his academic career, Perry achieved what he termed “a full bucket list” of goals. He volunteered with many groups including the Georgia Conservancy, Grady Hospice and AID Atlanta. He was a writer for newspapers, magazines and author of eight books. He visited all 50 states and many countries and participated in two barefoot sails to the Bahamas. Most recently, he served as a docent at the CDC museum.

Perry, his wife Harriet and four children began attending La Jolla Meeting in CA before moving to Atlanta, and the Atlanta Friends Meeting. He became a member in 1970, and served as clerk of meeting in 1990-1991 during the building and transition to a new meetinghouse. With other meeting members, he lived in intentional community (guided by the book, Movement for a New Society), was a part owner of the Little 5 Points Community Pub, and a founder of the Atlanta Men’s Experience. He was active in Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting serving as our representative to Friends General Conference. He served FGC on the nominating and long-range planning committees and was a dedicated volunteer at FGC’s annual Gathering. He lived his beliefs, serving as a war tax witness for 40 years as well as convener of Simple Living workshops.

In 2008, Perry presented his spiritual journey to the Atlanta Meeting and spoke of feeling a part of the universe as a child. He identified several mystical experiences during his life, including: seeing cell division in a microscope the first time, climbing Pendle Hill sensing George Fox’s vision, feeling a deep reverence for the environment and the unity of all life. He said, “there is a divinity that shapes us”.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Greenberg, his former wife Harriet, and four children, Gilbert Treadwell, Gail Holland (Clay), Sally Treadwell, and Susan Treadwell (Linda). Also, granddaughters, Sarah Stegall, Amanda Chow, Amy Clower and great-grandchildren, Rosalie and Ethan Chow and Andrew and Claire Stegall. A well-attended memorial service was held at Atlanta Friends Meeting on July 21, 2018.

Reports

QVS Local Support Committee Report: Steve Collins shared a report as the Clerk of the QVS Local Support Committee. In addition to bidding farewell to the 2017-2018 Atlanta Fellows, he discussed the preparations for the new group of Fellows who arrive on Thursday, August 30th. Friends can help with preparations by donating items to stock the pantry, providing vegan/soy- free/nut-free meals to be dropped off during the Fellows’ first work week, and by making small financial donations to help with linen refurbishment, home repair and other household needs.

Social Concerns Committee: Mark Yates read a minute from the Social Concerns Committee meeting on 08/12/18 [attached]. The minute expressed the committees’ deep concern about ongoing political and cultural issues in the country, including the erosion of human rights, the spread of White supremacy and other forms of hate speech, and changes to the strength and independence of the press. It ended with a call to action.

The meeting discussed avenues of disseminating this work by the Social Concerns Committee. Several Friends voiced concerns about the minute. One concern was that the minute would be perceived by readers as reflecting AFM’s beliefs as a whole, rather than the statement of the Social Concerns Committee. In addition, concerns about whether the minute was too political and whether it employed language of privilege were raised.

The meeting asked that a preface be added to the minute to clarify that it reflects the current understanding of the Social Concerns Committee and not the meeting as a whole before publication. (For full minute, see page 1-2.)

Suchitoto Fund Committee Quarterly Report: Bert Skellie shared a report about the committee's progress towards its goals of supporting youth development in Suchitoto, El Salvador and of turning over the funds to an El Salvador-based entity before 2021. The report highlighted the following: The Association of Current and Graduated Scholarship Students from Suchitoto (ABESUCHI) has developed staff positions and increased its influence. IDEAS (the nonprofit coordinating in El Salvador for the Meeting) requested that the contingency fund be replenished. In addition, they asked for additional funds for staff time that went beyond the original budget. The Committee approved the requests. After these requests are fulfilled, the Suchitoto Fund will have approximately \$65,000.

Ministry and Worship Committee: The Ministry and Worship Committee has received a letter from Tom Eubanks requesting a transfer of his membership.

- **Minute 08-19-2018-07:** On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the request of Tom Eubank to transfer his membership to Clear Creek Monthly Meeting (OVYM) in Richmond, Indiana. Atlanta Meeting asks Clear Creek Monthly Meeting to accept the care of Tom Eubank's membership.

The meeting has received a request from Rebecca Sullivan and Suzanne Cole to be married under the care of the meeting (and also under the care of the New Orleans Meeting). Ministry and Worship is currently forming a clearness committee.

In January, AFM received a request from SAYMA for feedback on revisions to the Faith and Practice Queries. Ministry & Worship formed an Ad Hoc group to consider and suggest revisions to the queries. Their work can be found at the following link: <https://goo.gl/ZjTNjw>. Ministry and Worship asks Friends to review the document and send any questions, corrections or suggestions to Elizabeth Lamb, Karen Morris or Sara Patenaude before September 7, 2018. They will bring this document forward in September for approval to send it to the SAYMA Faith and Practice Revision Committee.

Care and Counsel Committee: Bill Hoosen reported for the committee about the Newcomers Table, which has been a success. The flyers on the table are currently printed on white paper and it has been suggested that they could be printed on colored paper to help them stand out. Josh Gough has offered to take photos of newcomers.

Care and Counsel would like to update the list of people who are willing to help with transportation, meals, and visits as the need arises. They suggested passing a sign-up sheet with volunteer clipboard at the rise of meeting for worship. They also suggested that the list could be made available during Meeting for Business and placed on the dessert table on 2^d and 4th Sundays.

During its monthly meeting, Care and Counsel considered the query offered by Nina Gooch: *How might each committee work within their purview to guide our Meeting towards greater inclusivity?* They considered seeking balance on the committee in various aspects including gender identity, sexual orientation, race, and age while asking people to join based on their interests and skills.

Bill reported that Care and Counsel was recently asked to consider two matching scholarship requests from young people in meeting who will be attending Guilford College. Two \$500 scholarships were approved and will be matched by Guilford College. The funds were drawn from the Assistance Fund for Members and

Attenders, which is normally limited in use for financial need in difficult circumstances. Because the scholarship committee was laid down, there are some important unanswered questions about how the meeting handles scholarship requests, such as

- Should Care & Counsel be the entity to confer scholarships?
- Should the Meeting do this at all?
- If C & C continues to be asked to cover scholarships, should we add something to the guidelines of the Assistance fund?
- Why was the scholarship committee laid down besides closing of funds?
- Should we ask for more money for the Assistance Fund?
- Who should get scholarships? Attenders? Those who go only to SAYF? Those who have financial need? Those who go to Quaker Colleges? Those whose scholarship is matched?
- **Minute 08-19-2018-08:** We ask Georgia Lord, Bill Hooson, Rebecca Sullivan and Alison Mawle to consider the questions raised by the Care and Counsel Committee regarding scholarship assistance and bring recommendations as they are seasoned. We ask Bill Hooson to serve as convener.

Minutes of Seventh Month (July) 15, 2018

- **Minute 08-19-2018-09:** The Minutes of the Seventh Month 2018 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved.

Clerk's Items

The American Friends Service Committee South Region will give a forum (as part of a speaking tour) on August 26 at rise of Meeting.

Events in Life of the Meeting

- Melissa Morris will begin seventh grade at the Arthur Morgan School in September.
- Jonas Kramer-Dickie returned from his year in Peru.
- Margaret Nagawa has reunited with her family and AFM after a long absence due to immigration procedures.

Meeting closed with Silent Worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Morrison, Recording Clerk
Bill Holland, Clerk

PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT:

Judith Greenberg
Terri Rushing and Angie Love
Debra Uwimana and family
Teri Key-Hoosen
Deirdre and Nia McCalla

Those wishing to have requests for holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.

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Calendar for Seventh Month (July) 2018

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse (AFM), with a smaller group in the Library. 10:30 a.m. – Peachtree Friends Meeting (Christian-friendly, affirming, open to all), 3980 Florida Ave, Norcross GA, peachtree.quaker.org 1:30 p.m. - Stone Mountain Friends Church (Evangelical), at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, jhudson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Hensley, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Sixth Day (Friday)	11:00 a.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799. (Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 a.m. - Adult Religious Ed, Library Every second Sunday, 9:30 a. m. - Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 a.m. - Meeting for Worship 5:00 p.m. - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
Second Day (Monday)	Every other Monday at 6:30 p.m. - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library (contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join) 7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, High School Classroom (<i>will resume after Labor Day</i>)
Third Day (Tuesday)	6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
Fourth Day (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Semi-programmed worship at AFM. Contact Ashley Wilcox: ashleymwilcox@gmail.com , 206-300-5836.
Sixth Day (Friday)	Every third Friday, Meeting for Business, Meeting Room
18 th of Each Month	Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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Are you a newcomer to the Atlanta Friends community? We would be happy to make you a permanent nametag. You can leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

If you would like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories, please send your name and contact information to Brent Wolff at rbkwolff@gmail.com. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both.

Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting may be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse or mailed to the Treasurer at our Meetinghouse address. Thank you!

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