

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter: Seventh Month, 2023



**Monthly Query:** *How do we test our decisions to ensure they are based in the Spirit?*

**Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *When one is moved by the Light to speak, such ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a "heart pounding weakness," from which our name Quaker is derived.*

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## Upcoming Zoom Fora - 9:30 am

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/forums.html>

**July 2:** How do you use or interpret words like "God," "Jesus," "Spirit," "Inner Light," "the Seed," and "Inward Dwelling Spirit" in meetings for worship?

**July 9:** Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31. How does this parable speak to you?

**July 23:** What role does the Bible play in your spirituality?

**July 30:** John Woolman wouldn't read his mail because it was delivered by abused animals. Benjamin Lay grew his own flax and made his own clothes to avoid slave-made clothing. Where are you struggling to compromise your convenience in response to your Inner Light? Where are you succeeding?

**August 6:** What is a beautiful thing that another religion does that resonates with you?

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## Upcoming Events

### Marya and Michael's Wedding — July 22

Marya Plotkin and Michael Hanson will be married under the care of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting on Saturday, July 22 at 2:00 pm. The meeting for worship with attention to marriage will take place at the Durham Friends Meeting, 404 Alexander Avenue, Durham. All are invited. To assist with planning, please RSVP to Carolyn Stuart at [cbyrdstuart@gmail.com](mailto:cbyrdstuart@gmail.com).

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## Announcements

### “Trust Women” Book Discussion

Carolyn White shares with Friends:

As we move into the second year following the Dobbs ruling which overturned Roe and face even more abortion restrictions here in North Carolina, I would like to form a small group to discuss the book *Trust Women: a Progressive Christian Argument for Reproductive Justice* by Rebecca Todd Peters, a professor of Religious Studies at Elon College. By the end of the 3 meetings, I hope that we have a better understanding of how abortion fits into a normal part of women’s reproductive lives, how the conservative Christian movement has shamed and judged women, and how we as Quakers can frame our own moral argument for abortion access and reproductive justice.

The group will meet three times on the third Wednesday (Sept 20, Oct 18 and Nov 15) at Carolyn White’s house (300 Tripp Farm Rd, Chapel Hill) from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We can be a hybrid group if there are people who would prefer to meet by Zoom. The book is available online or by ordering at local bookstores, though I will make sure one copy is available in the library. We will discuss three chapters at each meeting.

Email Carolyn White at [chwhitenc@gmail.com](mailto:chwhitenc@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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### Zoom Tech Hosts Wanted

Support Chapel Hill Friends Meeting’s Zoom worship and forums by becoming a tech host. The role is much more simple than you would imagine. Trust us! We need your help and will train you. Please contact the Zoom Subcommittee if interested, or have questions: [zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org).

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### The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items

Carolyn Stuart shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions on First Days. We are no longer offering last-Wednesday food

donation pickups, as Friends tend now to either support the IFC through financial contributions or bring food items to the foyer on First Days.

Thank you.

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## Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

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## Newsletter & eNews Reminder

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).

- The deadline for weekly eNews is Wednesday. Please put **"for eNews"** in the subject line.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last Sunday of the month*. Please put **"for Newsletter"** in the subject line.

To unsubscribe, email to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) with the subject line, Unsubscribe.

**Note:** If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) to your contacts. Otherwise it might go to your Spam folder (and likewise for other chapelhillfriends.org mailing lists such as pfym@chapelhillfriends.org).

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## Recurring Events

### Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish - from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to: [prayers@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:prayers@chapelhillfriends.org). The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee and each week, a committee member will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service.

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### Pendle Hill Worship via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

**Note:** The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

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## Pray for Peace - From Friends House Moscow:

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805

The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry.

Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

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## Personals

### Ride Needed to CHFM

Hello friends.

My name is Alex Palmer and grew up going to the Chapel Hill friends meeting with my father Jim Palmer. He has moved to Hillsborough and lives in an assisted living facility, Terrabella. I am trying to arrange a relatively consistent ride for him to go to CH Friends meeting on Sunday's. If there is anybody that would be willing to provide transportation, it would be greatly appreciated. I attend HUCC and regularly attend, so it is sometimes hard to get him there. Please let me know.

Alex

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# Business Meeting Minutes

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM)**

**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**Minutes**

**9 am Sunday June 18, 2023**

**Online via Zoom**

**Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk**

In attendance: Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Carolyn White, John Pilgrim, Hank Elkins, Jennifer Leeman, Jeff Brown, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Carolyn Stuart, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Julia Cleaver, John Bell, Hart Pillow, Campo Larrick, John Hite, Rebecca Estes, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Buzz Borchardt, Deborah Gibbs, Jan Hutton, John Hite, Rob Jones, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan, Billie Grogan, Dottie Henninger, Nancy Milio, Allie Scales, Margaret Vimmerstedt, Monteze Snyder, Jasmine McKewen, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis.

1. Ann, as Clerk, led Friends in opening worship and presented the Query: “We have it within our power to begin the world over again” (Thomas Paine). How do I “change the world” in my daily practices? One Friends spoke out of the silence, noting that we are each a small part of a great huge whole. She has been making it a practice to detach from outcomes, seeking to live deeply into her inner light, being part of a community that takes action with faith and hope.
2. Ann welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders.
3. Susan presented the Minutes of the May Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). They were considered and approved.
4. Carolyn White for Nominations committee presented the annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. The report was accepted with gratitude for the committee’s ongoing work.
5. Carolyn White for Nominations committee presented the proposed committee slates for 2023-24, with a few changes from the presentation last month. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends considered, clarified, and approved the slate, with appreciation for the committee’s work.
6. Ann reported that she has received a request for membership from Campo Larrick, and read the letter. Friends expressed appreciation and referred the matter to Ministry & Worship to form a clearness committee.

7. Ann reported that Betsy Brinson has come forward to be proposed as our new representative to American Friends Service Committee. The meeting approved the appointment with delight that she feels this calling, confident she will make a difference in the role.

8. Jeff Brown for the Ministry and Worship committee presented the results of a survey on blended Meeting for Worship and recommendations. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends commented:

- “Let us see what love can do.”
- Several spoke on their desire for more frequent blended meetings.
- “I appreciate the experience of the presence of Friends from afar.”
- Several commented on their preference for the experience of either Zoom worship or in-person worship, over the blended experience.
- “Our process in coming to consensus, no matter how long it takes, is important. It is a decision we will make for ourselves, sooner or later, and I appreciate Ministry & Worship’s thoughtfulness in the process.”
- “I feel vulnerable when there is a camera, so am grateful that there are places to sit away from the camera. I want us to be inclusive but also provide safety.”

Ministry & Worship will continue to sit with this.

9. Monteze Snyder for Finance committee announced the hiring of an accountant, Peggy James. Maura Murphy and David Waterman and she made up the search committee. They are pleased with the choice. Maura will help with the transition over the coming weeks.

10. Monteze Snyder for Finance committee presented the proposed budget for FY 2023-24, which is attached here as Appendix 4, then responded to questions and comments, making clarifications. Friends approved the budget.

11. Ann, as Clerk, presented a minute of appreciation for Maura Murphy’s service as Treasurer: We are very grateful to Maura Murphy for over 10 years of service in the role of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Treasurer. She did excellent work for us, improving the reporting systems for Meeting finances, transitioning many banking functions to use online services, and implementing electronic giving through the website. She patiently guided our Finance committee and Meeting members as we endeavored to live our faith through good stewardship of our financial resources. Maura shared her gifts and talents faithfully—our community is blessed by her presence. Friends approved the minute with enthusiasm.

12. Ann as Clerk called for other concerns of members, announcing a time for unseasoned concerns that arise, if any, to be identified only and simply heard or referred.

Jeff Brown offered a minute of appreciation for Jan Hutton’s faithful clerking of the Zoom committee since the spring of 2020: She navigated a range of challenges presented by technology and by the varying needs and perspectives of Friends. She always responded lovingly and we are grateful to her for keeping the committee as well as our community together through challenging times. Friends approved the minute.

13. Ann announced that our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 7/16/2023. She has a schedule conflict so Jennifer Leeman will clerk the meeting. There will be no MWAB in August. MWAB will resume on 9/17/2023.



#### Announcements:

- Piedmont Friends reports and documents are available on Quaker cloud for those who want to see what went on at the annual sessions—also a recording is available of the morning plenary session with Chaplain Josh
- NC Coalition for Alternatives to the Death penalty is screening the film “Racist Roots” at Eno House in Hillsborough 6/24 3:30-5:00 pm
- The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF,) which works to strengthen ties between Bolivian Quakers and Quakers elsewhere through programs that enhance the educational opportunities of Bolivian Friends, is seeking new board and committee members, liaisons, and advocates. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2zhrps88> to find out more and volunteer.
- Chapel Hill Friends Meeting’s Zoom worship and forums depend upon our tech hosts and we need more Friends to step forward to fulfill this simple role. Please contact the Zoom Subcommittee to volunteer: [zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org).
- The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping and bring food items to the foyer on First Days!

## Appendix 1

### Nominations Committee Annual Report, May 2023

Committees form the structure of the Meeting and do the Meeting's work. The Meeting's work includes caring for the Meeting's members and their spiritual development, its meetings for worship, its property and finances, its religious education, outreach and social action. Committees serve the Meeting by studying issues and making seasoned recommendations to the monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). Members and attenders are encouraged to actively engage with the Meeting through committee work both for the appreciation of community each participant gains and for the organizational health of the Meeting.

The role of the Nominations committee is to discern the needs of the committees and to identify members and attenders whose gifts fit with each committee's role and responsibilities. Most of our work is accomplished between January and May, with regular meetings via Zoom.

The committee is very grateful to the Care and Counsel and Publications and Communications committees for the 2022 CHFM directory. We are also grateful to the Hospitality Committee which keeps an online record of new attenders. This year, we celebrate the fact that 11 new members and attenders are serving on a committee for the first time. They have helped fill positions that were vacant in the previous year.

We continue to be challenged to fill all of our committee openings. This year, we were tasked to discern a new treasurer as well as adding additional volunteers to the Finance Committee. Several other committees could also use more volunteers. We hope to eventually fill these vacancies.

In September, we ask that the clerk of the Meeting appoint a "Naming Committee" of two people who will discern three new members for the Nominations committee. (Annette Broadwell, Leslie Rountree and Carolyn White are rotating off). Those names should be approved at the December MWAB as Nominations will begin its work again in January 2024.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Broadwell, Alice Carlton, Emilie Condon, Matt Drake, Deborah Gibbs, Susan Inglis (co-clerk), Leslie Rountree, Carolyn White (co-clerk)

## Appendix 2

### ***Nominations Committee Report on Givers of Time and Service, 2023-2024***

Gray highlights signify a new person accepting that position or a vacancy

A name in bold indicates that person will serve another term

The number after a name signifies which term they are serving

An asterisk (\*) indicates a clerk or co-clerk

Position	Friend	Term End
Clerk	Ann Miller	2025
Recording Clerk	Susan Inglis-1	2024
Treasurer	Monteze Snyder--1	2026
Meeting Trustees	<b>Marie Hopper--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Matt Drake--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Lloyd Kramer --2	2024
Recorder	Carolyn White--3	2025
Corresponding Clerk	Dottie Heninger--2	2024

Appointees	Friend	Term End
Carolina Friends School Board  Meets 4-5 times per year at CFS	John Bell—2	2025
	Laura Young-1	2024
	Eric Graves-1	2024
	Julia Cleaver - 3	2026

Representatives	Friend	Term End
Quaker House Board  Meets quarterly: irregularly on Saturdays 10-2pm in various locations within NC	Tom McQuiston--1	2025
	Rufus King--1	2024
	Curt Torrell-1	2025

Representatives	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship Meets quarterly	Leslie Rountree--2	2025
	Brad Schultz--1	2024
	Jasmine McKewen--2	2024

Committee	Friend	Term End
Friends Committee on NC Legislation	<b>Pam Schwingl--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Wendy Michener--1	2026
	David Waterman--1	2026

Committee	Friend	Term End
Coalition of Clergy	Lynn Drake--1	2025
	Dottie Heninger--2	2025

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Adult Religious Education</b>  Third Sunday at 1:00 PM	John Bell--1	2024
	Calaway Rohloff--1	2026
	<b>Tom Munk --2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Mark Toles--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Kate Fitch*--1	2024
	Campo Larrick--1	2026
	Rebecca Estes--1	2026
	Deborah Gibbs--2	2024

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>  Second Monday at 7:00 PM	John Hite*, Resident	
	<b>Tom Ludlow--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Peter Malone*-1	2024
	Kurt Hein--2	2024
	Naveed Moed -- 1	
	Wendy Michener - 3	
	Caroline Carmen, CFES head teacher	Ex-officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Care and Counsel</b>  First Sunday 1:30-3:00 PM	<b>Leslie Rountree--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Tom Munk--1	2025
	Alice Carlton*--1	2025
	Lynn Drake--2	2024
	Gwynne Pomeroy--1	2024
	Bonnie Raphael --1	2025
	Carolyn Stuart--2	2025
	Ann Miller, Clerk of Meeting	Ex-officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Children &amp; Youth Religious Education</b>  Fourth Wednesday 7:30 PM	Stacey Seawell, Nursery	Ex-officio
	Jennifer Leeman--1	2024
	Leslie Rountree--1	2024
	Kara Grawozburn--1	2026
	Jasmine McKewen*--3	2024
	Laura Young--3	2024
	Rob Jones--1	2024
	Ziva Danneker--1	2026
	Kathleen McNeil, FDS Coordinator	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Finance</b>  Second Wednesday at 7:00 pm	Tom Ludlow--1	2025
	Gwynne Pomeroy*--2	2025
	Julia Cleaver-1	2025
	Mansir Petrie--1	2024
	David Waterman*--1	2025
	Treasurer-Monteze Snyder	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Hospitality</b>  Third Tuesday at 7:00 PM	Pam Schwingl--1	2025
	Whitney Fry--1	2026
	Quaker Harmon*--2	2025
	<b>Evelyn Lee--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Susan Peterson--1	2026
	Hart Pillow--2	2025
	Andrea Wood--1	2026

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>InterFaith Council</b>  Meets quarterly	Ronald Carnes--2	2025
	Betsy Brinson--1	2026
	<b>Carolyn White*--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Tori Toles*--1	2024
	<b>Max Drake--5</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Ann Drake--6</b>	<b>2026</b>

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Library</b>  Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	Lloyd Kramer--3	2025
	Allie Scales--3	2025
	David Curtin *--3	2024
	Annalee Harkins--2	2025
	Eloise Grathwohl--2	2025
	<b>John Hite--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Wylie Thornquist--1	2026

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Ministry and Worship</b>  First Monday at 7:00 PM	Susan Inglis--1	2025
	<b>Matt Drake--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Jeff Brown*--2	2024
	Jasmine McKewen--1	2025
	Jennifer Leeman--1	2025
	<b>Carolyn White*--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Dottie Heninger--1	2024
	Lloyd Kramer--1	2026
	Ann Miller, Clerk of Meeting	Ex-officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Nominations</b>  <i>(term is January-January)</i> Monthly as needed January-May	Emilie Condon-2	2026
	Deborah Gibbs--2	2024
	Susan Inglis*--2	2026
	Carolyn White*--2	2023
	Leslie Rountree--2	2023
	Annette Broadwell--2	2023
	Alice Carlton--1	2026
	Matt Drake--1	2026

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Publications and Communications</b>  Meets every other month on the 4th Sunday	Sean Chen *--4	2025
	Buzz Borchardt--2	2024
	Peter Malone--2	2023
	Finn James--2	2025
	<b>David Curtin--5</b>	<b>2026</b>

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Shotts Leadership Fund</b>  Rarely meets	Asta Crowe--2	2024
	Lynn Drake--2	2024
	Ken Grogan--2	2024
	<b>Jan Hutton*--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Susan Inglis--2	2024
	<b>Roberto Quercia--5</b>	<b>2026</b>

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Peace and Justice</b>  Second Sunday at 1:00 PM (Zoom)	Astra Titus--1	2025
	Wendy Michener*--3	2025
	Leslie Bassinger--1	2024
	Ellen O'Brien--2	2025
	Hank Elkins--3	2024
	Joe Groves--2	2025
	Susan Peterson-1	2026

Committee	Friend	
<b>Returning Citizens Financial Assistance (ReCFAC)</b>  Much work done by email	<b>Asta Crowe--3</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Nancy Milio--3</b>	2024
	<b>Ann Shy*--1</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>David Schneider--2</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Gwynne Pomeroy--3</b>	2024



Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Transition &amp; Support</b>  First Sunday after Potluck  Meets again the last Tuesday of each month	Tom McQuiston*--4	2025
	Richard Miller--4	2025
	David Schneider--4	2025
	Annette Broadwell	2024
	<b>Hank Elkins--4</b>	<b>2026</b>
	<b>Byron Stevens--3</b>	<b>2026</b>
	Nancy Fisher*--4	2024
	Buzz Borchardt--1	2026
	John Pilgrim--1	2025
	Bonnie Raphael--2	2024
	Asta Crowe--3	2025

Committee	Friend	
<b>Zoom</b>	Buzz Borchardt	
	<b>Jeff Brown</b>	
	<b>Quaker Harmon</b>	
	John Hite	
	Dave Curtin	

	<b>First Day School Teachers</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
<b>Nursery &amp; Pre-kindergarten</b>	Stacey Sewall (Nursery)	
<b>Children</b>	Kathleen McNeil (FDS Director)	
	Jasmine McKewen	
	Mark Hulbert	
	Andrea Wuerth	
	Carolyn Stuart	
	Julie Fieckhart	
	Leslie Rountree	
	Lori Khamala	
	Jennifer Leeman	
<b>Teens</b>	Finn James	
	John Hite	
	Grace Schneider	
	Tom Munk	

## Appendix 3

### Survey Results and Comments to Ministry & Worship Blended survey Summary

For the last three years, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has offered a variety of options for worship, allowing members and attenders to make their own best choice. These include virtual worship via Zoom, small group in-person worship at 8:15 AM, in-person worship at 11:00 AM (also, First Day School), a worship group at Carol Woods Retirement Community and a hybrid or blended worship once a month at 11:00 AM whereby the meeting room is a Zoom participant, blending in-person and online worship.

The Ministry & Worship Committee supports the spiritual life of the community by evaluating and supporting these options for worship. The committee reviews the quality of worship during each monthly committee meeting. Ministry & Worship is mindful about building community and strives for ways to unify our members and attenders even when they may worship at different times.

The committee asked you about your experience with worship and especially with hybrid or blended worship. We received 70 survey responses in April. This morning, I would like to summarize the responses and comments.

We received many thoughtful comments by survey respondents.

There was a strong affirmation of need and gratitude for having Zoom Meeting for Worship, especially for those who live far away or cannot attend in person for health reasons. Almost all respondents felt that having a blended MFW was a good idea. At least 6 people responded that they did not like blended MFW (too many distractions, awkward, interferes with worship) but would be fine with blended once per month. About the same number of people felt that we should have blended MFW every week (concern about splitting into separate groups, sense of community). Most respondents were fine with once or maybe twice per month.

Some concerns about blended MFW include: distraction of microphone; not being able to hear; awkward; less a path to a gathered meeting; messages on Zoom are too frequent and too long; screen so small that we can't see the Zoom participants.

One comment stated the fear of becoming 2 separate groups. However, another person commented how much they loved early MFW with its quiet. Several comments mentioned the warm sense of community with the Zoom worship group. Another commented that weekly blended MFW was not necessary for sustaining a sense of community for those who cannot attend in person.

Other suggestions included: making mask wearing optional; have an evening MFW (either Zoom or in person); continue to work out the bugs with the microphone, etc.

The survey responses were informative about worship experience, but did not clarify a path for worship. Our blended meeting practice continues to evolve. The Zoom subcommittee has consistently supported a blended meeting on the first First Day of each month, using equipment scoped and acquired last year. The Zoom subcommittee continues to seek a better solution for getting audio to the Zoom connection

than the current use of a hand-held microphone. More testing of audio equipment will take place after ventilation improvements that can retire the window fans in the meeting room.

The Ministry & Worship Committee recommends that the Meeting continue to hold blended meetings for worship on the first First Day of the month for now, with continued attention to the evolving practice.

Ministry & Worship also appreciates other options for participating in the Meeting community, including forums, MWAB, Prayers for Healing, committee meetings, and small groups.

Appendix 4

	PROPOSED BUDGET July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024						
					% of total budget	% increase over last year	2022-2023
<b>Income</b>							
	<b>Building Rental</b>			\$0			\$0
	<b>Contributions</b>			\$76,306		13%	\$67,736
	<b>Parking space rental (7 x \$750)</b>			\$5,250		11%	\$4,734
<b>Total Income</b>				\$81,556		13%	\$72,470
<b>Expense</b>							
	<b>A-Obligations</b>						
		<b>Accountant</b>		\$8,000			
		<b>Bank Fee</b>		\$50			\$50
		<b>FDS Coordinator/Childcare</b>		\$8,000			\$7,500
		<b>Insurance &amp; workers' comp</b>		\$6,110			\$6,110
		<b>Software License Fee</b>		\$1,600			\$1,000
		<b>UBIT, Storm Fees</b>		\$1,136			\$2,000
		<b>Utilities</b>		\$7,351			\$5,300
		<b>Zoom operator</b>		\$2,400			\$2,400
	<b>Total A-Obligations</b>			\$34,647	42%	42%	\$24,360
	<b>B-Committees</b>						
		<b>Adult Religious Ed</b>		\$150			\$150
		<b>Building and Grounds</b>		\$11,819			\$8,500
		<b>Care and Counsel</b>					
			<b>Meeting for Suffering</b>	\$200			\$200
			<b>Care and Counsel - Other</b>	\$110			\$110
		<b>Total Care and Counsel</b>		\$310			\$310
		<b>Children's/Youth Religious Ed</b>		\$350			\$500
		<b>Communication Technology</b>		\$800			\$5,400
		<b>Finance</b>					
			<b>Contingency Fund</b>	\$300			\$300
			<b>Credit Card Fee</b>	\$450			\$450

			Finance - Other	\$1,400			\$1,300
			Total Finance	\$2,150			\$2,050
			Friends Transition & Support-Yoke	\$600			\$600
			Hospitality	\$415			\$415
			IFC	\$150			\$50
			Library	\$350			\$370
			Ministry and Worship	\$1,000			\$1,000
			Nominations	\$40			\$40
			Peace and Justice				
			National Quaker Service	\$1,500			\$900
			Peace and Justice - Other	\$500			\$500
			Total Peace and Justice	\$2,000			\$1,400
			Publications and Communications	\$750			\$100
			Total B-Committees	\$20,884	26%	0%	\$20,885
			C-Benevolences				
			Legacy Benevolences	\$19,454			\$19,454
			M&W Benevolences	\$1,400			\$1,400
			P&J Benevolences	\$5,171			\$5,171
			Total C-Benevolences	\$26,025	32%	0%	\$26,025
			Subtotal expenses	\$81,556			\$71,270
			Supplements to designated Funds				
			Refac	\$0			\$200
			Youth Service Trip	\$0			\$1,000
			Subtotal supplements to reserves	\$0			\$1,200
			TOTAL Expenses	\$81,556		13%	\$72,470
			Net ordinary income	\$0			\$0
			CAPITAL PROJECTS				
			Building and Grounds Porch Project				27,090
			Building/Grounds HVAC Stage 1				
			contractors and labor	\$7,366			

	material s			\$4,638			
	total Stage 1			<b>\$12,004</b>			
	<b>TOTAL Special Projects</b>			\$12,004			
		TOTAL ANNUAL BUDGET & SPECIAL PROJECTS		\$93,560			

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