

THE GAZETTE

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Upcoming Events

Events in New England Yearly Meeting

Poor People's Campaign, Portland, ME, Thursday, October 10. Meet at Lincoln Park at 5:45 p.m. (350 Congress Street). March to 7:00 p.m. mass meeting at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church (425 Congress Street). The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and the Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis, National Co-Chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, will be attending this event. See <https://neym.org/events/8536>. *New England Yearly Meeting is a member of the Poor People's Campaign.*



Quaker Birthdays

October

Fred Wheeler, 6
Molly Cornell, 7
Erica Adams, 21

November

Kim Allsup, 13
Louise Luckenbill, 19
Rebecca Edwards, 30



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“Let us be patient with one another,
And even patient with ourselves.
We have a long, long way to go.
So let us hasten along the road,
The road of human tenderness and generosity.
Groping, we may find one another’s hands in the dark.”

Balch, E.G. “A Letter to the Chinese People.” *Friends Journal: Quaker Thought and Life Today*, Vol. 12, No. 1, January 1, 1967, final verse, p. 11. See biographical note next page.

Emily Greene Balch

The First Quaker Nobel Peace Prize Winner

Rita O'Donnell

Emily Balch was a well-known scholar, social justice advocate and peace activist. She credited a Unitarian minister with determining her life's work at age 10 when "He asked us to enlist in the service of goodness whatever its costs."* Born into a Unitarian family Balch joined the Society of Friends in 1921 at the age of 54 and remained a Quaker until her death at age 94.



She graduated from Bryn Mawr with honors in 1889, a member of that school's first class, following which she studied in Paris. In 1892 she helped found Denison House, Boston's first settlement house modeled on Chicago's Hull House. She taught at Wellesley College in Sociology and Economics for 22 years until she was dismissed in 1919 for her opposition to U.S. involvement in World War I.

Active in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, she served as its international secretary-treasurer. After Pearl Harbor, Balch supported the U.S. war effort, seeing it as the lesser of two evils and believing that fascism would not be destroyed without force.

She spent the war years working on behalf of Japanese Americans in the internment camps, and continued her WILPF involvement.

Balch received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946 at the age of 79, the second American woman to do so following her friend Jane Addams. She died in 1961 the day after her 94th birthday.

The verse cited on the front page of this issue is the last and most often cited stanza of Emily Balch's poem "A Letter to the Chinese People." Originally published in The Christian Science Monitor in 1955 and reprinted in Friends Journal in 1967, the full poem can be seen at <https://www.friendsjournal.org/wp-content/uploads/emember/downloads/1967/HC12-50397.pdf>

* <https://www.massmoments.org/moment-details/emily-greene-balch-born.html>

Image of Balch is from Wikipedia.



Regular Events

Adult Discussion Group

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. (October 6, 13, 20, 27; November 3, 10, 17, 24)

Peace and Social Order

2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (October 13; November 10)
Larry Jordan, convener

Growth and Learning

3rd Sunday at 12:00 p.m. (October 20 – “Three Lifestyle Queries”; November 17)
Sunny Davidson, convener

Empathy Practice (NVC)

Usually 1st Saturday 9:30–11:45
(No October practice; November 2)
Brenda Nolan, convener

Restorative Circle Practice

Usually 1st Saturday 1:00–3:00
(No October practice; November 2)
Brenda Nolan, convener

Ministry & Counsel

7:00 p.m. (October, November tbd)
Deborah Bradley, convener
(508-564-4744)
Marilyn Brice
Carolyne Jordan
Jonathan Joyal
Cynthia Rankin
Abigail Young

West Falmouth Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Usually 4th Sunday (October 27;
November 24)

Events in the Quarter

Open House – Interesting Facts about Quakers, Sunday,

October 6, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. at Mattapoisett Friends Meeting. Shortened meeting for worship followed by coffee and conversation.

Annual Meat Pie Supper, Wednesday, October 16, 6 p.m. at Smith Neck Friends Meetinghouse, Dartmouth, MA. \$12/\$15, Contact Anne (508-994-5816).

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting -- Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Smith Neck Friends Meetinghouse, Dartmouth, MA.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting

Continued Discussion of “Trying to Be Truthful,” Pendle Hill Pamphlet # 455 by Chel Avery. Yarmouth Friends Meeting.

Wednesday, October 16. Gather at 5:30 in the schoolhouse to eat together. Cookies, coffee and tea will be provided, but bring your own meal or sandwich. Discussion from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the meetinghouse (schoolhouse if our numbers are small). Contact Lee Hamilton. This 2019 PH Pamphlet is available in WFPM library.



Sandwich Monthly Meeting for Business– Sunday, October 6, West Falmouth.

Sandwich Monthly Meeting – Seeker’s Day, Saturday, November 9, 9 – 12 p.m. optional lunch afterward. East Sandwich Meetinghouse.

Events in West Falmouth

Quaker Women Potluck -- Topic is “Closure.” **Thursday, October 17** at Sunny Davidson’s. Gather at 5:30 p.m., supper at 6:00, sharing from 7:00 – 8:30.

Mid-Week Quaker Meeting

at Atria in Falmouth. **Wednesdays**, at 9:45 a.m., **October** (2, 9, 16, 23, 30) and **November** (6, 13, 20, 27). Contact Gina Lyman.



Other Events at the Meetinghouse

Mondays, 7 p.m., Zen Meditation. Contact Fran Lightsom.

Fridays, 7 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous. Contact Sally Fritz.

Wampanoag Events – Quakers Welcome!

Native American Thanks Giving – Saturday, November 23 at 11 a.m. at the Old Indian Meeting House, 410 Meetinghouse Road, Mashpee 02649. Built in 1684, the Meetinghouse is the oldest Native American church in the eastern United States and the oldest church on Cape Cod. Following the service, a potluck luncheon will be held at the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe Community and Government Center. Contact Gail Melix (508-221-0832).



Also of Interest

From Sessions 2019 -- Friends who wish to listen to the 2019 **Bible Half-Hours** by Colin Saxton (North Valley Friends Church, Oregon) and **Plenary Sessions** led by Lisa Graustein (Beacon Hill Meeting, MA) will find them at <https://neym.org/recordings/news/2019-bible-half-hours-and-plenary-recordings>.

Joy of Learning: Quaker Roots of Colonial Falmouth -- an illustrated lecture series presented by Abigail Reynolds and David Young at Falmouth Public Library over the course of four weeks: **Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30**, 7 – 8 p.m. Lectures (subject to minor changes): 1) Quakers and the Founding of Falmouth; 2) Quaker Influences in Colonial Falmouth; 3) Tales of Quaker Settlers; and 4) The Quaker Influence Through the Civil War. Registration is required and attendance at all four lectures is requested. Register through the reference department (508-457-2555 x7) or at falmouthpubliclibrary.org/register.

Gun Violence Prevention Notes from Nan Garrett-Logan -- At the Quaker Institute for the Future welcoming potluck on September 9, Nan highlighted the Homeboys Industry group and encouraged us to support them. Homeboys is located in California, but some of their products -- guacamole and salsas -- are now available at the Falmouth Stop and Shop. And, as demonstrated at the potluck, they're pretty good!



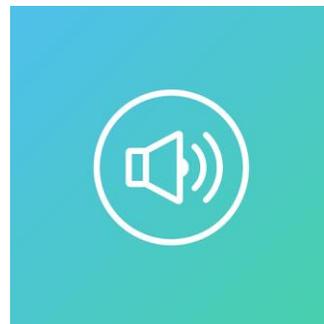
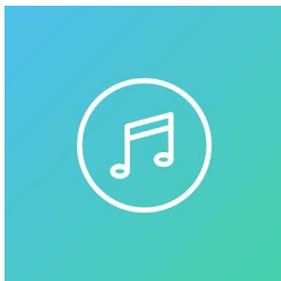
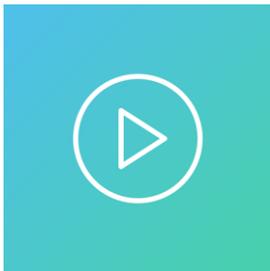
What does this have to do with gun violence prevention? The Homeboys group, begun about 30 years ago, created commercial enterprises to help former gang members learn how to negotiate the modern work environment. Homeboys also provides "wrap around services" supporting clients' educational and social needs. Success is measurable. See

<https://blueprint.ucla.edu/feature/homeboy-industries-a-history-of-violence-a-hope-for-the-future/>.

Homeboys Industry has spawned over 400 other organizations using the same model across the country. Several are in Massachusetts, such as the More Than Words book stores in Boston, Waltham and on line. How we spend our money matters. Consider buying a book from More Than Words or taking some Homeboys salsa and guac to your next party!



Do You Know about QuakerSpeak? A weekly video project of Friends Journal, QuakerSpeak covers a wide range of interesting topics. A new video is released every Thursday, the most recent being “*My Quaker Practice: How I Practice Quakerism Throughout the Week*” with Fritz Weiss, former clerk of NEYM. Other recent topics are “*Evangelical to Quaker: How I Came to Quakerism from Evangelical Christianity*,” “*Quaker Prayer*,” “*Quaker Glossary*,” “*Why I am a Quaker and a Muslim*,” and “*Quakers in the Movies*.” Or maybe you’d like to watch “*Quaker Basics: Videos for Newcomers*.” You can check it all out at <https://quakerspeak.com/>.



News of Friends

West Falmouth Friends hosted the highly successful 2019 Quaker Institute for the Future September 9 – 13. A full description of the week’s events can be found in the P & SO report attached to this mailing.



QIF participants socialize outside of Quaker House.



QIF Participants in front of West Falmouth Meetinghouse



A group of the QIF Summer Research Seminars participants posing at the statue of Rachel Carson in Woods Hole following a tour of the Marine Environment Studies Center at the Marine Biology Laboratory.

Photo credits: John Gates (top);
Larry Jordan (bottom)

Readers Write

Why Juliana v. the United States is So Important

Rod Zwirner

The Climate Strike activities on September 20 and the subsequent Climate Summits at the UN brought leaders from around the world who were instructed to bring actions, not more speeches. With a great array of choices to reduce emissions, capture carbon, and create non-fossil energy, there was an atmosphere of a last chance to turn modern civilization around toward sustainable patterns of living.

The strong youth component was led by Greta Thunberg who had sailed her way to America. One event she attended was a press conference in front of our Supreme Court held by Our Children's Trust¹ to showcase their long-shot effort to use legal systems to break the impasse over climate action. Formed in 2010 and led by Oregon law professor Julia Olson, Our Children's Trust began a series of local suits around the country to secure the present and future generations' 5th Amendment rights to life, liberty, property and public trust resources. With the results from initial suits, twenty-one youths from ecologically compromised local settings – e.g., estuaries, barrier islands, bayous --were brought together in the Juliana v. United States suit in 2015. Because there was an Alaskan Quaker chosen and because Quakers have long understood that public trust resources are crucial to fair governance, Quaker Earthcare Witness signed on as a Friend of the Court.

What are the simple components of the claim that these rights have been taken away, stealing the potential future for coming generations? There is evidence that nine Presidents have been shown that this crisis was coming, yet our government continues to subsidize fossil fuel and nuclear energy. Corporate lobbying has won crucial support, to the long-term detriment of earth processes and, therefore, of future and present rights. Claiming these rights under the Equal Protection Clause shows a similarity with Brown v. Board of Education, one of the most important 20th Century Supreme Court decisions. Both bring the 14th Amendment into play in order to further national progress.

The Public Trust Doctrine has been substantiated to include land and water. Despite setbacks, Native Americans have won back territory as well as fishing and hunting rights. It appears that the crux of the problem is establishing an Atmospheric Trust Doctrine. While the premise that all life needs healthy air seems simple, there is no precedent available. So far, the courts have shown the same dysfunction as the other two branches of government, with the exception of the 9th Circuit which has let the case proceed despite numerous appeals. When Trump was elected the corporate appealers dropped off, assuming he would take care of business as usual. Yet, all the evidence is in favor of the kids. So, at present, we are under another stay, while the Powers that Be struggle to find a reason to reject.

Kelsey Juliana and others just testified in Washington to bring the case forward. If, by chance, the case is won, what might happen? One possibility is a plan to stop or phase out all fossil fuel subsidies and tax breaks. Then a firm plan to restore balance would need to be drawn up and put into action. This would amount to a "green new deal" which is an area many Quakers have worked on.

¹ <https://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

Why do we not know more about this case? The role of the mainstream, corporate controlled media has been pathetic. 60 Minutes has run two segments this year,² but they did not present the legal arguments, focusing instead on the tree-hugger angle. No matter the outcome, this case should be in civics textbooks because of its existential focus on life as we know it.

What can we do? I think Quakers, in general, know that we cannot get out of this dilemma with the same consciousness that caused the problem.³ Support QEW, QIF, Jay O’Hara and all efforts to understand that with love and gratitude we can see there will be enough for all, if we stay within the Earth Processes that seem part of all religions. Where I lived in Borneo the Paramount Chief used to say it is a matter of pruning out the unproductive, so the Tree of Life can flourish. He understood the Gospel of John that missionaries brought to his headhunters. As Quaker Universalists we can follow our leadings to create actions, conversations, etc. to evolve our traditions so that the Juliana case, no matter how it is decided, can be part of the path that is emerging. This is all Carbon Handprint activity and the counterpart of Carbon Footprint actions that Steve Gates is working so hard on. It can be our response to the Earthcare Ministry Minutes that have come to us from our last two Yearly Meeting Sessions.⁴



² <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/juliana-versus-united-states-climate-change-lawsuit-60-minutes-2019-06-23/>

³ Quaker Institute for the Future (QIF) Pamphlet #5: *It’s the Economy, Friends: Understanding the Growth Dilemma*, edited by Ed Dreby, Keith Helmuth, and Margaret Mansfield, 2012 can be read in full at: <http://www.quakerinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/06/IEF-web.pdf>

⁴ 2018: <https://neym.org/minutes/year/2018-sessions> Minute 2018-36
2109 (draft): https://neym.org/sites/default/files/Wednesday%20Afternoon_0.pdf Minute 8.5

Note: See <https://www.noordinarylawsuit.org/>. This worthwhile podcast created by Our Children’s Trust explains the legal basis for the Juliana case, gives the climate history and science that are the context for the arguments and tells the plaintiffs’ stories.

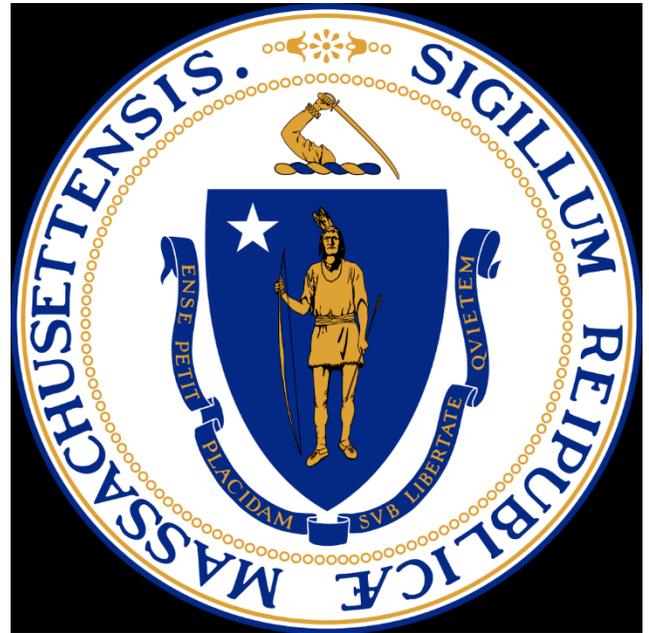
On the Massachusetts Flag and Seal

Gail Melix

East Sandwich Preparative Meeting

Do you know what our state flag and seal look like? Among other things they depict an arm wielding a large sword pointing downward at a Native American whose arrow is also pointing downward. This is symbolic of subjugation and genocide and, as a Wampanoag and Quaker, I find the current flag and seal of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts offensive.

Perhaps in 1898 when the current flag and seal were adopted this was not the intent, but the Latin motto beneath the Native American begs to differ. It reads: "Ense Petit Placidam Svb Libertate Qvietem." The most commonly used translation of this motto is: "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty." Liberty for whom? Certainly not the Native American. If the intention implicit in the motto were true peace and liberty for all, shouldn't it have been: "We seek peace, but peace only under liberty and justice"? History tells a story other than one of justice.



So, how do we move forward from here? John Peters Jr., Mashpee Wampanoag, and Director of the Massachusetts Commission on Indian Affairs told legislators in 2017, "It is long past time in Massachusetts to consider our shared history and be cognizant of the genocidal accuracy of the symbolism that the seal in part portrays."

Currently, legislative efforts to establish a special commission to examine changing the flag and seal are underway. Isn't it time to reexamine our seal and flag and make sure they reflect our commitments to peace, justice and liberty for all? Nominally at least 6 of the 20 commission seats are earmarked for Native Leaders of Massachusetts. One would hope that Wampanoags would be among them, and I understand from a recent conversation with John Peters that this will be the case.

It is interesting to note that both the Boston Globe (9/6/19) and the New York Times (9/7/19) have recently written about the Massachusetts flag and seal. Both articles were largely in favor of changing the flag and seal and are worth a read. I was curious about the opinions of those who don't support this change. What I've heard and read have been variations on "History happened. Get over it.", "You're taking it out of context." and "I think the state is honoring the Indian with our flag."

There has been increasing criticism of Massachusetts's official state symbol that goes back decades and includes bills that were introduced to change the symbol but languished in the state legislature. It's time to address this and the momentum for doing so is clearly building. Wouldn't it be nice to get this done prior to the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower arrival in 2020?

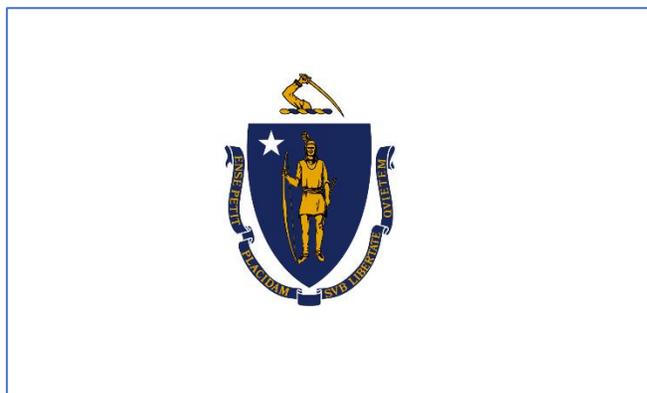
And if, in fact, the portrayal of a Native American is meant to honor Native Americans, my suggestion would be to get rid of the sword and the motto, keep the Indian and write FIRST PEOPLE under the Indian.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/globelocal/2019/09/06/should-massachusetts-replace-its-state-flag/GNahRZbjaFiAoXLJsHbGaN/story.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/09/07/us/massachusetts-flag-native-americans.html>

For a closer look at the symbols in the state seal and flag, as well as for information on legislation and where Massachusetts towns and cities stand on the revision issue, see <https://changethemassflag.com/>.

Images of flag and seal are from Wikipedia.



Quaker United Nations Summer School

Ella Davidson

This summer, thanks to the generosity of Friends from Sandwich Monthly Meeting and West Falmouth Preparative Meeting, I was able to attend a two-week program called the Quaker United Nations Summer School Program which took place in Geneva, Switzerland. QUNO, or the Quaker United Nations Office, works with people in the UN, multilateral organizations, government delegations, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to create change on a global scale. The summer school program that QUNO runs allowed me to learn more about the work Quakers are doing on issues like disarmament, human rights, migration, and climate change on an international level.

During the course of the program, I attended the 41st session of the Human Rights Council. I remember various state representatives boasting about their countries' human rights records, and soon afterwards the journalists in the room disputing their claims. Later in the week, during a session of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (EMRIP), native people who came from all over the world discussed the state of their communities. One Native American man demanded back land that the U.S. government had stolen from his ancestors years ago. I found both the Human Rights Council and the EMRIP sessions fascinating and inspiring.

The summer school also allowed me to meet many diplomats, UN workers, and NGO employees. After sitting in on a humanitarian panel that included Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders workers, I understood why impartiality is so critical to their work, especially in conflict zones. If an organization took a political stance against a government or rebel group, its workers would be denied access to any area under the control of that government or group, leaving civilians in that area without medical help.

I also had the chance to visit the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). I recently presented an independent research project entitled “How a Host Country’s Policy Towards Refugees Impacts the Effectiveness of Refugee Operations” at the 2019 Midwest Political Science Association Conference, and used a lot of UNHCR data in my research, so I really appreciated visiting the organization itself. I also sat in on a nuclear nonproliferation panel and heard NGO workers and government representatives express their opinions on the topic, which helped me understand how much of a prisoner’s dilemma-esque problem nonproliferation is. The Quaker summer school also allowed me to visit the World Trade Organization, the office of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, and the International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent.

Overall, the Quaker United Nations Summer School Program was a wonderful experience that I will forever be grateful for. A big thank you to Sandwich Monthly Meeting and West Falmouth Preparative Meeting for making it possible for me to go on this amazing program!



The 25 students in the summer program in front of the UN building, (Ella is 5th from the left of those standing.)



Autumn Walk

Fran Lightsom

Walking in the beauty of autumn flowers, soft autumn air, warm autumn sunshine, I feel gratitude, love, and a deep sense of belonging. I am a creature of the earth. I am part of this place. I am welcome to enjoy the bright peaceful beauty of creation.

When I was a new Quaker, I was surprised and delighted by the realization that the word “God” applied to the source of wisdom and guidance that I had relied on for decades. Yet I was mystified when Friends spoke of experiencing God’s love. Today I am again surprised and delighted, this time with a deep appreciation that the word “God” also applies to the source of the beauty all around me.

As I continue my walk, now and then jumping out of the path of cars, my thoughts turn to the parable of the prodigal son. I see that humanity is a prodigal species, except we didn’t leave home but stayed in the father’s house – overspending the budget, breaking the rules, indulging in various addictions, and generally making a mess of the place. And the father keeps laying a feast before us and greeting us with open arms whenever we notice he’s there.

I remember that, in his book, *The Greatest Prayer*, John Dominic Crossan emphasizes that “Our Father” in the Lord’s Prayer refers to the Biblical ideal of a householder, who cares for a large household and all those who live and work in it. That makes more sense to me now. The earth, the universe, is God’s household. I am the householder’s beloved child. Maybe I can offer to do the dishes?

Crossan, J.D. *The Greatest Prayer: Rediscovering the Revolutionary Message of the Lord’s Prayer*. New York, NY: HarperOne, 2010.

Local Climate Action on September 20

Ruth Zwirner



Friday, September 20 was a day for climate action worldwide. In Falmouth, over one hundred fifty people gathered on the Green at 11 a.m. including some wearing life preservers signaling impending sea level rise. Among the participants were at least ten Quakers. Churches rang bells for eleven minutes at 11 a.m., signifying the 11th-hour need for climate action. Several people spoke, most significantly a Cape Cod college student, and a few students from Falmouth High School (who were facing a three-day suspension for their participation) and Falmouth Academy. Our children are concerned that their world will be significantly different if not gone. Falmouth Green may be underwater by 2050 and other places in town much earlier.

Impressions of the NEYM Clerking Workshop

Steve Gates

One of the things I really like about Quakers is their generosity, both in spirit and in practice. So, I wasn't surprised to receive notice of a September "clerking workshop" in New Haven facilitated by two former clerks of the New England Yearly Meeting, Jackie Stillwell and Fritz Weiss. Even after serving four years or so apiece as clerks, they were still offering to take their own time to help bring along new clerks and potential new clerks. Of course, Quakers don't pay their clerks, even at NEYM, so it is a labor of love.

And love was an overarching theme at the workshop. Love of the light in each person. Love for their meeting. Love for the people in their meeting. Love of God / Spirit.

I signed up for this workshop because of my desire for help in growing into my role as co-clerk of the NEYM Earthcare Ministry Committee. The help was abundant but I also ended up savoring the experience because, as usual with Quakers, I so enjoyed the people who were there. In a fraught world, that sense of community is rare indeed, and to be deeply treasured.



Workshop facilitators, Fritz Weiss and Jackie Stillwell



Inside the New Haven Meeting House

One of the unique things about Quakers is the concept of "clerk," the individual who tries to put self aside in order to hold the entire meeting in the light, and to help members find the light in one another. The beautiful New Haven Meeting House was the setting for this day-long workshop that began with Quaker process and ended with Quaker quandaries. In between, the 20 or so participants learned a great deal about clerking meetings.

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Prior to the workshop, we were sent some reading material on Quaker process. Here was the unexpected part:

The Role and Responsibilities of those Present

- Come prepared both intellectually and spiritually – in your head and in your heart.
- Be open to a spiritual process of seeking a truth larger than your own.
- Start and end meetings promptly at the appointed times.

- Wait to be recognized by the clerk before speaking.
- Speak your own individual truth/experience, and then release it to the group.
- Listen to others, and to yourself, with the inner ear as well as with the outer ear; listen empathetically for what “is really being said.”
- Refrain from speaking if what you have to say has already been said.
- Make an effort to trust the light which is given to others; to be open to new truth, revelation and insight; to be teachable.
- Help the meeting move forward by opening your consciousness to the group as a whole. This may include asking for a moment of silence, or voicing a sense of the meeting.
- Offer to work between meetings, and do it.
- Support the decisions made by the meeting.

In other words, we are all clerks, responsible for our meetings.

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One of the most interesting parts of the meeting was learning about the nature of clerking in the New Haven meeting. New Haven has 6 (!) co-clerks: three experienced and three young and less experienced. Faced with finding a clerk in a meeting where no one felt they had the time to be clerk, they decided to have 6 clerks, and to use this as an opportunity both to build community and to identify possible rising clerks. So, New Haven Meeting has taken the imperative for all to be clerks literally. They have 3 rising clerks, the youngest being 24 (but a long-time member of the meeting). Particularly the rising clerks were really enthusiastic about the roles they had assumed. The only downside I heard to this arrangement was some confusion in members of the meeting about whom to approach when they wanted to give comments /suggestions /questions /requests.

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We heard practical suggestions-- “send out the agenda well in advance with items marked that require action”-- as well as cautions about stepping out of the role of clerk to express one’s own opinions. We were also advised to “find the joy in clerking.” We worked with case studies to identify what clerks or meetings might have done to improve a particular situation. We had one role-playing activity at the end, where participants were given a starting script. In that one, I got to play a Len Kreidemacher-like treasurer. Finally, a role I could go with!



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