

North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)  
Weekly Clerk Updates

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**VB Friends:**

Anne Olsen, Clerk of our North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) Yearly Meeting, has started to send out periodic emails to NCYM(c) Monthly Meetings

Below is Anne's update for **October 16, 2020**

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From: **NCYMC Friends** <ncymc.clerks@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Oct 17, 2020 at 11:36 AM

Subject: Clerks update for 10-16-20

To: NCYMC Friends <ncymc.clerks@gmail.com>

**NCYMC clerks Update 10-16-20**

Greeting Friends. This update contains a reminder to register for Interim Body, an invitation to a called YM M&O meeting, and other updates.  
Anne

Please consider joining Friends for **Interim Body to be held 10-24-20**. Also, please help get the word out about Interim Body. This distribution list likely does not cover all interested folks. Here are important links for Interim Body:

Interim Body Registration and Information, including agenda and any reports, are now linked here: <https://www.ncymc.org/events-and-updates/interim-body>  
2020 YM Minutes available online at <https://www.ncymc.org/home/documents-and-ym-minutes>

This will once again be a virtual meeting held using Zoom. Davidson Friends Meeting has volunteered to be our virtual host and will issue a Zoom link closer to the date of the meeting. As in the past, there will be a registration process so that the hosts know who to admit from the waiting room. This should be available shortly. I look forward to seeing everyone then.

**Please register by 10-19-20 to receive the Zoom link** and any other necessary information. Due to hacking concerns, the link will be sent out to those who register which is the sole reason for registration. It will not be published on our website which is a very public platform.

**Interim Body Agenda items:**

Please send agenda items to NCYM clerks email: [ncymc.clerks@gmail.com](mailto:ncymc.clerks@gmail.com)  
By 10/16/20 so that I can add them to the agenda and make that available to you.

My goal is to send out the agenda prior to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at Interim Body.

**Invitation to a called meeting of YM M&O**

Date: 10-24-20 Time: Shortly after the rise on Interim Body business

Dear Friends,

This is an invitation from the clerks of the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight, Deborah Shaw and Margie Dingman, to gather shortly after the rise of Interim Body business on 10/24/2020, for about an hour.

During this meeting, we invite Friends to share on the “spiritual condition” of your meeting. This may also be a time to lift up joys and concerns – such as our ongoing prayers for “Friend of the Yearly Meeting” David Eley and any others that have been on our hearts and minds, and in our prayers.

We would also very much like to find another time to meet, perhaps in First Month of 2021. During that upcoming meeting we would again check in on how our meetings are doing. At this meeting we would also like to invite Friends to share about how what they are doing in the world feels like ministry (broadly defined – education, caregivers, counseling, legal, medical, pastoral, hospitality...) and/or if Friends are feeling called in a particular ministry that may be alongside their “usual” work. Our exploration would also be considering how YMtg M&O might be supportive, encouraging and upholding of these various ministries.

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I include below the thoughts I sent out prior to annual sessions in the hopes that all will feel warmly welcome to be a part of this work.

*YMTg M&O is for anyone to attend. It is for anyone who has a heart and care for the spiritual nurture of the yearly meeting and may feel led in that way. Particularly it is for those who serve the monthly meetings on variously named committees of Worship & Ministry, Care & Counsel, and those who have been recorded as ministers or elders. I see the Yearly Meeting of Ministry and Oversight as a “being” body that cultivates and nurtures an attitude of prayer as our intention and with our attention, so if action arises for our “doing” it will come out of this place of prayer and listening.*

*While we pray that all business under the care of the yearly meeting is exercised in and through the expectant waiting worship with which we hope to practice all our affairs, the YMTg M&O has particular care for the spiritual condition of the whole yearly meeting. Care of the yearly meeting as individuals and as a body, the monthly meetings, worship groups, and the distant individuals that are part of it.*

*This is not an insular goal. Our care, nourishment, and support of one another in this attitude of prayer makes the outward actions in which we expect to be led to come from a place of spiritual groundedness, for the yearly meeting as a whole, as well as for the individuals that make up the yearly meeting. Coming from this place there is an accompanying sense of sustainability in what we are led to do, as well as the promise of support and accountability from our beloved faith communities. As we reflect together on the year that has passed since we last met at annual session, before “COVID-19” and “8 minutes and 46 seconds” changed from random, benign letters and numbers to life-changing, heartbreaking, world altering emblems – this attitude has rarely been more crucial.*

I am anticipating with love our gathering next week.

In and through the Love and Light of Christ, in prayer and in gratitude,

Deborah Shaw

“Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.” Isaac Pennington, 1667

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### **Epistles from other yearly meetings:**

There continue to be new epistles from several yearly meetings to read on the FWCC website. The link is: <http://fwcc.world/epistles-from-quaker-groups-from-around-the-world>

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**David Ely:** I received an email from David Ely this week. He is feeling much better and reported that he is walking 3 miles a day. He also expressed his gratitude for the many prayers on his behalf.

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**Meetings for worship** continue to be held; most are virtual using Zoom. The list at the end of this email is the most current.

Tuesday and Thursday meetings held in the manner of Lloyd Lee's Morning Communion continue and the information is repeated below. Please send me any updates for next week. Thank you.

Anne

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From Mary Linda: The **early morning meeting following Lloyd Lee's Morning Communion** held at yearly meeting continues. The meeting is held at 8:00 Eastern on Tuesday and Thursday mornings for an hour. Friends are invited to join us.. The conversation is informal and is generally oriented toward "God talk".

If you have questions or comments, email me at [friendmarylinda@gmail.com](mailto:friendmarylinda@gmail.com).

Mary Linda

(Visiting Friend from Nashville and spouse of Mark Wutka)

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### **Updates from NCYM-C Meetings**

(**contact meeting clerk or designated contact** for instructions if you wish to join for worship or social time via Zoom):

Davidson: First Day Worship via Zoom. Also, Contemplative Practices group continues to meet via Zoom.

Durham: Worship opportunities via Zoom

Fayetteville: Fayetteville Friends meet in the backyard of Quaker House when weather permits, and via Zoom when weather prevents in-person meetings.

Worship is streamed during our 2pm hour and 3pm continues with discussion hour for queries, business, and book discussions.

Friendship: Worship, Bible study, and Quakerly conversation opportunities via Zoom

Greenville: Worship and fellowship on Zoom. Sundays 10 AM - 12 PM. Contact clerk for Zoom link.

Rich Square: Worship via Zoom at Noon on First Days

Virginia Beach: Worship opportunities via Zoom with small group at meetinghouse

Update: West Grove is currently worshipping in the meeting House with masks and social distancing, and by zoom for those unable to meet in person. We are exploring whether we may combine the two. We will attempt to resume Bible study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, led by our recorded minister, Janis Ansell.

Wilmington: As weather permits, we are meeting in the backyard of Quaker House for hybrid worship; our second hour continues with business, queries, and book club discussions.

From Five Rivers Friends who are engaging in a discernment processes with us to determine possible future affiliation: "... please help us spread the word that, with careful use of face masks, six-foot distancing, liberal use of hand sanitizer, and the like, we are now meeting in our new facility, at 1103 Main Street in Conway, 10:30-11:30 a.m. worship; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. fellowship. Our message to all: Please join us when you're down this way!"

Invitation from Andrew Wright and Durham Friends: Durham Friends Meeting now has 4 times a month that a small group of us meet for Experiment with Light and 2 of the sessions begin at 8 pm (which may be a good time for parents with young children). We decided that since we are now doing it on Zoom, we could offer this opportunity to Friends beyond DFM, including from NCYMC and PFF. This website has many other resources: <https://www.experiment-with-light.org.uk/about.htm>. And, while a bit of reading can help orient someone new to EWL, the

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best way to learn about it is to come join us. When someone is new, we always take a few minutes to give them a brief introduction. We are currently meeting on 4 days each month. Folks come when they can. We keep an email list as a Google Group and send out reminders before each session with the Zoom link. I can add any interested Friends to the Google Group if they let me know at [barnhillwright@gmail.com](mailto:barnhillwright@gmail.com) . the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm; the 2nd Monday of each month at 8 pm; the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm; the 4th Friday of each month at 9 am

English: [https://fwccamericas.org/\\_wp/2020/03/24/online-worship/](https://fwccamericas.org/_wp/2020/03/24/online-worship/)

Spanish: [https://fwccamericas.org/\\_wp/2020/03/27/oportunidades-para-adorar-y-conectar-en-linea/](https://fwccamericas.org/_wp/2020/03/27/oportunidades-para-adorar-y-conectar-en-linea/)

FWCC Resources During Covid-19

FGC Coronavirus Prevention and Resources for Meetings

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