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

NCYMC clerks Update 01-09-21

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well in this new year. We are beginning preparations for Interim Body in Fourth Month. Please keep this in mind as your meeting and committees do their work in the coming months. In a month or two I plan to call for agenda items for Interim Body.

This email contains an announcement from Andrew Wright and a reminder of a winter retreat.
Anne

Invitation to participate in a Bible Study

Hello Friends, Here is a link to a series on Zoom being organized by Beacon Hill Friends House and Woolman Hill Quaker Retreat Center. <https://bhfh.org/bible-series> Peter Blood (co-author of Rise Up Singing) hosts this series and invites a Friend each month from some part of the country to speak about how they are in relationship to the Bible and also to offer a passage for the group. It is a great way to get a sense for how Friends relate to the Bible.

I have been invited to lead the session next Sunday, Jan 10 at 4 pm. It would be great to see some friendly North Carolina faces!

Andrew Wright

***Winter Retreat - an opportunity to reflect on and share with others in our yearly meeting about the movement of the Spirit in our lives.
January 16, 2021***

All are welcome to attend all or part of the retreat. Please share this invitation with your meetings. The link for our zoom gathering is below the agenda.

9:30-10 - gathering/social time/working out zoom kinks

10-10:45 - worship

10:45-11:30 - breakout in small groups responding to "How have you felt the Spirit at work/play in your life this past year?" "Perhaps what you have felt is the absence of the Spirit - how has that felt/manifested in the past year?"

11:30-noon - return to the whole group and share reflections

Noon-1pm - lunch

1-1:45 - brief introduction if some are just joining the retreat now. A second breakout session in small groups reflecting on how you are feeling led in ministry (broadly defined) in and through the work that you are doing in the meeting or in the world - or it may be separate from the work that you do in the world.

1:45-2 - return to the whole group and share reflections

2-2:45 - Meeting check-ins - which may include ways in which some meetings are supporting/encouraging/holding accountable Friends who are feeling called/led in ministry and/or understand themselves to be exercising their ministry in a particular way.

2:45-3 - closing worship

Asking Friends to reflect on and carry the concern of how we support one another...

If you have questions, please direct them to Deborah Shaw - deborahshaw56@gmail.com

A message from Barbara Gosney

Dear Friends,

Our new "Little Free Pantry" was installed and stocked by Bob and Trish Parker on Wednesday, 12/23. The Pantry survived the storms on Christmas Eve and the freeze this morning. See the attached pictures and list of items for the pantry if you should drive by and want to add to the supply. We intend to keep extra supplies for the pantry in the Cedar Grove Lunchroom. This is what is written on the Little Free Pantry door sign:

LITTLE FREE PANTRY

Take what you need – Give what you can.
Carefully check all packaging – partake at your own risk.

Meetings for worship continue to be held; most are virtual using Zoom. The list below 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

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".

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: As weather permits, we are meeting in the backyard of Quaker House for hybrid worship; Zoom meetings for our second hour continue with business, queries, and book club 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

West Grove is currently worshiping 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 have resumed Bible study via Zoom on Wednesday evenings, led by our recorded minister, Janis Ansell.

Wilmington: Continues to have our regular Zoom Meeting for worship.

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

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 . 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/

Spanish: 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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