

## **P&SC Meeting – July Report**

July 19, 2026

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee met July 12, 2026, from 8:30 to 9:30 am prior to morning worship. Luz Perez Prado and Dale Keairns attended and were joined by Rachael Cundey. The way was not clear for Suzanne and Angela to attend. The meeting was opened and closed with worship.

Two actions from the June meeting were to 1) hold a Forum on local Data Centers and to 2) initiate a Conscientious Objection project for San Antonio. The meeting focused on planning for the Data Center Forum and updates on selected topics.

### Data Center Forum

Dale had exchanges with Luz and Rachael prior to the meeting. There was unity to schedule a Forum on Data Centers for July 26 (4<sup>th</sup> First Day) with the focus on Data Centers<sup>1</sup> in our region. We were led not to invite an external speaker for this Forum. Luz has an interest in data centers and AI and her recent engagement with the Greater Edwards Aquifer Alliance (GEAA)<sup>2</sup> and her relationship with other organizations are particularly relevant. Luz will lead the Forum.

Luz provided her thoughts on the issues and concerns related to large scale data centers. The discussion included a range of content options for the Forum. While the Forum focus would be on large scale data centers (a specific local issue), it was recognized that those attending will likely have a range of understanding of data centers and AI. Thus, there may be need to include a brief overview of AI and the role of data centers. Given the Forum time, the view was to defer the range of views on AI to a follow-on Forum if that is of interest. With-regard-to data centers, there would be an overview of regional data center plans (e.g. scale, regional numbers operating and planned) and a focus on issues (e.g. electricity, water, community engagement, the need for legislation, etc.). Additional topics discussed included the need to address 'what do we do'.

Continuing exchanges are planned prior to the Forum and we welcome suggestions on topics of interest.

### Conscientious Objection (CO) Community Outreach Program for San Antonio

P&SC was in unity to take this on as a project at the June meeting. Suzanne will lead the project and coordinate with the Meeting CO initiative. A path forward was discussed at the June meeting. No additional information was discussed at the July meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> It's useful to note since our meeting, New York is the first state to impose (July 14) moratorium (one-year) on large new data centers. With regard to the region, Humans First is planning a National Day of Protest Against Data Centers for July 18 – 11 sites are in Texas with one in San Antonio.

<sup>2</sup> The Edwards Aquifer is in the state of Texas. The aquifer provides water to 12 counties in South-Central Texas and serves as the primary drinking water source for San Antonio and the region.

### Update Discussion Summarized

- Quaker Call to Action: National Zoom Calls
  - Three calls are planned: Aug 30, Sept 20, and Oct 18 (Sundays at 6:00 to 7:30 CDT)
  - The threats to the election and our response will be the focus for the calls
  - Invitations will be emailed within the next 10 days (invites to be sent to those on the international list of 4000+ – if you haven't previously responded to prior calls, let us know and we can facilitate adding you to the invite)
- Emily Provance (Aug 4 – Sept 2) – see Newsletter (note: additional information reported following the meeting)
  - Themes: Our Neighbors, Change, Division, and Peace
  - 11 sessions; first session Thursday Aug 6
- Quaker Organizations
  - FCNL, AFSC, QUNO and other Quaker organizations are active in carrying out many initiatives that are relevant to our work. Three actions were noted.
    - FCNL (e.g. People Power for Peace: Moving from Recruitment to Action; Wed July 22, 7:00 CST)
    - AFSC (e.g. Senate expected to consider the National Defense Authorization Act Monday; (website provides link to respond to congress)
    - QUNO – Rachael noted a Forum on the Quaker United Nations office is being planned.
- YM Peace & Justice Committee
  - Dale reported he participated in the June 24 call and was asked to present thoughts on an integrated systems query. Gladys (chair) sent a draft to the committee for comment. Updates will be provided when available.
- Additional reflections on the May climate Forum
  - The view was that the current focus would be on climate issues related to the Data Center Forum.

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be the Second Day, Aug 9, at 8:30a in the library. We adjourn in time for Friends to join early worship or socialize before worship begins. All are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dale and Luz