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The Friendly News

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Dear Friends:

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

San Antonio's risk level for the spread of COVID has returned to "severe" (<http://bit.ly/3qWSKRra>). As a result:

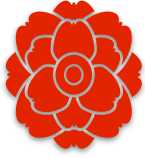
1. **We shall not hold hybrid Meetings for Worship on our Meetinghouse porch this month.**
2. **We continue our Zoom worship on Sunday mornings, 10-11am**, with conversation and fellowship afterwards (including breakout rooms for small conversations).
3. **We also continue our Friday morning Zoom worship (8-8:30). See page 2 for Zoom details.**

In better news, Texas has begun vaccine distribution to those aged 65 and over and to younger persons with serious health issues. Supplies are limited, and as of January 1st there is no central place you can check for availability. Each provider handles its own distribution. The University Health System is the largest. It opened its appointment page for a few hours on New Year's Eve and will reopen it when they have more supplies. Check for updates at <http://bit.ly/2MeLo1t>

We do have other activities this month, including a January 22nd online dialogue with Pamela Boyce Simms about the actualizing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (part of Dream Week: see page 3).

For other events and Zoom details, Click on the items on our website's redesigned calendar page:
<http://bit.ly/3rK61CV>

-- Jim Spickard, Clerk & Newsletter Editor



January Query

Remembering the life and civil rights struggles of Martin Luther King, Jr. and the the events of the past year, have your views on and commitment to equality changed? How?

Regular Events (by Zoom)

Here are the direct links for our weekly Zoom events. You do not need a Zoom account to join.

- **Meeting for Worship – Sundays 10-11am**, followed by check-in and discussion: [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
 - ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Course in Miracles discussion – Tuesdays 7-8pm**; led by David
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
 - ID # 988 3173 6394; passcode: 724708
- **Midweek Forums – Wednesdays 7-8:30pm**
 - **None currently scheduled**
 - Check for updates on our new Calendar on our website: <http://bit.ly/3rK61CV>
 - Click the items to see descriptions and Zoom details
- **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – Wednesday January 20th 7-8:30pm**
 - **Key Item: Approve the 2021 Meeting budget**
 - Please review the budget in the December Minutes <https://bit.ly/2BoFt4Y>
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
 - ID # 940 4710 0437 Passcode: 958945
- **Friday Morning Meeting for Worship – Fridays 8-8:30 am**
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
 - ID # 921 1215 1035; passcode: 023644

For ALL Zoom Meetings: by telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#

Special Events

- **Dream Week Event: “The Legacy of Martin Luther King in Troubled Times: A Dialogue with Pamela Boyce Simms on lessons from Dr. King to us Today” (see page 3)**
 - **Friday, Jan 22nd: 6-7:30pm Central, 7-8:30pm Eastern**
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
 - ID # 919 4732 0310; passcode: 876679

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Special Dream Week Event

The Legacy of Martin Luther King in Troubled Times: Building a Network of Light

A Conversation with Pamela Boyce Simms

Friday, January 22, 6-7:30 CST; 7-8:30 EST

"The Great problem facing modern man is that the means by which we live have outdistanced the spiritual ends for which we live."

— Dr. Martin Luther King

Ms. Boyce Simms, a Quaker thought leader and activist, will challenge the participants to apply the principles of nonviolent action to the situation we find after the inauguration of President Biden. Dr. King called for a broad coalition to address the problems of his time. We are called now to rebuild trust and respect in a divided country through coalitions. We will explore our options together.

You can expect:

- Guided Meditations: Experiential Training for Action
- Exercises in Self-inquiry and internal resilience-building
- Translating spiritual grounding into action
- Inaugurating a Network of Light
- What do we do on Monday?



The February 2019 MLK March



Pamela Boyce Simms holds degrees from Georgetown University's Edmund Walsh School of Foreign Service, L'Université de Dakar, in Sénégal, West Africa, and is certified as a Leadership Coach and Neurolinguistics Master Practitioner. She is also an Editorial Consultant and Contributing Author at Kosmos Magazine, the Grassroots Economic Organizing (GEO) Editorial Collective, and Resilience.org, a project of The Post Carbon Institute.

Meeting News

Annual Clerks and Conveners Meeting on January 27th

The annual meeting of FMSA committee clerks and conveners will take place on Wednesday, January 27th, from 7-8:30 via Zoom. This meeting lets us plan our year and also gives clerks and conveners a chance to trade ideas about how better serve our members and attenders. We will use our regular Wednesday Forum Zoom address:

- [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
- ID # 991 4427 4366; passcode: 143247; telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#

FMSA 2021 Budget

As repeatedly explained in this year's Treasurer's reports, contributions this unusual year have not come close to meeting our expenses. Even if December contributions come in at their average level, we will still be \$5000 short of the amount needed to balance our budget. As a result, the Finance Committee has proposed a somewhat slimmer budget than usual. This presumes that the COVID crisis will continue for the next several months.

The proposed budget is appended to the December minutes, which are posted on the Meeting website at <https://bit.ly/2BoFt4Y>. Please review them or request a copy Treasurer Bill Sweet (treasurer@SAQuakers.org) or the Finance Committee (finance@SAQuakers.org).

In order to meet the reduced 2021 proposed spending, the Finance Committee will propose the following two Minutes at the JANUARY meeting. These minutes change previously minuted spending and budgeting practices for 2021 only.

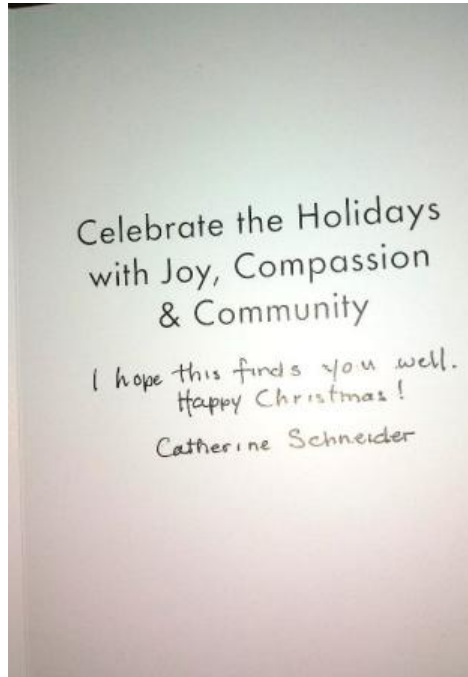
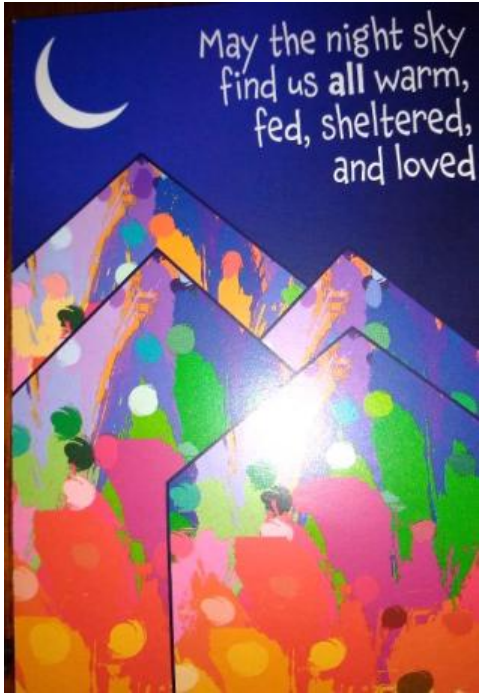
1. Given the current lack of use of the RAICES Fund, the current addition to that fund of 50% of the Friends Fiduciary distribution, paid in June and December, will be added to Operating Cash in 2021. This change is for 2021 only. Continuing current practice, the remaining 50% will be deposited to General Maintenance.
2. Given the substantial balance in the Sinking Fund, addition to this Fund, which has been \$500 per month for some years, is suspended in 2021.

A Note from the Treasurer

The letter accompanying the quarterly statement for our accounts with Friends Fiduciary Corp. included information on the charitable donation of stocks. This is primarily of interest to older folks with appreciated stocks in their portfolio, who would rather not pay capital gains on their sale. The Friends Fiduciary Corporation will receive and liquidate stocks for free if they are donated to our account. The donor gets credit for the appreciated value as a charitable donation.

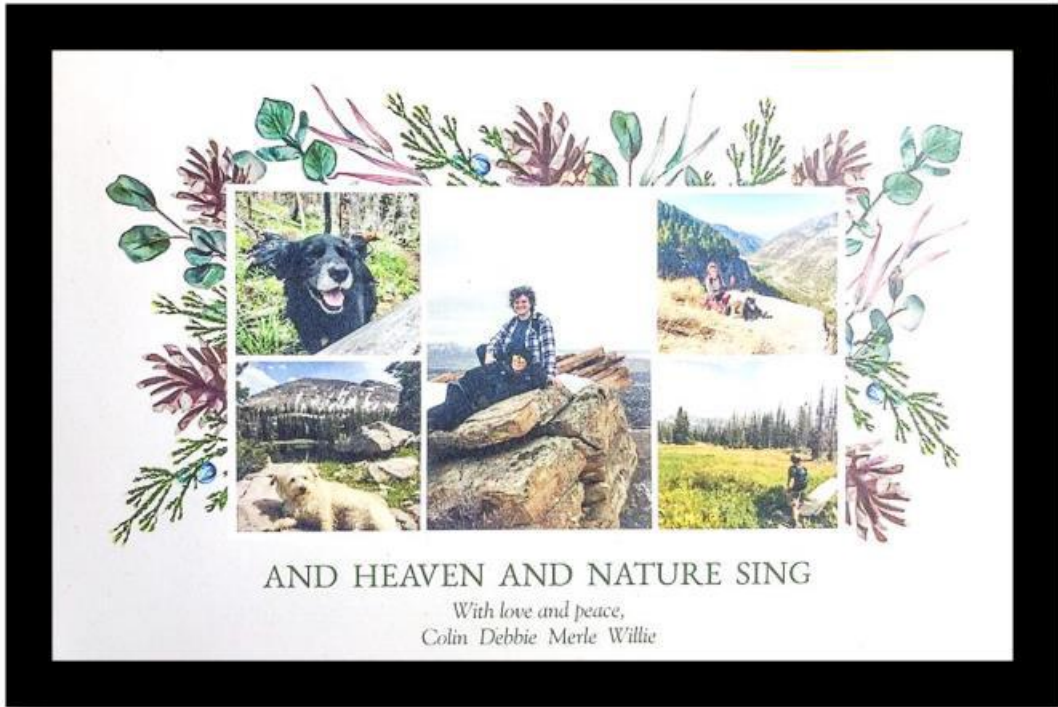
A nominal fee, \$25 for a single stock, slightly more for multiple, is charged when the proceeds are paid out, to, for example, FMSA. This donation avoids capital gains tax for the donor and avoids the need for FMSA to set up a brokerage account. For information go to <https://friendsfiduciary.org/> or contact Tim McElroy at tmcelroy@friendsfiduciary.org or 215/241-7272. Or talk with the FMSA treasurer.

Christmas Cards from Distant Friends



From Catherine Schneider,
living in Michigan

From Colin and Debbie,
living in Salt Lake City



The Wider Quaker World

From Friends Committee on National Legislation

September 2021 will mark 20 years of war justified by the 2001 post-9/11 Authorization of the Use of Military Force (AUMF) and the later 2002 Iraq AUMF. These pieces of legislation have allowed three different administrations to authorize over 40 military actions in 19 countries without congressional approval. This rampant war-making is an affront to the Quaker peace testimony and FCNL's vision for a world free of war and the threat of war. 2021 is the year to end endless wars once and for all.

As we lay the groundwork for 2021 in this season of peace, join FCNL advocates and Advocacy Team members in calling on Congress to repeal the 2002 Iraq AUMF within the first 100 days of Congress and support repeal of the 2001 AUMF. For access a handy email form, visit <https://fcnl.quorum.us/campaign/29832/>

When you write your letter or email, please add two to four sentences letting your legislators know why you are personally concerned. Then, call the U.S. Congress at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your representative's and senators' offices. Leave a message if they do not pick up or if you are calling after office hours.

Event at Pendle Hill Quaker Retreat Center (via Zoom)

Re-creating Hope: A First Monday Lecture with Francisco Burgos

Jan 4, 2021: 6:30-8pm Central; 7:30-9pm Eastern Time via Zoom.

Free to the public! Registration required at <http://bit.ly/2KSeJi2>

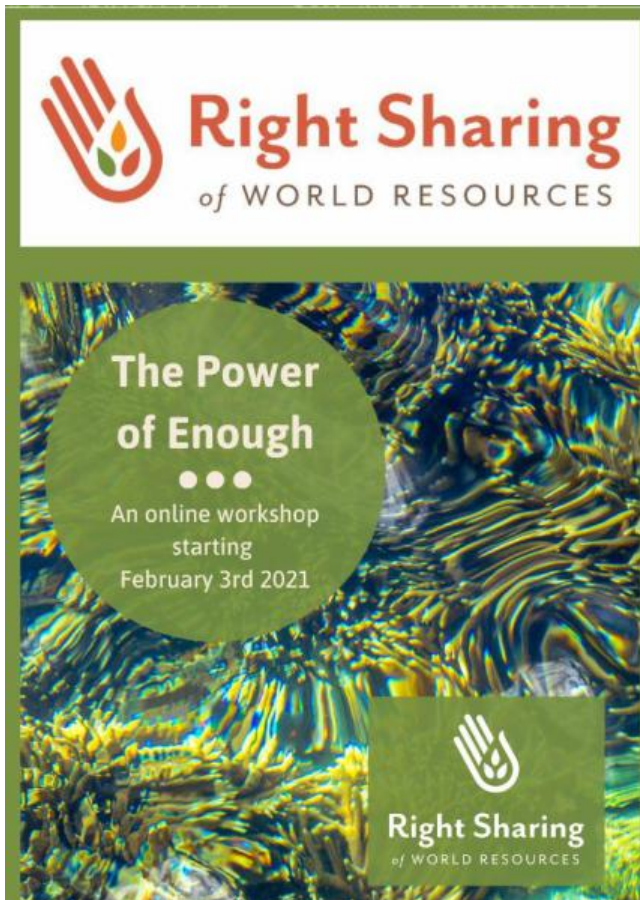
How is the current pandemic affecting you? How are you engaging in personal renewal and social transformation? What space are you creating for love and justice? How do you envision hope within the current time in history?

This First Monday Lecture aims to explore hope not as a theoretical concept but as a living and practical force that is integrated in our way of being present in the world. Hope as a dance in which we can review, nurture, and transform ourselves as we challenge and enrich some of our greatest values.

Francisco Burgos has facilitated spiritual retreats and *lectio divina* sessions for different audiences. He was a De La Salle Christian Brother for almost ten years, serving in Dominican Republic, Guatemala, and Costa Rica, and has been a Friend since 2004. Francisco is a member of Harrisburg Friends Meeting and has attended several monthly meetings, including Monteverde Friends Meeting in Costa Rica and Adelphi Friends Meeting in MD. Francisco currently serves Pendle Hill as its Executive Director.

[Join an International Quaker Workshop on Sharing Resources](#)

Are you seeking to simplify your life and take personal steps to create a right relationship with our world? If so, RSWR is offering an online workshop titled "The Power of Enough." Participants, who will experience new perspectives through queries, storytelling, sharing, and singing, will leave with a deeper sense of self and connection to how our personal choices ripple forward to others.



The workshop will run on Wednesdays from February 3rd to March 3rd, 2021. Each session is 90 minutes long and will begin at:

- 9:30 AM Eastern Standard time
(United States)
- 2:30 PM Greenwich Mean Time
(Sierra Leone)
- 5:30 PM Eastern Africa time
(Kenya)
- 8:00 PM India Standard time
(India)

Attendance is limited to 24 participants, and the workshop is pay as led. These workshops are funded by everyone's contributions, and the cost to offer these five sessions is approximately \$150 per person. By donating this or any amount to RSWR, you can help support this and other ventures that further our mission. To donate, visit <http://bit.ly/3o1FUfo>.

If you are interested, please register at <http://bit.ly/2X2whdW>.

Registration will go through January 27th, 2021.

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