



The Friendly News

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RETREAT November 12

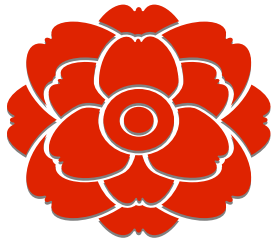
If Meeting for Worship is meant to be a restorative time, or even redemptive, what is this power or Truth that strengthens and heal?

Friends will gather to explore this question in worship, worship sharing and fellowship. Children will be cared for so that their parents may join the process without concern. Please register by Nov. 7, on line or in person.

The themes of the Retreat grew out of the discussions led by Gary Whiting, the "Shared Intent" of worship. The morning will consider the "what" of Quaker silent worship, and the afternoon will continue with "why" we do it together. As we listen to each other, and as we are heard, we strive to know better the truth that shows itself in our lives, and to find a way to share that with others, in the Retreat and in Meeting. See the Registration form on page 4.

The true knowledge of the way, with the walking in the way, is reserved for God's child, for God's traveller. Therefore keep in the regeneration, keep in the birth, be no more than God had made thee. Give over thine own willing; give over thine own running; give over thine own desiring to know, or to be anything, and sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart; and let that grow in thee, and be in thee, and breathe in thee, and act in thee, and thou shalt find by sweet experience, that the Lord knows that, and loves and owns that, and will lead it to the inheritance of life, which is his portion.

---Issac Penington, "Some Directions to the Panting Soul"



November Query How can I simplify my life so that I can live more sustainably?

11/1/2022

We have built our Meeting House on Payaya People's land.
Here are the direct links for our weekly activities.

- **Sunday Meetings for Worship**
 - 10-11am, in-person in the Meetinghouse AND on Zoom.
 - **Children's Program 1st & 3rd Sundays**
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Sunday Forums: 11:30-12:30**
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#)
ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **Tuesdays 7-8pm: Course in Miracles discussion** – led by David
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#) – ID # 988 3173 6394;
passcode: 724708
- **Friday Morning Meeting for Worship – Fridays 8-8:30 am**
 - [CLICK HERE to join by Zoom](#) – ID # 976 0522 6497;
passcode: 194077
- **1st Sunday Pot Luck Lunch**
- **3rd Saturday "Meeting for Weeding"**
- **3rd Sunday Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**
join by Zoom – ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
- **For ALL Zoom Meetings: by telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#**

Please send November news, pictures & events by 10/24/2022 to
newsletter@saquakers.org

Special Events

Nov 6: POT LUCKS are back 11:15 on Nov 6
Nov 12: RETREAT 9:00-3:00 Worship: What? And Why?
Nov 13: Forum - TBA
Nov 27: Fellowship

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What is it that stands higher than words? Action. What is it
that stands higher than action? Silence.

Saint Francis of Assisi

World Quaker Day October 2nd

Gathered Friends

I apologize. I was not able to resize this long photo to get everyone in, including myself. The whole photo will be in the Community Room.

News of FMSA

November Forums

November 9

November 23 Thanksgiving Fellowship

How to Contribute to FMSA

There are three ways to contribute. 1) Cash or a check to the Treasurer [by hand or by mail to 7052 N Vandiver, San Antonio TX 78209] or into the Donation Box, cleverly hidden on a shelf next to the entry door. 2) Zelle: send to Treasurer@saquakers.org / Frost Bank, to make a one-time or scheduled periodic donation. 3) Auto deduction from one's bank account: contact the Treasurer at the above email for the required information for Electronic Funds Transfer.



**Friends Meeting of San Antonio
Fall Retreat, November 12, 2022
REGISTRATION**

If Meeting for Worship is meant to be a restorative time, or even redemptive, what is this power or Truth that strengthens and heals?

Name(s) _____

Contact [text, email, or phone] _____

If you are bringing children, please list:

Names & Ages _____

I plan to attend the Full Day _____

Morning only _____ **Afternoon only** _____

Program: This is not a silent retreat. All times are approximate.

Morning

9:00 Welcome, coffee/tea & muffins followed by Tai Chi, Centering Worship, then Worship Sharing.

12:00 Bring your own bag lunch. Beverages and fruit provided.

Afternoon

12:45 Physical activity followed by Worship Sharing then Worship.

Ending at 3:00.

Your questions or comments:

[You can copy and fill out this registration and email it to: *davidbristol128@gmail.com*. Deadline Nov. 7]

More Quaker Jargon Revealed

A *Leading or Calling* begins as a personal concern that may persist and eventually the Friend may share it with members of the Meeting. It may be then tested by the community to bring the power of Spirit into the discernment. Depending on the ‘weight’ of the concern, it may be brought to the Quarterly or Yearly Meeting for further testing. “In this way Friends have developed (sometimes slowly and painfully) the social witness that we have traditionally called our testimonies.” * Thus, the original Friend may seek support of others, of the Meeting or the Yearly Meeting in following the Leading. GH * New York Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice, 1998 Edition, page 28

Newsletter Process

Thanks to everyone who send items or suggestions for the November newsletter. What would you like to see more of? Less of? Totally new “departments”? < newsletter@saguakers.org>

Children's Program

This was a busy month. Children tended their raised garden with fall plants and made pumpkin soup for the November Pot Luck. They carved 6 x 6" tiles and made pinch pots on the third Sunday and will decorate them on Nov 6.



Political Prisoner Correspondence

Hi everyone: I just received a letter back from Daniel Hale, a political prisoner who was sentenced to four years for his role as a whistleblower, making public illegal U.S. drone strikes in Yemen.

<https://standwithdanielhale.org/> I last wrote him back in March, but he says he was going

through a rough patch and was having trouble writing back to people during that time. If you are interested in political prisoner correspondence, please reach out and I can tell you more about how to write to Daniel and other political prisoners. I have been doing political prisoner correspondence for over 20 years and am happy to share what I know.

Sending letters with messages of care and solidarity to Daniel Hale could be a nice and simple way to take action related to Yemen, even if it isn't specifically related to formal FCNL lobbying efforts. I am hosting a letter writing party for Daniel Hale. I will share with participants some information about Daniel Hale, some best practices (dos and don'ts) for prisoner correspondence, and then we will write letters of support to Daniel, and (optional) letters to President Biden asking him to pardon Daniel. Attendees will need plain white envelopes, plain white lined or printer paper, and black or blue pens, and first-class letter stamps. The event will take place via zoom on Tuesday, November 8th at 7pm central time. Anyone who is interested in attending can register at the following link:

<https://utrgv.zoom.us/join/8tHd1-7XpJoAddannoDiBt3> At Kirstin

News of South Central Yearly Meeting Representative Meeting November 18 – 19 via Zoom

Friday, Nov 18

- 6:00 – 7:00 PM** Social Time Zoom lobby and breakout rooms: “Dining Table 1, 2, 3,...” as requested.
- 7:00 – 7:45 PM** Meeting for Worship in Zoom breakout room (ZBR): “Staff Lounge” (named after the room we’d be in if we were live at Greene Family Camp).
- 7:45 – 9:00 PM** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (Session 1), ZBR: “Staff Lounge”
- Welcome & Introductions, honoring the original inhabitants of these lands
 - Review Agenda
 - SCYM 2021-2022 Proceedings
 - Nominating Committee Report with new appointments
 - Quarterly Meeting Reports
 - Announcements
- 9:00 – 10:00+ PM** Social Time in Zoom lobby and breakout rooms: “Dining Table 1, 2, 3,...”

Saturday, Nov 19

- 9:00 – 10:00 AM** Social Time in Zoom lobby and breakout rooms: “Dining Table 1, 2, 3,...”
- 10:00 – 12:00 PM** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (Session 2) in Zoom breakout room (ZBR): “Staff Lounge” (named after the room we’d be in if we were live at Greene Family Camp).
- Opening Worship
 - YM Planning Committee –
 - Proposed Speakers/Theme for YM
 - Schedule
 - Date for RM- Part II to confirm if going virtual or in-person
- 12:00 – 1:30 PM** Break/Lunch/Social Time
- 1:30 – 3:30 PM** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (Session 3) in ZBR:
- Committee Reports con’t
 - Organization representative reports
- 3:30-4:30 PM** Fellowship
- 4:30-5:30 PM** Closing Worship
- 5:30 – 6:30+ PM** Social Time Zoom lobby and breakout rooms: “Dining Table 1, 2, 3,...”

South Central Annual Sessions 2023 will be by Zoom Sunday April 2 to 6 and in person at Greene Family Camp & Zoom Thursday to Sunday April 9. Mark your calendars.

Wider Quaker World

Friends Committee on National Legislation

Annual Meeting and Quaker Public Policy Institute 2022

November 16 - 20, 2022 | Washington, D.C. | In-person & Online

Join Quakers and friends this November for worship, learning, fellowship, and action. The gathering will be based in Washington, D.C., and span the country. We hope you can be part of coming together with joy amidst the challenges we face, individually and collectively.

As our nation confronts growing rates of asthma, 100-year floods, sweeping wildfires, and water that is poisoning our children, Congress has a historic opportunity to respond to the needs of communities most impacted by climate change. In November 2022, we raise our collective voices to urge Congress to increase funding directed toward environmental justice programs.

Register to join [in-person](#) or [online](#). Registration officially closes Wednesday, Nov. 9 at midnight EST.

Also: Read "[January 6 Was Serious. So is the Disenfranchisement of Millions of People](#)" by José Santos Woss, FCNL's director of justice reform.

**Subscribe to News on Quaker Peace and Justice Ministries:
Including New Opportunities for Direct Support to Ukrainians**

Quakers support one another across many Yearly Meetings in long-term peace and justice ministries through Friends Peace Teams. Please sign up to receive news from global networks of peace and justice workers of many cultures and beliefs working with Friends. Designate which areas you want news about:

- **African Great Lakes**
- **Latin America (Peacebuilding *en las Américas*)**
- **Asia West Pacific**
- **Europe (Ukraine and N Caucasus)**
- **Friendly Book Collaborative (Peace Libraries and Literacy)**
- **Power of Goodness (events and stories)**
- **Toward Right Relationship with Native People (N America)**

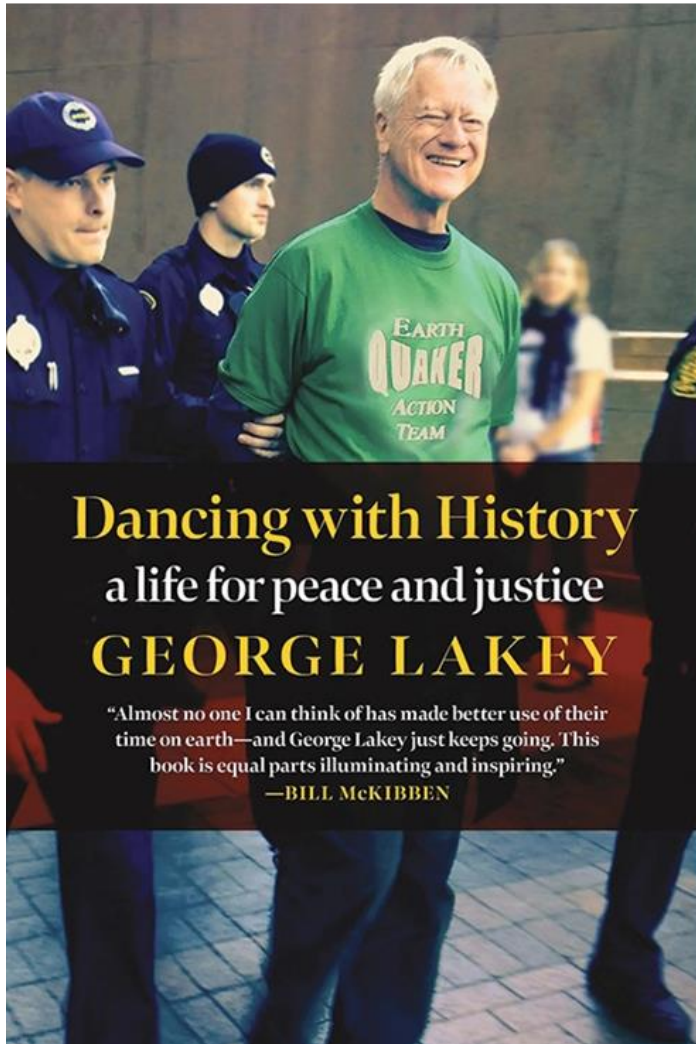
There is us! Friends Peace Teams supports peace and justice ministries. Learn about Friends work in the world, and join us to share your ministries. Sign up online or email your email address and areas of news to office@friendspeaceteams.org.

Friends Journal

Dancing with History: A Life for Peace and Justice

Reviewed by Doug Gwyn

October 1, 2022



George Lakey's memoir is an important book for Friends and for the wide radius of activist groups his life of witness has influenced. It is a testament to the adage that the personal is political, and the political is personal. One can hear 80 years of U.S. culture pulsating through his body and spirit—not simply as unreflected zeitgeist but as spiritually discerned and focused by a resilient concern for actionable analysis and strategy for a more peaceful, just, and sustainable world.

The October 2022 issue of *Friends Journal* contains a remarkable 8 pages of Quaker organizations, resources and support groups under 8 categories. These include Advocacy, Education, Service and Peace Work. If you ever wondered about the breadth and scope of our Society, here it is laid out for all to see.

American Friends Service Committee

Blog posts



Why we all have a stake in the next Farm Bill BY **PENIEL IBE**

Standing with immigrants facing ICE in South Florida BY **MARIA BILBAO**

Update: Providing school supplies for children in Gaza BY **FIRAS RAMALAWI**

We include this notice although it will be out of date by the time you read it. It identifies the concerns of the organization and steps being taken to achieve them.



Friends,

TCADP is recruiting a new class of [Lobby Corps members](#). This dedicated group of volunteers works with our staff and board members to advance TCADP's legislative agenda and build relationships with elected officials. Lobby Corps members have participated in every Texas legislative session since the creation of this program in 2012. They meet with legislative offices and educate elected officials on the death penalty. They also share information about important death penalty developments in between sessions.

TCADP seeks to add 8-10 new members to our Lobby Corps ranks. Members must be able to visit the State Capitol in person on a weekday at least 2 to 3 times during the next legislative session, which will run from mid-January through the end of May 2023. You don't have to be a political junkie to participate – we'll provide you with the training, resources, and support you'll need.

[Apply now!](#)

To apply, complete the short online form by October 28, 2022. Zoom interviews will be conducted in the first half of November with select candidates and an in-person training is set tentatively for December 1, 2022.

Please email me with any questions about this program.

Towards justice,

Kristin for TCADP

[On the Lighter Side](#)

Three Proofs that Jesus was Italian

He talked with his hands;

He had wine with every meal;

He worked in the building trades.