

# Morningside Matters

*The Newsletter for Morningside Monthly Meeting  
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)*

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## April 2017 Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Sunday Sing	room 12T	10:00 am
		Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible Study	room 12T	9:30 am
		Peace & Social Concerns Committee meeting: everyone welcome.	room 12T	1:00 pm
Fourth Sunday	Welcome Breakfast: An easy way of getting to know other members and attenders. Just tell the cashier you're with the Quakers. The tab is picked up by our hosts, the Ministry & Counsel Committee	Riverside Café	9:30 am	
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	April 16	New York Quarterly Meeting	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	1:00 pm
	April 21-23	New York Yearly Meeting Youth Institute	Powell House	
	April 22	Spring visiting and work day at the Quaker Cemetery	Prospect Park	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
	May 6	NYQM Healing/Restorative Circle	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	10:00 am – 12:00 pm
	May 12-14	“Love Thy Friend”: a workshop on pastoral care with Bruce Heckman, <a href="http://www.powellhouse.org">www.powellhouse.org</a>	Powell House	
	May 20	Morningside Meeting Spring Retreat: Our Savior's Atonement Lutheran Church; topic: Deepening Worship	178 Bennet Ave, & 189 <sup>th</sup> Street	
	May 27	Memorial meeting for Vince Buscemi. RSVP Pam Wood	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	11:00 am
	July 15	New York Quarterly Meeting	Friends Cemetery in Prospect Park	1:00 pm
	July 23-29	New York Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions	Silver Bay, NY	
Nov. 10-12	New York Yearly Meeting Fall Sessions			
Events of interest	April 24	Fr Michael Lapsley	Lehman College, Carman, Rm B04	2:00- 3:30 pm
	May 5	Restorative Justice Conference <a href="http://www.bestrestorativepractices.com">http://www.bestrestorativepractices.com</a>	Lehman College	8:00 am
	July 2-8	Friends General Conference Gathering, <a href="http://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering">www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering</a>	Niagara University, Buffalo, NY	
	Nov. 2-5	FCNL Annual Meeting	Washington, DC	

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*Newsletter Submission Guidelines: The purpose of the newsletter is to inform members, attenders and other interested people of Meeting news, including member interviews, news of Friends, other Quaker-related subjects, news of Quaker organizations, upcoming events, Meeting-sponsored projects, book reviews, etc. Articles and pictures are welcome. The deadline for the newsletter is the Sunday of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Please e-mail your material in Word or text format to [morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com](mailto:morningsidequakermeeting@gmail.com) by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at [www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org).*

## Reflection

*“The hope of a secure and livable world lies with disciplined nonconformists who are dedicated to justice, peace and brotherhood.”*

– Martin Luther King

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### Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

Morningside Meeting  
Ministry and Counsel Report  
April 2, 2017

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:25 p.m., and Pamela Wood read from Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians, which was also followed by silent worship:  
“In each of us the Spirit is manifested in one particular way, for some useful purpose...But all these gifts are the work of one and the same Spirit, distributing them separately to each individual at will. For Christ is like a single body with its many limbs and organs, which, many as they are, together make up one body.” I Corinthians 12:7, 11-12 (NEB)
2. David Fletcher distributed copies the report for Ministry and Counsel and read the report aloud. M&C met on March 27 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on May 1. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. As part of Bernard Winter’s residency at Pendle Hill this summer, and his art project involving the Psalms, he made this request of the meeting:
  - a. Set up a journal at the meeting, where members and attenders can write their reflections, thoughts, ideas, note images, describe how the Psalms have worked in their lives, give particular requests for images, or challenges they find in the Psalms. Bernard will have this written record to use for his work
  - b. Bernard will create a short description of his project, including some images for context.
  - c. He will place a copy of the Psalms alongside the journal for reference.
  - d. And Bernard will share his project during our Fourth Sunday discussion on April 23.
- e. Bernard’s website is:  
<http://www.bernardcwinterart.com>  
And he will also take requests by email.  
Friends approved Bernard’s request.
4. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report for the First Quarter. Friends accept the report. The report is attached.
5. Pamela Wood gave a Clerk’s Report:
  - a. The proposed Committee to oversee Vincent Buscemi’s Memorial on Saturday, May 27, 2017 consists of Sally Campbell, Barton Dominus, Helen Garay Toppins, and Pamela Wood.
  - b. The Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on May 7 will be clerked by Nancy Britton, and Bernard Winter will be the Recording Clerk, as both Pamela Wood and Stephen McDonnell need to be away that day.
  - c. A committee was formed to prepare Vince Buscemi’s memorial minute in time for July Quarterly Meeting, which will then be forwarded to Yearly Meeting before summer sessions and sent to Friend’s Journal. The committee will be: Pamela Wood, Jerry Reisig, and Stephen McDonnell.  
Friends accepted the report and approved the committees.
6. The Nominating Committee puts forth Barton Dominus as the Morningside Meeting appointee to the Quarterly Meeting Facilities Committee. Friends discussed the scope of this committee. Friends approve the nomination.
7. Friends made announcements.
8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Jane Alexandre, Bernard Winter, Joyce Richardson, Dot Savage, Jerry Reisig, Bryan Oettel, Katherine Alford, Sally Campbell, Kathy Stackhouse, David

Fletcher, Charles Sirey, Charlotte Ehrman, Naomi Paz Greenberg, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood, Calvin Ramsey, Rafeeq Tharayil, Stephen McDonnell

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### Ministry and Counsel Report

For April 2<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting

1. M&C met on Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> at the home of Pam Wood.
2. The next meeting will be Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Pam Wood's. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
3. Our next welcome breakfast will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> hosted by Charlene Ray in the Riverside Cafe. All are welcome.
4. Fourth Sunday discussion will be held after meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Bernard Winter will introduce an art project for which he will seek participation from the meeting. The project will be based around his artist residency at Pendle Hill this coming July and August. It will be based upon the psalms and he will be

seeking stories/meditations/reflections from our community.

5. Bible Study will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30.
6. M&C currently has 5 support committees.
7. We will hold a one day Spring Retreat on May 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 4 at Our Saviour's Atonement Lutheran Church at 178 Bennett Ave and 189<sup>th</sup> street. The topic will be Deepening Worship and we will have someone from NYYM with us to lead the day. Sign up for the retreat will begin next week.
8. Our fall retreat at Stony Point Center is confirmed for October 6-8. The topic will be Race Awareness.
9. The Memorial Meeting for Vince Buscemi will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at 15<sup>th</sup> Street. Please RSVP with Pam if you plan to attend.

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### Treasurer's Narrative Report

April 2, 2017

Activity in March, 2017

During the month of March, checks have been written to cover the following expenses:

Child care costs:.....	\$190.00 (covering April)
NYYM Quarterly Allocation:.....	\$3994.00 (covering January, February, March)
Woodbourne.....	\$100.00
Website maintenance.....	\$175.00 (covering March)
Huntington House.....	\$215.68 (taken from the specially earmarked funds)

Contribution income received in March totaled \$2,078.11.

The report of interest on the funds in TD Bank has not yet been received as of this writing. The Treasurer has been informed that the Schwab account is earning interest at the rate of one cent a month, so three cents have been added to the interest for 2017.

These transactions are incorporated into the spreadsheet report attached giving year-to-date figures for January, February, and March (through March 30), 2017.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
*Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer*

## Treasurer's Report

April 2, 2017

	2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to- date (Mar 30)	Percent of Budget
1	<b>Balances at the Beginning of the Year</b>			
2		37,437	37,438	
3	Unrestricted Reserves			
4	Funds Restricted as to Use			
5		782	782	
6		500	500	
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8		38,720	38,720	
9		-2,218	-1,858	
10		500	500	
11		144	144	
12		<b>37,146</b>	<b>37,506</b>	
13	<b>Income</b>			
14	31,254	37,686	5,045	13
15	18		5	
16	-780.00			
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18	1,665		1,649	
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		2016 Actual	2017 Budget	2017 Yr-to- date (Mar 30)	Percent of Budget
39	Finance	177	300		
40	Literature	297	300	108	36
41	<b>SUBTOTAL for Operations:</b>	<b>4,533</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>40</b>
42	Transfers to General Reserves				
43	Transfers to Restricted Reserves				
44	Transfer to petty cash for Hospitality			200	
45	Transfer to petty cash other than Hospitality				
46	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>32,157</b>	<b>37,686</b>	<b>6,914</b>	<b>18</b>
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48	<b>Balances at the End of the Year:</b>				
49	Unrestricted Reserves	37,438	35,219	34,155	
50	Funds Restricted as to Use				
51	Huntington House	782	782	566	
52	Crumlish Bequest	500	500	500	
53	<b>SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:</b>	<b>38,720</b>	<b>36,502</b>	<b>35,221</b>	
54	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted deposits	-2,218		-611	
55	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500	500	
56	Petty cash for Hospitality			200	
56	Unrestricted funds in petty cash	144	144	144	
57	<b>TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:</b>	<b>37,146</b>	<b>37,146</b>	<b>35,454</b>	

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## ARCH

ARCH Visitors invite friends to complete their health care proxy and other end of life documents in mid-May. Please contact Charlene Ray, [moneycoach@earthlink.net](mailto:moneycoach@earthlink.net) of your interest and preferred meeting times.

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## FGC Gathering: Ripples Start Where Spirit Moves

You are invited to attend the Friends General Conference Gathering in Niagara Falls, NY, July 2 - 8. We're expecting over 1,000 Quakers at this annual event.

### Registration

- April 3 - 16 Early registration
- April 17 - 23 registration closed
- April 24 Standard registration begins
- May 31 Last day to register children birth through current grade 8
- June 10 Last day to register high school participants

Registering during the early registration period gives you the best chance at the workshop of your choice and financial aid.

### Touchstone Groups

Does 1,000+ Quakers sound like too many? Consider joining a Touchstone Group. These are worship-sharing groups of roughly eight people that meet daily throughout the week. When registering, choose which time of day you would like to meet and you'll be assigned to a group.

## Community Worship

Following New York Yearly Meeting's pilot of Community Worship at 2016 Summer Sessions, we're going to do it at The Gathering. We will start our day worshipping together as a community in family friendly worship. It will include music, stories, queries, and open worship. It is half an hour and intended for absolutely everyone! Join us in being community together, creating ripples, experiencing Spirit moving amongst us.

## Pre-Gathering Events

Three pre-gathering events are offered this year. They are:

- Adult Young Friends Retreat
- Retreat for People of Color & Their Families
- Seeking Joy as Quaker Business People

For more information, see the FGC Gathering website:

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>

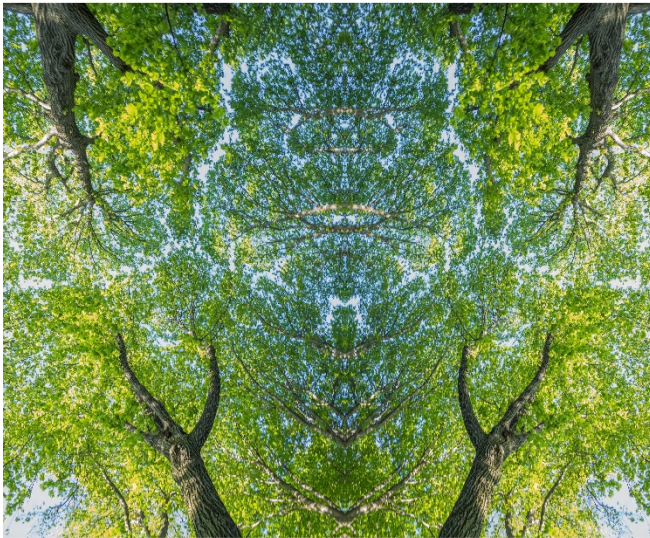
We hope to see you there!

Katrina McQuail, Canadian Yearly Meeting  
Steve Mohlke, New York Yearly Meeting  
Co-Clerks Friends General Conference Gathering 2017

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## Look Up!

by Amala Lane

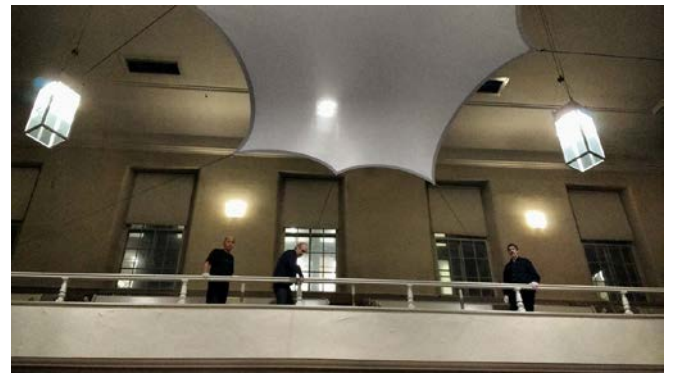


A few years ago, on a lovely summer morning, I was resting after a work out on a park bench. As I looked up into the leafy brocade above my head, I began to see patterns and sky rivers opened up in between where leaves on one tree ended and another began, in that negative space filled with blue sky.

I was so mesmerized and transported by this I began, with the help of my partner, Steve Soblick on the technical end of things, to photograph this stand of Linden Trees in that park, Fort Tryon's Linden Terrace for over a year during the equinox and solstice of each season. Always greeting the early morning light, we began to become familiar with the under canopy as we would the topography of a map.

This became the basis for an installation called, 'Look Up! Visions from Under the Canopy.' The images and video from under the canopy of linden trees through all seasons were projected on a screen hung parallel to the ceiling hung in the 15th St. Meeting House meeting room last Feb. 18th for a day. People viewed it

by laying down on the carpeted floor or the benches we had arranged in a circle around the meeting room. Individual still tree portraits arranged in a mandala like formation stood on a bench to the side as a kind of sitting meditation space. The Common Room hosted concurrent screenings of a short documentary featuring naturalist and author, Leslie Day, <https://youtu.be/J50S-Uw8pfc> and a documentary about the interconnected lives of trees called, 'Mother Tree' by Dan McKinney, <https://youtu.be/-8SORM4dYG8>.



This is my message. Interconnection. We are all interconnected and the trees teach us that. They show us how to live. In their tree communities, they come to one another's aid through their roots and fungi underground, "social networks."

Here is the poem that Leslie Day shares in the film. It's by John Moffit:

To look at any thing,  
If you would know that thing,  
You must look at it long;  
To look at this green and say,  
"I have seen spring in these  
Woods," will not do – you must  
Be the thing you see:

You must be the dark snakes of  
Stems and ferny plumes of leaves,  
You must enter in  
To the small silences between

The leaves,  
You must take your time  
And touch the very peace  
They issue from.

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### FCNL Capital Campaign: The World We Seek – We Can Live It

Friends' transformative and radical faith to "try what love can do" is given voice in Washington through the Friends Committee on National Legislation. As FCNL nears 75 years of faithful witness, it is planning to expand its presence on Capitol Hill. On April 8, FCNL's executive secretary, Diane Randall, spoke to New York Friends about FCNL's five-year capital campaign. The campaign is aimed at providing funding for:

- Investing in the future. The bulk of the money will be used to build an endowment to guarantee the sustainability of Young Adult programs that will ensure that Friends' values help shape public policy for years to come. The programs include the Young Fellows program (1-year fellowships), summer internships, the Advocacy Corps (training and support for young activists), and the Spring Lobby Weekend, which brings hundreds of young people to Washington to lobby their elected representatives.
- Sustainable funding for lobbying (contributions to which are not tax-deductible), training constituents to lobby and providing them with materials.
- The Friend in Washington Program. This program makes it possible for Friends with special expertise to live in Washington for a period from a month to two years to contribute to FCNL's lobbying.
- The Quaker Welcome Center, a LEED certified, net-zero carbon building, for use in education and advocacy training. The Center will also provide an

expanded meeting space for policymakers across the political spectrum to gather.



Diane Randall, FCNL executive secretary

...[W]e utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatsoever; and this is our testimony to the whole world...The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as once to command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it.

*~ George Fox and 11 others, Declaration to King Charles, 1660*

...[N]o plea of necessity or of policy, however urgent or peculiar, can avail to release either individuals or nations from the paramount allegiance which they owe unto Him who hath said, "Love your enemies."

*~London Yearly Meeting Epistle, 1854*

### **An Invitation to the NYQM Healing/Restorative Circle**

**To: The New York Quarterly Meeting Community**  
**From: NYQM Committee on Ministry and Counsel and NYQM Nominating Committee**

Dear Friends,

Our earliest and most consistent testimonies have been regarding peace.

Over time Friends have learned that being opposed to war is only one aspect of the peace we hope to make in the world.

One of the most important aspects of making peace in the world is making peace among ourselves. Doing so helps heal such wounds as conflict inevitably causes, whatever their origin, and gives us all experience in the more difficult aspects of peacemaking.

Members of the NYQM Nominating Committee wish to be of service to the Quarter. Over the last few years we found that our work was impeded. We have appealed to the Committee on Ministry and Counsel and now we appeal to the entire NYQM community to help us better serve the Quarter.

Please attend to learn more about it.

**When: Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM until Noon**

**Where: 15th Street Meetinghouse**  
15 Rutherford Place  
1 short block east of Third Avenue along East 15th Street