

# Morningside Matters

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

[www.morningsidemeeting.org](http://www.morningsidemeeting.org)

October 2018

## Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business	room 12T	12:30 pm
	Second Sunday	Bible study	room 12T	9:30 am
	Second Sunday	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	October 28	Racial Justice Study Group: Chapter 6, <i>Deep Denial</i>	room 12T	1:00 pm
	October 28	Quarterly Meeting	Flushing Meeting	1:00 – 5:00 pm
	November 4	Moving with Spirit	room 12T	10:00 – 10:30 am
	November 9 – 11	NYYM Fall Session	Rochester, NY	
Events of interest	First Sundays	Monthly Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Astor Place	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	October 25 – 28	Radical Faithfulness in Action	Pendle Hill	
	October 26 – 28	Fall Work, Contra Dance, Storytelling	Powell House	
	October 26 – 28	AVP Basic Workshop. Info: Fred Feucht, 203-405-6103, fredfeucht@gmail.com	Mamaroneck Methodist Church	
	November 3	Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas	Powell House	
	November 3	Reading: Mother's Day, a play by Charles Sirey	15 <sup>th</sup> St. Meeting	2:00 pm
	November 4 – 8	A Workshop for Women Writers of Color	Pendle Hill	
	November 9 – 11	Journey Toward Wholeness: A Courage & Renewal® Retreat Series	Pendle Hill	
	November 9 – 11	AVP Advanced Workshop. Info: Fred Feucht, 203-405-6103, fredfeucht@gmail.com	Purchase Meeting-house	
	November 16 – 18	Clerking: Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence	Pendle Hill	
	November 14	George Lakey book tour: <i>How We Win: A Guide to Non-violent Direct Action Campaigning</i>	Powerhouse Arena Bookstore, 28 Adams St., Brooklyn	
	November 28 – December 2	FCNL Annual Meeting: Prophetic, Persistent, Powerful	Washington, DC	

November 30- December 2	Weaving Yourself Toward Wholeness	Pendle Hill	
November 30- December 2	12-Step Quaker Weekend	Powell House	
December 9 – 13	Beyond Diversity	Pendle Hill	
December 14 – 16	What Does Justice Look Like? Moving Towards a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel	Pendle Hill	
December 21	The Winter Solstice: In Touch with Your Whole Self	Powell House	
December 30 – January	Powell House Annual New Year's Celebration	Powell House	

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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*

*God's grace is the beginning, the middle, and the end. When you pray for God's grace, you are like someone standing neck-deep in water and yet crying for water. It is like saying that someone neck-deep in water feels thirsty, or that a fish in water feels thirsty, or that water feels thirsty.*

*~ Ramana Maharshi*

### Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business October 14, 2018

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:35 p.m., and Pamela Wood read a quote by John Woolman quoted in Faith and Practice:  

“There is a principle which is pure, placed in the human mind, which in different places and ages hath had different names. It is, however, pure and proceeds from God. It is deep and inward, confined to no forms of religion nor excluded from any, where the heart stands in perfect sincerity. In whomsoever this takes root and grows, of what nation soever, they become brethren.”

John Woolman, “Considerations on Keeping Negroes” 1746, Faith and Practice, 2015
2. Mason Jenkins read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Charlene Ray. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP. Friends shared some reflections on the question of how best to support one another as we age. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
3. Pamela Wood gave the Clerk’s Report: Burr Eckstut has asked to be released from service on the Nominating Committee. Friends approve the release of Burr Eckstut from the Nominating Committee.
4. Corona Machemer gave a report on Naomi Paz Greenberg’s Memorial Meeting, to be held Saturday, November 17, 2018, 2:00 p.m., at the 15<sup>th</sup> Street Meetinghouse. Friends accept the report.
5. Corona Machemer gave the Peace and Social Concerns Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
6. Bryan Oettel gave the Treasurer’s Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
7. Friends made Announcements.
8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Richard Schmidt, Jane Alexandre, Sally Campbell, Bernard Winter, Nancy Britton, Dave Britton, Emerson Jenkins, Mason Jenkins, Diana Simcock, Corona Machermer, Bryan Oettel, Jason McGill, Joyce Richardson,

Charlene Ray, David Fletcher, Charlotte Ehrman, Tom Goodridge, Dot Savage, Robert Renwick, Ernie Buscemi, Pamela Wood, Stephen McDonnell.

### Ministry and Counsel Report

1. Ministry and Counsel met on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Charlene Ray. Our next meeting will be October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 at the home of Pam Wood. The first half is open to anyone with concerns.
2. Fourth Sunday Welcome Breakfast will be on October 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Riverside Café. All are welcome. Just tell the cashier that you are with the Quakers and the meeting will pay for breakfast.
3. The Racial Justice Study Group will meet from 1 to 2 on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
4. Bible Study will resume on November 11<sup>th</sup>.
5. Ministry and Council currently has 7 support committees.
7. Moving with Spirit will resume before meeting from 10-10:30 on November 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. The fall retreat at Stony Point took place last weekend. We worshiped and shared on the topics of anger, forgiveness, and love. It was a joyful weekend.
9. Memorial Meeting for Naomi Paz Greenberg will be held on Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at 15<sup>th</sup> Street meeting house.
10. Ministry and Counsel has been considering the question of how best to support one another as we age. We would like feedback from the meeting about how this might best be achieved. We have considered keeping emergency contact information and keeping advance directives on file. What other thoughts does the meeting have?
11. Charlene Ray and Tom Goodridge have agreed to go through our database of names to determine who we should reconnect with. This is a task that requires a good memory and we would like to know if anyone wants to help support this endeavor.

Respectfully submitted,

Mason Jenkins, clerk  
Charlene Ray, co-clerk  
October 14, 2018

### Report from the ad hoc committee on the Memorial Meeting for Naomi Paz Greenberg, scheduled for Saturday, November 17 at 2:00 pm at 15<sup>th</sup> Street Meeting House

1. Although Naomi had been an attendee at Morningside for the past several years, she remained a member of Flushing Meeting. Therefore, the Memorial Meeting is being organized jointly by Flushing and Morningside.
2. The Memorial Minute is being written by Caroline Lane of Flushing Meeting, with assistance from members of the Ministry and Oversight Committee. The Minute will be submitted for approval to Flushing Business Meeting. Caroline will be collecting and compiling information and memories from many sources—Naomi was active in NYQM, NYQM and in numerous organizations devoted to peace and justice.
3. Because the Memorial Meeting will take place in the middle of a Saturday afternoon, there will be only light refreshments afterwards—finger food, tea, coffee and other beverages. Richard Schmidt of Morningside has volunteered to coordinate this.

More to come...  
--Corona Machermer

### Treasurer's Report

September 9, 2018

As the accompanying table shows, income for the year has been \$1,829.35 less than the expenses incurred so far. But this should be considered a provisional report for several reasons.

First, the final accounting for the retreat is not yet completed. There is income still to be reported, and the final bill from Stony Point Center has not yet been forwarded to the Treasurer.

Second, Peace and Social Concerns Disbursements are behind schedule; the contact data for which the Treasurer has been waiting has come tumbling in over the last few days, so payments will be made early next week to those organizations where information is now available.

The payments to New York Yearly Meeting have been completed for the year, and child care payments are up-to-date.

The Meeting has been maintaining an account at the Charles Schwab brokerage firm which, it was hoped, would expedite the receipt of stock gifts, should any come

our way. We finally did get a gift of stock earlier this year, and it proved extremely complicated and arduous to transfer ownership to the meeting and cash out the gift. So, it has seemed that the relationship with Schwab was not accomplishing its purpose, and we have closed the account. We are in the process of seeking arrangements with Friends Fiduciary to serve the Meeting in connection with stock gifts.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

**Income/Expense by Category - Year to Date  
1/1/2018 through 10/12/2018 (Cash Basis)**

Category	1/1/2018- 3/31/2018	4/1/2018- 6/30/2018	7/1/2018- 9/30/2018	10/1/2018- 10/12/2018	OVERALL TOTAL
<b>INCOME</b>					
General Fund Contribution	6,402.69	2,696.59	8,353.41	1,615.00	19,067.69
Interest and Dividends	5.10	5.16	5.02	0.00	15.28
Reintegration Grant	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Retreat Fee Income	0.00	0.00	2,540.00	460.00	3,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6,907.79</b>	<b>2,701.75</b>	<b>10,898.43</b>	<b>2,075.00</b>	<b>22,582.97</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Huntington House	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
MMM Oper. – Hospitality	0.00	200.00	100.00	0.00	300.00
NYYM Allocation	4,125.00	4,125.00	0.00	8,250.00	16,500.00
Operations – Breakfast	76.00	21.50	0.00	0.00	97.50
Operations – Finance	20.00	176.35	0.00	0.00	196.35
Operations – First Day Child	475.00	370.00	0.00	690.00	1,535.00
Operations – Literature	0.00	13.47	0.00	0.00	13.47
Operations, Comm. – Website	160.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
Outreach – Peace, Social Con-	100.00	2,400.00	1,400.00	0.00	3,900.00
Outreach – Scholarships, Relief	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Retreat Expense	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>5,156.00</b>	<b>7,716.32</b>	<b>2,600.00</b>	<b>8,940.00</b>	<b>24,412.32</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,751.79</b>	<b>-5,014.57</b>	<b>8,298.43</b>	<b>-6,865.00</b>	<b>-1,829.35</b>

**Peace and Social Concerns Report**

Peace & Social Concerns met on September 16, 2018.

Attending were Sally Campbell; David Fletcher; Richard Schmidt; Corona Macheimer (acting as clerk)

The meeting opens with a few moments of silence.

1. The Committee mourns the loss of Naomi Paz Greenberg, who was such a vigorous and inspiring participant in our work, taking the lead in so many

ways, from organizing Morningside's participation in Amnesty International's Annual Write-for-Rights campaigns to introducing Morningside to the Coalition for Immokalee Workers. One of the organizations that she had become closest to in the last few years is the Flushing Interfaith Council, in particular its Social Justice Committee. The committee de-

cides to contribute \$350 now to the Flushing Interfaith Council Social Justice Committee in her memory. (This sum is already budgeted, but was to be paid in December.)

2. Naomi was our liaison not only to the Flushing Interfaith Council, and through them Amnesty International, but to the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the Christian Peace Teams. A decision on who will be the liaison to these organizations going forward will be made soon. David Fletcher has volunteered to check out the Christian Peace Teams; Dave Britton has expressed an interest in the Coalition of Immokalee Workers and the National Farm Workers Ministry (Naomi had proposed Morningside become a sponsor).
3. The Committee approves inviting José Saldaña to make a presentation to Morningsiders about the organization called Release Aging People in Prison/RAPP on the second Sunday in November, November 11. We are scheduling the presentation for the second Sunday so that Pam Wood, who will be issuing the invitation, can attend. The regular meeting of P&SC will be held on the third Sunday. To learn more about RAPP, go to <http://rappcampaign.com>. [Because Pam can no longer take this on in November, José Saldaña's presentation has been rescheduled for the second Sunday in January, January 13, 2019. Because of this change, the regular meeting of Peace & Social Concerns will now be held as usual, on the second Sunday in November, November 11.]
4. David Fletcher reports that he and Robert Renwick are investigating an organization named Black and Pink, which supports young LGBTQ people of color, to find out if it is a good one for Morningside to be involved with.
5. At the behest of the Center on Conscience & War, the Committee decides to contribute a comment on Selective Service (Draft) Registration to the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service, which was established in 2017 to consider issues of national service, both military and civilian, and is to issue a report by March 2020. The deadline for public comments was September 30, so there was no opportunity to bring this to business meeting. P&SC asks Sally Campbell and Corona Macheimer to draft and submit the comment on behalf of the committee. A copy is attached to this report. For those interested in learning more about the commission and its work, go to [www.inspire2serve.gov](http://www.inspire2serve.gov).
6. [Bryan Wigfall plans a presentation on the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), one of the organizations Morningside supports, in November. More information to come.]
7. The next regular meeting of P&SC will be held on the third Sunday in October, October 21. In November, the regular meeting of the committee will take place as usual on the second Sunday, November 11.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corona Macheimer, clerk

### Memorial Service for Naomi Paz Greenberg

Naomi Paz Greenberg, an active member of the Religious Society of Friends, passed away on August 7, 2018 after a long illness.

Naomi was a founding member of the Flushing Interfaith Council and a leading force in many other organizations devoted to peace and justice. She retained her membership in Flushing Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, but was very active in Morningside Quaker Meeting in recent years. A joint committee from Morningside Meeting and Flushing Meeting has been organizing her memorial service.

There is an expectation that because of Naomi's active engagement with peace and justice issues throughout the yearly meeting, the memorial service may be attended by more people than can be accommodated at Flushing. Therefore, the Memorial Meeting will be held at 15th Street Meeting on Saturday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served following the service.

An online obituary where you can write your thoughts about Naomi Paz Greenberg is available via <https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/forest-hills-ny/naomi-greenberg-7955923>.

## 2018 NYYM Fall Sessions, November 9 – 11

<https://www.nyym.org/session/fall-sessions-2018>

The 2018 NYYM Fall Sessions is being hosted by Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting (FSRM). We invite and encourage as many Friends as possible to come and do the work of the meeting while Commemorating of the 224th Anniversary of the Canandaigua Treaty, celebrated every November 11th. Fall Sessions will begin with dinner on Friday evening and a multigenerational presentation, “**Quakers, Indigenous Peoples and the Land.**” Please join us!

The Treaty of Canandaigua was signed by the Grand Council of the Iroquois confederacy, (Haudenosaunee), and Timothy Pickering, official agent of President George Washington. Signed November 11th 1794 in Canandaigua, NY. There were 1600 representatives from the Haudenosaunee as well as Quaker observers who could read English and aid the Haudenosaunee. Much has changed in the 224 years since the signing of the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794, but its commemoration of peace and friendship between the Six Nations Confederacy (Haudenosaunee) and the United States still is recognized today.

Quakers served as witnesses to the Canandaigua Treaty of 1794, polishing the chain of friendship between the Iroquois and Quakers that dates back to 1682. After briefly outlining how greed for land in Pennsylvania and New York strained this friendship historically, Mattie Schmitt and Mike Farrell, of the Rochester Friends Meeting, and Michelle Schenandoah, JD & LL.M. (Oneida-Wolf Clan, thought leader, writer and consultant), will lead a discussion of how Quakers can be friends and allies of Indigenous Peoples in the 21st century.

Following Fall Sessions, the commemoration of the Canandaigua Treaty will take place on November 11 on the front lawn of the Ontario County Court House on Main Street in Canandaigua, New York. Please join us for a time of peace and friendship to commemorate a very important Treaty between the people of the United States of America and the Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) people.

### New York Yearly Meeting Seeks a Policies and Procedures Consultant

New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM) of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is seeking a consultant to support creation of a **consolidated and complementary body of policies and standard operational procedures (SOPs)** that will be available online to all members of the Yearly Meeting.

#### Tasks, in Phases

1. Review existing materials and develop an outline of the policies and SOPs with a suggested order of prioritization
2. For missing and incomplete policies and SOPs, organize, manage, and contribute to the development of draft policies and SOPs in coordination and collaboration with staff, volunteers, and subject-matter experts
3. Support review and approval processes for the draft policies and SOPs
4. Finalize each policy and SOP in a user-friendly format

#### Desired Qualifications

- Prior experience developing policies and procedures, preferably for a Friends organization
- Excellent listening and communication skills to capture users' knowledge and experience

- Demonstrated ability to write clear and concise texts
- IT skills for document management, including experience with Google Drive or a similar system for file storage and sharing
- Organizational skills relevant to managing multiple tasks within an established timeframe
- Knowledge of Friends' organizational structures and ways of operating

#### Working Arrangements, Travel, and Level of Effort

The consultant will work remotely through use of electronic communications, and travel infrequently to the Yearly Meeting office in New York City and elsewhere in the NYYM geographic area for meetings. The level of effort for this assignment is 20-30 non-consecutive days over a period of 10 months, with an anticipated start date in late November or early December.

#### How to Apply

Interested candidates should review the full Scope of Work at [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kpk13Z7A7-fsi\\_CpifTdFnyacy5khCAR/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kpk13Z7A7-fsi_CpifTdFnyacy5khCAR/view) and submit their CV, a letter of application, and indication of their hourly consulting rate to [policies-consulting-application@nyym.org](mailto:policies-consulting-application@nyym.org) by **Friday, November 2, 2018**.

## Response to the National Commission on Military, National and Public Service

9/30/2018

Docket 05-2018-01

**From:** Corona Machermer

**To:** [national.commission.on.service.info](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info) <[national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil](mailto:national.commission.on.service.info@mail.mil)>

**Subject:** Docket 05-2018-01

**Date:** Sun, Sep 30, 2018 8:17 pm

**Date:** September 30, 2018

**To:** National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service

**From:** Peace & Social Concerns Committee of Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**Re:** Comments on the Commission's mandate, in particular as it relates to Selective Service (Draft) Registration

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to comment on the issues before you, about which members of the Religious Society of Friends, commonly known as Quakers, are deeply concerned.

Quakers have a long history of religious and moral opposition to war. Many of us have become conscientious objectors and have done alternative service; some have refused to register for the draft and have been imprisoned. This opposition to war is rooted in the fundamental Quaker belief in the Inner Light—that of God in every person.

Also rooted in this belief is our Testimony of Equality—that all people are equal in the sight of God, and should be treated accordingly.

In accord with these two principles, we believe that:

1. Draft Registration has been a failure and a burden on millions of men and should be ended. The restrictions and penalties for men who haven't registered—in many states registration is linked with access to driver's licenses and state ID's, threatening access to the ballot box—may stay with them for the rest of their lives, even though they will never have been charged with, tried for, or convicted of any crime. They may lose eligibility for college loans and grants, government jobs, job training, and for registration-age immigrants, citizenship. Such consequences are most commonly visited on those who, primarily for reasons of poverty, are not aware of the requirement to register or clear about how to do it, and on men who are conscientiously opposed to war. Thus, Selective Service Registration stands in violation of both our belief in equality and our opposition to war.

2. If Selective Service is not abolished, then we believe the law should be changed so that it applies equally to men and women. It should also provide a pathway for people to register as conscientious objectors, and restore full rights to all people of conscience, as well as to those who fail to register because of poverty, by overturning lifetime punishments.

Sincerely yours,

Corona Machermer, 200 Cabrini Blvd, Apt 18, New York, NY 10033

Sally Campbell, 252 W 91 St, Apt 64, New York, NY 10024

Co-Clerks, Peace & Social Concerns Committee of Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

*The substance of these comments was approved at a meeting of the Committee on September 16, 2018*