

Morningside Matters

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

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April 2019

Calendar

Weekly	Sunday	Meeting for Worship	Riverside Church 490 Riverside Drive, room 12T (childcare provided in room 13T)	11:00 am
Monthly	First Sunday	Moving with the Spirit	room 12T	10:00 – 10:30 am
	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	Every Wednesday	NYQM Call to Worship	15 th Street meeting	6:30 – 8:30 pm
	April 21	Quarterly Business Meeting	15 th Street meeting	1:00 – 5:00 pm
	April 27	Friends Cemetery Work Day	Prospect Park, Brooklyn	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
	April 28	Racial Justice Study Group, Deep Denial	room 12T	1:00 pm
	June 1	Morningside Meeting Spring Retreat	15 th Street meeting	10:00 am – 3:00 pm
	July 13	Quarterly Business Meeting	Prospect Park	
	July 21 – 27	NYYM Summer Sessions	Silver Bay	
	September 13 – 15	Morningside Meeting Fall Retreat	Stony Point	
	November 1 – 3	NYYM Fall sessions	TBD	
	November 14 – 17	FCNL Annual Meeting	Washington, DC	
Events of interest	First Sundays	Vigil for Peace	Washington Square Arch	1:00 – 2:00 pm
	Saturdays	Vigil for Yemen	Union Square	11:00 am – 1:00 pm
	April 19 – 21	Spring Work/Messiah Sing/Scavenger Hunt	Powell House	
	April 26 – 28	Mindful Mark-Making, Abstract Drawing as Meditation	Pendle Hill	
	May 4	Interfaith Solidarity Arts Picnic	Pendle Hill	
	May 3 – 5	Clerking in the 21 st Century	Powell House	
	May 5 – 9	John's Gospel: Refreshment and Challenge	Pendle Hill	
May 6	Walk in My Shoes: A Theater of Witness Film,	Pendle Hill		

May 9 – 12	Radical Faithfulness in Action	Pendle Hill	
May 12 – 17	The Wisdom of Jesus and the Light of Christ	Pendle Hill	
May 17 – 19	Getting in Touch (with your true self),	Pendle Hill	
May 17 – 19	Providing Pastoral Care in All Kinds of Weather	Powell House	
May 19	Feel the Spirit and Dance!	Pendle Hill	
May 25	Flushing Interfaith Council potluck dinner: St. George's Church, 135-32 38 th Ave.	Queens	6:00 – 8:00 pm
May 30 – June 2	Pendle Hill Quaker Institute	Pendle Hill	
June 7 – 12	Continuing Revolution 2019: Experimenting Beyond Capitalism	Pendle Hill	
June 14 – 16	Forgiveness as a Spiritual Practice	Powell House	
June 21 – 23	Nonviolent Communications: A Spiritual Practice and Act of Social Change	Powell House	
June 30 – July 6	FGC Gathering	Grinnell, Iowa	
July 11 – 14	Kairos: Silence, Contemplation and Scription	Pendle Hill	
July 26 – 28	The Spiritual Practice of Letting Go	Pendle Hill	
August 4	Visual Storytelling: The Transformative Art of Altered Book-Makin	Pendle Hill	
August 16 – 18	Cultivating Generous Congregations	Powell House	
November 14 – 17	FCNL Quaker Public Policy Institute and Annual Meeting	Washington, DC	

Remember to check the Calendar and the Bulletin Board at www.morningsidemeeting.org

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 by the end of that day. Past issues of the newsletter are archived at www.morningsidemeeting.org.

Reflection

Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. - James 2:17

Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business April 7, 2019

1. The Meeting began with worship at 12:30 p.m., and Jane Alexandre read a selection from Reggie Wilson in "Praying Grounds: Blackness, Churches, and Downtown Dance:"

"Sometimes I go to church to see dance and sometimes dance takes me to church... I didn't go to church growing up and don't now, but from what I know, going to church is a ritual where people gather around a common belief in the divine, the ineffable, the unknown. Dance, like church, requires devotion and a cyclical return to the spectral by way of the material, i.e.: the body, lived experience, practice. We've got to show up and spend time in the place together (again and again) before we can get to the somewhere else."
2. Corona Machemer gave the Peace and Social Concerns Report with the finalized budget and a flyer from The Ribbon International. The next meeting of P&SC will be on Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. Friends accept the report. The written report and budget and flyer are attached.
3. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer's Report. Friends accept the report, and the written report is attached.
4. Ed Elder read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on Monday, April 1, 2019 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on Monday, April 29th at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP to Pam. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.

5. Corona Macheimer gave a Communications Committee Report. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.

6. Jane Alexandre gave a Clerk's Report. Jane read the Memorial Minute for Robert Leuze:

**A Minute of Memory for Robert Charles Leuze
July 1, 1936 - December 14, 2018**

Robert Charles Leuze was born on July 1, 1936, the third and youngest child of Agnes Graves and Lloyd Leuze. His older sister died shortly after her birth, and he grew up with his older brother, William Freeman Leuze. Education was important in the Leuze family and both of Robert's parents were college graduates. His mother taught high school prior to marriage, and his father worked as an inspector for a fire insurance company.

Robert graduated from Yale University with a B.A. in American Studies with concentrations in literature, writing and philosophy. As a student, he served as an editorial assistant for the *Yale Review of Metaphysics*. His employment after college ranged from high school math and physics teacher to Editor/Reporter for the Daily Times in Watertown, NY. A former physics student remembered Robert "as someone who was a gentle soul, and thus made science not at all cold."

A classically trained baritone, Robert studied voice for many years under Atarah Hazzana, a Metropolitan Opera principal artist. Once, on hearing him sing, Beverly Sills applauded Robert's rich baritone voice and operatic skills. In addition to opera, Robert sang in concert musical theatre, playing Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*. In 1998, he independently produced a CD of songs, entitled "Songs of our Lives."

Robert married Sarah Strong Harwood on August 16, 1969 and they remained together until her death in October 2010. Like so many relationships it had its difficulties, the most significant of which occurred when Robert, after twelve years of marriage, told Sarah that he was a gay man who needed to live his life as one. When confronted with this reality, they both chose to remain married, as their love for one another surpassed everything else. Robert later wrote that "Ours has been an unusual marriage but also (eventually) a very strong one."

Sarah and Robert found their home with the Society of Friends in 1969. In the early 1980s Sarah became a member of Morningside Meeting; while Robert remained an attender of the Meeting for the rest of his life, serving on several Monthly Meeting committees.

Both Robert and Sarah shared a spiritual home at FGC's Friends for Gay and Lesbian Concerns, and were part of its further growth in inclusion. Within the FLGBTQC community, Robert found an openness and affection that he had not experienced before. A regular attender during the FLGC midwinter gatherings Conference, he edited *Each of Us Inevitable*, a compilation of the talks given at FLGC midwinter gatherings and by some FLGCers at FGC Gatherings. The work was a ministry and historical record of FLGC, as well as an outreach to the wider community. FLGC later known as FLGBTC became a source of comfort to both Robert and Sarah. Sarah, through her concerns expressed at a gathering of FLGCBT, is responsible for the "Q" for queer friendly that led to the current iteration: FLGBTQC.

Robert found friendship and support through several musical and gender conscious organizations, including Out Music, Yale Gala, and FLGBTQC. He became a vocal critic of people who violated the rights and sovereignty of all peoples, especially members of the gay-lesbian-trans communities, and frequently took authorities to task in his thoughtful and well-crafted published letters to the editor of the New York Times.

Robert often referred to himself as "the ultimate late-bloomer," as he came to music too late to make it a professional career. Whether or not Robert began too late to make music a career, he succeeded in making music his life. For Friends who know him, Robert never stopped singing, and at the end, when he no longer had voice, he could still hear the songs he had sung.

Friends accept the Memorial Minute, and it will be posted on the Website, and the Clerk will look into sending it to FGC and publishing in Friends Journal.

Jane Alexandre read a Minute supporting the call for a Jubilee Year by NYQM:

**Morningside Minute Supporting the call for a Jubilee Year by QM
April 7, 2019**

Morningside Monthly Meeting supports the seasoned leading of the New York Quarterly Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee (NYQM M&C) in calling a Jubilee Year from July 2019 to July 2020, during which time all but essential QM business will be laid aside in order to "attentively create space for spiritually nurturing" of the quarter community.

Morningside Meeting Ministry and Counsel considered the matter of a Jubilee Year; and on Sunday, March 17, the committee held an after-meeting for worship discussion for all Morningside Friends. The queries sent by NYQM M&C were read and discussed toward the creation of this minute.

Although Morningside will not be calling a Jubilee for itself, it agrees with NYQM M&C that it is the appropriate time to call a Jubilee to renew and refresh the Quarter. Morningside also sees this as a time of renewal of the Spirit of Trust between meetings and an increase in Meeting participation in QM.

During this Jubilee Year, Morningside Meeting holds Quarterly Meeting and its constituent Monthly Meetings in the Light and expectantly listens for how the Spirit may use Morningside in this process of rest and spiritual renewal.

In Friendship,

Jane Alexandre
Clerk, Morningside Monthly Meeting

Friends approve the Minute.

7. Friends made Announcements, including this one which the Clerk read:

“Jason McGill reminds Friends that the Meeting approved taking under its care the marriage of Bertram Johnson and himself.

A Meeting for Worship for their marriage will be held on Friday, May 24 at 7 PM on the 10th floor of Riverside Church. Bertram and Jason warmly invite all Morningsiders to join them at this special Meeting for Worship. Jason does ask that those planning to attend please inform him directly no later than May 6th (his email: JTM23@cornell.edu). The Meeting has agreed to provide a potluck dinner

immediately following Worship, and a firm head count will be a huge help to Bertram and Jason’s Marriage Committee.”

8. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen McDonnell

Present: Joyce Richardson, Robert Renwick, Peter Beck, Charlene Ray, Cally Rogers, Jeremy Spater, Charlotte Ehrman, Robert Scawats, Tom Goodridge, Daniel A. Seeger, Bryan Oettel, Ed Elder, David Fletcher, Corona Machemer, Dave Britton, Sally Campbell, Jerry Reisig, Nancy Britton, Jane Alexandre, Stephen McDonnell.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

Peace & Social Concerns met on Sunday, March 10, 2019. Attending were Sally Campbell; Richard Schmidt; Kathy Stackhouse; Dave Britton; Ernie Buscemi; June Tano; Pam Wood; Robert Renwick; Corona Machemer (Acting as Clerk).

1. Except for a couple of remaining questions, the Peace & Social Concerns Budget for 2019 is finalized. A copy is attached. Friends should let the committee know ASAP of any corrections or concerns by emailing Corona Machemer (coronamach@aol.com). The committee allocated a total of \$13,150 in contributions. The remaining \$850 of the \$14,000 budgeted by the Meeting for 2019 is being held for future contingencies and/or emergencies.
2. Note that another new organization has been added to the list: the New York Campaign Against Isolated Confinement (NYCAIC). The organization has been lobbying in Albany in support of the Humane Alternatives to Long-term (HALT) Solitary Confinement Act. Several Morningsiders have

been engaged in the campaign, and Morningside minuted its support for the Act in June 2014. With the change in the political winds in Albany after the 2018 election, there is renewed hope for passage, but past funding is no longer available

3. The committee has been concerned that the organization to which we have been contributing for Hurricane Relief in Puerto Rico, the Hispanic Federation Unidos, while very effective, is also very large and well-funded. While the committee has found no Quaker meeting in Puerto Rico to which we might contribute instead, Sally Campbell has discovered a congregation of the Church of the Brethren. The committee will consider contributing to Puerto Rico relief through this church at an upcoming meeting.
4. June Tano brings to the committee’s attention The Ribbon International Campaign in support of a world without nuclear weapons. The first Ribbon campaign, in 1985, the fortieth anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, focused on

Washington D.C. and Hiroshima. The year 2020 will be the 75th Anniversary of the bombings, and a new Ribbon campaign is being developed for the commemoration, which will include Ribbon events in cities around the world, including New York City. June asks for the support of New York Quakers for this campaign and that Morningside take the lead in securing the support and participation of other New York City Meetings, of NYQM and of NYYM. The response from P&SC is enthusiastic, and we will be bringing a minute to Business Meeting soon. To find out more, see *The Ribbon: A Celebration of Life*, a book about the 1985 event; there are two copies in the Morningside Library. See also the attached flyer and visit the website www.theribboninternational.org.

5. **The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has asked Friends from Meetings**

and Churches across the country to help it discern revisions to its foundational document, “The World We Seek,” which was last updated in 2013. P&SC will be devoting its next regular meeting, on April 14, almost entirely to this issue. All Morningsiders have received an announcement/invitation by email. Before the meeting, be sure to have made yourself familiar with the current version of the document, some copies of which are available on the literature table, and which can be downloaded from <https://www.fcnl.org/documents/887>. Our feedback is due at FCNL by April 26.

6. As noted above, the next meeting of P&SC will be on Sunday April 14 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Macheimer, Acting as Clerk



The Ribbon International

Ribbon 2020 – Tangible Hope for No Nuclear War

The Ribbon was founded by **Justine Merritt** who had visited Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in 1982. She was greatly affected by the tragedy caused by the Atomic Bomb. After arriving home, it came to her to create a Ribbon, and decided to have a Ribbon event on the 40th memorial anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

It was in the middle of the Cold War between The United States and The Soviet Union, and using nuclear weapons could happen again at a moments notice.

On August 4, 1985, in Washington, D.C., fifteen miles of Ribbons encircled the Pentagon and other important monuments. With the message of “What I cannot bear to think of as lost forever in a nuclear war”. The Atomic Bomb Dome in Hiroshima was also encircled.

The Ribbon International is now a Non Governmental Organization in Association with the United Nations. Since 1985, many Ribbons have been created around the world. People carry Ribbons and pray for Peace at many occasions such as; community memorial gatherings and marches related to nuclear, peace and environmental issues. Ribbons have been exhibited in various places as well.

Nowadays the world is closer to the tragedy of nuclear war or a nuclear accident more than ever before.

On August 1st 2020, the 75th Anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, The Ribbon International is planning to have a Ribbon event in New York City and in other cities around the world. Please join us, and pray for a world without nuclear weapons and never another nuclear tragedy. (If you cannot join, please pray with us wherever you are.)

How to make Ribbon?

(Please also see our website: www.theribboninternational.org)

- Cut a panel of sturdy cloth, double thickness, of any color.
- Finished size: one meter by a half meter (or one yard by a half yard)
- Sew 20cm (8 inch) pieces of ribbon to each corner so the panels may be easily tied together.
- On this panel, sew, paint, write, embroider, weave, knit, tie-dye or use any other kind of ornaments to express what you most love about the world and want to protect from what is endangered on this earth.

MORNINGSIDE PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS	2019 budget	2019 Sched	Comments
<i>Local Hands-on Organizations</i>			
Woodbourne Prison Quaker Worship Group (Pam Wood & Helen Garay Toppins) (nypwood@aol.com; office@nyym.org)	300.00	As Requested	
Alternatives to Violence Project NY (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	400.00	August	
Hopper Home (Helen Garay Toppins) (office@nyym.org)	200.00	April	NEW; Replacing Huntington House: A Program of the Women's Prison Association. Go to www.wpaonline.org/services/teeny-services
Flushing Interfaith Council (David Fletcher) (davidfletcher61@gmail.com)	350.00	Dec	\$50 membership; \$300 to Social Justice Committee; 2018 contribution made in November in memory of Naomi Paz Greenberg
Brooklyn for Peace (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	100.00	Dec	
Sacred Heart Church School, Camden, NJ (Joyce Richardson) (searcityquertyui@gmail.com)	300.00	June	Increase; \$300 supports one kid at the school for a year
RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison) Campaign (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	300.00	April	NEW (www.rappcampaign.com)
Black and Pink, New York City chapter (David Fletcher) (davidfletcher61@gmail.com)	250.00	???	NEW (www.blackandpink.org→Chapter→New York City)
New Sanctuary Coalition of New York City (Kathy Stackhouse) (kathy.stackhouse@gmail.com)	250.00	May	NEW; Organization founded by Ravi Ragbir, husband of Amy Gottlieb of AFSC
New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (NYCAIC) (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	200.00	March	NEW; Send Funds ASAP to support current lobbying in Albany for the HALT Solitary Confinement Act. Several Morningsiders have participated in this campaign and Morningside minuted its support for the legislation in June 2014. Past funding is no longer available.
<i>Wider Quaker Fellowship</i>			
Friends General Conference (FGC) (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	400.00	March	
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) (Bryan Wigfall) (wigfallbryan003@gmail.com)	400.00	Dec	
FCNL (Kathy Stackhouse) (kathy.stackhouse@gmail.com)	700.00	March	
AFSC: Healing & Justice NE Region (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	850.00	May / Oct	\$600 to AFSC Northeast Region for Liberation Summer Youth Advocacy Training Camp / \$250 to AFSC, with memo designating Immigrant Rights Program, Newark, N.J.
Ujima Friends Peace Center - Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (Karen Taborn) (karentaborn@gmail.com)	200.00	July	
FLGBTQC (Robert Renwick) (roberto_renwick@yahoo.com)	200.00	June	
NY Yearly Meeting ARCH (Charlene Ray) (moneycoach@earthlink.net)	200.00	May	
NY Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund (Helen Garay Toppins) (office@nyym.org)	600.00	Nov	
Quaker UN Office (QUNO) (Ernie Buseemi) (erniebuseemi@verizon.net)	400.00	Nov	

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Right Sharing of World Resources (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	400.00	Nov	Sally reports organization is "wonderful"; Postage Stamps we collect go to RS
Quaker House of Fayetteville (David Britton) (davebritton01@gmail.com)	200.00	Dec	
Ramallah Friends School (FUM) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	800.00	July	Scholarship Fund
NYQM African Education Committee (Corona Macheimer) (coronamach@aol.com)	1,000.00	May / Sept	\$200 to the Higher Education Fund (designated on memo line of check) (May); \$800 to Annual Fund to support needy students at Kisangura Primary and Secondary Schools in Tanzania (Sept); Payee is same for both checks
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	400.00	March	
Samburu Mission (Kenya) (FUM) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	300.00	August	
National/ International Organizations			
National Religious Campaign Against Torture (Dave Britton) (davebritton01@gmail.com)	50.00	Dec	Membership Fee for following year
Center for Conscience and War (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	300.00	June	
Christian Peacemaker Teams (David Fletcher) (davidfletcher61@gmail.com)	500.00	July	
AGLI (African Great Lakes Initiative) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	500.00	Dec	
Progresa Guatemala (Charlotte Ehrman) (charlottehrman@gmail.com)	200.00	Dec	
Lambi Fund of Haiti (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	600.00	Sept	
Puerto Rico hurricane relief and recovery (See Comments)	300.00	???	Sally Campbell has found a Church of the Brethren CONGREGATION in Puerto Rico, to which we will consider contributing at the next P&SC meeting (instead of the large, well-funded Hispanic Federation/Unidos disaster Relief and Recovery Program). STILL TENTATIVE; NEED MORE INFORMATION
Eastern Farmworkers Association (Dave Britton) (davebritton01@gmail.com)	200.00	August	
Environment			
Quaker Earthcare Witness (Tom Goodridge) tmgreenman@earthlink.net	300.00	Dec	
Sane Energy Project (A Project of Multiplier) (Amala Lane; Sally Campbell) (laneamala@gmail.com)	500.00	March (ASAP)	Contribution for 2019 goes to Multiplier, with Sane Energy Project on Memo Line
(scampfriend@earthlink.net)			
Total Provisionally Allocated (3/10/2019)	13,150.00		
P & SC Reserve Fund (for emergencies)	850.00		
TOTAL ALLOCATED (Including Reserve Fund)	14,000.00		
			BUDGET FROM MEETING
			14,000.00

Treasurer's Report

The first quarter of the fiscal year ended a few days ago, on March 31, 2019. Accordingly, there is attached both the usual list of expenses and income by category, but also a spreadsheet showing year-to-date figures so they can be compared with the approved budget and actual past history.

The first quarter of the year tends to be slow, although thanks to those who contribute automatically on a monthly basis our income exceeds our expenses by a healthy amount. (Even though the overall total shows a small negative number — minus \$337.87 — one of the major expenses, the \$1,200.00 for the Retreat, will eventually be cancelled out by fee income for the Retreat).

The bank statement had not yet arrived when the report was prepared, so there is actually a very small addition to the income as a result of interest for the month of March.

Peace and Social Concerns disbursements are scheduled to occur more slowly at the beginning of the year. The attached Peace and Social Concerns spreadsheet shows payments which were made through March — they are indicated in red. The Treasurer will need clarification about the “Comment” associated with the April disbursement before he knows how to direct the payment to the Hispanic Federation.

Overall, the first quarter does not offer significant data about our adherence to the budget plan because of the low activity.

I am indicating the bank balance as of March 31, 2019 because some have expressed interest in it. The bank balance at any given moment does not accurately indicate the true state of affairs because it is distorted by the natural lag in bank postings and check cashings. But reporting it is a useful gesture of transparency to ensure that a major defalcation is not occurring. I am also reporting the checkbook register balance, which is a more accurate indicator of the true state of affairs.

March 31, 2019 bank balance = \$ 49,634.91

March 31, 2019 checkbook register balance = \$ 50,047.42

My recent surgery reminded me that it is important that someone other than the Treasurer needs to have internet access to the bank account in case of a disability which is more than temporary. Accordingly, I have given Treasurer Emerita Charlene Ray and Assistant Treasurer Bryan Oettel the user ID and passcode for the account, as well as the make and model of my first car, the middle name of my brother, the town in which the high school I attended is located, and various other facts the bank occasionally requires for granting access the account..

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Income/Expense by Category

1/1/2019 through 3/31/2019 (Cash Basis)

Category	1/1/2019- 1/31/2019	2/1/2019- 2/28/2019	3/1/2019- 3/31/2019	OVERALL TOTAL
INCOME				
General Fund Contribution	643.00	5,196.40	770.00	6,609.40
Interest and Dividends	2.05	1.93	0.00	3.98
TOTAL INCOME	645.05	5,198.33	770.00	6,613.38
EXPENSES				
NYYM Allocation	0.00	4,331.25	0.00	4,331.25
Operations, Comm. - Website	120.00	0.00	0.00	120.00
Outreach - Peace, Social Concerns	0.00	0.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Retreat Expense	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,320.00	4,331.25	1,300.00	6,951.25
OVERALL TOTAL	-674.95	867.08	-530.00	-337.87

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		2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	Approved Budget 2019	Year-to- Date 2019
1	Balances at the Beginning of the Year					
2	Unrestricted Reserves		37,438	36,972	40,565	40,565
3	Funds Restricted as to Use					
4	Huntington House		782	663	463	463
5	Crumlish Bequest		500	500	500	500
6	Reintegration Fund			500	1,500	1,500
7	SUBTOTAL for Cash at TD Bank:		38,720	38,634	43,028	43,028
8	Minus uncashed checks plus unposted		(1,858)	615	6,367	6,367

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	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	Approved Budget 2019	Year-to- Date 2019
9					
		500	500		
10					
		144	132	31	31
11					
		37,506	39,881	49,426	49,426
12					
13					
14					
	31,254	37,301	40,349	39,000	6,609
15					
16					
		500	1,000		
17					
		400			
18					
	18	19	22	22	4
19					
	(780.00)				
20					
		3,060	4,030	4,000	
21					
	1,665		500	513	
22					
23					
		119	200		
24					
25					
26					
27					
28					
29					
	15,397	15,976	16,500	17,325	4,331
30					
31					
	11,568	11,850	11,965	14,000	1,300
32					
	0	300		300	
33					
		519	200		
34					
35					
	660	1,520	810	2,000	
36					
37					
	2,100	2,100	380	500	120
38					
		567		600	
39					
40					
			55	500	
41					
	1,460	2,000	2,090	2,400	
42					
	0		25	30	
43					
	373	362	601	600	
44					
	101	166	123	230	
45					
	25	393	45	400	
46					
		3,060	4,075	4,000	1,200
47					
	177	144	263	350	
48					
	297	108	181	300	
49					
	32,157	39,065	37,313	43,535	6,951
50					
		1,716	7,757		
51					
52					
		500	1,000		
53					
			31		
54					
55					
56					
57					
58					
	37,438	36,972	40,565		
59					
60					
	782	663	463		
61					
	500	500	500		
62					
		500	1,500		
63					
	38,720	38,634	43,028		
64					
	(2,218)	615	6,367		

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	2016 Actual	2017 Actual	2018 Actual	Approved Budget 2019	Year-to- Date 2019
65	Unrestricted funds in Schwab	500	500		
66	Unrestricted funds in petty cash (hospitality)	144	132	31	
67	TOTAL ENDING BALANCE:	37,146	39,881	49,426	0

Ministry and Counsel Committee Report

Ministry & Council met on 4/1/19 at the home of Pam Wood. Our next Meeting will be on Monday, April 29 at Pam Wood's apartment at 7:15 pm. The first part of the meeting is open to all (please let Pam know that you are coming). The second part is to consider support and clearness committee concerns. We currently have 10 ongoing support or clearness committees.

We agreed that Charlene Ray would host the 4th Sunday breakfast in April and Ron Rieder would host in May.

We discussed M&C members breaking Meeting. We agreed that M&C will break Meeting for the next couple of months and then we'll evaluate how this is working. Sally will continue the signing up process. As part of M&C's role in caring for the Spiritual life of our Meeting, our sense is that Afterwords is an integral part of the worship of the Meeting and we want to work to keep that sense of worship, as other vocal ministry is shared. We will introduce Afterwords as: "This is a time to share joys, sorrows and reflections with the community." As M&C members, we will work to have people introduce themselves once a month. We also want to be more careful about talking with anyone who is new.

We discussed having the children coming down to Meeting. It seems to be a good idea to have the Meeting with Children staff use discretion in bringing the children down to Meeting when the energy level and involvement of the group is better expended upstairs. Meeting with Children may have some discussions with parents about what may be appropriate in Meeting for Worship.

Our Spring Retreat is set for June 1, 10 am to 4 pm, with a potluck lunch. We will share something about our own spiritual journey in the first part of the retreat and the story of the Meeting in the second part.

Our Fall retreat will be "Our Relationship to the Earth." We will think about the historical perspective and our evolutionary story, common ancestry, a connection with nature we had as a child, the universe and our evolution from the stars. We will examine our commitment to the care of the earth.

We will be creating a sign announcing where we are meeting and where childcare is, to place with the information desk on the C level of the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Elder, clerk, M&C

Communications Committee Report

The committee met on Tuesday, March 26. Attending at Bryan Oettel's home were Bryan, Kathy Stackhouse, Richard Schmidt and Corona Macheimer (acting as clerk).

1. **Richard Schmidt** has volunteered to manage Morningside's Facebook page, replacing Emily Bishop.
2. **Outreach:** The entire committee will work on the planned Advertising Campaign for the remainder of 2019, at least until Richard feels comfortable doing it on his own. Emily has forwarded emails to us describing the procedures and will be available for consultation. See previous Reports to Business Meeting for information on the timing of the next phases of the campaign and the proposed expansion of the territory to be covered.
3. **Photos:** Kathy Stackhouse took a number of photos of Morningsiders during Fellowship Hour on March 31. The Committee still intends to invite

Morningsiders, including the clerks of committees, to send us their own photos from Morningside events such as committee meetings, retreats and other occasions for the Morningside Photo "Library." (Before using any of these, permission will be obtained from the people recognizable in them.)

4. **Address Register:** The updated printout of the current database with corrections made by Friends after Meeting, has been turned over to Ministry & Counsel. When M&C has completed the vetting process, the new Address Register will be issued.
5. **Google Group:** Invitations to join Morningside's new Google Group, MorningsideQuakers2@googlegroups.com have finally gone out to everyone on the Morningside database and a few others (such as the clerks of other Peace & Social Justice Committees). Many have accepted the invitation. However, a number of Friends who have been connected

with Peace & Social Concerns have not, and the invitation expires automatically if it is not responded to after a set period of time. (Note that the only possible response is to accept; not responding is equivalent to declining.) Therefore, we plan to reissue the invitation on Monday, April 8, sending it to all those (and only those) who have not (yet) responded (accepted). **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN THE NEW GOOGLE GROUP, PLEASE RESPOND TO THE INVITATION BY ACCEPTING IT.**

You may have noted that the new group is up and running—that is, members of the new group are posting events on it, and these messages are being distributed to the other members. (The new group functions the same way the original one did.)

IF YOU DID NOT RECEIVE THE INVITATION AND ARE A MEMBER OF THE MORNINGSIDE DATABASE, it may well be that your email address has changed, but your entry in the database has not been updated accordingly. Log-in to the Morningside website using your old email address and correct your entry in the database. **YOU MAY ALSO JOIN THE NEW GOOGLE GROUP** by emailing your wishes to Bryan Oettel

(brktell@yahoo.com) or Kathy Stackhouse (kathy.stackhouse@gmail.com).

6. **Website:** The committee continues to discuss how the website may best serve the Meeting, and how best to elicit input on the subject from Morningsiders. We note that there is not a Third Sunday even potentially available for a brain-storming session until May.
7. As always, Friends are reminded to use the Website, www.morningsidemeeting.org, especially the Calendar and the Bulletin Board, both to see what's happening and to post events and other information. **(If you have trouble posting information, check out the Help page on the site or contact a member of the committee. Note that *only* members of the database may post events on the calendar and the bulletin board. You must Log-On to do so.)** Note that on the Website you can also find back issues of the newsletter, who's on committees, the budget, State of the Meeting Reports, and much more.
8. The next meeting of the committee will be later in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Corona Macheimer, Acting Clerk

**Morningside Monthly Meeting After-meeting Discussion on the NYQM's Year of Jubilee
Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 1pm
Clerked by Jerry Reisig, 8 in attendance**

After some silence, the clerk summarized what a Jubilee Year was and attenders read the Queries. Many of us have considerable history and experience participating in the NYQM, sitting on several committees and clerking, others have very little, and still others had never attended a QM business meeting. We were asked to refrain from referring to the QM as "them" vs "us" and to consider the relevance of the QM to its monthly meetings.

At the beginning of our meeting, and after queries were read, various perspectives and experiences of the QM were voiced.

Query #1: Is this leading being brought to us in the right spirit?

Query #2: what obstacles and challenges does it offer us?

- The 'how' feels daunting.
- Listen to God.
- Do we trust the Spirit? The Spirit will help us work out the particulars.
- There is an underlying level of mistrust among us, how do we address this?
- QM's are an unpleasant experience; how do we make QM into something we look forward to?
- Being strangers and distrusting one another will inhibit our giving over to the process.
- A small percentage of Monthly Meeting Friends participate in the QM, how do we get more involved?
- Of those who participate there is much contention and disagreement
 - How do we open the way for these F(f)riends?
 - What obstacles and tensions can we remove?
- Those with long experience expressed that over time the QM has become more spiritual.

- M&C long ago (20+ yrs) wrestled with these same concerns
- The Jubilee Year is seen as an extension of these long-standing observations

Query #3: What opportunities for growth does it bring with it?

- Inclusion; bring all into the Jubilee experience.
- Deepen connections among us, get so we look forward to the QM.
- Build a larger scale community with wider participation.
- View the year as unfolding, organic, as we move through it.

Query #4: Are we willing to participate in the success of the leading?

Query #5: What other related considerations would we undertake as we season this leading?

- This is an opportunity to get to know one another.
- How do we rest and what does that look like?
- How do we participate in this? How do we discern undertaking this?
- Can we make the QM a nurturing, supportive and positive experience?
- How do we make connections with others and have a supportive community?
- Jubilee Year is an opportunity to do things differently.
- Hope to create a radical shift in how the QM is experientially seen.

Thoughts for going forward for the Jubilee Year:

QM Meetings:

- Take time during the QM meetings for worship to share on exploring larger Quaker concerns (Monthly Meeting areas of interest, social justice concerns).
- Change the meeting time of the QM to 9:30, followed by worship at 11 and a potluck, with a short program after the potluck.
- Make a fun event at the end of the QM. Long ago there was an ice cream social at the rise of meeting
- After thinking through actually closing Monthly Meetings worship on the day of the QM for all go to the QM host meeting, we saw logistical and communications problems, as we have many visitors to our meetings that won't be aware of the change of location
- Place less emphasis on business for the year and more on being part of QM experientially.

Intervisitation:

- Intervisitation is important; designate an occasional day where monthly meetings take turns hosting all the other meetings.
 - Get the word out in a timely and joyous manner
 - Possibly provide transportation (the 'Love Bus') to encourage and facilitate those with challenges to get them there.

Workshops and Retreats are seen as important ways to get to know one another, develop common shared experiences, and nurture our spiritual growth and connections

- Workshop on how to be present during conflicts so QM can lessen the inevitable differing perspectives; some of which has to do with how we talk to one another (respectfully, listening, rather than a relentless reiteration of a single perspective).
- Open up retreats and other Monthly Meeting events and share with the wider QM
- In-city 'retreats' can be organized with in-depth discussion on specific topics: forgiveness, developing trust, how to talk with each (communication patterns), aspects of Quakerism.

Mid-week worship seen as very important!

- The recent commencement of QM/M&C sponsored mid-week worship at 15th St. is not well-known and needs to be put out there – maybe email the Monthly Meeting clerks to announce during Sunday worship, put in their calendars, and announce at business meetings.

Once a month at the mid-week worship, have one of the standing committees host a pre-worship potluck; bring your own dinner, drinks and desserts provided, meet the committee members, discuss concerns.