

Morningside Matters

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

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September 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: Genesis	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
	Fourth Sunday	Racial Justice Study Group (on summer hiatus after June 23)	room 12T	1:00 pm
Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting events	Thursdays	Downtown Manhattan Quaker Meeting	Battery Park	6:00 pm
	September 13 – 15	Morningside Meeting Fall Retreat	Stony Point	
	October 27	NYQM at Morningside Monthly Meeting	room 12T	1:00 pm
	November 1 – 3	NYYM Fall sessions	Powell House	
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
	September 13 – 15	Journey Toward Wholeness	Pendle Hill	
	September 15 – 27	Permaculture Design Certification	Pendle Hill	
	September 27 – 29	Lives of Service (work days in grounds and buildings)	Pendle Hill	
	October 6 – 10	Women of Color Writing Workshop	Pendle Hill	
	October 11 – 13	Mindfulness & White Privilege	Pendle Hill	
	October 22 – 26	Beyond Diversity	Pendle Hill	
	October 25 – 27	Storywork: Deepening the Presence & Practice of Community Through Story	Pendle Hill	
	October 25 – 27	Fall Work, Contra Dance and Storytelling	Powell House	

November 14 - 17	FCNL Quaker Public Policy Institute and Annual Meeting	Washington, DC	
November 15 - 17	Peace Witness: Turning Quaker Testimony into Action	Powell House	
November 22 - 24	Clerking, Serving the Community with Joy and Confidence	Pendle Hill	
November 22 - 24	Quaker 12 Step Weekend	Powell House	
December 28 - January 1:	Awaken Your Creative Heart	Pendle Hill	
December 28 - January 1	Music in Nature	Pendle Hill	

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

Reflection:

Real joy consists of knowing that human wisdom counts less than the shimmer of beeches in a breeze. As certain as weather comes from the west, the things people know for sure will change. There is no knowing for a fact. The only dependable things are humility and looking.

Richard Powers, The Overstory

**Morningside Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
September 8, 2019**

- 1.. The Meeting began with worship at 12:35 p.m., and Jane Alexandre read a selection from the pamphlet “Waiting for the Spirit: Readings Before Business Meeting” by Jerry Reisig:
 - “During the course of Business Meeting the clerk may call for silence.
 - “Calling for silence should never be construed as a punishment for unruly behavior.
 - “Calling for silence should never be used as a way to quiet difficult truths.
 - “A call for silence is not the creation of a space where we can get our thoughts and emotions under control, although it surely helps to do this; nor is it a technique to slow the process down so that concerns may be more carefully considered, although this is an essential element of discernment.
 - “A call for silence is a reminder that our essential task is to listen, not to one another, but to the Spirit that speaks through us, for whom no concern is too great and no matter too small.
- “We ask for silence because we are no longer able to hear the Spirit through the babble of the world: needs, anxieties, frustrations and fears.
- “We ask for silence because we cannot hear the words of Truth, nor feel the embrace of Love.
- “We ask for silence so that we may once again know the loving presence of the Spirit.”
2. Friends approve Pamela Wood to serve as Recording Clerk for the day.
3. Friends approve the nomination by the Naming Committee of Mason Jenkins to the Nominating Committee to fill the term ending in 2020.
4. Daniel A. Seeger gave the Treasurer’s Report. Friends accept the report, and the written report is attached.
5. After discussion of the proposal by the Finance Committee, Friends approve the 2020 Covenant Contribution to the Yearly Meeting to be an increase of 3% over the amount given in 2019 and to simultaneously give a one-time contribution of \$812.00, thus meeting the Yearly Meeting’s request for a 10%

increase for this year, without making a long-term commitment to this rate.

6. Corona Macheimer gave the Peace and Social Concerns Report. The next meeting of P&SC will be held either on the 4th or 5th Sunday in September at 1:00 p.m. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
7. Corona Macheimer gives a report from the Ad Hoc Ribbon Committee. Friends accept the report. The written report is attached.
8. Ed Elder read the report for Ministry and Counsel. M&C met on September 6th 2019 at the home of Pamela Wood. The next meeting will be at the home of Pamela Wood on Monday, September 30th at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to the first part. Please RSVP to Pam. Friends accept the report. The report is attached.
9. Ed Elder gave the first reading of the letter requesting membership by Robert Schwab.

Attached as Page 2 is an account of income and expenditures by category for the first eight months of the fiscal year. Our annual budget for income and expenses is \$46,100. Two-thirds, or eight months of this, would be approximately \$30,000. As Page 2 shows, our expenses to date are very slightly less than our income to date, and both are considerably below the \$30,000 mark. This is probably not significant because the summer tends to be slow, and both income and expenses tend to accelerate in the fall. But it is reasonable to assume that there have arisen no significant variations from our budget plans.

Attached as Page 3 is an account of our Peace and Social Concerns disbursements to date. Everything is up-to-date except for one or two allocations where the Treasurer has not yet been provided with needed information. These are marked with yellow fields on the sheet. But these few delayed allocations do not materially affect the income and expense report.

As of August 31, 2019, the balance in the TD Bank account was \$52,377.12. The checkbook register balance was \$51,108.40.

The attached Page 4 gives account of New York Yearly Meeting's appeal for an increase in 2020 of 10% in monthly meetings' Covenant Contributions. To facilitate the budget-building schedule, the Yearly Meeting requests a decision on this by September 15, 2019. In making this request, the Yearly Meeting officers point out that its income from Covenant Contributions has remained flat for

10. Friends approve the transfer of membership of Beth Bugdaycay to Brooklyn Meeting.
11. Meeting approves postponing consideration of Joseph Soto's request for membership until a called Meeting for Business on Sunday September 22 at the rise of Meeting when we will have access to his letter.
12. Friends made Announcements.
13. Friends approved these minutes. The meeting ended with worship at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Wood

Present: Jane Alexandre, Charlene Ray, Nancy Britton, Peter Beck, Daniel Seeger, Dorothy Savage, Ed Elder, Robert Schwab, Carly Roberts, Dave Britton, Ernie Buscemi, Joyce Richardson, Tom Goodridge, Corona Macheimer, Jerry Reisig, Richard Schmidt, Pamela Wood

Treasurer's Report

many years. In making this appeal the Yearly Meeting points to the need to strengthen work among young adult Friends and to continue to the "pay-as-led" arrangements for annual session fees, which they claim to have been successful in its inaugural year, although they provide no fiscal details. They do point out the fact that attendance grew by 52 persons, to 486 total participants at the last annual session.

Predecessor Treasurer Charlene Ray reports that our Monthly Meeting has routinely increased our Covenant Contribution by 3% per year, so we are not a part of the flatline annual outcomes the Yearly Meeting has experienced. Last year, when the Yearly Meeting requested a 5% increase, we complied. In the light of this, the request for a 10% increase in 2020 seems somewhat aggressive, however reasonable it might be with respect to meetings which have not increased their annual payment for many years. The Morningside Meeting Finance Committee has considered the request and brings for your consideration the following proposal: Morningside Meeting will increase its 2020 Covenant Contribution by 3% over the amount given in 2019. Simultaneously, we will give a one-time contribution of \$812.00. The \$812.00 one-time donation together with the 3% increase will make our total contribution equivalent to a 10% increase without baking the higher rate into the long-term future.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel A. Seeger, Treasurer

Income/Expense by Category
1/1/2019 through 8/31/2010 (Cash Bails)

9/6/2019

Category	1/1/2019	2/1/2019	3/1/2019	4/1/2019	5/1/2019	6/1/2019	7/1/2019	8/1/2019	OVER-
	=	=	=	-	-	-	=	=	ALL
	1/31/2019	2/28/2019	3/31/2019	4/30/2019	5/31/2019	6/30/2019	7/31/2019	8/31/2019	TOTAL
	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	
INCOME									
Uncategorized	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.22	2.13	0.00	4.35
General Fund Contribution	643.00	5,196.40	1,070.00	1,368.11	4,036.11	1,472.11	1,728.11	3,566.11	19,066.95
Interest and Dividends	2.05	1.93	2.16	2.06	2.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.41
Retreat Fee Income.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	649.05	5,196.33	1,072.16	1,368.17	4,038.32	1,474.33	1,728.24	6,888.11	22,080.71
EXPENSES									
NYYM Allocation	0.00	4,331.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,331.25	0.00	4,331.25	12,993.75
Operations - Breakfast	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	10.00
Operations - Finance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	156.48
Operations = First Day									
Child Cere	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,160.00	1,150.00
Operations = Literature	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	148.51	148.61
Operations, Comm, =									
Website	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.86
Outreach Friends in Unity									
w Nature	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Outreach - Peace, Social			1,300.00	1,250.00	480.00	2,050.00			5,210.00
Concerns	0.00	0.00					0.00	200.00	
Retreat Expense	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,320.00	4,331.26	1,300.00	1,250.00	937.34	6,391.26	0.00	5,827.76	21,387.60
OVERALL TOTAL	-674.95	867.08	-227.84	118.17	3,100.98	-4,916.92	1,728.24	728.35	723.11

Peace and Social Concerns disbursements

MORNINGSIDE PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS	2019 budget	2019 Sched	Comments
Local Hands-on Organizations			
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	SENT August 17, 2019
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/reentry-services
Flushing Interfaith Council (David Fletcher) (davidcfletcher61@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) (scarcityquertyui@gmail.com)	300.00	June	Increase; \$300 supports one kid at the school for a year SENT June 18, 2019

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RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison) Campaign (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	300.00	April	NEW (www.rappcampaign.com) SENT May, 2019
Black and Pink, New York City chapter (David Fletcher) (davidfletcher61@gmail.com)	250.00	April	NEW (www.blackandpink.org > Chapter >New York City) SENT 2019-04-17
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 SENT 5/30
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. SENT August 21, 2019
<i>Wider Quaker Fellowship</i>			
Friends General Conference (FGC) (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	400.00	March	SENT 2019-03-06
Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) (Bryan Wigfall) (wigfallbryan003@gmail.com)	400.00	Dec	
FCNL (Kathy Stackhouse) (kathy.stackhouse@gmail.com)	700.00	March	SENT 2019-04-17
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, Both SENT June 18, 2019
Ujima Friends Peace Center - Fellowship of Friends of African Descent (Karen Taborn) (karentaborn@gmail.com)	200.00	July	SENT August 17, 2019
FLGBTQC (Robert Renwick) (roberto_renwick@yahoo.com)	200.00	June	SENT 2019-06-19
NY Yearly Meeting ARCH (Charlene Ray) (moneycoach@earthlink.net)	200.00	May	SENT 2019-06-19
NY Yearly Meeting Sharing Fund (Helen Garay Toppins) (office@nyym.org)	600.00	Nov	
Quaker UN Office (QUNO) (Ernie Buscemi) (erniebuscemi@verizon.net)	400.00	Nov	
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	

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Ramallah Friends School (FUM) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	800.00	July	Scholarship Fund -- SENT August 17, 2019
NYQM African Education Committee (Corona Machemer) (coronamach@aol.com)	1,000.00	May / Sept	Increase; \$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 \$200.00 Sent June 24, 2019.
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (Sally Campbell) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	400.00	March	SENT 2019-03-06
Samburu Mission (Kenya) (FUM) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	300.00	August	Increase -- SENT August 17, 2019
Westbury MM for AFSC Survivors Manual	230.00		SENT May 28, 2019
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	SENT 2019-06-19
Christian Peacemaker Teams (David Fletcher) (davidfletcher61@gmail.com)	500.00	July	SENT August 17, 2019
AGLI (African Great Lakes Initiative) (Pam Wood) (nypwood@aol.com)	500.00	Dec	
Progresa Guatemala (Charlotte Ehrman) (charlotteehrman@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	April August	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).
Eastern Farmworkers Association (Dave Britton) (davebritton01@gmail.com)	200.00		STILL TENTATIVE; NEED MORE INFORMATION
Environment			
Quaker EarthCare Witness (Tom Goodridge) (tmgreenman@earthlink.net)	300.00	Dec	

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Sane Energy Project (A Project of Multiplier) (Amala Lane; Sally Campbell) (laneamala@gmail.com) (scampfriend@earthlink.net)	\$500.00	March	SENT 2019-03-06; Contribution for 2019 goes to Multiplier, with Sane Energy Project on Memo Line
<i>Total Provisionally Ahocated (3/10/2019)</i>	13,150.00		
<i>P & SC Reserve Fund (for emergencies)</i>	850.00		
<i>TOTAL ALLOCATED (Including Reserve Fund)</i>	14,000.00		
<i>BUDGET FROM MEETING</i>	14,000.00		

New York Yearly Meeting Appeal

Dear Friends,

As the 2020 budget process for NYYM gets underway, we, Jeffrey, Steve and Mary, are reaching out to the monthly meetings to thank you for your financial support in 2019 and to discuss plans and needs for 2020. Covenant donations make up approximately 50% of the Yearly Meeting's annual budget - the work of the Yearly Meeting truly could not occur without the funds your monthly meeting provides.

In 2019, covenant donations helped fund these initiatives, among many other projects:

- The Young Adult Spiritual Nurture Series, a series of events throughout the Yearly Meeting that brought our young adult friends together. Their increased connection was evident in the 71 young adults attending summer sessions.
- Pay-as-led at Summer Sessions, an experiment in community and generosity. This new model led to an increase in participation (486 people attended, 52 more than 2018!), a range of payment amounts, and net income at approximately the level budgeted.

These programs reflect the commitment of the Yearly Meeting to support and enrich our monthly meetings by providing access to a wider community and ensuring all can participate who wish.

We know there is a wide range of capacity to contribute to the Yearly Meeting among the monthly and regional meetings, just as there was a wide range among those who participated in pay-as-led. This year, at the recommendation of Financial Services, we are asking meetings to consider increasing their covenant donation for 2020 by 10% over 2019. We recognize this is not possible for some meetings, and we appreciate every meeting's contribution, whatever the size. However, total covenant donations have remained essentially flat for many years. We are asking each meeting to deeply consider what they are able to give so we can build on the momentum generated in 2019 to better serve you in 2020.

In order to develop a draft budget in time for Budget Saturday, please provide us with information on your 2020 covenant donation by September 15, 2019 via the following link: <https://nvvm.org/covenant-donation-form>.

Alternatively, you can email us at covenant-donation-submission@nwm.org or send mail to NYYM, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, NY 10003. This deadline is earlier than usual because Fall Sessions, when the budget is considered for approval, is earlier. If you can only provide an estimate at this time, that is still helpful and the form allows for it.

Budget Saturday, a time to review the 2020 budget, and make recommendations prior to its presentation at Fall Sessions, will be held at Purchase Meeting House on September 28, 2019, beginning at 9 am. All are welcome. Please ask a representative of your meeting to attend.

In Friendship,

Jeffrey Aaron
Clerk

Steve Mohlke
General Secretary

Mary Harpster
Clerk, Financial Services

Peace and Social Concerns Committee Report

The committee last met on June 9th.

Attending were: Pam Wood; Jane Alexandre; Robert Renwick; David Britton; Ernie Buscemi; Robert Schwab; Sally Campbell (as clerk)

1. We formally agreed that Corona Macheimer and Sally Campbell will be the co-clerks this year and that we would only meet in the summer if something urgent came up.
2. Since we have been focusing more on Haiti and Puerto Rico, we will not be addressing Mozambique's disaster.
3. David Currie from Amesbury Meeting (MA), who had visited our meeting last summer, had just returned from the Mexican border. He spoke about his experiences and about how we might be involved through an organization called **Angry Tias and Abuelas** (of the Rio Grande Valley). Googling the name will bring up a link to the group's Facebook page and several other sources of information.
4. Pam Wood made a presentation about an urgent letter-writing campaign to attempt to persuade

Governor Cuomo to appoint more Parole Commissioners before the end of the legislative session on June 19, in particular people with more diverse backgrounds (outside law enforcement), who are more likely to make recommendations for parole based on how the prospective parolee has reformed himself or herself in prison than purely on the nature of the crime for which he or she was sentenced in the first place.

Pam and Robert Renwick stayed to write letters while others took the information she provided home to write their letters.

There is a separate report from the Ribbon Committee.

Since the third Sunday in September is the Sunday of the Morningside Retreat, it is hoped the next P&SC meeting will be on September 22. This depends on whether the Racial Justice Study Group can be scheduled for the fifth Sunday, September 29.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Campbell, acting as clerk

(With some additional input from Corona Macheimer)

Report from the Ad Hoc Ribbon Committee

The Morningside minute endorsing the Ribbon Event in New York City on August 1, 2020, memorializing the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, was endorsed by New York Quarterly Meeting and, by a miracle, also by New York Yearly Meeting at summer sessions in Silver Bay. (The miracle is that the minute was approved on such short notice to NYYM, thanks to its being shepherded through the process by Mary Eagleton and other friends of June Tano familiar with previous Ribbon events.)

There is a new version of the August 2020 Event flyer, which includes Morningside and other Friends on the list of endorsing organizations, and which is currently in the process of being further refined and updated. Friends should be aware that in addition to the website (the.ribbon.international.org) there are now also Facebook and Instagram pages for The Ribbon International.

(Note: There are some recent pictures on the Morningside Monthly Meeting Facebook page.) Friends are reminded that there are several copies of a book about the original Ribbon Event in August 1985, available in the Morningside Library.)

The MMM ad hoc committee met on August 22 at the Penington Friends House (215 E 15th St), joining with Todd Drake (Brooklyn Meeting) and Steve Greechie (15th St Arts Committee) to begin formulating August 2020 programming and also planning for a Quarter-wide event, perhaps panel making, for some time early in 2020. The next meeting of this group is scheduled for Oct 3, at 7:00pm at the Penington. Everyone is invited. (If you plan to attend, please RSVP to June Tano.)

Respectfully submitted by,

Charlene Ray (with additional input from Corona Macheimer)

Ministry and Counsel Committee Report

Ministry & Council met on Sept. 6, 2019 at the home of Pam Wood. Our next Meeting will be on Monday Sept. 20 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 6 on-going support or clearness committees.

The Fourth Sunday Breakfast will be hosted by Charlene Ray, on Sunday, September 22, beginning at 9:30 am, and by Pam on Sunday, October 27, beginning at 9:30 am. On September 22, the Racial Healing discussions will resume, at 1 pm. Moving with Spirit resumes on Sunday, October 6, at 10 am. Bible study resumed today.

A member of the meeting joined us to share their concerns about the process of membership. The concerns were welcomed and were worshipfully considered.

Fall retreat: our numbers are uncertain. We will have two people who come on Saturday only. We decided that we will have food in the evening. People are encouraged to bring games, puzzles, etc., for the evening. There will also be work on Morningside's contributions to the Ribbon Project.

We discuss possible activities after the business of the day for QM (we will also be coordinating with Flushing Meeting on this, or other ideas): We could ask Meetings if there is one thing each Meeting would like to highlight from their last three months. Then ask people to line up or stand up according to the decade they started coming to Quaker Meeting. We would then group people by decades, combining some according to size (e.g., 50's and 60's together) to consider questions and then to report back:

Right Sharing of World Resources Stamp Program - Update

Now accepts stamps of all issue dates and countries, both used and unused stamps, sheets of stamps, albums or boxed collections of stamps.

Please note we are able to process and sell only stamps, not other collectibles (including greeting cards and postcards). In order for the stamps to be salable, please follow these guidelines:

Foreign stamps (excluding Canada): These may be left on the postcard or envelope, especially if the envelope has some special drawing or indication of the country. There are collectors who like to receive a whole envelope or postcard with a foreign stamp.

USA and Canada stamps: Cut the stamp(s) off the envelope or postcard. Leave the perforations on the stamps. Leave 1/4 inch to 1/8 inch around the stamp so the whole stamp is preserved, including the perforations. When there is more than one stamp, treat the group as a unit.

Peelable stamps: Please leave these on the envelope paper. If you try to peel them off of the paper, they stick to other stamps, and damage both.

Nonprofit and presorted mail stamps: All stamps are acceptable, but we want to be financially effective. If you

- a. What drew you to meeting in your decade, what were the issues of the time?
- b. What do you think Quakerism might look like in 50 years?
- c. We could use different spaces - library, pantry, cloakroom.
- d. Report back to the Meeting.

We forward the request of Beth Bugdaycay for a transfer of membership from Morningside to Brooklyn Meeting with a recommendation for approval.

We forward the request for membership by Robert Schwab with a recommendation for approval.

Respectfully Submitted
Ed Elder, Clerk

already have a group of stamps that includes a lot of non-profit and/or presorted stamps, just leave them and send them to us. However, as you are assembling new shipments, we recommend you leave out the nonprofit ones and the presorted ones, so you are not paying postage for something of little value.

Bring yours to put in box on literature table or you can mail them to

Stamps for Right Sharing
c/o Indianapolis First Friends
3030 Kessler Blvd. East Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46220

If you have questions about the stamp program, please contact RSWR at 937.966.0314 or rswr@rswr.org.

Since 1996, the Quaker Missions Stamp Project has collected and sold used postage stamps and used the proceeds to fund Quaker organizations like RSWR. Brad Hathaway founded the project and was its steward until 2009, when Earl Walker took over the stamp ministry. From 2009-2017, Earl raised over \$11,000 for Right Sharing through the Quaker Missions Stamp Project. In 2017, Indianapolis First Friends Meeting became the new home for the stamp ministry. Amy Perry and Brad Jackson are the current co-coordinators.