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THE CALENDAR (activities below via Zoom)

SUNDAYS (unless otherwise noted)

10 a.m. Meeting for Worship (every Sunday) See next page for details.

Sept 5 Advices & Queries on Simplicity – read aloud by Facilities Committee during worship hour
11:45 a.m. Quaker Action Worship Group (QAWG). Contact Betsy Morris or Asa Brown.

Sept 12 Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Sept 19 9:00 a.m. Worship Sharing based on a query. Contact Bob Langfelder boblangfelder@aol.com
11:50am “Listening in Tongues” and Conflict Resolution led by Tom Rothschild (details inside)

Sept 26 11:50 a.m. Committee Sunday. Check with your committee clerk for details.

12:45 p.m. Young Adult Friends. Click on YAF tab on Berkeley Friends Meeting website.

Oct 23 10 a.m. (Saturday) Clerks’ Gathering – Committee Clerks, PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

WEDNESDAYS (ongoing)

7 a.m. Mid-Week Morning Worship. For information, call Peter Lin 510-530-0479.



WELCOME BENIAH KARAM MOON!

Born July 2, 2021 @ten pounds+

Strawberry Creek Sunday Worship (Zoom)

We meet for worship at 10am Sunday mornings via Zoom; link posted on SCMM home webpage

<http://www.strawberrycreekfriends.org>

The "Virtual Meeting Room" opens earlier at 9:30am. Our worship closes at 11am, followed by holding in the light those in need, announcements, and social time to share. Newcomers are invited to sign the Zoom Guest Book in the Chat Function.

Berkeley Friends Meeting (BFM)

The Zoom link for Sunday worship may be found online. <http://www.berkeleyfriendsmeeting.org>

Current Clerk of Berkeley Friends Meeting, John Maurer, died July 29, 2021, and his Memorial Meeting was August 29, at BFM Meetinghouse. Cards can be mailed to his wife Jean Maurer at 93 Emery Bay Drive, Emeryville, CA 94608.

BFM Climate Crisis: Solutions & Possibilities

At 7pm Friday September 17, Berkeley Friends Meeting (via Zoom) is hosting Mark D. Levine, past Director of the Environmental Division of Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. See

www.berkeleyfriendsmeeting.org/news

Exploring Spiritual Practices (starts Sept 7)

Tuesday September 7 starts a ten week online course by Marcelle Martin, author of *Our Life is Love: Quaker Spiritual Journey*. Participants will seek the nature of consciousness, our true self, and our connection to Spirit, by exploring mindfulness, awareness, and communion with the Divine. The course is intended to assist in learning which spiritual practices are most suited to each of us at this time and explore how to make them a more integrated part of our daily lives. Participants can choose between Early Morning (7:30-9:30am) or Late Afternoon (4-6pm). For details, go to

<https://neym.org/events-calendar/2021/09/exploring-spiritual-practices>

Listening in Tongues – 11:50am Sunday Sept 19

Third Sunday in September (Adult Education) will feature Tom Rothschild leading a discussion on "*Listening in Tongues*" and *Conflict Resolution*.

Conflict is inevitable—and that's good! It affords opportunity for true resolution and reconciliation, for growth in understanding and Spirit. To achieve this, we must continually learn how to listen, deeper and better. *Listening in Tongues* is a spiritual approach, a different way towards listening, towards understanding the speaker's deeper meaning and intention. This creates space for responding to conflict in truly non-violent ways—verbally and emotionally, as much as physically.

Woolman School/Sierra Friends Retreat Center

New Staff: Mollie Mowat, Woolman alum 1987-88, is now Programs Director. Micaela "Mei" Martinez, is now Farm and Volunteer Program Coordinator. Francisco Elia-Benfield is Maintenance Assistant (summer intern), helping Caretaker Chris Benfield. (A Retreat Center Manager is being sought.)

Volunteer! FEMA finally took away the enormous piles of fire debris and remnants of Cedar House. The farm is ready for rebuilding structures and planting a variety of foods. So far thirty-eight volunteers have put in 280 work hours, helping install an 8-foot perimeter deer fence, trenching and laying 1,000 feet of irrigation pipe and graded interior driveways, and building pads for a new barn and greenhouse. Edible crops will be planted this fall. To help the Woolman Farm restoration, come to a weekly Volunteer Workday, Thursday mornings from 7:30-12:30: <https://woolman.org>

Woolman School 1970's Activist (republished)

Jim was a Quaker rancher/activist, who for three semesters in the early '70's led John Woolman students to live in the Sonoran desert, going on goatwalks into the mountains. Jim later co-founded the Sanctuary Movement. Jim Corbett's classic first book *Goatwalking: A Guide to Wildland Living* has been republished, as has second book, *Sanctuary for All Life: Wildland Pastoralism and the Peaceable Kingdom*. Book sales profits go to his widow Pat Corbett.

This page (an excerpt from Rachel Findley's paper) is the first installment of a series to be printed ...

Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting: A History

On April 13, 2007, Rachel Findley completed a history of Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting, for submission in a class she was taking at Earlham College in 2007. Besides consulting official Meeting documents such as newsletters and State of the Meeting Reports, she named Leslie Leonard and Tom Yamaguchi as her main sources, plus interviews and her own recollections. Below are excerpts from Rachel's paper, slightly revised/re-ordered with new headings, for the sake of clarity.

Roots

Joel and Hannah Bean were clerks of the Iowa Yearly Meeting's Men's and Women's meetings in the 1860's. In 1861 they traveled in the ministry to California; they also visited Hawai'i, England and American East Coast...

Seeking to retire from a contentious field of battle, the Beans sold their Iowa farm and moved to San Jose in 1882. Controversy followed them: their home meeting in Iowa eventually stripped them of their recognition as ministers. Amid continuing difficulties with Iowa Quakers, and revivalist-related schism in San Jose, the Beans built a meeting house where Friends settled into quiet un-programmed worship.

College Park Friends Association

This group of Friends organized themselves as College Park Association of Friends, which published the following Discipline:

Discipline of the College Park Association of Friends

***Doctrine:** Friends believe in the continuing reality of the living Christ, available to all seeking souls.

***Worship:** The worship of God is in spirit and in truth and shall be held on a basis of the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

***Ministry:** All members and all Attenders are free to participate vocally in Meetings, under a sense of God's Presence.

***Manner of Living:** Friends are advised to conduct their private lives with simplicity and directness, ever sensitive to the world's needs and eager to engage in service.

***Relation to State:** Friends are urged to feel their responsibility to the nation, and at the same time to recognize their oneness with humanity everywhere, regardless of race.

-- College Park Friends Association, early 1890's

... In 1918, Monthly Meetings could join the College Park Friends Association; Berkeley Friends Meeting was one of the first three Meetings to join.

In this beginning, a pattern can be seen that continues into the twentieth century and beyond. Friends in the "Beanite" tradition, spiritual descendants of the Beans and of the College Park Friends Association, see themselves as standing apart from the schisms and quarrels of the Eastern and Midwestern Friends. They meet for worship in expectant waiting on the Holy Spirit, without programming or designated preachers. They reject revivalist movements and avoid creedal definition. They honor the independence of individuals and meetings, avoiding human authority that comes from a top-down structure. They pursue faithfulness to the inward guidance of God, in personal life and in service to humanity...

Pacific Coast Association of Friends

Anna Shipley Cox, grand-daughter of Joel and Hannah Shipley Bean, married Howard Brinton, a Philadelphia Quaker. Together they fostered the establishment of the Pacific Coast Association of Friends, meeting with a group of Quakers from Washington, Oregon and California in 1932. The group held summer conferences that continued even after the Brintons moved back east to Pendle Hill (in Pennsylvania) in 1936...

In 1946, a conference was held at Pacific Oaks school; the organizers hoped that a Yearly Meeting would be formed... The "independent" Yearly Meetings – Pacific Yearly Meeting and its "daughters," Intermountain YM and North Pacific YM – acquired the reputation of being on the extreme liberal end of the modern Quaker spectrum. A faculty member at Pendle Hill once said "PYM has a loose-leaf *Faith and Practice*, as we don't want to be prevented from immediate response to continuing revelation."

[To be continued...]

We Remember...

Lynne Ann Tillman Bird D'Angelo

March 30, 1945 – May 20, 2021



LYNNE WAS BORN in San Jose, California, the oldest child of six born to Henry (Tillie) and Ruth Tillman. She grew up on the east side of San Jose where her father built two houses on the three acres her parents owned. The first house was a one bedroom apartment over a garage where she lived from age 2 until age 9 with her parents and her brother Doug (1947-1984). The family moved next door to a more spacious home where Lynne's four sisters, Jean, Ellen, Laurie and Carol were born.

Lynne's father grew a wide variety of fruit and nut trees and other food items: Almond, apple, apricot, cherry, fig, peach, plum, walnut and persimmon trees, berries, corn, beans, broccoli, cabbage, onions, zucchini, rabbits, and chickens. Part of the land was open field which frequently caught fire in the summer. Lynne and Doug raised 4-H sheep in the field for two years and showed them at the Santa Clara County fair. Eventually the back part of the field was sold and houses replaced open space.

Lynne went to Pala School for kindergarten and first grade, then to Linda Vista second grade through sixth, then back to Pala which had become

just 7th & 8th grade. She graduated from James Lick High in 1963. She attended San Jose State for one year, transferring to UC Davis to major in Nutrition and Dietetics.

Lynne had an interest in Foods and Nutrition at an early age. One of her favorite pictures shows her spoon-feeding her brother Doug (next page). In sixth grade she worked in the school cafeteria and after lunch, washed the teachers' dishes. Lynne also took Home Economics in both junior high and high school, and learned cooking and sewing in 4-H. She kept her Betty Crocker Cookbook from high school and used it occasionally in later years.

Before her freshman and sophomore years in college, Lynne worked as a kitchen helper at the Methodist summer camp Skylandia, at Lake Tahoe (now a park outside Tahoe City in Lake Forest). She also spent one summer as a Junior Cook, working at the Rising Sun Inn in Glacier National Park and hiking the many trails.

After writing a paper on nutrition in her freshman science class, she decided to be a dietitian. She wavered on this decision twice. She was unhappy with the courses offered at San Jose State. As an intern at Oregon State Medical School she discovered the food service was serving *eggs that had turned black in the warmers* to new mothers! No one shared her outrage, and she wasn't sure she wanted to be like those other dietitians. Fortunately, after a Fellowship in Child and Maternal Nutrition at the University of Washington in Seattle, she changed her mind and she enjoyed her forty-year career as a dietitian.

In 1967 following her UC Davis graduation, Lynne married John Bird in San Jose Friends Meeting. Joanna was born a few years later. Although she had known John and his family from the Methodist church and they attended the same high school, it was a difficult marriage for Lynne. After years of trying to make it work, they divorced in 1988.

Lynne went back to school and received her Masters Degree in Nutrition from the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut. During that time she also hosted Language Studies Students from a variety of countries while juggling a variety of jobs consulting, working at a dialysis unit and at Kaiser. She worked more than twenty years as a Nutrition Educator at Kaiser, providing both individual and group classes, and more than thirty years as a Consultant Dietitian at various convalescent and psychiatric hospitals. She retired in 2007.

LYNNE MARRIED Peter D'Angelo in 1997 in the Strawberry Creek Meeting. Peter came with two boys, Alex and Mark. Lynne found her life greatly enriched by the two boys now in her family. Peter and Lynne enjoyed folk dancing, hiking, backpacking and adventure travel together. They visited 79 countries together and survived the sinking of their ship *Explorer*, in Antarctic waters. They were members of Berkeley Folk Dancers for 24 years.

With a Quaker group, The Friendly Folk 5 Dancers, that used dance as a form of peace ministry, they traveled and danced in countries where tourists seldom go, including visits with Quakers in Africa.

Lynne started attending Quaker Meeting as a student at UC Davis. After her first marriage in San Jose meeting, Lynne attended a number of meetings over the years: Multnomah in Portland, University in Seattle, San Francisco Meeting, and Berkeley Meeting which she joined after the birth of her daughter.

She was an active and valued part of Strawberry Creek Meeting from the time it started as a worship group until the time of her death. She served as clerk of the worship group, later as alternate clerk and clerk of the meeting, transferring her membership from Berkeley Meeting when Strawberry Creek became an independent Meeting. Her committee service included Worship and Ministry, Mutual Care, Oversight, Care of the Meeting, and Retreat.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2008, Lynne and Peter helped when Joanna gave birth to Julianna and Johnathaniel (Jack). Joanna and the twins came to stay with Lynne and Peter. When Joanna went back to work three days a week in 2008, Lynne and Peter took care of the twins. They continued to stay with Lynne and Peter until 2014, when Lynne and Peter helped Joanna buy a house down the street.

Lynne enjoyed the adventure of travel, from camping trips with her own family as a child, to world travel as an adult. Jack and Julianna went on their first camping trip with Joanna, Lynne, and Peter. At that time, Lynne thought it might be her last camping trip because she was getting old. But with an upgraded tent and air mattress, she continued camping every year, visiting many National Parks including Death Valley and the Grand Canyon. On the last camping trip in 2019, she took Jack and Julianna to see her favorite spots in Glacier National Park, as well as Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Park.

AFTER RETURNING from a trip to Mongolia, Lynne experienced stomach pains and in December 2019 was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. In January 2020 she started chemotherapy, but late in the year, the cancer metastasized. She continued chemotherapy, hoping to join a clinical trial, but was unable to do so. Her health declined and she entered hospice care on May 10. She died peacefully at home about 11:00 on the night of May 20, 2021. Besides Peter, Joanna, Jack and Julianna and stepsons Alex and Mark, Lynne is survived by her father, sisters, their children & grandchildren.

Lynne looked at life as an adventure, especially since the sinking of the *Explorer*. She was able to face her cancer as yet another adventure.

In the end, it was important to her that we all keep a sense of humor. We celebrate her life and how she touched ours.

This is a duplicate of Lynne's Memorial brochure, distributed at her memorial held Saturday, July 31 at 10am at Clayton Valley Presbyterian Church.

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
August 8, 2021 draft minutes

For review and approval at September Business Meeting

Meeting for Business opened at 11:50 a.m. with silent worship and was conducted via Zoom. Elizabeth Moses Strain clerked the meeting. 39 Friends were present.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda, which had been posted by the recording clerk to groups.io on August 7th.

The recording clerk read the minutes for the June, 2021, Meeting for Business. The minutes were approved with the following modifications:

- New business: the spelling of Stephen McNeil's name was corrected.
- Announcements: today's date was corrected.

Correspondence and Clerk's Business

We received a thank you letter from the Berkeley Food Pantry for our annual gift of \$150.

The Clerk proposed David Rutschman, Paul Jolly, and Andrea English as the Naming Committee to populate next year's nominating committee. Friends who have concerns are invited to speak to the Clerk or Alternate Clerk over the next month while these names are seasoned.

The Alternate Clerk read aloud the Minute of Declaration and Commitment from the Ujima Friends Meeting which was brought to the Clerk's attention by two friends and was circulated via groups.io. The Clerk will repost the Minute to groups.io as requested today.

The Clerk described a minute on uprooting and dismantling racism passed by Berkeley Friends Meeting. It was circulated by groups.io August 7th. The Minute credits our "Minute on Engagement to Uproot and Dismantle Racism in Strawberry Creek Meeting" as a source.

The Bridging the Gap Committee is responsible for communication and sharing of resources between Strawberry Creek and Berkeley Friends Meeting. The representatives from SCMM for the coming year will be: Carl Anderson (Care of the Meeting Committee) continuing, Betsy Morris (Worship and Ministry Committee), and, at large, Diane Wolcott.

Old Business

Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee (Susan Burr) The Meeting approved the PPR recommendation [below] to implement a decision-making query used to support us in our accountability to our "Minute on Engagement to Uproot and Dismantle Racism in Strawberry Creek Meeting." The query will be posed in our business meetings for a year and at the end of the year we will reflect on the practice. Committees are also encouraged to use the query in their deliberations through the committee cycle ending in May, allowing the members who have put it to use to consider how it has worked before the committees are reshuffled.

Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness (Stephen McNeil) The meeting approved the proposed Minute [below] regarding Indian Boarding Schools. PacYM has appointed a committee on Indigenous Affairs. Tom Rothschild and Lisa Hubbell, (past member of SCMM) are both members of that committee. Shelley Tannenbaum mentioned a protest against the Line 3 tar sands pipeline which violates the rights and sovereignty of Indigenous people in Minnesota. Shelley will be traveling to Minnesota to join that protest in September. The clerk asked the meeting to hold the affected communities in the Light.

Care of the Meeting Committee (Kathy Barnhart) We approved Ragni Larsen-Orta's transfer of membership from Visalia Meeting. A welcome committee (Kris Muller - convener, Joyce Samati, Michelle Bellows, Frank Satterwhite and Betsy Morris) was appointed.

New Business

There is no new business.

Reports

Worship and Ministry (Judith Schumacher-Jennings) presented a report [below] on the ongoing deliberations on reopening. The report was circulated via groups.io August 6th. It included four components: health considerations for in-person gathering, technical considerations for blending zoom and in-person participation, evaluation of the experiment, and timing. Friends with concerns should contact Judith or Ralph Murphy, co-clerks of the committee. Given the arrival of the Delta variant, the clerk suggested a third listening session.

First Day Children's Program (Joyce Samati) In the first phase of reopening, there will not be a separate children's program. Children will be welcome, as always, to join in worship with their families.

Announcements

- Next Meeting for Business September 12th, 2021, at 11:50 a.m.
- Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee (Susan Burr) The final SCMM discussion on *Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Wall Kimmerer is scheduled for August 29th (changed from August 15th), at 11:50 a.m. via Zoom; same link as for Meeting for Worship.
- Clerks' Gathering on Saturday October 23rd at 10 a.m., online or at Berkeley Meeting Education Room, as the pandemic dictates.
- Birth of Beniah Karam Moon, born July 2nd, 2021, at 3:54p.m., 10 pounds 2 ounces.
- Avoctja asked for donations to Puerto Rico, as it is the beginning of hurricane season. If you write a check, make it out to Avoctja Jiltonilro with "Puerto Rico" on the memo line.
- Sarah Hawthorne announced that the SCMM website now has a new tab called News, which not only has the link to the current newsletter, but, in response to requests from Meeting, has an archive of all past newsletters for the last year. Sarah noted the Berkeley Friends Meeting Minute, referred to in Clerk's business today, was printed in the June issue, which is now online.

The Meeting closed with worship at 1:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Moses Strain, Presiding Clerk,
Beth Wrightson, Alternate Clerk, Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk



Worship and Ministry Report on Reopening

In the united stillness of a truly 'gathered' meeting there is a power known only by experience.... There are perhaps few things which more readily flow 'from vessel to vessel' than quietness. The presence of fellow-worshippers in some gently penetrating manner reveals to the spirit something of the nearness of the Divine Presence.

—Caroline E. Stephen, 1908

Worship and Ministry is grateful for all the work of the Blending Berries (Sarah Hawthorne, James Hosley, John McCarthy, Tom Rothschild, Erik Wilson, Amy Dewey, Rick Herbert, Josh Gallop, Laura Miller, Jay Cash) and also to have been informed by their guiding principles:

- *Trust "Moving at the Speed of Trust" (an expression of faith in Quaker process)*
- *Treat everyone Equally (commitment to offer each of us the same options)*
- *Treasure the Vulnerable (a belief that we all benefit when no one is excluded.)*

At our second listening meeting Worship and Ministry provided information on how we propose to proceed and listened to concerns and thoughts. Laura Miller explained the health and safety recommendations. Sarah Hawthorne explained the work of the Blending Berries. James Hosley explained our experimenting with technology.

The proposal will only be implemented when we feel the Meeting is ready to meet in person.

The Proposal

A. Health and Safety Recommendations:

The following guidelines will be observed until covid conditions change for those wishing to meet in-person.

1. All are welcome regardless of vaccination status, pending medical advice.
2. Masks will be worn indoors. Masks will be discretionary outdoors.
3. The multipurpose room's capacity will be 30-39.
4. Chairs will be preset. Chair moved next to another with mutual agreement.

5. Those who arrive after the room's capacity has been reached will be seated outdoors. Those needing indoor seating because of a disability may contact greeter to reserve a seat in meeting room.
6. Low speed fans will be available indoors for circulating air. Doors and windows will be open.
7. In the event of excessive heat or smoke, the meeting would be held on zoom only, that is, no indoor or outdoor meeting will occur at B-Tech. The meeting will be notified through list serve the night before.
8. Exit meeting room at rise of meeting for socializing outdoors.
9. Touching and hugging is appropriate when permission is given.
10. At first, refreshments will not be offered during social hour. Drinks and food availability will be considered in the next phase of reopening.

B. Blending Zoom and In Person Participants:

The Meeting will experiment for about six weeks with different technologies to combine Zoom and in person participants. These technologies may include:

1. An "Owl" [description deleted]
2. The Denon sound system [description deleted].
3. Cell phones. Cell phones with earphones could be used to connect with the zoom meeting both by people worshiping in the courtyard and by people worshiping in the meeting room, particularly those hard of hearing. A volunteer will help those without cell phones give ministry.
4. We will try to provide Zoom participants with a view of the Meeting room.

C. Evaluation:

An Evaluation Subcommittee will be created by Worship and Ministry to encourage and receive responses to the Experiment. These will be forwarded to Worship and Ministry and other committees as appropriate.

D. Timing:

The Meeting will not start the experiment until all components are ready. This includes the work of Facilities Committee and Worship and Ministry Committee to implement the Health and Safety Requirements and Communications Committee work on the technology experiment. The soonest this could begin would be September 19, pending medical advice.

Minute in Support of Truth & Healing Commission for Native Peoples

(approved Aug 8, 2021)

The Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting of Berkeley, CA (Pacific Yearly Meeting) supports the “Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policy Act” (HR 8420) that was considered by the U.S. House of Representatives in 2019-2020. Although HR 8420 did not become law, Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting continues to support the establishment of a Truth and Healing Commission... to address the historical trauma experienced by Native American/Alaska Native children who were forcibly removed from their homes between 1869 and the 1960’s, and placed in Indian Boarding schools. The children were taught to reject Native languages, cultures, and spiritual practices and adopt Euro-American culture.

Native Americans continue to suffer multigenerational trauma caused by this policy of forced assimilation and cultural genocide. Quakers were among the strongest supporters of the Indian boarding school policy and operated some 30 Indian schools (some in collaboration with the federal government) for varying periods of time...

Resources for Further Information & Reflection

The website for the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

<https://boardingschoolhealing.org>

Paula Palmer’s video “*The Quaker Boarding Schools: Facing our History and Ourselves.*”

<https://vimeo.com/192219802/376f2f1ddb>

Paula Palmer’s article “*Quaker Indian Boarding Schools, Facing Our History and Ourselves,*”

Friends Journal, October 1, 2016.

<https://www.friendsjournal.org/quaker-indian-boarding-schools/>

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples website <https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr>

HR 8420 link:

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/8420/text>

Decolonizing Quakers website

www.decolonizingquakers.org

Decision-making query for accountability

to our Minute on Engagement to Uproot and Dismantle Racism in Strawberry Creek Meeting
(approved August 8, 2021):

...The suggestion came to April 2021 Meeting for Business that SCMM consider adopting use of the query that Friends General Conference uses to test their business decisions. The version for Strawberry Creek would be

How does this decision and our work support Strawberry Creek Meeting in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?

Some business meetings are conducted without decisions being made, yet we want all corporate work we do to be carried out with intention to live into our anti-racism minute. We believe the query is best brought early in the Meeting for Business agenda.

Recommendation:

1. After the prior month’s Minutes are read and approved, the Clerk states: We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.
2. Before announcements and closing worship, reflect on “How did our work and our decisions [as relevant] today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?”
3. That committees consider how to incorporate this recommendation into their work.
4. Assess how the practice has been working after a year.

**LOVE
RESISTS**

Resist the Line 3 Pipeline!

Become a Water Protector (online trainings)

Several Friends participated in non-violent civil disobedience over this past Minnesota winter, several more took part in the June Treaty People Gathering. Others have visited the Indigenous-led water protector camps, some risking arrest or being arrested. Trainings are now being offered to support allies. See Quaker Earthcare Witness quakerearthcare.org/stop-the-line-3-pipeline

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