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Calendar <http://www.strawberrycreekfriends.org/calendar>

Current Newsletter <http://www.strawberrycreekfriends.org/newsletter>

Distribution Sunday for paper/electronic newsletter is the last Sunday of the each month

Newsletter Deadline is Sunday prior to Distribution Sunday. **Deadline: Sept 18** (for October issue)

Web Coordinator Amy Dewey amyd@alumnae.mills.edu (to join our Listserv or create a Zoom meeting)

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SUNDAYS (ongoing)

10 a.m. Meeting for Worship

10am Sunday Meeting for Worship is now both onsite and on Zoom. Details inside.

5 p.m. Oakland Quaker Worship Group (at Peter Lin's house, see <http://oaklandquakers.org>)

(activities below via Zoom unless otherwise noted)

Sept 4 Advices & Queries on Social & Civic Responsibility, read aloud by Facilities Committee (worship hour)

Sept 11 12:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

Sept 18 9 a.m. Worship Sharing. Contact Bob Langfelder for details.

Sept 25 12:30 p.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.

WEDNESDAYS (ongoing)

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

THURSDAYS (ongoing)

4 p.m. Twelve-Step Meeting (open to all). Contact facilitator Avotcja Jiltoniro 510-658-7995.



Calvin Thomas Blanchard
born June 22, 2022 (9 lbs 12 oz),
grandson of
Charles Blanchard and Shelley Tanenbaum
*Calvin's parents are Rees Blanchard (who grew up
in Strawberry Creek Meeting) and his wife Jess*



Strawberry Creek Sunday Worship

We meet for worship at 10am Sunday mornings, both in person at Berkeley Technology Academy and online. Newcomers (in person or on Zoom) are invited to sign the Guest Book. For Zoom link and Guestbook, see Meeting's website

<http://www.strawberrycreekfriendeds.org>

See next column for more information.

Oakland Quaker Worship Group - Sundays

Sundays at 5pm the Oakland Quakers meet in person at the home of Peter Lin. Contact Peter or go to their website <http://oaklandquakers.org>

Berkeley Friends Meeting (BFM)

For more information about Sunday worship, see <http://www.berkeleyfriendsmeeting.org>

Quaker Center Morning Worship (Zoom)

Every morning (7:30-8am) Quaker Center Ben Lomond offers worship, and once a week it offers worship sharing (Wed at 10am). For these and other Quaker Center events, see www.quakercenter.org

Western North American Experiment w/Light

At 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month, the Western North American Experiment with Light group meets on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6820730575>

For more information, contact Barbara Birch.

PacYM Fall Family Gathering Sept 24-25th

PacYM Youth Programs Coordinator Keenan Lorenzato is organizing a free fall family gathering at Woolman (Sierra Friends Center). The event is for families with kids aged 0-13.

Camp Woolman director Max Paris will guide participants through onsite adventures including hikes, art, building birdfeeders, campfire. Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast are free. Want to stay overnight? Cabin rentals half price! PacYM YPC Keenan Lorenzato is a resource to Quaker organizations/Meetings. Contact at youthprogramscoordinator@pacificyearlymeeting.org

Sneak peek: Oct 22nd Pacifica Beach field trip!

<https://www.pacificyearlymeeting.org/wordpress/youth>

Pendle Hill Lecture: Strategizing for Change

Bayard Rustin Lessons & United Nations Quaker Work 4:30-6pm (Pacific) Mon Sept 12 Free, but register. The 75th anniversary of Quaker work at the United Nations is almost here! Sarah Clarke, Director, Quaker UN Office (NY), speaks on how the wisdom and life of Quaker civil rights activist Bayard Rustin continues to guide us. Learn more <https://pendlehill.org/events>

FGC Gathers on West Coast next summer 2023

Theme: "Listen, that we may live"

Save July 2-8, 2023 as Friends General Conference meets at Western Oregon University (Monmouth OR), under the care of Pacific Yearly Meeting. Opportunities to attend online are being planned.

Proposals due Sept 30, 2022

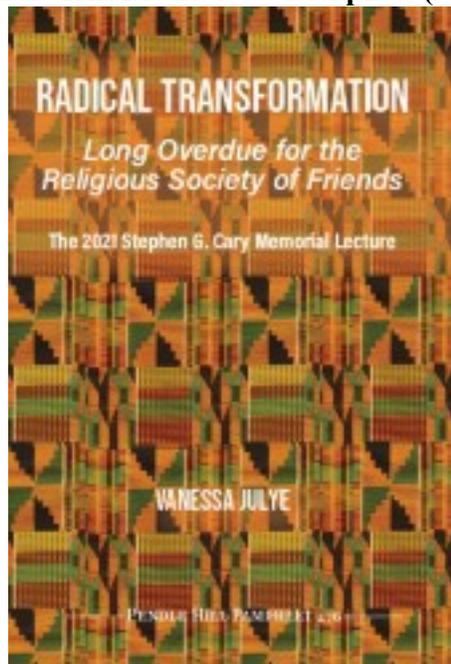
www.fgcquaker.org/GatheringWorkshopProposalInfo

To share ideas or get involved, contact

Co-Clerks Kate Jaramillo and Jessica Bucciarelli

2021.gathering.coclerks@gmail.com

Pendle Hill Brand New Pamphlet (#476)



Western Friend invites you to join a discussion of this pamphlet on Zoom Wednesday Sept 14 at 7pm. <https://westernfriend.org/radical-transformation-long-overdue>

Deep Hope in Optimystical Times July 2022

Carl Magruder's keynote speech to NPYM

<https://westernfriend.org/media/wf-podcast-thirteen-carl-magruder-keynote>

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
August 14, 2022, draft minutes

For review and approval at September 11, 2022, Meeting for Business

Meeting for Business opened at 12:30 p.m. with silent worship and was conducted via Zoom. Beth Wrightson clerked the meeting. 30 Friends were present.

The Clerk read the Advices and Queries on Meeting for Business and invited Friends to contemplate them.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda, which was posted by the Recording Clerk to groups.io on August 12.

The Recording Clerk then read the June, 2022, minutes. The minutes were approved with the correction of the deadline for submissions to the upcoming newsletter.

Query

The clerk read the query: *“We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community.”*

Correspondence and Clerk’s Business

Heather Levien’s transfer of membership request, initially received in October 2021, was read and passed on to the Care of the Meeting Committee.

We received thank you letters from the Friends Committee on Legislation of California, and Friends Committee on National Legislation.

The clerk presented the names of people who have agreed to serve on the Committee to Name the Nominating Committee: Charlie Blanchard (convenor), John McCarthy, Rick Herbert. The homogeneity of the committee was pointed out. In the next week, Beth and the three nominees will consider whether there are other options. Beth will also circulate the request for other members on groups.io. Next Sunday she will share the results of this inquiry. The final composition of the committee will be submitted for approval at September’s meeting for business. If you have concerns, or would like to volunteer, contact the Clerk.

There have been requests for our public facing communications (website and B-Tech on Sunday mornings) to reflect our commitment to becoming an anti-racist community. In order that the Meeting have a coordinated effort around our welcoming, the request has been handed to the Care of the Meeting Committee.

Old Business

It has been a year since we started the practice of encouraging the committees to review the anti-racism prompt and query in the course of their business. The clerk has inquired of each of the committees about whether this has been helpful. Of Strawberry Creek’s 11 committees, 8 have been active during the covid era. 5 responded, 3 did not. The clerk read excerpts of what she received. Several Friends shared their personal experience and perspectives.

One Friend offered the analogy that racism is an addiction. Another Friend recommended this video on disparities in educational funding (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YrHIQIO_bdQ&ab_channel=act.tv) and the series “Crash Course Black American History”, which comprises 51 episodes, offering instruction on Black American History.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xPx5aRuWCtc&list=PL8dPuuaLjXtNYJO8JWpXO2JP0ezgxrJJ&ab_channel=CrashCours

The clerk was also hoping to address the use of the accountability prompt and query in Meeting for Business. This was tabled until September.

New Business

Nominating Committee (Barbara Birch) recommends Sarah Hawthorne for clerk of Care of Meeting Committee. One Friend brought up that Sarah is also clerk of Communications Committee, and felt this might be too many hats for one member to wear. The Friend will communicate their concerns to the Nominating Committee, which will discern whether the nomination needs to be re-thought. The nomination will be reviewed at the September business meeting.

Reports

Nominating Committee (Barbara Birch) presented the committee's final reflections. The report will be shared via groups.io.

First Day Children's Program Committee (Joshua Gallup) the committee has many questions and challenges regarding reopening the children's program with sensitivity to Covid concerns. It has been consulting other committees and parents. Josh will share the report, with those questions, on groups.io.

Query

The Clerk invited us to contemplate the query: *"How did our work (and our decisions if relevant) today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?"* A Friend appreciated the perspective that racism is an addiction. Another shared her personal commitment to direct communication with people, and refraining from gossip. Another recognized that admitting helplessness is a step into humility and a step into a closer walk with the Spirit.

Announcements

Next Meeting for Business September 11, 2022, at 12:30 p.m.

Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee (Susan Burr)

3rd discussion of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship*, 12:30 p.m., August 21 via Zoom.

Next Saturday, Aug 20, 9:30 to noon committee clerks' meeting, via Zoom.

The Meeting closed with worship at 2:25 p.m.

Beth Wrightson, Presiding Clerk

Elaine Emily, Alternate Clerk

Paul Jolly, Recording Clerk

Eduardo Martinez running for Mayor of Richmond

Born in 1949 in Dumas, Texas, he moved to the Bay Area in 1970's and has lived in Richmond 17 yrs. He is the current Vice Mayor, with over seven years on the Richmond City Council, and 20 years teaching public school in Richmond.

He assures voters "My campaign takes no money from corporations, business associations, or developers. My independence from corporate donors leaves me free to represent the people of Richmond."

<https://www.eduardoformayor.com>



Eduardo Martinez
(past longtime Strawberry Creek Berry)

First Day Children's Program Report

from Co-Clerks Josh Gallup & Andrea Parriott

It has been a challenge for the committee members of The First Day Children's Program to decide what to do about meeting in-person again. We have many questions about how to proceed. As we try to sort this out going forward, we have been consulting with Worship and Ministry and with various parents. We have also looked at *The Faith and Practice Handbook*, but there, we don't find clear and ready guidelines about our questions regarding returning during the pandemic.

The questions we are considering about returning in-person are these:

1) *Should we require vaccinations for all children before they attend in person?* Note: at this time all children 6 months and under are automatically excluded, should this be adopted.

2) *Should we require everyone, children and adults, at First Day Programs to wear an N95 mask while they are present?*

3) *Since there is a California State law that requires two adults to be with each group of children at all times, and our committee is small, how shall we find enough adult helpers to fulfill this requirement?*

We are also limited as a committee in being able to fulfill the helper requirement law for two adults at all times because several of our committee members are elders or are immune compromised and may be unable to attend in person gatherings at all.

a) *Do we need to hire helpers as we have done in the past?* This solution worked well in the past.

b) *Do we ask for volunteers from the Meeting?*

4) *We want to make sure there is the required type of ventilation in each classroom so we can be inside during rainy or cold days.*

We are aware that people at Strawberry Creek Meeting are eager to re-open the First Day gatherings in person. We are weighing these questions and seasoning the decision. We want to respond as soon as the Committee has reflected and reached consensus.

Nominating Committee Annual Report 2022

Members: (Barbara Birch (co-clerk), Susan Black, Patricia Dienstfrey, Josh Gallup, Laura Miller, Janet Piggins, Susan Strong, Mary White, Beth Wrightson (co-clerk/member until March)

This is a summary of reflections from Nominating Committee Members based on their experience on the committee this year. The committee functioned well and followed the nominating procedures. We believe that we tried to call everyone in the directory except for Scattered Berries.

Some Strawberries expressed frustration with the inability to meet in person, while others expressed appreciation for being able to meet remotely. There was also great appreciation for all those who are supporting the meeting in this transitional period, especially the Clerk of the Meeting and other officers, who have done an excellent job clerking the meeting on Zoom.

Members expressed gratitude for Adult Education opportunities in the Meeting this year, especially those on anti-racism. Strawberries usually expressed the idea that service to the meeting and their work in the world have enriched their spirituality. Many shared that we are an aging population and the energy level may be problematic.

SCMM Committees are working very well. There is a need to fill the Librarian position at some point. The FCNL position is open. First Day School Committee and Loaves & Fishes Committee are still functioning but are on hiatus for now.

Stephen McNeil had been placed on the slate as Clerk of Care of Meeting and FCNL representative before his accident and untimely death. Stephen enjoyed Meeting for Worship and worked hard in his many roles in Meeting to make SCMM a better community, and the world a better place. He was especially focused before his death on looking at the aging of our congregation, and on bringing our anti-racism work to the wider community. We also want to highlight his long commitment to AFSC and FCNL. We miss him and will remember his dedication and energy.

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