

June 2023

**Westfield Monthly Meeting
of the
Religious Society of Friends**

Meeting for Worship

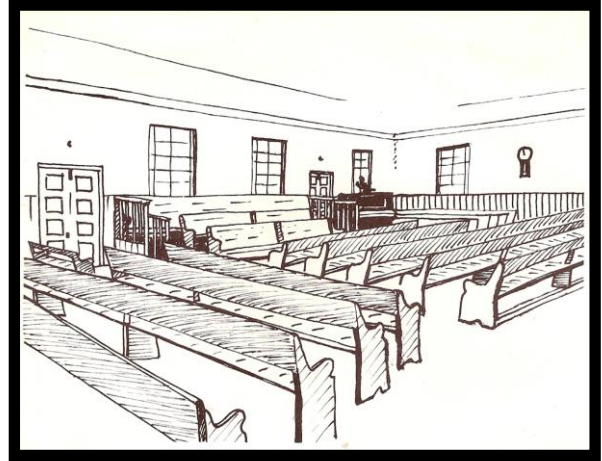
First Day (Sunday) 10:00 AM on Zoom

Children are Welcome

Religious Education & Child Care

Childcare & Children's First Day School

Every Sunday 10:00 – 11:00 am



**The Sixth Query
Nurturing Our Community: Stewardship of Resources**

- a. How does our meeting accommodate ecological, economic and social justice in its use of property and money?
- b. Does our meeting engage its members in supporting the meeting's work, its ministry and the upkeep of its property?
- c. Does our meeting engage its members to support with their time, energy and finances the quarterly and yearly meetings and other Quaker organizations?
- d. To what extent does our meeting rely on current members and attenders for financial support and to what extent on other sources?

- e. *How do I demonstrate in my own decision making a concern for ecological, economic and social justice?*
- f. *How do I simplify my needs, making choices that balance self-sufficiency and fair sharing of resources?*
- g. *Do I balance my work-life and other activities with the time and energy needed for my spiritual growth and service?*
- h. *Do I contribute to the work of Friends in my meeting, in the quarterly and yearly meetings and in the wider world of Friends?*

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Westfield Monthly Meeting News and Notes

Potluck Returns!

On June 4th, the first Sunday in June, Potluck will be held following Meeting for Worship. This will be a time to enjoy everyone's special dishes. We also will celebrate Peggy Johns and Jason Matey becoming members of our meeting. We welcome Peggy and her granddaughter Skye and Jason and his daughter Harper. Help us celebrate by bringing a yummy dish to share!

Spiritual Oasis

Spiritual Oasis will meet Thursday, June 1st at 1:00 pm on Zoom. All are welcome to attend.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee

Peace & Social Concerns will meet Tuesday, June 13th at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

Haddonfield Quarter Picnic

Our annual picnic will be held at Atlantic City Area Monthly Meeting located at 437-A S. Pitney Road, Galloway, NJ, on **Saturday, June 24, 2023** at 10:00 am following Meeting for Worship. We hope you will attend and visit with fellow Friends from other meetings in our Quarter. See flyer for details.

Our Yearly Meeting's 343rd Annual Sessions: "Living with our neighbors, growing into beloved community"

Wednesday, July 26 and Thursday, July 27 (online only)

Friday, July 28 through Sunday, July 30 (onsite at The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) and online)

It's that time of the year again...it's time to come to Annual Sessions. After 3 years of being online only, we are pleased to announce that this year we will be hybrid, with three different ways to join. But WHY should you attend Annual Sessions? Our faith calls us to gather. In togetherness, we see spirit reflected all around us. Together, with many voices and hearts, we can find the path forward in community and as Friends in the world.

Attend in-person at the College of New Jersey or via Zoom. The cost for adult registration is \$50 per person. PYM will subsidize the cost to attend in-person. Full scholarships are available for children, youth, and adults. Contact Melinda Wenner Bradley, Director of Program and Religious Life, mwennerbradley@pym.org for more information.

Greening Sacred Spaces Series

June 7th @ 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Let's make 2023 the year that all Friend's institutions in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting commit to landscaping practices that support the commonwealth of life. Get an orientation to which of three certifications to protect and preserve the living things in your local habitat is right for your property.

Who should attend: members of property committees, cemetery committees, those who care for the landscaping at your site, those who love birds, butterfly and pollinator gardens. Co-sponsored by Eco-Justice Collaborative and Concord Quarter Climate Action Working Group. For more information and to register: (<https://us02web.zoomus/meeting/register/tZMsdeuvrjouGtLAKwUbfDP-iiHmr94YoYF->) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Alternatives to Violence Workshop Weekend

June 9 @ 5:00 pm – June 11 @ 5:30 pm

Cost: \$50

Mount Holly Friends Meeting is hosting an Alternatives to Violence (AVP) weekend training June 9,10, & 11: June 9 from 5 to 9 pm; June 10 and June 11 workshops are 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The meetinghouse is located at 81 High Street in Mount Holly.

The AVP approach is one of personal transformation that can lead to social transformation. It is deeply invested in the principles of human rights and personal responsibility. In a society based on controlling others, AVP offers itself as a way to control oneself. It is not de-escalation training, though once we learn to change our own behavior, we create space for others around us to change. Email mgsmithnj1@gmail.com for more information.

FWCC 2024 World Plenary Overview

June 14 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

FWCC Americas is working on projects important to Friends globally – here's your chance to get involved and/or learn more! We're offering this FREE series of Informational Zooms about FWCC's work to create the precious, sacred spaces to connect and build community among Friends. Please register so that you may hear directly from those who are developing tools that are important to Quakers. FWCC World General Secretary Tim Gee will provide an overview of the upcoming event to be held in South Africa. As the first ever hybrid World Plenary, it will have both in-person and virtual participation. This offers the opportunity to be the largest and most inclusive world gathering ever held for FWCC. Email americas@fwccamericas.org for more information.



WESTFIELD MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
April 16, 2023, at the Meeting House and via Zoom

Present: Bill and Connie Beetle, Christopher Pensiero (?), Deborah Mosley-Duffy, Gail Fountaine, Joan Biddle, Joan Spagnoletti, Karen Nulton, Margaret Haviland, Michael and Nancy Robinson, Michael Lane, Michael Ketterer, Mark and Moon Beiferman-Haines (?), Peggy Johns, peter Taylor, Rose Ketterer, and Suzanne Day

Meeting (on Zoom and in-person) – The clerk settled the meeting at the appointed time and read aloud.

Query 4: Nurturing our community: Care of the Meeting. Friends who shared aloud observed–

- We have much to be grateful about... We have a great deal to be thankful for... We are a caring and sharing community, recognizing that is of value.
- Regrets were shared about not having all in-person Meetings for Worship. In contrast, others shared that in-person and Zoom Meetings for Worship is a positive because it allows everyone to attend. Although we are in separate places during Meeting, we are all sharing. It is a very warm community, and someone is always reaching out.

Minutes: Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business held March 12, 2023, approved with a correction

Property Committee Report: The Property Committee report was circulated in advance and further explained by Bill Beetle, Clerk of the Committee. Meeting accepted the Property report with thanks and gratitude. (Copy on file).

Additional Recommendation: The Property Committee recommended winterizing the meetinghouse door to improve the energy efficiency of the building and to reallocate up to \$3,000 from the line-item Property Management/Snow-Ice Removal, which has an unused balance of \$5,475 to cover the cost. Joan Spagnoletti acknowledged the amount of work the Property Committee has done with gratitude. Meeting approved moving the money from the line-item Property Management/Snow-Ice Removal.

Spiritual State of Our Meeting for PYM: Suzanne Day reported that a draft was read aloud in March Meeting for Worship. The report was requested to be sent to members and PYM, and meeting approved the request.

Finance Committee Annual Report: Karen Nulton reported that everyone is pleased with the new process. The clerks need an end-date for the reports. The funds will not carry over at the end of the fiscal year. "If you don't use it, you will lose it." Karen will submit a written report.

Correspondence - Letter from Jason Charles Matey requesting membership read aloud by clerk. The body of the meeting welcomed the clarity of the request and asks Care Committee to appoint a Clearness Committee.

Our agenda completed. We closed in worship.

Peggy Johns, Recording Clerk,

Joan Spagnoletti, Clerk

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, June 11, 2023
Nurturing our Community: Stewardship of Resources

- Silent Worship
- Reading of Query/ Worship Sharing
- Approval of May Minutes
- Nominating Committee: Approval of proposed nominations
- Finance Committee: Approval of proposed budget and banking update
- Property Committee Annual Report and Items for Consideration
- Collectors Committee Update
- Announcements /Correspondence
- Generative Question: Looking forward to the next year, what are the priorities of the membership?
- Silent Worship

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 <i>Spiritual Oasis</i> 1:00 pm Zoom	2	3
4 <i>Potluck</i> <i>Following MFW</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11 <i>Meeting for Business</i> 11:00 am	12	13 <i>Peace & Social</i> <i>Concerns</i> 7 PM on Zoom	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	23	23	24 <i>Quarter Picnic at</i> <i>Atlantic City Area</i> <i>Meeting</i> <i>MFW at 10:00 am</i> <i>Followed by Picnic</i>
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Dates to Remember

- Spiritual Oasis on June 1st at 1:00 pm on Zoom
- Potluck following MFW on June 4th
- Meeting for Business at 11:00 am on June 11th
- Peace & Social Concerns at 7:00 pm, June 13th on Zoom
- Haddonfield Quarter Picnic at Atlantic City Area Meeting on Saturday, June 24th; MFW at 10:00 am followed by picnic

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