



PHOENIX QUAKER MEETING NEWSLETTER

(Noticias de la reunión de los Amigos de Phoenix)

JULY 2026

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Sunday, July 5	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, July 12	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, July 19	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship
Sunday, July 26	10:00 – 11:00am	Meeting for Worship



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SUMMER NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SAVE THE DATE:

Half Yearly Meeting

Quakers in Arizona love to get together with one another, and twice a year we do just that in what we traditionally call a “half yearly meeting” — essentially a regional gathering that brings Friends from across the state into community with each other. Our meetings from Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tempe, and Tucson (Pima Meeting) all come together to share fellowship, worship, and conversation.

We hold two gatherings each year. In the spring we meet in the Tucson or Phoenix area, but our fall gathering has a special character all its own. We meet at Emmanuel Pines, a Methodist retreat center nestled in the woods near Prescott — and if you are coming from the Phoenix or Tempe area, the cooler mountain air alone feels like a gift.

Emmanuel Pines offers dormitory-style lodging and a few cabins, as well as space for tent and RV camping. Those who prefer more privacy will find motels conveniently nearby in Prescott. It is a particularly wonderful place for children, who have room to run and explore, and for adults who enjoy walking among the trees and watching for birds and deer.

Our time together is lightly structured by design. We gather around themes that matter to us — last year we reflected on the value of friendship, and this coming fall we plan to explore simplifying our lives. There are also small group Worship Sharing sessions, five shared meals, and a campfire on the final evening. The cost for the full weekend, including two nights of lodging and all five meals, is approximately \$175 per adult.

Most people come away from Emmanuel Pines feeling genuinely refreshed. We hope you will join!

When: September 25-27

Where: Emmanuel Pines in Prescott, AZ

WEBSITE: <https://emmanuelpines.com>

Theme: When we talk about “clutter,” it’s often more than just the physical objects in our homes; it’s the mental “to-do” lists, the social obligations we keep out of guilt, and the old identities we no longer inhabit. We will explore ways to unpack this with interactive and fun activities for all ages!

JANE MALIK'S QUAKER FAMILY STORY

My mother Alicya Malik, like many Polish immigrants, was raised Catholic. By the time my brother Bill and I were both under age 10, we were attending the Ann Arbor, MI Friends Meeting. She was teaching at Ann Arbor High School. We were there every Sunday until she was offered a job in Bisbee, AZ teaching English at Cochise College, one of the first Community Colleges in Arizona and in the United States.

In Bisbee, there was no Quaker Meeting, but a few Quaker families met at our houses most Sundays. Jim Corbett, a co-founder of the Sanctuary Movement, was in our Meeting. Many Sundays my brother at 11 and me at 9, would ride through the Arizona desert with Jim, where we would leave bottles of water for people making their way from Mexico to the US. Jim would show us gallon bottles of water that he had left in the desert previously that had been shot by shotguns. The shooters were people who were "anti-illegals."



Above: Jane and her mother, Alicya, in the 1970's.

Below: Jane and her brother, Bill, and her cat, Hamlet, in Bisbee, Arizona.



Jane's brother Bill in Ann Arbor in 1962.



As a teen, I would attend summer Quaker sessions in Tucson where we would take inner city kids camping on Mt. Lemmon. We all learned so much these summers.

Eventually we moved to Tucson and joined the Pima Monthly Meeting, where I attended until I moved to NY with IBM.

Alicya retired in 1986 and moved in with us in Phoenix. She joined the Phoenix Friends Meeting where she served on the FCNL until her death in 2011, and where I am currently a member.

BOOKLET AND BOOK REVIEWS

Jim Crow Booklet

The New Jim Crow study guide is a quick and thought-provoking must for all of us who care about racial justice. It is meant to be the work-group companion to the larger book, *The New Jim Crow*, by Michelle Alexander. I find myself too busy to read the whole book (which is very well written), but this 45-page pamphlet highlights the major fact: the mass incarceration system, focusing on "the drug war," combined with the punitive system of denying jobs and the vote, thus the ability to find housing and pay bills after a conviction and serving a term, is *The New Jim Crow*.

We are asked discussion questions and urged to consider what we, people who care about racial justice as our testimonies on justice and equality guide us, what we are willing to do to bring about a change.

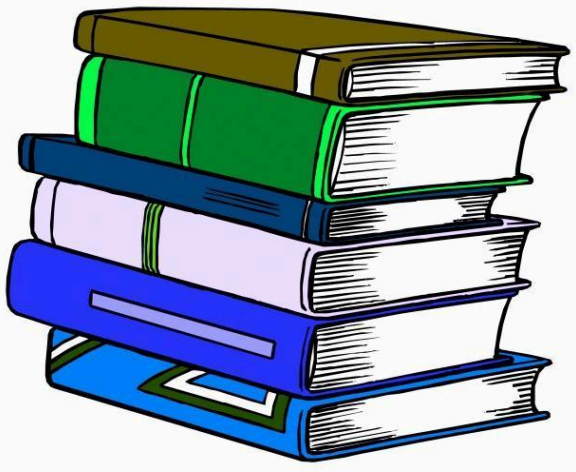
Can each of us make an individual change? Do we want to work with a small group within Meeting? Could we work through the Peace & Social Concerns Committee? What can we do?

I urge Friends to read the booklet (and the book if you have the time and seek a more complete education), and consider how we might act. The New Jim Crow pamphlet is on the Library table. Please borrow from and return to the Library Table.

Submitted by Nancy Hicks Marshall

Walking the World As A Friend: Essential Quaker Practices

Walking the World As A Friend: Essential Quaker Practices, by Nadine Hoover (2020) is a slim book that reminds us of the kinds of Quaker practices we have within our ability to help us all become better Friends. She mentions three Quaker roles – Minister, Steward, and Witness – and how to



discern and practice these roles in our own lives. She explores activities for us to Experiment with the Living Spirit. Finally she mentions six essential Quaker Structures and activities to practice these structures.

These 66 pages offer a lot in short order for those of us who want to understand Quaker roles, structures and practices more clearly and how to use them to enrich our own lives as Friends.

Please borrow from and return to the Meeting Library glass table.

Submitted by Nancy Hicks Marshall

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD:

Dear Friend, could you help spread the word to youth about objecting to war and registering with the Selective Service System as a conscientious objector?

My name is Andrew Gorby and I am emailing from Stony Run Friends Meeting in Baltimore City. As an educator in Baltimore City Public Schools for the past 18 years, a dad to three boys and a military-discharged conscientious objector, I hope this resource provides a foundation for your Meetinghouse community to begin the important work of helping youth document their opposition to war well in advance of a draft. I also hope it helps build a community of support to assist them with the spiritual development and documentation of their beliefs as conscientious objectors.

- Can you print and display 10 copies of our one-page leaflet in your Meetinghouse and post to social media (suggested language below)? These would also be great to share at annual sessions!

["Registering with the Selective Service System as a Conscientious Objector to War"](#)

- This can also be found on our website: <https://stonyrunfriends.org/co/>, along with a companion presentation on conscientious objection and a blog post.
- We will update this resource before December 18, 2026 when male youth between the ages of 18-25 are automatically registered with the Selective Service System - the first step in the conscription process.

This practical and actionable one-page leaflet assists youth - and those who support them - in documenting their beliefs as conscientious objectors to war.

This resource was developed out of a need to assist a young Friend with registering with the SSS as a CO and finding that while there is a lot of information out there, it isn't all in one place.

Let me know if you have any questions or other support - feedback is always welcome too. Thank you for **printing, posting and sharing...**

*Kindly,
Andrew Gorby*

WHAT ARE FRIENDS DOING THIS SUMMER?

Zach, Jen and Ellie Baker had a quick getaway to Flagstaff one weekend in June. They managed to visit Lowell Observatory too. Here they are enjoying the cool pine weather!



INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING (IMYM)

Standing on a mesa overlooking the city of Durango, Colorado, Ft. Lewis College again welcomed Friends from the four corner states, plus Texas and Ohio, for a warm and enjoyable long weekend of Intermountain Yearly Meeting's Annual Gathering.

This year, for the second time running, we were organized to provide more intergenerational sharing time. Instead of a guest speaker at the plenary session, we arranged ourselves into about 10 groups, ages 3 to 90, and decided which of 8 "stations" (read: "play stations") we would visit. Among the choices were the water balloons and sponges station, the "make your own puzzle" station, the "Quaker Mad Libs" station, a blocks for building station, and a write-your-own-song station. The virtues of this included getting to know and appreciate each other across the ages (which you don't really do when you sit and listen to a speaker), appreciating leadership from younger folks, and just having fun.

Meanwhile, after lunch there were interest groups and Friendly circles, some of which arose spontaneously. Friends held interest groups from FCNL, FWCC, AFSC, QEW and more. Vance and Nancy Marshall (Phoenix) and Nick Mocerri and Margi Tays (Prescott) represented Phoenix Meeting.

Both Nancy and Vance felt deeply enriched by their morning worship-sharing groups. Due to perfect weather, we gathered (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings) in groups of 5-10 persons outside among the trees, and sometimes not far from the local deer, who are not fed – or hunted – by humans and who feel quite comfortable nibbling the grass on campus. Our occasional silences were sometimes punctuated by the songs of the birds chattering in the trees all around us.

Thursday after dinner there was an everyone-invited sing-along outside under the group tent. On Friday we (everyone!) participated in a contra-dance evening with Friend Deb Comly (Flagstaff/Durango) and her local musical group, Deb being a professional contra dance caller. Saturday evening we had a delightful "talent" night in which all who wished to contribute had a chance to do so.

All in all there were about 150 persons in attendance, including about 12 on zoom. There were about 30 children in the children's programs, an increase from last year. As best we can tell, everyone had fun, felt spiritually nourished, and returned home glad to have attended the Annual Gathering at IMYM.

Submitted by Nancy Hicks Marshall



Photos of IMYM taken by Nancy Marshall.

CALL TO ACTION:

Declaration of Resistance set for July 4 – Join us!

On July 4, AFSC invites people of faith and conscience across the country to take part in a coordinated national day of action: a Declaration of Resistance. Together, we will commit to protect people and communities, resist authoritarianism, and build an equal and just future. Each gathering will include a physical Declaration of Resistance—an art piece that participants can sign as part of the

event. Together, these signed Declarations will form a visible, collective expression of resistance across the country. **Friends in Seattle** are already planning to gather at the Federal Office Building at 11 am on July 4. Is anyone interested in gathering?

Here are 3 **ACTIONS** to take, offered by AFSC:

Tell Congress to Fund Human Needs, Not WAR

<https://afsc.org/action/tell-congress-fund-human-needs-not-war?ms=EMA26EM0611WE&emci=e44806b2-cb65-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&emdi=3c9c1d12-d165-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&ceid=913669>

Tell Your Senators to Pass a Farm Bill to Reduce Hunger

<https://afsc.org/action/tell-congress-fund-human-needs-not-war?ms=EMA26EM0611WE&emci=e44806b2-cb65-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&emdi=3c9c1d12-d165-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&ceid=913669>

Tell Congress to Demand Aid for Gaza

<https://afsc.org/action/tell-congress-fund-human-needs-not-war?ms=EMA26EM0611WE&emci=e44806b2-cb65-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&emdi=3c9c1d12-d165-f111-8fcb-000d3a14b640&ceid=913669>

Food Donations Wanted



Phoenix Quaker Meeting is currently accepting non-perishable food donations, as well as pet food, for the Paradise Valley Food bank. You may bring them into the Meeting House and look for a bin in the main room to put the items in. They will be delivered directly to the food bank. If you are not able to bring donations to the Meeting House, please consider finding a food bank close to home to take your donations to.

Thank you, every donation counts!

Submissions for This Newsletter!

Do you write poetry, or create artwork? Would you like to share it with the community? Did you come across an interesting article and wonder if others at the Quaker Meeting would enjoy it? If so, send it along to Kari at acumoxamama@gmail.com to be added to the next newsletter!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Here are the links to *QuakerSpeak* that were included in June's Saturday reminder emails:

- Everything You Need to Know About Quakerism
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_wTOEXiVQ-0
- The Mistake People Make About Quaker Theology
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fy2-V7ayyoE>



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