

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

TWELFTH MONTH DECEMBER 2021

ALL ARE WELCOME

Sunday Worship: 10:00-11:00

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*Our Meetinghouse is located within the traditional homelands of the Chepenefia band of the Kalapuya speaking Nation.*

## THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

See **Wednesday Digest** for Links to all events For help or questions, contact Bob Burton, 541-231-3352 or [bob11340@comcast.net](mailto:bob11340@comcast.net)

### **Sunday December 5**

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship** Willamette Park

Contact Bob Ward [boward1948@gmail.com](mailto:boward1948@gmail.com)

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship** via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

### **Wednesday, 8 December**

**11 am Share the Worlds' Resources** (details inside)

**6 to 8 pm COP26: Engagement in Challenging Times** (details inside)

### **Sunday December 12**

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship**

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship** via Zoom and at the Meetinghouse

**11:40 am Meeting for Business** via Zoom

### **Monday December 13**

**7:00-8:30 pm by Zoom SEEK** Conversations about Race Culture & Equity (details inside)

**Wednesday December 15, 3:30-5:30 pm.** Third Age Circle group by Zoom

### **Sunday December 19**

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,**

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship**

### **Sunday December 26**

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,**

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship**

### **Sunday January 2, 2022**

**8:30-9:30 am Silent Walking Worship,**

**10:00 am Meeting for Worship**

## **Corvallis Friends Meeting for Worship for Business November 14, 2021**

Meeting was held in a hybrid fashion with some Friends present at the Meetinghouse and others participating through Zoom videoconferencing

**Clerk:** Susan Easton

**Recording Clerk:** Esther Schiedel

**Friends Present:** Nancy Ewald, Bob Burton, Laura Horsey, Jay Thatcher, John Selker, Karuna Nuyara, Nina Joy Lawrence, Donna Gerry, Kathy Miller, Bob Henderson, Deb Luper

**Meeting began in expectant quiet worship.**

**The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.**

**A written Treasurer's Report** was provided with these notes:

The garbage bill was relatively high—this may reflect an extra pickup of yard waste

The Meeting should decide if it wants monthly brokerage account notices—Friends see no need for this.

**The report was accepted.**

Homeless outreach needs fiscal agent for propane program. Bob Burton and some others Friends have helped with a program which fills propane containers for homeless individuals who are camping in the area. The program would like to set up a GoFundMe fundraising account, but needs a bank account in order to receive funds. After some discussion about how this would work and the issues involved, **Friends approved having the Treasurer open an account in the Meeting's name to be used for this purpose for one year.**

Donations for the program would be deposited into this account and a debit card or check would be used for purchasing propane only. Friends will look into our Meeting's liability coverage to see if this might cause any issues for the Meeting. And will revisit this issue in a year. **Esther will provide a minute authorizing Wendy to open the account.**

Brigid Bonner is still listed as a signer on our Meeting accounts. Meeting approved a minute to remove her name. **Esther will provide a written Minute noting this so that her name can be removed.**

**Spiritual Care Committee Report:** *We met on 11/4 at the meeting house and virtually. We plan to meet again in a similar style on 12/7 at 7 p.m.*

*As the Meeting continues to acquire technology and understanding we are continuing to blend more of our gatherings with virtual and in person modes. We have met in blended or hybrid fashion in committees, for eating, for threshing, and today for monthly business.*

*If Friends are so led, we could start having a blended meeting for worship. Whether to try this, when to start and how often should all be considered.*

*As we move forward in blending together, we will be making adjustments in equipment and arrangements. Friends will do well to remember that we can't expect to find some ideal solution quickly. Please expect continued evolution of our personal and technological accommodations. The Meeting will need your help as we seek workable solutions.*

*Our committee is clear that virtual potlucks are not our responsibility. We see nothing to prevent them from occurring and encourage any Friend who is led to announce them to do so.*

**After some discussion, Friends approved having a hybrid (or blended) Meeting for Worship on November 28<sup>th</sup>** This will help Friends to decide about future hybrid Meetings. Some issues related to this need to be addressed:

1 alerting those entering the Meetinghouse that a video camera is broadcasting their images to others

2. who and how Meeting will be closed. It was noted that the physical and virtual Meeting for

Worship have a different format for closing Meeting

**Peace Justice and Environment** a Threshing Session was held on November 9 to continue our discussion on a social action project. Another session will be held during or after virtual/in person Potluck at 11:30 am on November 28th

**In the past our meeting has collected donations of food and other items** for the local food banks and held an event in December to celebrate and deliver these. Energy for doing this has waned this year. Jay volunteers with the Vina Moses Center Giving Tree program to provide gifts for needy families. Jay invited Friends to take a gift tag from the meeting house and return a gift there by 12/7 or to the Vina Moses Giving Tree Store by 12/14. The Asmatey-Stoll children are doing a food drive at their school. Friends could participate in one or both of these activities and/or share other opportunities for giving with Meeting members.

### **Next Meeting for Business – December 12**

#### **December 1 – 14. Holiday Giving Tree Here are the basics:**

- + get a tag
- + buy a gift
- + return it
- + Vina Moses Center will distribute it where there is need.

**More info at**

<https://www.vinamoses.org/giving-tree-program>

Presents are good; so is money. Get a tag or donation envelope from the Meetinghouse tree or Jay Thatcher [jthatch@peak.org](mailto:jthatch@peak.org)

Return your gift to one of those, or to the Vina Moses Giving Tree Store, 334 SW 2nd St.

**For expert advice** or accompaniment as you shop for a child's gift, start with a Quaker parent: Emily (541) 231-2193; Jon or Yalda [ayenda@gmail.com](mailto:ayenda@gmail.com) Annaliese or Scott [scottysmith78@yahoo.com](mailto:scottysmith78@yahoo.com)

**Get this done by 12/7/2021 or so**

**More info:** [vinamoses.org](https://www.vinamoses.org) or Jay [jthatch@peak.org](mailto:jthatch@peak.org)

**SEEK** (Spiritual Exploring and Engagement Kommittee). If you haven't registered before, you may still be able to join. Email Laurie Childers [childers@peak.org](mailto:childers@peak.org) with "Dr Lake" in the subject line. **"SIX CONVERSATIONS About Race, Culture, and Equity"** final session on Zoom, Monday evening, from 7-8:30 pm. Dec13th.

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#### **Wednesday 8th December 11:00 am PST "Share the World's Resources"**

Dear All at Corvallis Friends Meeting: I am writing to let you know about an upcoming online talk and discussion on the campaigning work of the organization: *Share the World's Resources*. I believe that our work would resonate with Quakers. . . . As such, I would warmly invite anybody who is interested to come to our event

The talk will take place on **Wednesday 8th December 11am PST**. It will last for about an hour. Please reply to [victoria@sharing.org](mailto:victoria@sharing.org) in order to register and receive the zoom link if you would like to attend. The event is free.

Please feel free to share this invitation widely. Thank you. Victoria Gater and Adam Parsons

Share the World's Resources [www.sharing.org](http://www.sharing.org)

*"Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself (sic) and of his family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services, and the right to security in the event of unemployment, sickness, disability, widowhood, old age or other lack of livelihood in circumstances beyond his control". UDHR, Article 25.1*

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#### **All God's Critters Got A Place In the Choir...Let's sing together!**

**Contact** Jan Evans 541-250-9564 talk/text

[JanRandEvans@gmail.com](mailto:JanRandEvans@gmail.com)

## COP26: Engagement in Challenging Times

**Wednesday Dec 8 6-8 pm** Frank Granshaw & Annette Carter will be sharing their experience at COP26 where they were observers with the Quaker Earthcare Witness delegation to the conference, followed by a guided discussion of what we as Quakers meetings and organizations can learn from grassroots efforts in Scotland, and how we can engage in similar efforts in preparation for the next COP in 2022.

This is a hybrid event broadcast from Multnomah Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in Portland Oregon to Quaker communities and organizations in Oregon, Washington, and California. Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87216894703?pwd=cWpmNFJpT3hjamErb05qQ2NqZE1CZz09>

Meeting ID: 872 1689 4703 Passcode: 740101



## Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon (WITO)

Welcoming Immigrants to Oregon (WITO) is a Corvallis-based group of volunteers organized to support immigrants and refugees as they arrive in the Corvallis community. WITO collaborates with Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's SOAR Office and has been welcoming new families to Corvallis since 2008. Over the next several months, WITO is expecting to sponsor 3-4 families from Afghanistan. We've already welcomed two individuals and are expecting more soon. Donations are handled by Grace Lutheran Church. If you'd like to donate goods and services, or have any questions about making a donation of any kind, please contact Gordon Matzke, WITO member, 541-740-4540, [matzke@gmail.com](mailto:matzke@gmail.com).

Please make checks payable to: **Grace Lutheran Church**

Please add in the memo line: **WITO Fund**  
Checks can be sent, or delivered to:  
Grace Lutheran Church  
435 NW 21st St. Corvallis, OR 97330



## Advices & Queries – Home & Family Part 1

Live in the assurance that all are children of God.

Hospitality in the home is a vital force for spiritual nurture; it helps all family members learn to respond to that of God in everyone.

Know that a family may be made of single adults, of differing combinations of adults, or of adults and children, sharing a bond of love. Meeting provides an essential sense of family for those without families, including those made single after years of marriage or other life commitment.

We give home and family priority in our lives.

- *How do we make our homes places of friendliness, peace, and renewal, where Spirit is real for those who live there and those who visit?*
- *How do we maintain a climate of love and trust in our meeting which invites families to be open about their satisfactions and challenges?*
- *How do we keep commitments outside the home from encroaching on the time and loving attention the family needs for its health and well-being?*

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