

# CORVALLIS FRIENDS MEETING

## SIXTH MONTH (JUNE) 2025

### 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

#### **Sunday June 1**

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

**10 am Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse**

**3:00-5:00 pm Corvallis Interfaith Network “*Spiritual Conversations*” at our Friends Meetinghouse, with dessert potluck to follow.**

#### **Sunday June 8**

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

**10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom\* and Meetinghouse together**

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

#### **Sunday June 15**

**10 am Meeting for Worship**

**11:30 am Potluck lunch!**

#### **Sunday June 22**

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

**10:00 am Hybrid Meeting for Worship Zoom\* and Meetinghouse together**

**11:30 am Zoom** Theo Mace joins us to discuss NPYM joining FGC

#### **Sunday June 29**

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

**10 am Meeting for Worship at the Meetinghouse**

**11:20 am ARE: Quaker Education questions explored**

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**Silent Worship every Wednesday at 7 pm, Meetinghouse  
Second Hour programs will be announced in the Wednesday Digest**

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\*Join Zoom Meetings: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84281206597?pwd=L1hnbTBPcUp4RC9NSXdERUM3K3FrUT09>

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## Minutes for Corvallis Friends Meeting for Business

May 11, 2025

**Friends present:** Nancy Ewald, James S. Cox, Loreen Olufson, Dana V. Edwards, Jay Thatcher, Marybetts Sinclair, Georg Stahl, Abigail Stoughton, Carmen Brummet, Bob Burton, Craig Sanders (Clerk), Judith Boice, Ann Fuller (recording clerk), Bob Ward

### Good Order of Friends during Meeting for Business

The Quaker method for reaching decisions involves searching for the right corporate decisions and arriving at the "sense of the meeting" or unity. Friends seek divine guidance, are patient with each other, and are concerned for the good of the meeting as a whole. Friends allow adequate time for deliberate and prayerful consideration of the matter in hand. Friends attend meeting for business open to the leadings of the Spirit.

During the meeting, Friends speak briefly and to the point, express their own views, avoid refuting statements made by others, and credit purity of motive to all. Before speaking, Friends seek recognition from the clerk. It can be helpful to the meeting for Friends to speak directly to the clerk, and the clerk may request this. Friends hesitate to speak more than once on an issue. When someone has already stated a position satisfactorily, Friends need offer only a word or two expressing agreement.

NPYM Faith & Practice, 3rd ed. 2018: p.128

Meeting began in expectant silence

### Minutes from April 15, 2025 were approved.

### Willamette Quarterly Meeting Planning Committee report

Bob Ward reported that the Camp Lutherwood gathering was well attended, with 65 Friends, and very well organized and received high ratings from Friends who participated. In response to a Friend's question, he said that some registration funds were still coming in; expenses were less than expected, and it looks like it will come in under budget.

The committee will bring a proposal to the June meeting for business that a Quarterly Meeting for Business be reinstated in February, leaving the Spring gathering for community and state of society reports.

**Monthly Treasurer's Report** Bob Ward presented the monthly report since the Treasurer is travelling. He noted that rentals are covering the cost of maintaining the meetinghouse, and that cash reserves were up. Expenses reflected the fact that two electric bills were paid in April. **The treasurer's report (attached) was accepted.**

**Worship and Ministry** Carmen Brummet reported that Deepening Spiritual Connections will not be held in the summer months when attendance is usually lower, but will resume in the Fall.

**Adult Religious Exploration** Abigail reported that Quaker education will resume on the first Sunday in June with activities at the outdoor potlucks after meeting for worship.

**Pastoral Care** Abigail reported that the committee has been very active. She read the following report: Pastoral Care Committee is happy to agree with the Membership Committee for Laura Horsey. We find that she is well prepared: seasoned in the sauce of many meetings for worship, and has done diverse work

in our DIY religious body, including serving on Nominating Committee, as the Volunteer Coordinator of the Grounds Committee during which she oversaw the creation of our front perennial garden, and currently serves as the clerk of the Pastoral Care Committee.

She has searched for a spiritual home among several religious traditions, including Mormonism, mainline Protestant faiths, and Sufism. She has acquainted herself with the principal tenets of Quaker Faith and Practice and the expectations of membership. She is satisfied that it is time to request membership. We are delighted to ask the Meeting for Business to approve the membership request of Laura Horsey.

Approval will be held over to the next meeting for business in June.

### **Nominating Committee**

Kathy Miller reported that the committee has been meeting weekly and making calls to Friends. The list of nominations accompanied the report (attached) and will be held for seasoning until the June meeting for business, at which time it will be brought forward for approval. Any concerns can be brought to the committee: Kathy Miller, Craig Sanders and Susan Easton.

The work that is done to keep this meeting going is performed by the members and attenders of the Meeting who serve on committees, as officers, as volunteers, and in various other roles. The committee recognizes that Friends have other commitments and that we are not all equally available for service to the Meeting. We appreciate all of the people who have accepted positions this year during the nominations process.

The committee proposes that the position of "Meeting Records and Statistics Keeper," also called "Meeting Statistics Recorder," be re-named "Meeting Archivist." This more accurately represents what the person who fills this position does. They also propose to explicitly include responsibility for filing and keeping track of newsletters in the duties of this position, although item four in the description of this position in the Meeting User's Manual ("Make arrangements to care for other important records") might be supposed to include this responsibility implicitly.

Kathy noted that the vacant spot for printing and distributing copies of the Newsletter has been filled by Diane Madrigale and Ruth Johanna and James Cox said he was also willing to serve.

Bob Ward noted that his term as representative to the World Committee for Consultation has ended. Several Meetings has joined this vibrant group which facilitates interaction among Quaker worldwide, and Corvallis may want to do as well; this was held over to the next meeting for business. Jay Thatcher is willing to continue as representative to Western Friends. Bob Ward stated that he can bring news from FCNL, since he is the NYPM representative.

### **North Pacific Yearly Meeting**

Bob Ward reported that technical difficulties resulted in him being the only one from Willamette Quarterly who could attend the called meeting for business on May 10.

There was unity among Friends at that meeting that the yearly gathering be held at the University of Montana at Missoula in July. A Safety Committee was proposed to support trans and non-binary attenders, as well as any Friend acting in support. Unity was also reached on filing an amicus brief on behalf of NPYM to the judge who has declared an injunction on the federal rule to provide rest rooms for two genders only. Many ideas were brought to the called meeting to take action for resistance or for creative advocacy at the yearly meeting in responses to the University's stated policies.

Bob Burton reported on the proposal for NYPM to join Friends General Conference (FGC). No unity was reached at Quarterly. Several monthly meetings have joined individually and this is an option for Corvallis. A threshing session will be held in June. Friends shared their experience and the history of Iowa Yearly Meeting and the history of western Friends breaking away from FGC in the 1880s. The Weekly Digest will be including various relevant documents from NYPM on the issue.

**State of Society Report** was brought to the Quarterly Meeting and sent to NYPM. Bob Burton asked for approval since only some Friends were able to be included in its preparation. One Friend noted that the involvement of youth and children was a “positive spin” on our desire to include them, and another Friend suggested that in the future the report distinguish between aspirations and reality at present. **The report was approved.**

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**Peace, Justice and the Environment** Nancy Ewald brought two questions about Corvallis Meeting’s project to support the Southern Corvallis Food Bank. **The monthly collections of food and non-food items and the planned art sale to raise money for the food bank were approved as official Meeting projects.**

**Announcements** Marybetts Sinclair requested that anyone who has ferns to spare contribute them for the garden at the side of the meetinghouse.

**Next meeting for business** will be held on June 8, 2025.

Meeting ended in silent worship.

*Attachments:*

#### **Nominations Committee Report**

**The following nominations, submitted for seasoning to May Meeting for Business, with a few amendments will be considered for approval in the June Meeting for Business**

|                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Clerk</b>                       | Bob Burton  |
| <b>Associate Clerk</b>             | Carmen Brummet  |
| <b>Recording Clerk Team</b>        | Susan Easton, John Selker   |
| <b>Treasurer</b>                   | Wendy Robinson  |
| <b>Treasurer Assist Team</b>       | Bob Ward: treasurer backup<br>Esther Schiedel: check signer   |
| <b>Corporation Officers</b>        | Nina Joy Lawrence, Wendy Robinson,<br>Esther Schiedel, Lorena Reynolds  |
| <b>Ministry Committee</b>          | Wendy Robinson, Nina Joy Lawrence   |
| <b>Pastoral Care Committee</b>     | Laura Horsey, Abigail Stoughton, Loreen Olufson   |
| <b>Adult Religious Exploration</b> | Abigail Stoughton, Georg Stahl, Dana Edwards  |
| <b>Children and Youth Program</b>  | <b>Coordinator and ARE Liaison:</b> NinaJoy Lawrence<br><b>Volunteers:</b> Scott Smith, Esther Schiedel, Lou Glowacki |
| <b>House and Hospitality Team</b>  | Loreen Olufson, Kathy Miller, Marybetts Sinclair  |

**Groundskeeping**

**Joint Coordinators:** Kathy Miller & Abigail Stoughton  
**Volunteers:** Bob Henderson, James Cox, Gary Graupensperger, Ann Fuller, Mark Boyd, Ruth Johanna, Bill Metz, Lou Glowacki

**Major Meeting House Maintenance**

**Coordinator:** John Selker  
**Volunteers:** Gary Graupensperger, Bob Burton

**Meeting Room Heating**

**Coordinator:** Charles Kettenring  
**Apprentices:** Scott Smith, John Selker

**Meeting House Scheduler**

Jeff Kline

**Peace Justice and Env't**

**Coordinator:** Kathy Miller  
**Volunteers:** Ann Fuller, Georg Stahl, Bill Metz, John Selker

**Greeters Committee**

Abigail Stoughton, Dana Edwards, Susan Easton

**Outreach Coordinator**

Jay Thatcher

**Rides Coordinator**

Donna Gerry

**Library Committee**

Nancy Ewald, Craig Sanders, Carmen Brummet

**Communications:**

**Directory** Ann Fuller, Craig Sanders

**Mail Sorting** Wendy Robinson, Jay Thatcher

**Meeting Phone Keeper** Nancy Ewald

**Meeting Statistics Recorder** Craig Sanders

**Facebook Administrator** Laurie Childers

**Website** Pat Omidian

**Newsletter Editor** Laurie Childers

**Newsletter Backup** Craig Sanders, Susan Easton

**Newsletter Mailing** *[added later: Diane Madrigale and Larry Burton]*

**Wednesday Digest Editor** Bob Ward

**Wednesday Digest Backup** Craig Sanders

**Representation:**

**We Care** Judith Boice  
**Western Friend** Jay Thatcher  
**Corvallis Interfaith Group** Laurie Childers  
**Sustainability Coalition** Kathy Miller  
**Friends Committee on National Legislation** Bob Burton

**American Friends Service Committee** Pat Omidian

**North Pacific Yearly Meeting Coordinating Committee**  
Laurie Childers

**Willamette Quarterly Meeting**  
Bob Ward

**Friends World Committee for Consultation**  
*[under discussion]*

| Corvallis Friends Meting  |                     | Meeting for Business |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|
|   |                     | Sunday, May 11, 2025 |
| Bank Balances for April 2025<br>(substitue for Treasurers Report)                         |                     |                      |
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| <b>Main Checking</b>  | 4/30/2025           | \$10,184.32          |
|   | 3/31/2025           | \$9,787.57           |
|   | Increase (Decrease) | \$ 396.75            |
| Notes: Rent income ~\$700.00<br>Special expense PCC \$208.00<br>2 electric bills in April |                     |                      |
| <b>Savings</b>  | 4/30/2025           | \$8,977.42           |
|   | 3/31/2025           | \$8,977.05           |
|   | Increase (Decrease) | \$ 0.37              |
| <b>Total Cash Assets</b>  |                     | <b>\$ 19,161.74</b>  |
| POP Accoount  |                     |                      |
| <b>POP Accoount</b>   | 4/30/2025           | \$6,185.31           |
|   | 3/31/2025           | \$6,682.06           |
|   | Increase (Decrease) | \$ (496.75)          |
| <b>Refugee Account</b>  | 4/30/2025           | \$4,359.29           |
|   | 3/31/2025           | \$3,859.29           |
|   | Increase (Decrease) | \$ 500.00            |

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**Sunday June 1, 3:00-5:00 pm. Corvallis Interfaith Network “Spiritual Conversations” at our Friends Meetinghouse, with dessert potluck to follow.**

For the first time in a long time, Corvallis Friends Meeting will be welcoming the Corvallis Interfaith Network. We will have Sharing groups and dessert potluck, centered around a main teaching held in most religions of the world, **“Do unto others and you would have them do unto you.” or “Don’t do to others what you would not have done to you.”** We want to

bring in Friends testimonies and learn the way the Light may also be guiding others similarly. Please come to represent Friends and bring a dessert potluck dish.

Theme: *The Golden Rule Across Religions and Faiths*

Questions:

1. *How does the Golden Rule, or whatever is akin to it in your faith, play out in your lives?*
2. *How does the Golden Rule guide you in times of conflict or potential violence?*

Contact Nina Joy Lawrence, 541-231-2432

For information about CIN, contact Lynn Walker, [lynwwalker@gmail.com](mailto:lynwwalker@gmail.com)

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### **Adult Religious Exploration (ARE)**

Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, June 22, a second hour zoom threshing session about NPYM (North Pacific Yearly Meeting, of which Corvallis Friends Meeting is part) joining FGC (Friends General Conference), a nation-wide gathering of Quakers.

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### **NPYM news**

**Save the Date** and start planning: **July 9-13. NYPM** (North Pacific Yearly Meeting) **Annual Session: “Lift Your Voices and Sing Loud”** in Missoula, MT.

This is the annual gathering of Quakers from Washington, Oregon, parts of Montana and Idaho. *For full information and schedules, please see the website at: [as.npym.org](https://as.npym.org)*

Read the inspiring message from the NPYM Clerk and planning committee in the Full Announcements. Visit <https://sites.google.com/npym.org/annual-session?usp=sharing>

And...a welcome respite. The transphobic law that occupied Friends' concerns in May has been suspended indefinitely in the Montana Courts.

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### **In the Library: Quaker Quicks and Staff Picks**

Review by Carmen Brummet of  
*Holistic Mysticism: The Integrated Spiritual Path of the Quakers*

You may have read or noticed in the March-April issue of Western Friend an article by Amos Smith under the topic heading, Inward Light: Conversation Arts. Amos Smith also wrote a book in 2023, Holistic Mysticism: The Integrated Spiritual Path of the Quakers, which is now displayed on the Staff Picks table for you to peruse or check out.

This book also speaks to inward light: it is the feeling within of Divine Presence rather than belief or belonging systems, the sense of being gathered in union, all of our differences suspended, that makes Quaker mysticism unique. Interesting quotes and information are sprinkled throughout this contemplative book.

Did you know Virginia Woolf's aunt was Caroline Stephen, one of the most important Quaker theologians? Do you know who Emilia Fogelklou or Elida Vipont Foulds were?

"Do you have the patience to wait until the mud settles and the water is clear? Can you remain unmoving till the right action arises of itself?" (Lao-Tzu).

"Words can divide us, but silence brings us together." (Parker Palmer)

Holistic Mysticism provides historical context to the relevance of Quakers today.

It is the policy of the Library Committee, given our limited resources, not to buy books that are already owned by the Corvallis-Benton County Public Library unless they specifically concern Quakerism. Two books that were reviewed in the April Friends Journal will probably be of interest to some Friends, and we mention them here to encourage interested Friends to go to the library and check them out. These are: *Unsettled: American Jews and the Movement for Justice in Palestine*, by Oren Kroll-Zeldin; and *Safety Through Solidarity: A Radical Guide to Fighting Antisemitism*, by Shane Burley and Ben Lorber. The reviews can be found on the *Friends Journal* website.

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## **Every month on Third Sunday: HELP the FOOD BANK! HELP OUR NEIGHBORS EAT!**

At the May Meeting for Business, Friends embraced the commitment of CFM to help: At each Third Sunday potluck we'll focus on one type of item to collect. Please bring as much as you can each month —and if you can't come to potluck, bring your donations to the meetinghouse ahead of time and put them in the box in the fellowship room.

- **For June we are collecting toothpaste and toothbrushes.**

Here's what we'll focus on each month:

- June 15 —toothpaste & toothbrushes
- July 20 — shampoo & detergent
- August 17 — diapers (esp. large sizes 4, 5, 6, 7)
- September 21 — toothpaste & toothbrushes
- October 19 — shampoo & detergent
- November 16 — diapers (esp. large sizes)
- December 21 — toilet paper: *Let's outdo ourselves, and build a "toilet paper Xmas tree" like the one we did in 2011 that contained over 750 rolls!*

And we'll continue on into the New Year.

And...EVERY MONTH: The most basic staples, including potatoes and dried beans (pintos), are increasingly scarce. So bring them too, and put them in the box in the fellowship room.

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## Deepening Spiritual Connections

These discussions will resume in the autumn.

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### Advices & Queries – Equality

We treat every person with respect and love, based on our belief in the fundamental equality of all of humankind.

We examine ourselves as individuals and in our meeting communities to be sure that we are practicing the testimony of equality in reality and not just paying lip service to it.

We cherish those parts of the history of the Religious Society of Friends that show us opposing slavery and refusing to doff our hats to superiors. We also acknowledge that Friends are not perfect in treating all human beings with equal respect and that there is work yet to do, both among Friends and in the world, to achieve the vision of a social order based on the testimony of equality.

- Do we regularly examine ourselves for evidence of privilege and prejudice?
- What are we, as individuals and as a meeting community, doing to overcome the contemporary effects of past and present oppression?
- How do we avoid being drawn into violent reactions against those who are destructive of human dignity? Do we reach out to the violator as well as the violated with courage and love?
- How do we make our meeting open to all, regardless of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation and identity, or class?
- Is our meeting place physically accessible and welcoming to all?

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## **CFM Pastoral Care Committee and Worship and Ministry Committee**

The responsibilities of SCC have spanned everything from upholding our Quaker faith and practice to caring for Friends in need. From now on two committees, working in concert, will be able to dedicate their service more deeply to both.

**The Worship and Ministry Committee** was formed in July. It is responsible for nurturing the meeting for worship and the spiritual growth of individuals in the Meeting. The major activity this year will be the monthly meetings to Deepen the Spiritual Connections to the Meeting. In addition, W&M welcomes visitors in person and by letter, closes Meeting, chooses queries to be read on Third Sundays, and develops other events such as retreats, study groups, spiritual sharing groups and other similar activities. It is guided by the description of worship and ministry in Faith and Practice. The members of Worship and Ministry are:

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Carmen Brummet 541-753-7929

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**The Pastoral Care committee** was formed in July to take on some of the duties of the former Spiritual Care committee. Our scope includes organizing support for Friends at times of need, counseling and clearness, and assistance in times of transition and celebration – membership, deaths, weddings. We are guided by the description of pastoral care given in Faith and Practice, North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. As Clerk of Corvallis Friends Meeting Bob Burton participates directly in the PC committee. For concerns, please contact committee members:

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