

The Green Street Messenger



Green Street Monthly Meeting of Friends
45 West School House Lane

West Philadelphia Preparative Friends Meeting
1018 S 48th St (Squirrel Hill Apartment Bld.
Basement)
Philadelphia, PA 19143

First Day Meeting for Worship 10:30 AM
First Day School 10:30–11:15 AM
First Day Meeting for Worship at West Phila. Mtg. 1:30 PM
Wednesday morning Meeting for Worship 8:30–9:00 AM with GSFS
First Sunday evening Meeting for Worship 6:30–7:00 PM at Stapeley Hall
267-285-0553 / secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org Office hours: 9:45–12:45 Mon.–Fri.
For updates and more information: go to greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org

May 2017

Sunday, 7th 9:30 AM Breakfast with a Friend—Tim Wrona
Rise of Meeting 12:30 Coffee Hour— Sharon Mullally
Care & Counsel Committee Meeting

Saturday, May 13, Green Street Monthly Meeting Retreat. 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM
(Please see the About F/friends section)

Sunday, 14th 9:00 AM Second Sunday Forum - Deconstructing White Fragility
(Please see the About F/friends section)
Rise of Meeting 12:30 Coffee Hour—FDS, Chris Mohr and Cheryl McFadden

Saturday, 20th 6:00 PM Documentaries and Discussion Series, The Doctrine of
Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code
(Here at GSMM. Please see the About F/friends section)

Sunday, 21st Rise of Meeting 12:45 Lunch— Barbecue, Gabbreell James & Cheryl McFadden
Meeting for business

Sunday, 28th 9:15 AM Friendly Bible Study
Rise of Meeting 12:45 Coffee hour—Jim and Ryan Hood

Minutes of Monthly Meeting for Business Held Fourth Month 16, 2017

At Green Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Fourth Month 16, 2017: Business Meeting convened at 12:30 pm in prayerful silence.

17-04-01 The Clerk welcomed Friends, and thanked them for participating in today's meeting.

17-04-02 Friends reviewed and assented to the agenda.

17-04-03 Property Committee

Dan McDevitt, Clerk of the Property Committee, presented for consideration a proposal to start the design and expected implementation of four projects: 1) kitchen and basement bathroom renovation 2) ADA compliance for access to the Shoemaker Dining room 3) acoustic treatment in the dining room and 4) hearing assist.

Larry McEwan, an architect who has looked at these projects, spoke as well and supplemented the Clerk of the Property Committee's presentation.

The meeting is being asked to approve the following:

1. Quickly form a group of 5-8 community members who would meet intensively (at least once a week for two hours each) over the next four to six weeks, which would be tasked with interfacing with the designers as they complete their work. This group would have some decision making authority, but also be expected to report back to the meeting as consultation becomes necessary.
2. Approve that Larry start the survey and design phase, in order to draft documents that might eventually be used to bid the project. This would include having engineers examine the space and provide detailed proposals.

The Property Committee will be released to form the interface group and is expected to communicate clearly with the School administration, and the Meeting Trustees, as well as to present any progress and decisions to business meeting.

The Meeting approved.

17-04-04 Request for Sponsorship from Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting

Anthony DiGiovanni reported on The Shalom Center's event, "Sowing the Seeds of Transformative Leadership," which will be held on May 21st at Mishkan Shalom in Manayunk, and will honor the work of Bill McKibben, climate activist and cofounder of 350.org; Bishop Dwayne Royster, Political Director of PICO; and Sophia Wilansky a young anti-pipeline activist.

The Meeting is being asked to take one or more of these steps:

1. Sign on as a cosponsor and commit to helping promote the event through two emails to your list
2. Sponsor a young activist from our meeting for a dinner conversation with the three honorees
3. Publish a message in the Tribute Book

The Meeting did not support taking any of these steps.

A Friend raised a concern that we are in the process of laying down our Contributions to Others Committee, which has led to requests presently coming straight to business meeting without any prior discernment. Friends expressed that the Meeting should move to close the loop on the process

for handling the initial consideration of these types of requests. This concern will be discussed with the Clerk and brought to a future business meeting.

If a Young Friend would like to attend the event, there is a budget line to support ministry, which could be used to pay the amount requested.

17-04-05 EQAT

Walter Hjelt Sullivan reported on the Walk for Green Justice, which is the next step in EQAT's Power Local Green Jobs campaign. The walk will cover 100 miles over 14 days, and he encourages Meeting members to participate in or support the event in whatever way they can. For further details, go to the EQAT website www.eqat.org/walk

17-04-06 These minutes were approved.

17-04-08 Friends ended in worship

Meeting adjourned, agreeing to meet again at the appointed time on Fifth Month 21, 2017.

Anthony DiGiovanni, Acting Clerk
Blythe Davenport, Recording Clerk

Members present: Mina Baisch, Blythe Davenport, Anthony DiGiovanni, Jim Dragoni, Marjorie Felton, Dan McDevitt. Chris Mohr, Robin Mohr, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, William Van Stone, Margaret Walters.

Guest: Larry McEwen, Architect

Staff: Gail Woodbury, Secretary

About our F/friends

(News and announcements of concern to the Meeting)

Meeting for Worship at Stapeley on the first Sunday of the month.

Stapeley residents will happily welcome anyone who wants to join them in their meeting for worship at 6:30.

Saturday, May 13, Green Street Monthly Meeting Retreat. 11:30 AM – 8:00 PM

The Meeting Retreat will be held at Bryn Gweled Homestead, 1805 Meadow Rd, Southampton, PA 18966, USA (map) Bryn Gweled Homesteads. <http://www.bryngweled.org/> The Bryn Gweled Homestead is associated with Southampton Friends Meeting, and the home of Bob Dockhorn.

10:00 AM Gather for carpool at GSMM

11:30 AM Retreat starts

Simple catered lunch provided for all who arrive by 12:30

Intergenerational program of large and small group games and activities and opportunities to share our life stories together.

Grilled picnic potluck dinner starting at 5:00 PM. the Meeting will provide the grilled items and drinks. Everyone else is asked to bring their favorite picnic side.

Ending with a campfire and campfire treats. Singing?

Look for the registration form due out April 23

Sunday, May 14, 9:00 AM, the Second Sunday Forum, Deconstructing White Fragility

Co-facilitated by Cheryl McFadden and Walter Hjelt Sullivan

According to Dr. Robin DiAngelo, PhD, “White people in North America live in a social environment that protects and insulates them from race-based stress.” This reality has both personal and structural impacts on the ability of white people to talk about race and to work effectively for racial and social justice in our work environments and in the larger world. The practice of white fragility also creates a dominant cultural environment that people of color have to navigate daily.

In this interactive workshop we will investigate Professor DiAngelo’s model, look at the 6 social structures that she proposes support white fragility, and explore how these structures show in in our lives. We will discuss strategies for moving forward and ways that we can support each other in this work. It will be held here in the social room. *Childcare provided upon request.*

Saturday, May 20, Documentaries and Discussion Series, 6:00 PM, The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code

The Doctrine of Discovery unmasking The Domination Code ” created by filmmaker Sheldon Wolfchild. This film focuses on a little known subject traced back to Christopher Columbus’s so-called “discovery” of the lands now commonly known as “the Americas.” The “right of discovery” was adopted and used by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1823 in the case Johnson & Graham’s Lessee v. M’Intosh. The first Christian people to discover lands inhabited by non-Christians or “heathens” had asserted the “ultimate dominion” to be in themselves. On the basis of that religiously premised argument, the Supreme Court defined the land title of the Indians as a “mere right of occupancy.” The Christian power that claimed “ultimate dominion” could grant away the soil while yet in the possession of “heathens.” And this doctrine remains the Supreme Law of the Land in the United States.

Discussion following the documentary will be facilitated by Chief Dennis Coker (Lenape Tribe)

This event will be held at Green Street Monthly Meeting at 6:00 PM. *Free childcare, refreshments and parking are available. The event itself is also free.*

Walk for Green Justice

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(Please see more details immediately below.)

Monday, May 22, Walk for Green Jobs and Justice, Philadelphia City Hall (start)

From May 8 to 22, the Power Local Green Jobs campaign of Earth Quaker Action Team (EQAT) and POWER will embark on a 100 mile walk throughout PECO's service area to demand 20% local solar by 2025. Sign up to walk or join the big finish. **We're walking the final mile from Philadelphia City Hall to PECO at noon on May 22.** In each of five counties-Delaware, Chester, Montgomery, Bucks, and Philadelphia-walkers will move from the past to the future, from fossil fuel energy sites to green jobs training programs and solar installations. The Power Local Green Jobs campaign is working across communities to demand green jobs come to the high-unemployment areas where they are needed most. Learn details and sign up at www.eqat.org/walk

Share what’s happening at Green Street Meeting.

The Website Working Group is looking for photographs (with captions), descriptions of Meeting events, and short opinion pieces. We are happy to help with editing. Please submit to geniverm@yahoo.com. Items that you would like added to the Google calendar on our website should be submitted to the Meeting secretary at secretary@greenstreetfriendsmeeting.org.



The Fifth Query on Education

What is our Meeting's role in the life and support of Friends' education? If supporting or maintaining a Friends school, have we developed an appropriate relationship of Meeting and school? What is our role in the spiritual life of the school and its maintenance of Friends' principles?

What does our Meeting do to support education in the wider community?

What help do we provide for the children and adults in our Meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical, or vocational? Do we make provision for children in our Meeting to attend a Friends school?

How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Am I aware of what Friends schools are doing and of their plans for the future? How do I show encouragement and support?



Contact information and Events for major Quaker Organizations

[American Friends Service Committee | Quaker values in action](https://www.afsc.org/) <https://www.afsc.org/>

[Friends Committee on National Legislation](https://www.fcnl.org/) <https://www.fcnl.org/>

[Friends General Conference | Nurturing faith and Quaker practice](http://www.fgcquaker.org/) www.fgcquaker.org/

[Friends Journal: A Quaker magazine to connect and deepen spiritual ...](http://www.friendsjournal.org/) www.friendsjournal.org/

Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas ...fwccamericas.org/

Registration for the 2017 Section Meeting is now open.

[Philadelphia Yearly Meeting - Home](http://www.pym.org) www.pym.org

[Annual Sessions 2017, Faith Magnified](#)

July 26- 30, The College of New Jersey Ewing, NJ

Details: www.pym.org/annual-sessions

News and Announcements

Workshops and/or Short Courses at Pendle Hill

*The Pendle Hill website now lists one day events, weekends and weeklong events. Please call Pendle Hill at (610) 566-4507 or (800) 742-3150, ext. 3, **or go to pendlehill.org**. Matching scholarships are available; please call. For more information, please go to their website, pendlehill.org, or call.*

[Expanding Democracy in an Age of Polarization and Resistance Conference May 11-14](#). This conference is shaping up to be a powerful weekend—with an overall aim of learning from experienced front-line experts, to sharpen our analysis, hone our skills, and create ways to support each other in resisting further erosion of basic constitutional rights and expanding our nations' long-delayed promise of liberty and justice for all.

Middle School Friends at Camp Swatara, May 5-7, www.pym.org/event/middle-school-friends-camp-swatara-2017/?instance_id=428 or Tara Rubinstein, MiddleschoolFriends@pym.org

Young Friends at Camp Swatara, May 5-7:

www.pym.org/event/young-friends-camp-swatara-2017/?instance_id=689 or

Hannah Mayer, hmayer@pym.org

REsources and REnewal Retreat May 5-7

To honor, uplift and support the ministry of religious educators and spiritual nurturers, PYM's Children's Religious Life Program is collaborating with Melinda Wenner Bradley (NYYM) and Beth Collea (NEYM) to bring a retreat called REsources and REnewal to PYM. This weekend will give you

a chance to bask in your community of practice for some rest and renewal, to celebrate cutting-edge work emerging in PYM and beyond, and to sharpen some skills. Help us build the weekend you need it to be! Please fill out the brief survey indicating topics of greatest need and interest:

www.pym.org/children/workshop-survey

Details: Zachary Dutton, zdutton@pym.org or Meg Rose, mrose@pym.org

Friday, May 12, Peace building en las Americas, at Friends Center

Please join us for an evening at 7 PM to hear about the Peace building en las Américas Initiative of Friends Peace Teams with Monica Maher. The work focuses on the region known as the Triangle of Death - El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras - which has the highest homicide rates in the world, and on Colombia at this historic moment of the peace accords to end Latin America's longest-running civil war. Details & RSVP: www.pym.org/event/peacebuilding-en-las-americas/?instance_id=812

Looking ahead:

Extended Meeting for Worship Saturday, June 3, Chester Friends Meeting

Would you like to deepen your experience of Worship? Have you wished that Worship didn't end when the clock struck the hour? The Worship and Care Standing Committee and the Meeting on Worship and Ministry invite you to experience Extended Worship. Attend just a portion of the day or the full day. And remember to bring your lunch. All are welcome.

If you will need childcare, email us by Monday, May 22

Details: Lola Georg, lolageorg@gmail.com or

www.pym.org/event/2017-extended-meeting-for-worship-jun-3/?instance_id=319

Humor Corner: OK, is sharing things always good?

The newly appointed priest was being briefed by the housekeeper on problems in the rectory that required immediate attention. "Your roof needs repair, Father," she said. "Your water pressure is bad and your furnace is not working."

"Now, Mrs. Kelly," the priest allowed, "you've been the housekeeper here five years, and I've only been here a few days. Why not say our roof and our furnace?"

Several weeks later, when the pastor was meeting with the bishop and several other priests, Mrs. Kelly burst into the office, terribly upset. "Father, Father," she blurted, "there's a mouse in our room and it's under our bed!"

Quote Corner: "...our worship does not begin when we sit down together in our public assemblies, nor end when we leave them. The worship in spirit and in truth is in no way limited by time and place." *Caroline Stephen*

The **submission deadline** for the June newsletter is **9:30 AM on Friday, May 19.**