

THIS IS THE LAST STRAWBERRY CREEK NEWSLETTER (for awhile anyway)

STRAWBERRY CREEK MONTHLY MEETING
OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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NEWSLETTER

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In the future, under the Calendar tab of the Meeting's website, in addition to the standard calendar, there will be a monthly summary of upcoming Meeting events, similar to what you now see below:

SUNDAYS (ongoing)

10 a.m. Meeting for Worship is both onsite and on Zoom. *Details inside.*

5 p.m. Oakland Quaker Worship Group (at Peter Lin's house, see <http://oaklandquakers.org>)

(activities below via Zoom unless otherwise noted)

June 4 - Advices & Queries on Reaching Out, read aloud by Finance Committee

June 11 - 12:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business

June 18 - 12:30 p.m. 3rd Power Session: *title under construction*, with Power, Privilege & Race

June 25 - 12:30 p.m. Committee Sunday. *Check with your committee clerk for details.*

WEDNESDAYS (ongoing)

7 a.m. Mid-Week Morning Worship. For information, call Peter Lin 510-530-0479.

THURSDAYS (ongoing)

4 p.m. Twelve-Step Meeting (open to all). Contact facilitator Avotcja Jiltoniro 510-658-7995.

This issue contains several thoughtful articles about where our Meeting, and Quakers in general, are during these turbulent times, and what we are doing in response to changes around us.

Check out Nominating Committee's reflections (page 4), Power, Privilege, & Race Report (page 5), and Fox U's *Tradition & Transformation: Quakerism 400 Years after the Birth of George Fox* (page 9).

Strawberry Creek Sunday Worship

As usual we meet for worship at 10am Sunday morning and there are two ways to join us. One is in person at Berkeley Technology Academy. The other way is online via Zoom. Meeting's Zoom link (and online Guestbook) can be found at <http://www.strawberrycreekfriends.org>

Newcomers visiting in person are welcome to sign our hard copy Guestbook located onsite, and Zoom newcomers are invited to sign our online Guest Book.

On the first and third Sundays of the month, Meeting has Side by Side Sunday worship hours, when some folks gather in person at B-Tech and other folks gather on Zoom. Technology does not connect the two worship gatherings with each other.

On second and fourth Sundays of the month, our Meeting enjoys Blended (hybrid) worship when we all see/hear each other wherever we are!

The Meeting's online calendar reminds us which Sundays the two gatherings are blended: <https://www.strawberrycreekfriends.org/calendar>

Oakland Quaker Worship Group - Sundays
Sundays at 5pm the Oakland Quakers meet in person at the home of Peter Lin. Contact Peter or go to <http://oaklandquakers.org>

Berkeley Friends Meeting (BFM)
For more information about our sister Meeting in Berkeley which also has Sunday worship, see <http://www.berkeleyfriendsmeeting.org>

Western N.American Experiment w/Light
At 6:30pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month, the Western North American Experiment with Light group meets on Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6820730575>
For more information, contact Barbara Birch.

SCMM collective anti-racism efforts continue

Estimados Amigos/Dear Friends,
Please mark your calendars for the Third Sundays in June, July, and August from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm to further Strawberry Creek's corporate quest to become an actively anti-racist faith community. These dates are reserved for the next three adult education gatherings convened by Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee of Ministry and Worship.

June 18th will be the third and last session for the year on Power. July 16th and August 20th will be a two-part discussion of a reading. Power, Privilege, and Race is in the process of selecting a relatively short publication, likely a Quaker pamphlet, to focus our worship sharing. Community is power!

Feel free to contact Susan, Laura, Deborah, or Ragni with any thoughts, suggestions, or concerns. More information on the anti-racism quest may be found in the annual report in this Newsletter delivered by Power, Privilege, and Race to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business on May 14, 2023. Susan Burr (510) 684-3218, susanburr45@gmail.com

This (June) Newsletter is Last Issue!

This issue of the Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting newsletter will be the last (for awhile, until/unless in the future someone volunteers to serve as editor). In the meantime, the Meeting's website is stepping up to offer a rich bouquet of ways to provide much of the same information, simply in a different format.

Meeting for Business (M4B) minutes will continue to be made available online. As now, the *draft version* will be posted on the list serve by the Recording Clerk soon after Meeting for Business, and in plenty of time for your review to offer corrections at the next Meeting for Business. Thereafter, the final (corrected) version of the M4B minutes will be posted/archived on the Meeting's website.



PacYM Annual Session July 21-26

The theme of 2023 Pacific Yearly Annual Session is *Beloved Community Part II: Centering the Voices of the Next Generation*. It will be held both online and in person at Mount Madonna Center, Watsonville, from Friday July 21 - July 26 (Wednesday). The registration window will be shorter and earlier this year, and the requested contribution amounts will be a little higher. [Click here](#) for Pacific Yearly Meetings Clerk’s Call for full details, or contact Ragni Larsen-Orta, SCMM Representative to Pacific Yearly Meeting.



FGC Gathering 2023

**Western Oregon University,
Monmouth, Oregon
July 2 - 8, 2023**

An advance program is now available online. Find more information at [FGCgathering.org](https://fgcgathering.org) Or ask Michelle michelle.l.bellows@gmail.com Join Friends from across the continent at the 2023 FGC Gathering "Listen So That We May Live"! Experience a week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages at Western Oregon University in Monmouth, OR from July 2 - 8, 2023! There will also be livestreamed plenaries and Bible Half Hour online for those not in person. View the [Gathering Schedule](#) or read the [Advance Program](#)

Apartheid-Free Meetings 5pm Thurs June 8
Responding to Israeli Apartheid: How can we respond to the heartbreaking news from Palestine/Israel and deepen our commitment to a world free of institutional racism, state violence, and apartheid?

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Program Director Dov Baum will lead this Peace and Social Order Committee-sponsored interest group session. This workshop will present AFSC's new campaign "Apartheid-Free Communities", asking Meetings to commit to withdraw all our support of Israeli apartheid, military occupation, and settler colonialism. Register [HERE](#)



Quakers, Colonization, De-Colonization

The Friends Association for Higher Education (FAHE) is holding its 44th Annual Meeting at Haverford College, PA on June 12 -15, 2023. This hybrid meeting will have 50 presenters, representing eleven Turtle Island nations and ten colleges/universities. For more information, go <https://quakerfahe.com/category/annual-conference>

Immigrant Accompaniment Team GoFundMe Strawberry Creek Friends and Berkeley Friends Meeting jointly serve on an Accompaniment Team to assist families from other countries who are being supported by the Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity. Contact David Rutschman or go to www.gofundme.com/f/help-Mohammad-save-five-lives



*Nominating Committee's Reflections on
the Advice and Queries for
The Meeting Community*

The Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee met on March 15th for spirit-led worship-sharing on the topic of the Meeting Community, using the Advices and Queries from Pacific Yearly Meeting Faith & Practice. Here is a summary of the thoughts expressed by committee members.

At first consideration, these Advices and Queries on Meeting Community seem to come from another world and time. The Meeting Community has been damaged and fractured by the pandemic. The Advices and Queries may seem irrelevant given the challenges Strawberry Creek Meeting is facing right now.

Right now, there is the apparent division into two preferences, one for on-line worship and the other still wanting to worship face-to-face in a comfortable location. It's a sad time for us since we can't easily visit one another in our homes. The difficult emotions that this issue is bringing out make us feel anxious.

Still, we meet together and will continue to meet together in new ways, including Zoom, which allow people who are far apart or cannot join in person to join us in Meeting. It's time for us to seek ways to rebuild our relationships and connections and become closer to one another again.

Quaker Meetings have been in transition from one way of being together to another way since the time of George Fox. Right now, there are quandaries about the future of our Meeting in terms of demographics, location, and structure.

We may need to focus on the main things like our sense of Spirit in Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Business.

Another issue is that in more recent years we have not been attracting new younger folks and families. They may come but they don't stick, because they have other things going on in their lives. We would love to see Strawberry Creek reach out and bring in the next generation. We don't necessarily have ideas on how to do that.

We seem to be at a low capacity to help one another because there are so many people to help. Most of us have other communities that we are part of, they also need help and support, and our ability to help is finite.

We find that service on Nominating Committee allows us to incorporate most of the queries (inclusivity, caring for others, forgiveness, affirming love, unity, listening, sensitivity to personal needs and difficulties, visiting and keeping in touch) into our lives. Nominating Committee brings all these issues to the front. (For some of us Meeting for Business doesn't always bring these to the front because we feel impatient and have difficulty with sitting still throughout.)

All these things (in the queries) are great things to do and it might be good to make a little scorecard to evaluate our behavior. It takes time to do things right and we need to learn to forgive ourselves and others throughout.

Unity and community are closely related. We strive to belong to each other. Listening is the heart of the community. We all share in the care of one another, and should listen to one another closely beyond words. We are all brought here together in a covenant because of our relationship with Spirit and we can only have faith that Spirit will bring us through this difficult time with the heart of our community intact.

**Report to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, 5/14/23
Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee of
Worship and Ministry Committee**

The purposes of Power, Privilege and Race Subcommittee are outlined in the job description:

- To open eyes and hearts to issues of power, privilege (including white privilege), and race, which are complex, entrenched, part of the “air we breathe” in U.S. society.
- To examine the ways in which Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting (SCMM) may not be welcoming to all and to open ourselves to change.
- To recognize and acknowledge structural racism and the ways it diminishes [everyone’s] lives, interferes with our relationships, and encumbers [everyone’s] spirits.
- To encourage Spirit-led internal transformation.
- To embrace the need to address systemic/institutional racism both within our community and the wider community and to take action on this concern.

The job description states also that Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee will bring a report to Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business at least annually. This report covers the subcommittee’s work during the twelve months since our last periodic report presented on May 15, 2022.

This has been a year of multiple “series”!

Meeting-wide evaluation of our “Accountability Prompt and Query” regarding anti-racism initially approved on a trial basis on August 15, 2021. Process undertaken from May – November 2022.

Starting in May of 2022, we began a meeting-wide discernment regarding our practice of using a prompt and query for accountability to

our “Minute on Engagement to Uproot and Dismantle Racism in Strawberry Creek Meeting”. At the request of Meeting Clerk, some committees provided written descriptions of their experience using the prompt and query, excerpts from which were shared at Meeting for Business. Meeting for Business requested that Power, Privilege, and Race consider comments made at Meetings for Business, reflections from the full committee reports, and feedback from individuals and bring back recommendations for consideration by the community as a whole to discern how to proceed.

Power, Privilege, and Race’s “Report & Recommendations” was approved on 11/13/22 to continue using the anti-racism Accountability Prompt and Query in Meetings for Worship on the Occasion of Business for another year as follows: “We are reminded to consider how our work (and our decisions) today support Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community”, and “How did our work (and our decisions) today support SCMM in becoming an actively antiracist faith community?”

The approved recommendations also encourage all committees to incorporate reading the full “Minute to Uproot and Dismantle Racism” periodically and using the Query with time for reflection. Feedback from Friends to the subcommittee is always welcome. We will re-evaluate again in one year, the fall of 2023.

Book Study Series. June, July, August 2022.

Last summer, Power, Privilege and Race Subcommittee gathered Friends together to bring to light the history of inequality in our religious society through visiting/revisiting the offerings of *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice* by Donna Mc Daniel and Vanessa Julye. This groundbreaking and extensive work (300+ pages) gave rise to greater awareness and the need for continued growth.

A representative sample of participant comments across the three sessions is:

- "Appreciate reading the quotes together. Chagrined to say I need to be spoon-fed the history. The Friends' cultural hubris is mind boggling."
- "I have to face my addiction to not seeing this because I'm White. Quakers who are well-meaning are part of the problem. We don't deal with discomfort well."
- "This is spiritual work integral to our testimonies and our witness."

Exploring Power: A 3-part Power series.

So far, two sessions have been held on "Power". Quoting our invitation to the first session, "Barrington Dunbar, a Quaker of African descent who led North American Quakers on concerns of racial power in the 1960s, said in a *Friends Journal* article: "We need to nurture the Inner Light — the source of the phenomenal power of eighteenth-century Quakers. 'Quaker Power' can be as effective as 'Black Power' in speeding up revolutionary changes."

The November 20, 2022, session, "Exploring Power", highlighted the distinction between "power over", an oppressive exercise of one person or institution over others who are often perceived as less important, and "power with", a non-hierarchical form of sharing power through negotiation, cooperation, and mutual learning that refrains from exerting power through violence or coercion. We are working to illuminate and dismantle White, European, middle-class norms that are often unconscious and enforced through subtle, unspoken codes, so that we may grow more fully into the positive aspects of power, "the power of the Holy Spirit".

The second session, March 19, 2023, was called "Who Has the Power?" and addressed the presence of unnamed rules in our Meeting spaces, which perpetuate unclear, controlling practices over newer, more quiet, less

established, and different ways of bringing more light into our midst. The impetus for this approach to power came to us through reflections on an online offering by the Quaker Theological Discussion Group, which several Friends from Strawberry Creek had attended. Our queries and discussion focused on how to recognize and transform Strawberry Creek processes to be knowable by -- and inclusive of -- us all. One Friend reflected: "I was speaking to another person who participated, and we both thought this was an especially good session with people taking risks to say what they honestly felt."

The third session is scheduled for June, 6/18/23. We invite Friends to gather to continue to labor with power.

The Doctrine of Christian Discovery: a 3-part series

Power, Privilege, and Race extends our appreciation to Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee for their continuing leadership on this topic and to the Pacific Yearly Meeting's Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee of Ministry Committee for bringing it to our Meeting's attention.

On January 15, 2023, Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee, assisted by Power, Privilege, and Race, presented the first session's film, *The Doctrine of Discovery: Unmasking the Domination Code* by Steven T. Newcombe (Shawnee, Lenape).

The Doctrine of Discovery underlies the justification since 1493 for the seizure of lands of Indigenous Peoples in North America – and throughout the world – on the basis that they are not Christian, and therefore have/had no rights, and could be displaced, enslaved, and killed. It is the foundation of land ownership "rights" and undergirds all U.S Indian Law. Therefore, the oppression of the Doctrine of Christian Discovery continues unabated.

The series continued on April 2, 2023, with the film *Doctrine of Discovery: In the Name of Christ* by the Mennonite Creation Care Network. Our exploration focused on how another Historical Peace Church is uncovering and examining its involvement in genocide against indigenous peoples worldwide and to consider the parallels with the Religious Society of Friends.

The third session in the series is scheduled for June 4, 2023. It will focus on how to build right relationship with indigenous peoples.

Black Quaker Lives Matter Film Festival & Forum. February, March, April 2023.

The BlackQuaker Project reached out to Power, Privilege, and Race to ask for our support in engaging Strawberry Creek and other Friends to participate in the free 2023 Black Quaker Lives Matter Film Festival & Forum. The 5-film series took place over eleven weeks, including Black History Month, and brought Friends together from across the globe.

One Friend expressed appreciation for The BlackQuaker Project website as an ongoing resource. “It’s awesome! My newest discovery is the *Quakers of Color International Archive* in-depth video interviews.”

2023 Subcommittee Reflections.

- Power, Privilege and Race voices our gratitude for the efforts of the Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting community to uproot and dismantle racism.
- We broadened our work this year, coordinating efforts with Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness Committee, Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Indigenous Concerns Subcommittee, and The BlackQuaker Project.
- We recognized the importance of utilizing resources beyond SCMM to expand understanding.

- All our work during the last 12 months has been part of a series rather than “single topic” sessions.
- The number of Friends participating in our sessions is down somewhat. [post report addition: session attendance ranged from 17-25.]
- Planning the sessions on Power was “surprisingly tough” and required repeated meetings for thinking, discussing, and laboring among subcommittee members.
- The idea of perfection is part and parcel of white supremacist judgment and important to root out as part of exclusionary power of racial and class privilege.
- Friends may have noticed that I keep saying Power, Privilege, and Race instead of shortening it to an acronym. We have learned this year from various sources and efforts that acronyms are not only exclusionary, but they also weaken the power of the chosen words. Where possible, we ask all of us to consider ending the longstanding use of acronyms in our speech as not welcoming.
- We have heard from one Friend who has stopped coming to Meeting because of the repeated use of the Antiracism Prompt and Query. We are seasoning this and may have recommendations in the future.
- It’s worth reiterating that our subcommittee invites feedback.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Burr, clerk. Ragni Larsen-Orta,
Laura Magnani, Deborah Marks



Tradition & Transformation: Quakerism 400 Years after the Birth of George Fox [Excerpt]

The year 2024 marks 400 years since the birth of George Fox, whose words and actions brought together many in seventeenth-century England who were already searching for a deeper and more meaningful spiritual community than they experienced in the Church of England of their day, catalyzing what came to be the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Through recovering what they thought to be the original message of Jesus' life and ministry, and through emphasizing a direct experience of the Divine, early Friends—as late and radical participants in the Reformation—sought to reclaim what they understood as the core of the Christian tradition, transforming what they viewed as its tired forms and rigid hierarchies.

Our own time appears to be a similar inflection point. Many people are becoming disillusioned with the church, as evidenced by a decline in membership and the closing of many houses of worship, including Friends meetings. At the same time, many congregations are expanding their numbers by espousing ideologies of Christian nationalism, authoritarian leadership styles, discrimination, and xenophobia. A growing number of people are recognizing that current social, political, and economic systems do not work if we would like to continue to inhabit a planet with livable temperatures and climate, but prevailing systems of unlimited growth, human and resource exploitation, and competitive national politics are difficult to redirect.

What can we draw from the Quaker tradition that can help us navigate the twenty-first century and beyond? What transformations does the Friends movement need to make in order to overcome and heal ways in which the denomination has participated in harmful practices and systems? What have Friends learned over the last four centuries that needs to be continued, reignited, or nurtured? In what ways has the movement built up forms that need to be broken down? In what ways have Friends traditions interacted with a variety of cultures that have expanded and transformed what it means to be Quaker in meaningful ways? What are current and future growth areas for Friends? *Consider these queries as you imagine what you might have to contribute to this conversation around tradition and transformation in Quakerism.*

The Quaker Theological Discussion Group (QTDG) will hold two virtual panels **December 1–2, 2023** on the topic, “Tradition & Transformation: Quakerism 400 Years after the Birth of George Fox.” We invite Friends (and anyone with interest) to offer presentations on the topic described above. To contribute a presentation proposal, please submit your topic and around 250 words describing what you would be sharing about. Please send submissions to both Cherice Bock cbock@georgefox.edu & Christy Randazzo danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com Submissions are encouraged by **August 1, 2023**. Submitted by Christy Randazzo, PhD (*They/Them*) danchristy.randazzo@gmail.com or (443) 831-2034

Note: Panelists may be invited to share their presentations as papers in *Quaker Religious Thought (QRT)*, published by the George Fox University Digital Commons. George Fox University is a private Christian university in Newberg, Oregon. Founded as a school for Quakers in 1891, it is now the largest private university in Oregon with more than 4,000 students combined between its main campus in Newberg, its centers in Portland, and Redmond, and online. U.S. News & World Report released its Best Colleges list for 2022-2023, where GW ranked No. 62 in the nation. The Digital Commons is a service of the George Fox University Library.

Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting
Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business
May 14, 2023, draft minutes

For review and approval at the June 2023, Meeting for Business

Meeting for Business opened at 12:30 p.m. by settling into worship on Zoom. Beth Wrightson clerked the meeting. 24 Friends were present.

Philippa Barron shared the Nominating Committee's responses to Advices and Queries on The Meeting Community. Friends expressed appreciation and requested that the notes be shared on groups.io.

The Clerk reviewed the agenda, which was first posted by the Recording Clerk to groups.io on May 13, 2023.

The Recording Clerk then read the April 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Prompt: The Clerk read the prompt: "We are reminded to consider how our work and decisions today support SCMM in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community."

Correspondence and Clerk's Business

- The clerk requested that we hold the facilities and tech committees in the Light, with appreciation for their behind-the-scenes labor. We settled into worship for that purpose.
- From early June through August, we will not have the use of the art room or the parking lot at B-Tech. The Children's Program supplies will have to be moved, and the Clerk will be requesting assistance when she knows the date.
- Catya de Neergaard has requested to lay down her membership. Chris Hogness spoke with her on behalf of the Care of Meeting Committee. The Clerk is preparing a letter. We held her in the Light during a moment of silence to mark this transition.
- Dann Naseemullah is asking that his membership be transferred to Hampstead Meeting in London. Care of the Meeting Committee will contact Dan and report back to us.
- Endorsement of Lari Keeler's chaplaincy was minuted in 2018, but the letter sent to their employer on their behalf has been misplaced. The Clerk read the replacement letter that Worship and Ministry composed. Noting that the letter promises that we will receive annual reports from Lari, Beth will ensure that we begin to invite those reports from all the chaplains in our membership.
- Kat Stenstat and Laura Boles have also requested the Meeting's endorsement for their chaplaincy. When the recommendation is received from Worship and Ministry and Care of the Meeting, the Clerk will write those letters, send them to Association of Professional Chaplains, and share them with the community.
- A letter, with a donation, came from Gretchen Mueller in thanks for Kris Mueller's memorial service.
- Beth read the thank you letter we received from the Berkeley Food Pantry.
- We have a Board Meeting immediately following this business meeting. Members of the Corporation are requested to stay.

Old Business:

Nominating Committee (Susan Black) 2023-24 nominations are nearly complete. The slate, circulated via groups.io, was approved. At Ragni Larsen-Orta's request, her name was removed as volunteer coordinator of the Facilities committee, though she will continue to solicit volunteers for setup.

New Business:

Nominating Committee (Susan Black) Elizabeth Strain was nominated to the events committee. That addition will be seasoned for a month before being brought before the community for a decision in June.

Reports

Communications Committee (Sarah Hawthorne)

Library: We have had no Librarian for the last four years - Nancy Wilkinson has agreed to handle our group Western Friend subscriptions for this year due to her experience with Western Friend. Rachel Findley will periodically announce reading materials she recommends to nurture our Quaker values.

Newsletter: No one has volunteered to serve as editor, so June will be last issue of the newsletter at least for awhile. In the Spring of 2024, if these two positions remain vacant, it's likely that Communications Committee will be coming to Meeting for Business with a recommendation that they be laid down, and that certain duties (like handling Western Friend subscriptions) be permanently reassigned elsewhere. The new website will fill in many of the gaps:

Meeting for Business minutes: The draft version will continue to be posted on our list serve soon after Meeting for Business, for the convenience of those who want to review and offer corrections at the next Meeting for Business. The final, approved version will then be made available on our website. This is an improvement since most of us now never see the corrected Meeting for Business minutes.

Calendar: We are adding a new feature to our Calendar webpage that looks like the newsletter's front page/cover sheet summarizing the month's upcoming events. Entries on the calendar, when clicked on, will contain a description in more detail, if such a description is provided to the web coordinator. Community webpage now features a section on individuals, including the Memorial brochure for those who have passed. (We are still trying to find the electronic version of the memorial brochures for Barbara Graves, Dee Rossman, Stephanie Kennedy, and Tim Saunders. We have the text for Sandra Lewis's but not the final brochure format with photo. If you have those brochures, please speak to Sarah Hawthorne.)

Power, Privilege, and Race Subcommittee (Susan Burr) shared the subcommittee's yearly report outlining the committee's extensive work and some reflections. Highlights include several series of workshops and movies. Of note was their collaboration with Peace, Earthcare, and Social Witness on the Doctrine of Discovery. The committee's report was circulated via groups.io on May 15th.

Care of the Meeting Committee (Chris Hogness). There are funds available to attend Quaker events, such as College Park Quarterly and Pacific Yearly Meetings. A special contribution of \$800 has also been made toward the cost of Friends General Conference for Friends who wish to attend. Care of the Meeting Committee and Communications Committee are collaborating to improve our record keeping and archives. The Revisioning Committee (Charlie Blanchard, Elizabeth Strain, Beth Wrightson, and Paul Jolly) has nearly completed conversations with committee clerks, and is moving into the distillation phase of its work.

Query: The Clerk invited us to contemplate the query: "How did our work and our decisions today support us in becoming an actively anti-racist faith community?" A period of worship followed. Several Friends responded with gratitude for the opportunity to grow.

Announcements

The next Meeting for Business will be June 11th at 12:30 p.m. on the Meeting's Zoom.

- There is a deadline of June 1st for Friends to ask for funds for PacYM or FGC registration and travel.
- Community Sharing Fund (Larry Strain) hosted a listening session on the fund. A report will be given at the June business meeting.
- Elizabeth Strain is coordinating an informal group of people providing coffee for after-Meeting fellowship. If you want to volunteer, contact Elizabeth.
- PacYM (Ragni Larsen-Orta) registration starts May 15th. July 21-26 at Mount Madonna near Watsonville.
- Meeting settled into worship and closed at 2:19 p.m.

Beth Wrightson, Clerk; Elaine Emily, Alternate Clerk; Paul Jolly Recording Clerk