

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2019



Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)

All are welcome

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Avenue
Decatur, GA 30030

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL – September 2019

Adult First Day School will continue discussing the book *Everyday Spiritual Practices* on September 1 and September 8. On September 15, visiting Quaker George Lakey will be speaking about his life, work and new book, *How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action*. Adult First Day School meets from 9:00 am to 9:50 am in the library.

On October 6, Adult First Day School will, as usual on the first Sunday of the month, listen to how a Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to this meeting, what led them to become a member or not, and what they believe now. We call these stories of spiritual journeys, stories where Friends describe their understanding of God and religion in their life.

In August, Woody Woodall shared his Spiritual Journey. You can read a written version at <https://tinyurl.com/yxz8g3ue>. You can also listen to the Spiritual Journey of Carolyn Manley (who is currently in hospice), originally heard in 2012 at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y4jcwcf7>.

QUERY FOR SEPTEMBER

How are visitors to our Meeting
made to feel welcome?

– Tampa Monthly Meeting

AN INTRODUCTION TO OUR 2019 – 2020 QUAKER VOLUNTARY SERVICE FELLOWS



Olivia Atlee-Loudon grew up immersed in Quaker Spirituality, attending Quaker School as well as a Quaker summer camp. She is very excited about the opportunity to be involved in work that she finds to be valuable and makes a contribution to social justice. Her parents' work with Quaker agencies took Olivia's family to Central America, where she lived in Honduras for one year and in Nicaragua for seven years. This experience strengthened her passion for social justice and deepened her understanding of privilege. Olivia recently graduated from Aquinas College in Michigan with a Bachelors degree in Spanish. Since graduating, Olivia has been substitute teaching and working at a head start program for children of migrant farm workers. Olivia is looking forward to being a part of an intentional community and reconnecting with her Quaker roots. She is excited to be working with [9to5](#) in Atlanta.



Nick Byers is devoted to exploring and amplifying the intersections of cultural critique, artistic practice, and racial justice. He hails from San Francisco, California, and is an ardent supporter of harm reduction and restorative justice in the Bay Area and beyond. At Wesleyan University, he completed a multi-disciplinary major focusing on social theory, government, history and economics, and wrote a thesis exploring the nuances of rap music, informed by recent developments in critical Black theory. He plans to continue to work on this manuscript in a comparative literature program, and also hopes to one day open a

community center devoted to hip-hop culture, youth development and racial justice. You can find him on twitter [@bybybyers](#) or via email at vilabyers@gmail.com. He'll be working with [The Southern Center for Human Rights](#) during the 2019-2020 QVS year.

Jillian Eller grew up in State College, Pennsylvania. She is a recent graduate from Temple University with a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Environmental Studies with a minor in Geography and Urban Studies and a certificate in GIS. Her passion for environmental concern is rooted in her upbringing both physically and spiritually. As a child growing up in rural Pennsylvania, Jillian connected with nature everyday. As a Wiccan, her spiritual practices revolve around the earth and its seasonal ebbs and flows. During her undergraduate career, she worked as a research assistant on a project which aimed to explore neighborhood change and recent green space development in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was also a very active member and president of an undergraduate association for the program she studied in. The nexus of personal, spiritual, and academic discourse surrounding the environment has led Jillian to participate in social justice with an environmental lens. During her year with the Quaker Voluntary Service, Jillian will work with the [Sierra Club Georgia Chapter](#) in Atlanta, Georgia.



Kirsten Fagin is a spiritualist from Atlanta, Georgia. She currently works as the Evening Program coordinator for Camp Meriwether. Kirsten's passions are wide in range, from doing community work to reading tarot for clients and community. She finds that spending time in nature and nurturing those closest to her bring her comfort. This year you can find Kirsten at [Friends School Atlanta](#)! She's very excited to start working closely with the school and faculty!



Istra Fuhrmann grew up in Denton, Texas where she was passionate about combating fracking and air pollution via community mobilization and environmental education. She is a recent graduate of Swarthmore College, majoring in Mandarin Chinese and Political Science. During a semester with Middlebury in Kunming, China, she wrote a Mandarin-language thesis on the disproportionately rural and minority “involuntary migrants” displaced in Southwest China. In addition to languages, she also loves all birds, music, and exploring urban and nature environments. Most recently, she served at Sanctuary for Families’

Anti-Trafficking Initiative working on legal services and social services for trafficking survivors. This year, she will be working with the [Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence](#) (Justice for Incarcerated Survivors Project). She is excited to begin exploring Quaker spirituality and to see how she can support local activism for racial justice, economic justice and women/queer rights.

Linnea Halsten is a fresh graduate from Oberlin College and is originally from Madison, Wisconsin. As a Religion and Environmental Studies major, she is interested in taking a holistic and community centered approach to social justice issues. Linnea participated in varsity Track and Cross Country in college where she found a supportive and dynamic family in her team. Linnea was a Barefoot Dialogue Facilitator where she found power in being a part of vulnerable dialogue centered around seeking meaning over agreement. She cultivated community leading the Buddhist Fellowship on her campus within the format of Thich Nhat Hanh's Zen Buddhist tradition and being a four year member of Oberlin Student Cooperative Association. Currently, Linnea holds roots in Zen Buddhist practice but is actively spiritually exploring. She is excited to be working with the [Partnership for Southern Equity](#) this year where she will be assisting in the Just Growth program.



Erin Hazlett-Norman calls the red clay and bluegrass of Durham, North Carolina home. They recently graduated from Bates College with a degree in Environment and Human Culture and minors in Spanish and Gender & Sexuality Studies. Erin was a lifer at Carolina Friends School, growing up with a foot in both the Quaker and Unitarian Universalist communities and a heart steeped in Southern gospel and Appalachian folk music. They love to dance, stargaze, and show their love for people by cooking them good food. Erin is passionate about queer liberation and food sovereignty in the South and has been profoundly

impacted by their involvement in agricultural justice work with North Carolina-based Student Action with Farmworkers and tuition equity and immigrant rights work both on and off campus with Bates Student Action. They have found nurturing community working as a counselor and kitchen manager at Shiloh Quaker Camp and among fellow student organizers at Bates. Erin is thrilled to be returning to the South after four years away and is excited to join the [ACLU of Georgia](#) as a voting rights organizer in Atlanta.

Arron Luo majored in American Studies and minored in East Asian Studies at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. There, he has worked at the dining hall as a student worker, in various departments and offices as an assistant, and for the Office of Community Service as a food rescue program coordinator. He studied abroad in Beijing, China in his junior year. Throughout college, he has been active in minority student communities and invested in conversations around race, class, and diversity & inclusion. Since graduating in 2018, Arron has been a residential camp counselor for



middle and high school students in Pennsylvania; a rider in the Fuller Center Bicycle Adventure supporting the Georgia-based Fuller Center for Housing; a GNC store manager in his home state of New York; and a volunteer English teacher for indigenous youth in Nantou, Taiwan. In his free time, he likes to read, ride his bike, and practice performance arts like juggling or poi. While he grew up attending a nondenominational church founded by and for Chinese immigrant families and Chinese international students, Arron is altogether new to Quakerism. He looks forward to growing in spirituality and community with other QVS fellows and his site placement, [L'Arche Atlanta](#), in the upcoming year.

BOOK REVIEW: *Lighting the Fires of Freedom*

***Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement*, by Janet Dewart Bell. 2018, The New Press. www.thenewpress.com.**

Book Review by Karen Morris

I really enjoyed the book, *Lighting the Fires of Freedom*, with its vignettes of 9 women whose activities during the civil rights movement were significant, but whose lives have remained largely invisible to the public. Janet Dewart Bell wrote this book to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights act of 1968. Readers meet Leah Chase, June Jackson Christmas, Aileen Hernandez, Diane Nash, Judy Richardson, Kathleen Cleaver, Gay McDougall, Gloria Richardson, and Myrlie Evers. Bell uses the women's own words to describe their activities and place in history. According to the book jacket, "*Lighting the Fires of Freedom* offers these deeply personal and intimate accounts of extraordinary struggles for justice that resulted in profound social change, stories that are vital and relevant today."

A social justice advocate herself, Bell grew up in Erie PA, daughter of Willie Mae Brooks Neal, a local community leader, who supported Bell's activism in civil rights beginning in 1966. Janet Dewart Bell was married to Derrick Bell, lawyer and scholar known for his writings on critical race theory. After Derrick Bell's death, she founded the Derrick Bell Lecture on Race in American Society series.

I encourage you to read about the inspiring African American women in Bell's *Lighting the Fires of Freedom: African American Women in the Civil Rights Movement*. You can find a copy in the Atlanta Friends Meeting library and also in the Atlanta-Fulton and the DeKalb County library systems.

NEW AFM DIRECTORY COMING SOON

Want to be included in the AFM directory? Please send your name, mailing address, email and telephone contacts (home and/or mobile), plus partner name if also an attender, to afmdirectory@gmail.com.

Already in the directory? Please make corrections in the copy on the greeting table or send to the address above.

New feature this year: if you can attach a photo of yourself 1"x1" .jpg file, preferably in black and white, future versions will allow us to attach faces to names.

RSVP by Sept 30.

A REPORT FROM SUMMER FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Summer First Day School classes are combined, with members of the meeting's committees sharing with the kindergarten and elementary students something about their work in the meeting. I spent a Sunday morning talking with eight upper elementary students from our meeting, from the Macon worship group and from the Hong Kong Monthly meeting, telling them a little about what a newsletter is and asking them a few questions so I could bring back a report from First Day School for the Newsletter. I had planned to ask them to tell me about First Day School; since most of them were visiting from other meetings, instead I asked them about what we do in meeting for worship.

Thinking was the answer, thinking about:

- God
- (random) stuff
- happiness
- sadness
- the Light

And we do this:

- to talk to God
- to sit with feelings
- to feel peace
- to enjoy others in meeting
- to be alone

WANT TO BE A QUAKER MENTOR AT FRIENDS SCHOOL OF ATLANTA?

Are you a Meeting member or regular attender? Have you been looking for a way to get involved with the Friends School of Atlanta? This might be for you! Fourth grade teacher, Hannah, is looking for volunteer mentors for her students for the school year 2019-2020. Please contact her if you are interested or have questions: ellwoodh@friendsschoolatlanta.org

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR BOOK GROUP — Thursday September 5

The book group reading works by and about people of color will meet again on September 5 at 1:30 in the Meetinghouse library. The focus is poetry! Please bring a poem to read and share. Please also bring some biographical information about the poet. The book for October 3 is *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong.

The guidelines we have developed for the group are: We meet monthly, except in July. We read only works by and about people of color. We devote one month to poetry, two to non-fiction and the rest to fiction. Everyone is welcome. Everyone is encouraged to suggest works to read (and then lead the discussion!). So far, we have read classics, lesser known authors and emerging contemporary writers. Possibilities for future months include works by Toni Morrison, Zora Neale Hurston, Richard Wright, Claude Brown, Ann Petry, Justin Torres, Colson Whitehead, and more. For questions, or a copy of our book list to date, contact Karen Morris (karenth.1415@gmail.com) or Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net).

ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT BASIC WORKSHOP – September 7 – 8

Here's an opportunity for training in peaceful conflict resolution to use in your personal life, in communities, schools and prisons: *Basic, First Level Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) workshop*, Sept 7- 8 in downtown Atlanta near Grady Hospital. This 2-day workshop is open all who are 18 years and older, sponsored by AVP-GA (find us on Facebook). AVP is a national and international organization that provides hands-on experiential training in non-violent creative solutions to daily conflicts in life. (www.avpusa.org and <https://avp.international>). Register at: <https://avp-basicworkshop-september2019.eventbrite.com>. For more information, contact Karen Morris, 404-797-8079

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO HEAR QUAKER ACTIVIST GEORGE LAKEY – September 13 & 15

Renowned activist leader and author George Lakey will be in Atlanta the weekend of September 13-15! Not only is George well-known as a direct action strategist and writer, he's also a great speaker. He will be with the SAYF (Southern Appalachian Young Friends) Retreat that weekend, but here are two chances for the rest of us to hear him:

- 1) Friday, Sept 13, 7:00pm, author event at A Cappella Books, 208 Haralson Ave NE, Atlanta, George Lakey talks about his newest book, *How We Win: A Guide to Nonviolent Direct Action Campaigning*.
- 2) Sunday, Sept 15, 9:00 - 10:00 am during Adult First Day School in the Library at the Meetinghouse. Theme: "Strategy plus inspiration to make a difference."

GUILFORD COLLEGE EVENT

The Guilford College Office of Admission is pleased to invite you to an information session on September 17th from 7:00 pm until 8:00 pm! Guilford College is a small, Quaker-based college located in Greensboro, NC. You'll get to know your admission counselor and learn about life as a Guilfordian. You can also expect tips to help you get a strong start on your Guilford application. Feel free to bring along your family and interested friends! Light refreshments will be served. For more information on Guilford College, please visit www.guilford.edu. To register email crolldm@guilford.edu.

NEWCOMERS WELCOME DINNER – Wednesday September 18

August's Newcomers Welcome Dinner will be Wednesday, September 18 at Ann Ritter's, 550 Ansley Street, Decatur 30030, very close to the meetinghouse in the Oakhurst neighborhood just across the RR tracks. There is plenty of on-street parking in front of the house, and we are six blocks from the MARTA rail (the Eastlake station). We will begin gathering at 6 pm for beverages and appetizers, and food will be served at 6:30 or thereabouts, but late arrivals should not worry. The table will be left laid for some time. Folks can respond by emailing Ann at yoga_lady@earthlink.net; or calling or texting 404-569-1434. This is a great chance to meet the new QVS fellows as well as others in the AFM community.

BEARING WITNESS: FAITH, REMEMBRANCE, AND THE JOURNEY TOWARD RACIAL JUSTICE – Saturday September 21

On Saturday, September 21 at 7pm in their sanctuary, Decatur First United Methodist Church (300 E Ponce De Leon Ave) will host a conversation between Austin Channing Brown and Hank Klibanoff. Brown is author of the bestselling book, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*. Klibanoff is a professor at Emory and a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist whose book, *The Race Beat: The Press, the Civil Rights Struggle, and the Awakening of a Nation*, tells the story of the civil rights movement through the journalists who covered it. Co-sponsored by Atlanta Friends Meeting. It's a free event, but you do need to register (<http://bit.ly/bearingwitnessdecatur>). It's a large sanctuary (seats 1,100 people), so you may want to get there early for a good seat.

SEPTEMBER HIKE – Saturday September 28

From Bert Skellie: "We are moving the hike to 4th Saturday. We'll hike in Henderson Park in Tucker on Saturday, September 28. Gather at the Meetinghouse if you want to car pool or meet us at the Livsey Road entrance to the park. We leave the Meetinghouse at 9 am. All are welcome to join us!

"Call me at 404-680-4799 if you have questions, or if you need us to wait for you on Saturday longer than 9:05 am."

Information: <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/us/georgia/henderson-park-loop>.

EIGHTH MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS – AUGUST 18, 2019
Recorded Pending Approval

Attendance: Mary Ann Downey, Suzanne Cole Sullivan, Steve Collins, Teri Key-Hoosen, Bill Hoosen, Karen Skellie, Kellie Divis, Alison Mawle, Ronald Nuse, Bert Skellie, Charlotte Flores, Anton Flores, Eric Stribling, Caitlin McLeroy, Shahina Lakiani, Julia Ewen, Lucas Meyer-Lee, Steve Woodall, Free Polazzo, Kiana Beasley, Georgia Lord, Clive Gordon, Mike Chapman, Elizabeth Lamb, Myrna Trapp, Lissa Place, Lynn Leuszler, Bill Holland (Clerk), Rebecca Cole Sullivan (Recording Clerk)

Friends gathered near the appointed hour with opening worship. A member of Ministry and Worship shared the Eight Month query in worship: "If pressure is brought upon you to lower your standard of integrity, are you prepared to resist it? Do you avoid letting the desire to be sociable, or the fear of seeming peculiar, determine your decisions?" Friends responded out of the silence.

Discernment Items

Nominating: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Myrna Trapp, brought forward the name of Free Polazzo to serve as AFM representative to Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA).

Minute 08-18-2019-01: On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Free Polazzo to serve as AFM representative to SAYMA for a term beginning August 2019 and continuing through December 2020.

Reports

Ministry and Worship: Elizabeth Lamb, clerk of Ministry and Worship, reported on behalf of the committee on two requests for membership and how to integrate the Query throughout the community. These names were brought forward for a first reading and will come back in Ninth Month for approval.

The meeting has received a request for membership from John Michael. A clearness committee has met with him and finds him clear for membership. Ministry and Worship united with this request and brings his name forward. Elizabeth read his letter requesting membership. We ask that you get to know him, if you don't already. Ministry and Worship recommends him for membership in Atlanta Friends Meeting. His name will be brought forward next month for discernment.

The meeting has received a request for full membership from Lucas Meyer-Lee. Lucas became an associate member when his family transferred their membership from South Bend in December 2018. A clearness committee has met with Lucas and finds him clear for membership. Elizabeth read his letter to the meeting requesting membership. Ministry and Worship recommends him for membership in Atlanta Friends Meeting and asks that you get to know him. His name will be brought forward next month for discernment.

Our Meeting for Business begins with the query for the month. It is printed in the announcement sheet and newsletter. Ministry and Worship welcomes suggestions for additional ways in which the query might be used to help us grow individually and as a community. Friends in the body suggested several ideas including: posting the query for the month by the front door as F(f)riends enter, creating a second hour meeting for reflection on the query, devoting a half-day retreat for interested F(f)riends to reflect on the query and creating an online platform for sharing reflections on the month's query. Elizabeth thanked the meeting for the suggestions and encouraged anyone with additional ideas to let someone from Ministry and Worship know.

Eric Stribling and Caitlin McLeroy were introduced. Their wedding will take place under the care of the Meeting on Saturday August 24 at 3:30 at the Meetinghouse.

Administration Committee: Steve Collins, Clerk of Administration Committee, reported on behalf of Administration.

Friend in Residence (FiR) Update: Anton Flores, the new Friend in Residence, and his wife, Charlotte, have settled into the apartment. They moved in July 27, after the completion of the extensive apartment renovation work (painting and new flooring) that Anton coordinated.

Office Coordinator Update: Nina Gooch, the new Office Coordinator, officially began work July 21. Her scheduled office hours are 10:00 – 1:00 p.m. (Monday – Thursday) and Fridays by appointment. The deadline for the announcement sheet is noon Thursday. As a reminder, Nina also serves the Meeting as Newsletter Editor and welcomes contributions to atlquakerltr@gmail.com by the 20th of each month.

Property Coordinator Update: Gutters have been cleaned and sealed, and the repair of the exterior wood trim is in progress. A report on the condition of the Meetinghouse sprinkler system from the Pye-Barker Fire & Safety company is expected shortly. Some sprinkler heads that have been painted in the past and will likely need to be replaced.

Quaker Voluntary Service: Mary Ann Downey offered the report from the Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS) local support committee. Liz Nicholson reported that the 2018-2019 QVS fellows had a great retreat in the North Georgia mountains to wrap up the year! We are happy that seven outgoing QVS fellows will be staying in Atlanta.

QVS is welcoming a new site coordinator for Atlanta, Kiana Beasley. Friends are encouraged to introduce themselves to her in the next few weeks as she steps fully into her role with the 2019-2020 Fellows. She can be reached at: kiana@quakervoluntaryservice.org. Mary Ann introduced Kiana to the meeting and she spoke briefly. She looks forward to getting to know members of the meeting and learning more about Quaker practice.

Liz Nicholson will be remaining in Atlanta for now in her role as communications coordinator with QVS as she continues some graduate school discernment.

QVS fellows for 2019-2020 will have pictures and bios in the September newsletter.

In preparation for the new group of Fellows, the Local Support Committee is seeking food to stock house and vegetarian freezer meals. Specific requests are included in the announcement sheet. They are also seeking volunteers for cleaning days: Friday August 23rd and Saturday August 24rd starting at 10:00am.

The meeting was asked to hold QVS staff and the new class of fellows in the light for national orientation at Pendle Hill, August 26th-30th, where 36 new young adults will be welcome into service for a year with QVS in one of our five cities.

Atlanta QVS Fellows will be at Meeting the first Sunday in September! Upcoming dates to get to know the fellows more in depth are September 18th Welcome Dinner at Ann Ritter's House, and October Welcome Dinner at the QVS house. Updates will be posted in the announcement sheet and newsletter.

Macon Worship Group Update: Kellie Divis reported that every second Sunday Macon Worship Group will be doing worship sharing after refreshments as a second hour activity. Their first month went well and was even intergenerational. Everyone seemed to reflect deeply and enjoy the processes.

Minutes of 7th Month:

Minute 08-18-2019-02: Friends approved the minutes from Seventh Month.

Clerk's items

We have extended an invitation to host SAYMA Representative Meeting March 14, 2020. We are waiting to hear back from SAYMA clerk and Administrative Assistant.

Events in life of Meeting

We send Lucas Meyer-Lee and Nansara Wolff off to college this month. We wish them well and hope to see them back.

Closing Worship: The Meeting closed with a period of worship.

PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT:

Carolyn Manley and family
Muireann Brennan
Janet Minshall
Kathie Klein
Woody Woodall

Those wishing to have requests for holding included in this monthly newsletter may give the names to a member of Care & Counsel.

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Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday) 10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse (AFM), with a smaller group in the Library.
10:30 a.m. – Peachtree Friends Meeting (Christian-friendly, affirming, open to all), 3980 Florida Ave, Norcross GA, peachtree.quaker.org
1:30 p.m. - Stone Mountain Friends Church (Evangelical), at St. Timothy United Methodist Church 5365 Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Every Second & Fourth First Day 2:30 p.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group.
Contact Kellie Divis at MaconQuakers@gmail.com; maconquakers.org

Every Third First Day 11:45 p.m. – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, Meeting room
12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group.
St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, jhudson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .

Fourth Day (Wednesday) 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library
First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home

Sixth Day (Friday) 11:00 a.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskeillie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799.
(Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Other Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

First Day (Sunday) 9:00 a.m. - Adult First Day School, Library
10:00 a.m. - Meeting for Worship
Third Sunday of every month, 11:15 a.m. - Listening Ear for those with a concern about racism
Third Sunday of every month, 11:45 am, Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
5:00 p.m. - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room

Second Day (Monday) Every other Monday at 7:00 p.m. - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library

Third Day (Tuesday) 1:30 p.m. - Bible Discussion, Library
6:00 p.m. - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery
Second & fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room

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Are you a newcomer to the Atlanta Friends community and would like a nametag?

We would be happy to make you a permanent nametag. You can leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

Atlanta Friends Meeting has three email lists:

To receive the announcement sheets and other announcements relating directly to the life of the meeting, send a blank email to

afmannouncements-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

To receive announcements AND posts about a broader range of topics relating to being a Quaker, send a blank email to afmdiscussion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

To receive the newsletter by email, send a blank email to afmnewsletter-subscribe@yahoo.groups.com

Would you like to receive the Newsletter by snail mail or appear in future AFM Directories? Send your name and contact information to Brent Wolff at

afmdirectory@gmail.com. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both.

What does investing in your spiritual community look like for you and your family?

Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts contributions of your time, resources, and money! You can place a financial contribution in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse or mail to the Treasurer at our mailing address.

To donate online with a credit card, visit <http://atlantaquakers.org/contact.htm> >. Thank you!

Want to submit an announcement, letter, article, and anything else of interest to Friends for the newsletter?

Send items directly to atlquakerltr@gmail.com. Submissions may be edited for length and format. THE DEADLINE FOR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS IS THE 20TH DAY OF EACH PRECEDING MONTH.

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