Query for Third Month
When differences arise, how do we settle them in a spirit of love and humility?
How can we demonstrate a forgiving spirit?

source: Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association’s Faith & Practice

ABOUT WORSHIP AND FIRST DAY SCHOOL AT AFM (COVID UPDATES AS OF MARCH 6)
We are continuing to meet for worship in person combined with Zoom worship. (Meeting ID for worship: 896 8627 6751, Passcode: 789456). Please pick the option that is the best fit for you. First Day School, Adult First Day School and nursery care for children under three also continues in person at the Meetinghouse. Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer. Zoom link below.

Masks are optional at the meeting house as of March 6, except for the Nursery and First Day School for children and teens, where masks will still be required for everyone two and older. (Other groups meeting at the meetinghouse may also choose a stricter policy.)

This change is in response to new CDC guidelines at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html (this link includes a map showing levels by counties). We will continue to monitor the situation as well as changes in CDC guidelines and make adjustments in our COVID policies as needed.

If attending in person or visiting the meeting house, please continue to sign in when you arrive each time so we can notify you if someone tests positive for COVID. Include your contact information if you are not in the Directory so we can email or call you if needed. Please print legibly.

If you test positive for COVID within 7 days of attending meeting for worship (or any other event at the meetinghouse), please call the office at 404-377-2474. Your identity will, of course, be kept private.

Restrooms are no longer be one person at a time. We have returned to labeled Women’s and Men’s restrooms, with everyone choosing the restroom that most closely matches their gender.

No potluck or coffee hour yet. You’re welcome to socialize after Meeting for Worship, but please bring your own beverage in your own container.

Questions about childcare or First Day School? Contact Laura MacNorlin (laura.norlin@gmail.com, 404-762-3540).

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Thanks to Last First Day's Volunteers at the Meetinghouse
Karen Morris, Alison Mawle, Emma Bingham

You can sign up at http://tinyurl.com/afmvolunteers to greet or help with First Day School. There’s also a paper sign-up sheet at the meeting house – look at the table by the front door after meeting for worship. If you’re interested in being a Zoom host at the meetinghouse, please contact the Office Coordinator at atlantaquakers@gmail.com

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Funding our Work
As of March 16, we are $2,3520 behind where we should be on contributions.

Contributions throughout the year, and especially early in the year, are greatly appreciated. You can mail a check, bring a check to the meetinghouse or donate securely using Paypal or your Credit / Debit Card at http://www.atlantaquakers.org/contact.htm. You can also set up monthly / recurring contributions when you contribute on our website OR through your bank’s ACH bill payment system.

Thank you to those who have already donated!
Announcements due by noon on Thursday to atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

Office Hours: Mondays thru Thursdays 10 am to 1 pm and Fridays by appointment. The office coordinator is also a notary; if you need something notarized, contact 404-377-2474 or atlantaquakers@gmail.com.

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FIRST DAY SCHOOL AND WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS ~*~*~*~

To call into Zoom as a phone call: Dial 1-253-215-8782 or 1-301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID and password. (Just hit # for any other numbers they ask for.) This may be a toll call from a landline.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP with new Zoom info as of September 5
Combined in person and Zoom
10 a.m. Sundays
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89686276751?pwd=M29EYllFWEhSQUtZRVVPalFFYmVDQT09
Meeting ID: 896 8627 6751
Passcode: 789456

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL
Combined in-person and Zoom
9:00 to 9:50 am Sundays
See under Events for more details for each Sunday.
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86063665797?pwd=Nms0Vm5MSW91UXdWRGJSoXAZ5WNRjZzo9
Meeting ID: 860 6366 5797
Passcode: 013191

FIRST DAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH with new Zoom info as of September 5
In-person for all ages: Sundays 10:15 am
Children can continue to join Meeting for Worship for the first 15 minutes or can go directly to Religious Education, as they and their parents / guardians prefer. This class is also available via Zoom at 10:00 am. Teens will meet in person from 10:15-11:00. For more info, contact Laura MacNorlin (laura.norlin@gmail.com, 404-762-3540).

Zoom for younger children: Sundays 10:00 am
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7279961727?pwd=ck1ROVZIRWCVDgzdGRocFhQWEduUT09
Meeting ID: 727 996 1727
Passcode: Quaker!

~*~*~*~ OTHER EVENTS ~*~*~*~

ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL: BOOK DISCUSSION Sundays, March 20 & 27, April 17, 24, etc
Adult First Day School is currently discussing Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know by Timothy Beal. All are welcome, whether you have read the book or not. Third, fourth and fifth Sundays. Time 9:00 am. Combined in person and via Zoom. Zoom details above.

LISTENING EAR FOR CONCERNS ABOUT RACISM Sunday, March 20
The Committee on Undoing Racism in AFM (CURAFM) sponsors a Listening Ear for individual concerns about racism on third Sundays. This Sunday's volunteer and how to contact them will be announced after Meeting for Worship. If you have need of a Listening Ear during the rest of the month, email Susan Firestone at susanfires@gmail.com if you have need of a Listening Ear later that day or another day that week.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS Sunday, March 20
Stay after meeting for worship, whether in person or via Zoom. Meeting for Business will be held in a combined format about 11:45. http://atlantaquakers.org/afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2022-03.pdf has the minutes from the last meeting for business as well as other information about matters that will be considered. http://atlantaquakers.org/_site_pdf_docs/Guidelines_for_Meeting_for_Business.pdf has info about how meeting for business works.
ABOUT THE WORSHIP IN "MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS"
Often we shorten this to Meeting for Business. This article from February's *Friends Journal* talks about the importance of those words we often leave out and of the spiritual side of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: [https://www.friendsjournal.org/meeting-for-business-as-spiritual-rehearsal/](https://www.friendsjournal.org/meeting-for-business-as-spiritual-rehearsal/).

WORSHIP WITH KYIV UKRAINE QUAKERS  Sunday, March 20, etc
Julie Hliboki writes: "... I am worshiping with the Kyiv Ukraine Quakers on Sundays at 2:00pm Eastern. ... Last Sunday they started about 15 minutes late due to connection issues (their city was being bombed). There were about 130 people from all over the US and Europe joining. The Ukraine Quakers were so grateful to have our support and to know that they are not alone. I felt really grateful to be able to do this one small concrete thing to be of help. If you would like to join this Sunday, here is a page to the link": [https://westernfriend.org/ukraine-friends-online-worship](https://westernfriend.org/ukraine-friends-online-worship). There is also a group who is in worship every day at noon Eastern with the Friends House Moscow Quakers. The link for that is on the same page.

GEORGE LAKEY ON NON-VIOLENCE AND UKRAINE  Sunday, March 20
Santa Monica Monthly Meeting is sponsoring a virtual talk by George Lakey on non-violence and Ukraine on Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm Eastern. For info, resources and to hear George Lakey, go to [https://westernfriend.org/nonviolent-response-aggression](https://westernfriend.org/nonviolent-response-aggression).

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT MONTH  Sunday, March 20
Send articles, announcements and info about upcoming events to atlquakerltr@gmail.com. Please send in an email or in word processing or text format.

WEDNESDAY AM MEETING FOR WORSHIP ZOOM ONLY  Wed, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27 etc
8:30 am. Zoom only until announced otherwise. For more info, contact Bert Skellie at 404-680-4799. [https://zoom.us/j/92038862952](https://zoom.us/j/92038862952)
Meeting ID: 92038862952
Password: 726229

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP WITH MACON WORSHIP GROUP  Wed, Mar 23, 30, Apr 6 etc
The Macon Worship Group, which is under the care of Atlanta Friends Meeting, worships via Zoom every Wednesday at 7:00 pm. They invite us to join them! For more information, contact Bill Holland or Mary Ann Downey.
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84095899009?pwd=SFhhOGNnWHZFbDdKRUhlVnFqdFkdZ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84095899009?pwd=SFhhOGNnWHZFbDdKRUhlVnFqdFkdZ09)
Meeting ID: 840 9589 9009
Passcode: 542278

LET'S TALK ABOUT RACE  Wednesday, March 23
Our monthly online, drop-in forum about race meets at 7:30 pm on the fourth Wednesday. Each meeting starts with a quote from anti racist literature or other media to be the springboard for the evening’s conversation. All are welcome whether you have attended before or not. No special knowledge or background needed. We contribute from our personal experiences and backgrounds. We learn from the stories and questions we are willing to share. For more information, contact Lissa Place, 678-793-9260.
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84678045805?pwd=cFdhcEd4UmdLWkVnFqMm1mOEVTQTo9](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84678045805?pwd=cFdhcEd4UmdLWkVnFqMm1mOEVTQTo9)
Meeting ID: 846 7804 5805
Passcode: LTAR

SAYMA REPRESENTATIVE MEETING  Saturday, March 26 (register by Friday, March 25 at 8 pm)
If you would like to attend Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting’s (SAYMA’s) online Representative Meeting Saturday, March 26 via Zoom, you must register at [https://forms.gle/fPzbDssC4X389qbM6](https://forms.gle/fPzbDssC4X389qbM6) by Friday, March 25 at 8 pm. Friends can enter the room after 8:30 a.m. ET (7:30 a.m. CT), and we ask that Friends be in place for Meeting for Worship beginning at 9:00 a.m. The link for registration will also be posted at sayma.org as will the agenda and any other relevant information. A Zoom link to attend the meeting will be sent closer to the time.
QRE: SHARING FROM THE WHITE PRIVILEGE CONFERENCE  Sunday, March 27
Quakers for Racial Equality (QRE) welcomes you to join us on March 27 at 1:00 p.m. for an online forum with sharing from the White Privilege Conference (WPC23) that was held March 9 to 12. The White Privilege Conference (WPC) was established by an African American Professor to empower and equip individuals to work for equity and justice through self and social transformation. The annual WPC serves as an opportunity to examine and explore difficult issues related to white privilege, white supremacy and oppression. Folami Prescott Adams, Kevin Moran, Susan Firestone, and possibly others who participated in the virtual sessions of the White Privilege Conference (WPC23) will share information, insights, or ideas for anti-racism work from the conference. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Susan Firestone at susanfires@gmail.com https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493840241?pwd=Skt6SGxDb3BMM3BrQzY1VW1ZVmVhdzo9
Meeting ID: 814 9384 0241
Passcode: 141859

QUAKER VOLUNTARY SERVICE (QVS) APPLICATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MARCH 31
QVS is for young adults (age 21-30) interested in building intentional community, working full time at social service and social change agencies, and exploring themes of spiritual and personal growth with local Quakers. Fellows must be available to participate in the program year, which runs from late August 2022 through the end of July 2023. Fellows are placed in one of five program cities: Atlanta, Boston, Minneapolis/St. Paul, Philadelphia, or Portland, OR. The new priority deadline is March 31. After March 31, they will accept applications on a rolling basis. Get more information and apply at https://quakervoluntaryservice.org/apply.

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN ADULT FIRST DAY SCHOOL  Sunday, April 3
On the first Sunday of each month, those in Adult First Day School listen to a Friend telling about their search for community and a spiritual home, their spiritual journey. On April 3, Sa’ed Atshan will share his Spiritual Journey. Combined in-person and Zoom. Zoom details above. (To hear Kevin Moran’s spiritual journey, shared March 6, go to https://tinyurl.com/mwv4uzka. To listen to other past Spiritual Journeys, contact Mary Ann Downey.)

RICHARD ALLEN’s EASTER PIECES  Sunday, April 3
Richard Allen will play his eight Easter compositions at the meetinghouse on Sunday, April 3, the Sunday before Palm Sunday, after meeting for worship and a chance to socialize.

BOOKS BY AND ABOUT PEOPLE OF COLOR  Thursday, April 7
The book group reading works by and about people of color meets at 1:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month, still via Zoom. On April 7, members of the group will discuss The Wrong End of the Telescope by Rabih Alameddine. For questions or the Zoom link, contact Susan Cole (cole2544@bellsouth.net).

QUAKERS AND INDIGENOUS PEOPLES  Sunday, April 10,
Paula Palmer will be visiting Atlanta Friends Meeting on April 10. She is Co-Director of Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples (TRR) and has researched the roles that Quakers have played in the Indian Boarding Schools in the United States. She will give a summary of her work with both TRR and the Quaker Boarding Schools. We will meet at 1:30 pm on April 10th on Zoom. (Zoom details later.) TRR is a program of Friends Peace Teams co-directed by Jerilyn DeCoteau (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) and Paula Palmer <friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>. The goal of TRR is to build relationships among Native and non-Native communities based on truth, respect, justice and our shared humanity. TRR workshops are co-facilitated by Indigenous and non-Indigenous facilitators together. The TRR team includes 10 Indigenous and 60 non-Indigenous facilitators who present the TRR workshops nationwide, both in person and online. Jerilyn DeCoteau is a nationally known Indigenous leader, a two-term president of the board of directors of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition. For more about Paula Palmer, visit https://westernfriend.org/media/wf-podcast-eight-paula-palmer-interview.
PLEASE HOLD IN THE LIGHT
Family of Cindy Berg, Brent Wolff and family, Beth-Ann Buiterkant, Clive Gordon, Mark Bryan, Kevin Moran

TO SCHEDULE A VISIT TO BETH-ANN BUITEKANT OR BRING FOOD
Here's the link for visiting Beth-Ann and/or bringing vegetarian or fish dishes at AG Rhodes, Boulevard, Room 18:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/121CRllrrg-JYi3M1mdDPHMk_52wEufrZguQPyT1dPY/edit

PEACE ACTION FOR UKRAINE
Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has set up an easy way to write our members of Congress calling for diplomacy, not war in Ukraine. Go to fcnl.org. Click on WRITE CONGRESS. You'll find a sample letter you can modify to make it personal. Enter your zip code and your message will be emailed directly to your Representative and both Senators. Friends Committee on National Legislation. Questions? Ask Sue May, susanmay1@icloud.com.

UPDATE ON FCNL WORK AGAINST WAR IN YEMEN
March 25 is a tragic anniversary, marking seven years of daily bombing by the Saudi-led forces on Yemen. Our Atlanta Advocacy Team, supported by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), reports that the House has drafted a Yemen War Powers Resolution we hope will be brought to the floor this week. It calls for ending our complicity in this war immediately: no more blockade; no more intel; no more sending spare parts for the warplanes we sold them. And very important, returning the War Powers to Congress. New Team members welcome as we lobby Congress to act for peace. Contact Sue May, susanmay1@icloud.com or any Team member. Our Facebook page: FCNL Atlanta Advocacy Team. Twitter: @AtlantaFriend.

EASY WAY TO GROW THE FRIENDS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Since the Friends School of Atlanta (FSA) began participating in the Georgia Student Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2010, FSA has raised close to $1 million in additional financial assistance. They use an organization called Apogee to participate in this program. You or your business can redirect money you owe in state income taxes to dollars for FSA to give out as financial aid. This year, there is still time to apply for a 2021 tax credit through Apogee. In practical terms, that means once you are approved for your tax credit, you pay the money to Apogee. Then when you file your 2021 income taxes in the spring of 2022, you can apply the tax credit, thereby getting your money back. This is a painless way to give an enormously important boost to our financial aid program, bringing more students to FSA who add to our socioeconomic diversity and contribute their many gifts to our community. It takes less than five minutes to apply at https://apogee123.org/. If you have questions, feel free to contact Betsy Eggers, 404-831-8856, who can walk you through the application process.

RECORDING & RESOURCES FOR FEBRUARY 27 FORUM: RACIAL EQUITY IN HOUSING
Recording and Resources are now available from the February 27, 2022 joint forum of Atlanta Friends Meeting and Friends School of Atlanta on “Racial Equity in Housing and Local Efforts for Reparative Justice.” The forum guest speakers were Odetta MacLeish-White, Director of Georgia Initiatives for the Center for Community Progress, Dr. Akinyele Umoja, Professor of Africana Studies at Georgia State University, and Mawuli Davis, Civil Rights Attorney and Human Rights organizer. The moderator was Dr. Sara Patenaude, affordable housing researcher, member of AFM, and clerk of the Board of Trustees of the Friends School of Atlanta. The recording is at https://friendsschoolatlanta.zoom.us/rec/share/U7iCKQ0ALFED-Qdntaxz2b4PG47nPgDg/f75E7pN5W3e025TuoeWS3X4rM6H2INo87-.6M7y6N6N9cm1UnJ and the passcode is 6w^pMw3n. Resources: (including resources shared during the 2/27/22 forum and ones sent out in advance) are at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OX2bXnzXZIMBlyiTmYYWy4AuyOzcMf2I/-view?usp=sharing.
QUAKERS FOR RACIAL EQUALITY VIRTUAL LITERATURE TABLE for March 20
This week's Quaker for Racial Equality (QRE) Virtual Literature Table has upcoming online learning opportunities, Friends General Conference (FGC) virtual offerings for Friends of Color, video of 2/27/22 forum on 'Racial Equity in Housing', a comprehensive article on mass incarceration, and a couple of recommended books. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BheHwqoizeV66gILVQOAFgEFryfhrmJj/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BheHwqoizeV66gILVQOAFgEFryfhrmJj/view?usp=sharing)

MARCH NEWSLETTER AVAILABLE
at [http://atlantaquakers.org/_afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2022-03.pdf](http://atlantaquakers.org/_afm_newsletters/AFM_Newsletter_2022-03.pdf). Newsletters going back to 2008 are at [http://atlantaquakers.org/archive.htm](http://atlantaquakers.org/archive.htm). Current and recent newsletters can also be found at the meetinghouse on or next to the greeting table near the front door.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SUPPLIES AT THE MEETINGHOUSE
Across from the offices, there's a Defibrillator with instructions, Opioid Poisoning Kits (Naloxone) and a small First Aid Kit. As always, in case of a serious medical emergency, call 9-1-1. A video with instructions on using the defibrillator can be found at [http://atlantaquakers.org/_videos/heartstart_AED-04min_usage_how_to.mp4](http://atlantaquakers.org/_videos/heartstart_AED-04min_usage_how_to.mp4).
Information about resources for addiction and substance abuse can be found in the literature rack.

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED & WAYS TO SHARE INFORMATION
Email lists include:
- the discussion list, which includes the announcement sheet and a variety of other emails from members and attenders about a broader range of topics related to being a Quaker, often including social justice issues and opportunities
- the announcement list, which includes only the weekly announcement sheet and a very few other emails, all directly related to the life of the meeting (or find the latest announcement sheet at [atlantaquakers.org/_announcements/Announcement_Sheet.pdf](http://atlantaquakers.org/_announcements/Announcement_Sheet.pdf)). To add something to the announcement sheet, email atlantaquakers@gmail.com.
- the newsletter list, which lets you know when the monthly newsletter is online on the meeting's website at [http://atlantaquakers.org/archive.htm](http://atlantaquakers.org/archive.htm). To add something to the newsletter, email atlquakerltr@gmail.com.
- the Atlanta FLGBTQC (Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Concerns) list for those who are lgbtq+ or are interested in lgbtq+ issues
  - **To join any of these email lists**, contact the office at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.
Other ways of communicating:
- If you would like to receive email reminders about Zoom and in-person meetings for worship, and First Day School for all ages, please contact the office at atlantaquakers@gmail.com.
- To join the meeting's Facebook page, search for Atlanta Friends Meeting and click the + Join Group button near the top.

WELCOMING LGBTQ+ NEWCOMERS (AND NOT SO NEWCOMERS)
Atlanta Friends Meeting welcomes lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and nonbinary/genderqueer people. To make this visible, we offer rainbow and trans stickers to show your support and/or indicate your identity. We also have pronoun stickers. (See the name tag station in the greeting room.) If you’re worshipping via Zoom, you can add pronouns to your name. Atlanta’s Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC) also has an email list. To join, email atlantaquakers@gmail.com. If you have other questions or concerns about lgbtq+ issues, please contact Nina Gooch, either at the office or at her personal email or phone. She’s one of the contact people for Atlanta’s FLGBTQC.

WAYS WE HELP EACH OTHER
If you need financial or practical help (meal delivery, errands run, transportation, etc) or contact with others OR if you can help, please contact Karen Skellie at 404-680-4524 or kskellie@gmail.com. Information about the meeting’s Financial Assistance Fund can also be found at [www.atlantaquakers.org/members.htm](http://www.atlantaquakers.org/members.htm).