

**FIFTEENTH STREET MONTHLY MEETING
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**

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Dear Friends,

In the last quarter, Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met every First Day for two Meetings for Worship, one at 9:30AM and the other at 11AM. We continue to hold First Day School every First day at 11AM. We also have a Bible Study every second First day at 11AM. We continued our new time and transition from Meeting for Worship to Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business starting at 12PM holding meetings on May 12, 2019 at 12 PM and June 9, 2019 at 12PM. After much discernment, we have agreed to have Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business start at 1:00 pm following Meeting for Worship.

Our Peace & Social Justice Committee continues to raise money for activities including UN refugees through sandwich sales before during social hour on days with Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. The Peace Committee brought the minute below, which was approved. We are forwarding the minute to NYQM to endorse share with other meetings.

Our Friends and Unity with Nature Committee has been active by holding an urban ecology tour of the Brooklyn Navy Yard. They are looking into other possible tours. They also held a meeting with Quaker thinker and Scottish eco-spiritual teacher Alastair McIntosh at the meeting house on May 16. The committee is sponsoring an interfaith meeting prior to the UN's Climate Action Summit on Sunday 22. We will keep the Quarter updated on this event.

We heard from our Shelter Committee about the shelter we continue to house at the meetinghouse every night of the year. Recently the shelter has received some help from students of Friends Seminary who interviewed two long term members about the origins of the shelter. The students also helped raise money at the school for the shelter. The shelter continues to need help with volunteers and donations. If you are interested in learning more about the shelter please go to their website (friendsshelter.org) or email the committee (friendsshelter@gmail.com).

Our other committees have continued to serve our community. Our handbook committee is preparing revisions. Our Arts Committee held a reading of the play *The Way of a Pilgrim* by Friend Steve Capra. We look forward to upcoming events from the Arts Committee. Our Ministry and Worship Committee will host programs in September and October. On September 15, they will host a discussion on the Doctrine of Discovery. This will be led by members of NYYM's Indian Affairs Committee. In October we will have a presentation from Emily Provance on her travel in the Ministry. Emily will present on her work, which she calls a "holy experiment." Friends are invited to come and hear about her work on October 20.

The Meeting is preparing to start our Jubilee Year. Our Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business will have more of a focus on Queries rather than reports. Our committees will send reports early and will have queries for Friends. While we will also have Queries from the Clerk and M&W. We will also have an extended worship on 5th Sundays beginning at 10 am and concluding at noon. This will be followed with a potluck in the cafeteria where all Friends will have the opportunity for fellowship. In the spirit of the biblical Jubilee, we hope we will see some Friends that have not been as visible in recent years.

In Friendship,

Glenn Josey
Clerk, Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting, 2019