

Morningside Monthly Meeting
Report to the New York Quarterly Meeting
July 13, 2019

1. Morningside Monthly Meeting continues to meet each First Day at 11 a.m. for Meeting for Worship on the 12th floor of the Riverside Church Tower, with Meeting for Children on the 13th floor also at 11 a.m.
 - Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business were held on May 5, and June 2; the next meeting will be on September 8.
 - Bible study was held at 9:30 a.m. before Meeting for Worship on the second Sundays of the month; Bible study will resume meeting in the fall.
 - Moving with Spirit continued at 10 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month before Meeting for Worship; Moving with Spirit will resume meeting in the fall.
 - Our welcome breakfasts continue on the fourth Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Riverside Café of Riverside Church; welcome breakfasts will continue throughout the summer.
2. On the fourth Sundays of each month, we have continued our discussions of *Deep Denial* by David Billings, a book addressing the continuing issue of white supremacy in the US.
3. On May 5, a minute endorsing The Ribbon International's New York City event planned for August 1 2020 was approved by the meeting. (Please see the minute in full at www.morningsidemeeting.org, on the Newsletter tab.)
4. On May 5, a minute appointing an ad hoc Ribbon Committee to organize the meeting's participation in the event was approved by the meeting. (Please see the minute in full at www.morningsidemeeting.org, on the Newsletter tab.)
5. On June 2, a minute in Support of Morningside's Endorsement of and Participation in The Ribbon International's "Ribbon 2020 – Tangible Hope for No Nuclear War" event to be held in New York City on August 1, 2020 was approved by the meeting. (Please see the minute in full, with additional background, at www.morningsidemeeting.org, on the Newsletter tab.)

*Action Item from the ad hoc Ribbon Committee:

At Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on May 5, 2019, Morningside Monthly Meeting agreed to be a named sponsor of the Ribbon International 2020 Event in New York City and established an ad hoc Ribbon Committee to manage our engagement and to reach out to other groups engaged in peace work. We ask that this Minute be forwarded to New York area monthly meetings, to New York Quarterly Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting, as well as to other faith and peace groups, for their several endorsements and co-sponsorships. (For further information about the Ribbon International and the 2020 project in New York City go to www.theribboninternational)

Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Minute in Support of Morningside's Endorsement of and Participation in The Ribbon International's "Ribbon 2020 – Tangible Hope for No Nuclear War" event, to be held in New York City on August 1, 2020.

- Approved at Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business June 2, 2019

Morningside Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) supports the plans of The Ribbon International to hold a “Ribbon 2020” event in New York City (and other locations) on August 1, 2020, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Ribbon International is a non-governmental organization (NGO), in association with the United Nations, which promotes nuclear disarmament and Earth Care. The organization—and the movement it represents—was launched on August 4, 1985, the 40th-anniversary year of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, with an event in Washington D.C., in which thousands of hand-crafted cloth panels, each measuring 18 inches by 36 inches and each held by an individual, were tied together in a “ribbon” at least 15 miles long that circled the Pentagon, then stretched from the Pentagon to the Lincoln Memorial and the Mall, around the Capitol and back again. Each hand-crafted panel depicted in images, words and symbols what its maker would miss most in a world destroyed in a nuclear holocaust. For 350 years, the Quaker peace testimony has called Friends to work against militarism and to strive to build a culture of peace. Now, in the face of renewed nuclear fear-mongering and the continuing gross misuse of resources to support nuclear arsenals (the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons [ICAN] estimates that the nucleararmed nations spend close to \$300 million a day on their nuclear forces), The Ribbon International 2020 project offers people of all faiths or none an opportunity to demonstrate in a simple, concrete way our love of peace on Planet Earth. By testifying with linked, handmade panels, creating New York’s “Ribbon 2020: Tangible Hope for No Nuclear War,” we announce our shared commitment to non-violence, and together speak truth to power.

6. On June 2, a minute in Support of the Fair & Timely Parole Bill (S.497/A.4346) was approved by the meeting. (Please see the minute in full at www.morningsidemeeting.org, on the Newsletter tab.)

7. On June 2, a minute in Support of the Elder Parole Bill (S2144/A4319) was approved by the meeting. (Please see the minute in full at www.morningsidemeeting.org, on the Newsletter tab.)

8. Morningside Meeting’s Fall Retreat, “Our Relationship to the Earth,” will be held September 13 – 15, 2019 at Stony Point retreat center, NY.

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