



# Manhattan Monthly Meeting

**Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)**

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Quarterly Meeting Report, October, 2021

Manhattan Monthly Meeting gives praise and thanks to the Almighty for giving us the opportunity to witness His love in this season of Prayer, Pandemic, Protests and Peace-making. Our Meeting's 2021 theme: "Hope", with emphasis on Romans 15:13, "May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in that the God of Hope stands at the center of our daily lives." All are invited to journey with us, as we travel on the road to fulfilling our theme.

David Herendeen, our pastor, conducts worship virtually every First Day at 9:30am. Our 2nd First Day Bible study focuses on "Jesus' Lineage". On 5th First Days, Pastor Gilbert Imbayi, Baltimore Friends Church brings the message. Meeting For Worship, with a concern for Business is held on First, First Day. Monthly Prayer Meeting 4th Thursday at 7:00pm via Meeting's zoom link. All are invited to join our semi-program worship and Prayer Meeting.

It is with joy that we noted individuals' attraction to the spirit of our worship. We continue to let all members and attenders know that we care about their spiritual and emotional being through our gifts of prayers, concerns and contemplative worship.

We continue to support Davanga School, Western Kenya, through our uniform program and fundraising drive to build two additional classrooms.

During the Quarter, members participated in various Quaker held events, such as, daily virtual Zoom Pendle Hill worship, 4th First Day virtual inter-visitation at Manhasset Monthly Meeting, 5th First Day worship with Baltimore Friends and Yearly Meeting Summer Sessions.

We will continue to meet virtually until it is spiritually and medically safe, then, we will Room 1 utilizing a Hybrid Meeting space.

Faithfully submitted

Gloria Thompson (Co-Clerk)

## Responses to Queries asked by the CQL (Concern for Quaker Life)

### 1. Developing support for elder housing needs:

One Friend spoke of how we need to consider the diverse geography of our membership. Many people live in the outer boroughs or even in New Jersey.

Housing in Manhattan, even in the outer boroughs is very expensive

Availability of good doctors, nearby hospitals, are they accessible to where they are located?

### 2. Relationships between monthly meetings and one or two service providers :

15th St. Meeting and Manhattan Meeting have cooperated on senior issues for some time and will continue to do so

There are many agencies, service providers in the area, we often recommend them to one another, but do all of us know who they are?

More work needs to be done to develop a relationship with ALL of the meetings of the Quarter. Do we really know each other?

More work needs to be done to get together with all the meetings within the Quarter

Are we aware that there is a paid organization being used as a test pilot program?

### 3. Growing a more cohesive capacity to communicate with individual senior NYC Friends:

Older people sometimes struggle to use technology, some do not have computers or the internet. They use telephones even to go on Zoom, some of their hearing is poor

How can we involve them in worship in a way that is meaningful for them?

NYYM Committee on Aging is one resource- how are people doing?

Older people would love to be visited, even by telephone, just to check in

### 4. Developing a culture of trust:

We are a diverse culture of black, white, rich, poor, young and old.

We would like to be the blessed community. But do we trust one another? Are we able to accept people for who they are?

Minute - Business Meeting concerning Budget line for Witness.

Manhattan Monthly Meeting affirms the concerns brought forward by both 15th Street Meeting and Morningside Meeting to include a Budget line within the NYQM to address concerns for Witness. We would also like to add our Monthly Meeting's concern for sharing equitably across the spectrum of global Friends.

Approved by Manhattan Monthly Meeting, October 17, 2021.