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Seventh Month 16, 2022 Fifteenth Street Quarterly Report

Dear Friends:

During April, May, June and the first half of July, 2022, Fifteenth Street held Meeting for Worship each First Day at 9:30 am in person only in the courtyard (and in the Meeting Room in inclement weather) and a Hybrid Meeting at 11:00 am in the Meeting Room and on zoom. Social distancing and safety protocols are in effect. First Day School/ child care resumed alongside the in-person blended format for Worship at 11:00 am. In April they colored and hunted for eggs in celebration of spring. On 2nd and 4th First Days we held bible study on zoom at 9:30 am. Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business were held on zoom only on April 10, May 8, June 12 and July 10. Our Peace Vigil at the Washington Square Arch is on the 1st First Day of each month at 1 PM. Committees continued their work over zoom. Pastoral Care could use professional support.

Joint Worship, 15th St and Manhattan Meetings, held on the first First day of every quarter, took place on July 3: Manhattan on zoom at 9:30 am and 15th St as hybrid at 11 o'clock. (Next Joint worship will be October 2nd, 9:30 and 11 o'clock. All are welcome.)

Fifteenth Street was the host for the 4/17/2022 Quarterly Meeting with Worship at 11 am and Business at 1 pm as Blended meetings in the Meeting Room. This was the First Blended meeting for 15th St, and the Quarter worked closely with M & W and Property committees to ensure that everything would go smoothly.

The wedding of Mathew Bell and Maggie Robbins took place on the 23rd of April 2022 under the meeting's care.

The Shelter has reopened on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Volunteers are needed, invited and welcomed. Training is available.

The Quaker History Project (QHP) continues with plans for a production of the play "Except Mr. Dickinson" in the Meeting Room in October.

At the 7/10/22 Business meeting we considered and approved a minute from the Peace & Social Justice Committee concerning Indian Boarding Schools - we are asking our elected officials to support "*The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the U.S. Act.*" (**H.R. 5444 and S. 2907**). The minute has been forwarded to the July Quarterly Meeting.

In the spirit, Carol Summar, Clerk Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting