

243rd Session
COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING
October 16-18, 2020

WALKING TOGETHER IN THE LIGHT



*“Walk while you have the light, before darkness overtakes you.
Whoever walks in the dark does not know where they are going.
Believe in the light while you have the light,
so that you may become children of light”
(John 12:35-36).*

*“If not us, then who? If not now, then when?”
attributed to Representative John Lewis*

In John Lewis’ final essay, he wrote of his hope for us and his belief that “together you can redeem the soul of the nation”; Reverend William Barber of the Poor People’s Campaign has issued a National Call for Moral Revival; and the words of our own George Fox still advise us “Be [patterns](#), be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people, and to them; then you will come to walk cheerfully over the [world](#), answering that of [God](#) in everyone; whereby in them you may be a [blessing](#), and make the witness of God in them to bless you.”

At this time when the concurrent pandemics of climate degradation, COVID-19, and racism unleash a triple whammy that disproportionately and drastically affects people of color and the poor, there is a great need for spiritually strong and grounded people to join together in the Light to effect a sea change. The Quaker response to injustice is reflected in our testimonies and our practice of patient listening for Divine leading.

Fall quarterly meeting will be a time to partake of spiritual nourishment and consider faithful action, a time to join together in the Presence to tap into our deep spiritual roots as we discern what witness and action the Divine is calling us into. We will be invited into waiting worship to “sink down to the seed which God sows in the heart” and will have opportunities for individual Friends, monthly meetings, and our Friends organizations to share the ways they are working through the obstacles of sheltering in place and social distancing in order to engage with the needs of their local communities and to take action on public policies.

Please join us at our virtual quarterly meeting, October 16-18, 2020. We look forward to sharing worship and fellowship with you!

Faithfully yours,
Barbara Babin, clerk, College Park Quarterly Meeting

A Virtual Gathering: We will again be meeting online via Zoom and are looking forward to seeing everyone. We are excited by the success that online Quaker gatherings have enjoyed in recent months and are grateful to Andrea Harman who has agreed to be our Zoom coordinator!

Registration: Online registration opens on **September 20** at the collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org website. In order to ensure good communication, please register by **October 14**. Everyone is *strongly encouraged* to register in advance in order to receive a confirmation packet and the passwords for the online sessions.

Payment: Payment is a voluntary contribution on a pay as led basis, and everyone is welcomed regardless of ability to pay. \$40 would be the average helpful contribution. Payment is by check (no online payment system available at this time) and checks *must* be made out to “College Park Quarterly Meeting” in order to be accepted by the bank. Please mail checks to:

CPQM c/o Tom Yamaguchi
1015 Channing Way
Berkeley, CA 94710

Committee Reports: all committee reports are due by October 9 and will be included in your confirmation packet so that you can review them in preparation for our plenary sessions.

Schedule: to see the complete schedule, see attached document “CPQMSchedule.F2020.pdf”

Schedule Highlights:

In addition to our two Plenary sessions and Saturday afternoon worship-sharing, we’d like to highlight a few opportunities....

- **Children’s Program:** There will be two sessions for children as well as family activities noted in the schedule referenced above. Childcare will be provided by request during Bible Study. Parents desiring childcare may contact Barbara Christwitz at <bchristwitz@hotmail.com>
- **Come As You Are Bible Study:** Mary Miche will facilitate Bible Study and Jeff Richman (Live Oak Meeting) will be the Zoom host.
- **Teen Program:** Teen activities include meeting for business, nominations, hang out time, and joining the general program for Worship-Sharing and Family Night. Teens will host Game Night on Saturday evening.
- **Friday Evening Program:** We’ll open our gathering with a semi-programmed meeting for worship, beginning with a focus on children. There will be queries for everyone to ponder and participants will be able to join small break-out groups.
- **Family Night:** Please consider joining with the others in your household to offer a story, poem, song, musical performance, spoken word, reading, etc. etc. If you can offer something for our community entertainment, please contact emcees Sandy and Tom Farley at <farley@spont.com>
- **Sunday Morning Program:** You will see a family worship and children’s program on the Sunday morning schedule. Friends are welcome to participate in Sunday morning worship with the Quarter or have the option of attending their own or another meeting for worship that morning.
- **Interest Groups:** We have set aside two interest group time-slots, with three rooms available in each slot. If you are interested in offering an interest group, please contact Assistant Clerk Sarah Tyrrell at <sarahtyrrell@alumnae.mills.edu>

Questions?

- Registration Questions: registrar@collegeparkquarterlymeeting.org
- General Questions: b_babin@yahoo.com
- Interest Group Questions: sarahtyrrell@alumnae.mills.edu