CPQM Fall 2026

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Oct. 16-18

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INFORMATION FOR REGISTERED CPQM ATTENDERS – Fall, 2026

College Park Quarterly Meeting – 261th Session
Ben Lomond Quaker Center & Online by Zoom
October 16-18, 2026

Trust & Sacrifice

Over the weekend together we will explore themes of trust and sacrifice.

How do we show up for ourselves, each other, and the world?

Check-in procedure for in-person attenders (Zoom procedure below)

Follow driving directions or use public transportation as directed on the Ben Lomond Quaker Center website.

- Check-in with the Registrar at Orchard Lodge. Check-in times will be posted.
- Pick up final schedule and other handouts.
- Sign up for meal preparation or clean-up and final cleaning chores. Write the times on your schedule.
- Sign up for Worship-Sharing groups.
- Locate your housing in Orchard or Redwood areas or campsites.
- If you are a newcomer to Quarterly gatherings, ask a Friend to show you around!
- If participating in Teen or Children' Programs, locate your meeting site.
- Move vehicle to long-term parking area. Consider signing up to shuttle Friends with limited mobility.
- Take a deep, refreshing breath and begin your Quarterly experience.

COVID precautions for in-person attenders

COVID transmission is still ongoing. Prevalence of other transmissible diseases like colds and flu are also increasing. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, **please attend remotely if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID.**

- Masks and covid tests are **welcome but not obligatory.**

Weather expectations

Expect hot weather! Friday and Saturday will peak in the high 80°s - Low 90°s.
Night time lows will be in the mid 50°s, so you will want layers!

Advice from Quaker Center

The **Quaker Center cell phone number is 831-212-2631** to reach the QC staff member on call.

Questions? Give us a call or send an email to mail@quakercenter.org.

YOU SHOULD BRING:

- A flashlight (preferably better than your cellphone light)
- Good walking shoes
- Pillowcase and Bedding (sleeping bag OR single twin sheets and pillowcase). We provide at least one pillow and two blankets per bed. *For those who are unable to bring their own linens, Quaker Center rents bundles of sheets, pillowcases and towels for $15 a set.*
- Towel, washcloth
- Toiletries, including soap. Quaker Center provides toilet paper, hand soap and hand towels.
- Sweatshirt/sweater (even in summer) and layered clothes for cold nights and mornings
- Sun hat, insect repellent (April-September) and sunscreen (always)

- **YOU MAY ALSO WANT TO BRING:**
- Slippers and a throw
- Cloth napkin and your own (marked) coffee cup
- Alarm clock
- Earplugs (you may have a roommate)
- An instrument to play in the evenings and for family night!
- A hand work project
- Clothes for the clothing swap

- **PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> BRING:**
- Pets (task trained service dogs are permitted)
- Highly scented toiletries and perfumes
- Candles, incense, or anything else involving open flames
- Drones

General program

See the schedule for the weekend (attached). Much of our business was handled in advance at the Fall Representative Committee meeting. You can find and review the minutes and attachments from that meeting here Documents | College Park Quarterly Meeting. Some notable features of this Quarterly gathering are:

- Affinity Groups for deep fellowship.
- Less business than usual.
- Times for intergenerational activities: Friday evening, Saturday before dinner.
- Use breaks or skipped options for unprogrammed activities: Come to the EarthLight Bookstore and other displays in Redwood Lodge; walk the Quaker Center trails, or just visit with each other.

- Some activities like Bible study will have both in-person and Zoom groups at the same time.
- Pick up handouts (e.g.: plenary topics, reports and timetable) from Registration or Clerks' tables.

Children's program

Parents are expected to sign their children into the Children's Program or have them in their own care. Children in their parents' care need to be directly supervised by a parent; the child must stay within sight of the parent. Children cannot be left alone on the campus. The Children's Program is offered during worship, plenary sessions, worship-sharing, and interest groups. The Children's Program is mainly in the Haven. Older elementary/middle school aged children may use the Library some of the time.

Teen program

Teens (ages 13-18 years) includes fun activities, interest groups, community service, and worship-sharing, as well as a single sleeping area supervised by at least one FRAP (Friendly Responsible Adult Presence) at all times. During sleeping hours, all present will be allotted their own little "yard" (at least 3 feet) of personal space around each person in order to foster safety and comfort. Teens share meals and most activities with the whole Quarterly Meeting and have other meetings for business and activities on their own. Bring a camping pad, sleeping bag, pillow, clothes and walking shoes so you can get dirty or wet during the service project. Teens are expected to either participate in the teen program or be under supervision of a parent, guardian, or adult sponsor at all times. The dedicated teen space is in the Casa de Luz.

All minors must have Parental Consent and Medical History forms. These can be found at www.collegepark.quaker.org or can be filled out by the parent or guardian at registration.

Young Adult Friends

Young Adult Friends (age 18-35) are encouraged to participate in all gathering activities. The Sojourners Cottage has been reserved for YAFs to use. There is no separate YAF program at this time.

Zoom information

Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89068082636?pwd=xiHjs6ZfyhZhNlAJadv55RCWYuMewa.

1 Meeting ID: 890 6808 2636 Passcode: 349270

Joining instructions
https://us02web.zoom.us/meetings/89068082636/invitations?signature=wJkQpiz7wnOtOYB3qH8R3GuwXQUvlizbNkRDS19Zck

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kc9CtQFWP4

We are continuing to experiment with inclusion of Zoom attenders in hybrid events, especially plenary sessions, worship and family night. Combining sound systems – microphones to send in-person voices to the Zoom

audience and speakers to hear Zoomers talk – is difficult, and we ask for your patience as we sometimes have to resolve problems in real time. We will use a specialized camera – known as an “OWL” – in most hybrid sessions; set your Zoom window to “speaker” and not “gallery” to best see the OWL’s images. Do the same for films being shown on Zoom.

There will be Zoom-only sessions for Bible study and Worship-Sharing. When you join Zoom, please use the chat to indicate if you want to participate in Worship-Sharing; at the start of Worship-Sharing you will be assigned to a breakout room. Worship-Sharing groups will select their own conveners.

There will be breakout rooms available for fellowship during otherwise unscheduled periods.

Depending on content, Family Night may not show well on Zoom. In this case, Zoom attenders will go into a separate room, where you are invited to share readings of stories and literature especially meaningful to you.

General Zoom Instructions

Whether you are using the Zoom app on your smart phone, desktop computer, laptop computer, tablet, OR are dialing in by phone, your experience will go much more smoothly if you know how to:

- Re-name yourself so that we can see who you are, what Meeting you attend, and who is with you if you are sharing a device
- Mute and unmute yourself
- Turn your video camera on and off
- Toggle between speaker view and gallery view

It is also helpful to be able to:

- Use the chat feature, especially if you need help
- Address your chat message to an individual, not to "Everyone"
- Raise and lower your hand virtually
- Change your display to “Speaker view” from “Gallery”

If you are a presenter you may also want to be able to:

- Share screen
- Ask for or create breakout groups

Since a Quaker gathering - even by Zoom - is a participatory event, you are asked to LEAVE YOUR CAMERA ON. Your name in white on a black window is no substitute for being able to see everyone's face.

- Of course, if you have to leave your computer for a few minutes, please do so with your camera off.

- Some may call in on a phone without a camera, which is also OK.
- If you have to skip part of the gathering, please log off and re-enter the Zoom link when you come back.
- If your internet connection is inadequate for video, consider this an incentive to visit a Friendly neighbor with better internet.

Community Expectations

Our Quarterly Session is a gathering of the Beloved Community. For us to go deep into worship and have meaningful fellowship with each other, we must create a safe and healthy environment for everyone. Please use these reminders to make this Session a joyful occasion for all.

- We come to Quarterly Session with a loving attitude, ready to be with one another in compassion, even when we disagree.
- When there is conflict, we practice slowing down. We listen deeply to others and speak our truth as plainly as we are able.
- We remember to treat everyone with basic courtesy, and speak with love.
- We communicate our own personal boundaries and respect those of others.
- We ensure that children and parents are supported so that young people are safe, supervised and appropriately engaged as an integral part of our community.
- We remember that Quarterly Session is a Do-It-Yourself event and run by volunteers – members of our very own community. We seek the appropriate person to talk to and we are prepared to help with the solution to issues we bring forward for resolution.
- We are aware of our own and others' needs and are willing to ask for and/or give help to others, while also respecting everyone's desire for independence.
- Consenting adults keep any sexual intimacy only within pre-existing committed relationships in order to focus on being in community for our time together at Quarterly Session. We expect that minors will not engage in sexual relations during Quarterly Session.
- We abstain from using alcohol and recreational or illegal drugs during Quarterly Session. We respect our host site and abide by their guest policies.

Thank you for helping make Quarterly Session a safe, healthy and fun occasion for the whole community!

If you would like to discuss any of these expectations please see a member of the Ministry and Spiritual Care Committee. M&SC members are also available to support anyone at Quarterly Session through mediation, worship and/or deep listening.

Revised for CPQM from Pacific Yearly Meeting's Respectful Relationships Committee

College Park Quarterly Meeting

Fall Session 2026

Time	Child Care Provided	Event	In-Person Location	Zoom
Friday 10/16				
4:00-6:00pm		Check in	Orchard Lodge	
6:00-7:30pm		Dinner	Orchard Lodge	
7:45-8:15pm		Welcome, Intro to the weekend	Redwood Lodge	Yes
9:15-on		Clothing swap, Songs, & Games	Orchard Lodge	
Saturday 10/17				
6:30-7:30am		Bible Study (with Bob Runyan)	Office	
7:30-8:30am		Breakfast	Orchard Lodge	
8:45-9:15am	9:00am-12pm	Family Worship	Redwood Lodge	Yes
9:15-11am		Plenary 1	Redwood Lodge	Yes
11:00-12pm		Affinity Groups	Various Locations	
12:15-1:45pm		Lunch	Orchard Lodge	
2:00-3:30pm	2:00-6:00pm	Intrest Groups	Various Locations	Yes
4:00-5:30pm		Worship Sharing	Various Locations	Yes
5:30-6:00pm		Free Time / Optional QC Well Tour		
6:00-7:15pm		Dinner	Orchard Lodge	
7:30-8:30pm		Family Night	Redwood Lodge	
8:45-10pm		Singing and Games	Orchard Lodge	
Sunday 10/18				
6:30-7:30am		Bible Study (with Bob Runyan)		
7:30-8:30am		Breakfast	Orchard Lodge	
8:30-9:00am		Clean up Personal Spaces		
9:00-9:45am	9:00am-12pm	Affinity Groups	Various Locations	
10:00-10:30am		Meeting for Worship	Redwood Lodge	Yes
10:30-11:30am		Plenary 2	Redwood Lodge	Yes
11:45-12:15pm		Clean up Common Spaces	Various Locations	
12:15-1:30pm		Lunch	Orchard Lodge	

Friday Night Welcome

Introduction to the Weekend

Report From Children's Program

Report From Teen Program

Report From Nominating and Naming Committees

Group Game

Joys and Concerns

Card Signing

Plenary 1

Welcome from Quaker Center staff

Roll Call

Introducing the theme "Trust and Sacrifice"

Quakerism 101 with Ministry and Spiritual Care

Intro of Interest Groups "Living our Faith into Action"

Interest Group Topics

Minutes of concern with Karen Waren, Direct Action with Daniel O'Connell, Letter Writing with Marcia Anderson, FCLCA presentation with Klara East

Rock wall building with Alma Moon

Plenary 2

Report from 9/26 Representative Committee Meeting

Reading and Approval of Rep Comm Meeting Minutes

Reading and Approval of Minutes from Plenary 1

Naming Committee Slate Approval

Nominating Committee Slate Approval

Committee Reports

Reading of Minutes

Trust

Quakerism, or the Religious Society of Friends, offers a unique framework for navigating **trust issues** because its entire spiritual practice is built on the foundation of deep, radical trust. Rather than relying on external religious hierarchies or rigid dogmas, Quakers place their faith in the "Inner Light"—the belief that there is "that of God" in everyone.

When you are struggling with trust issues, Quaker principles can provide a gentle, contemplative path toward healing.

How Quaker Practices Can Help Heal Trust Issues

- **Silence and Listening (Unprogrammed Worship):** Quaker worship often involves sitting together in deep, communal silence. For someone with trust issues, this environment can feel safe. There is no pressure to speak, perform, or defend yourself. It teaches you to trust the silence and, eventually, to trust your own inner voice.
- **The Testimony of Integrity:** Quakers strive for truthfulness and consistency in their actions. Engaging with a community that prioritizes radical honesty can help heal wounds caused by past deception or betrayal. You are surrounded by people who actively try to align their inward convictions with their outward behavior.
- **Clearness Committees:** When a Friend faces a difficult decision or personal crisis, they can request a "Clearness Committee." A small group gathers not to give advice or fix the problem, but to ask open, honest questions. This practice helps you learn to trust others to support you without controlling or judging you.
- **The Inward Light:** Trust issues often stem from a lack of trust in oneself or one's own judgment. Quakerism encourages you to look inward and trust that you have an internal spiritual compass capable of discerning truth and guiding your steps.

If you are exploring a way to work through trust as a Quaker, it can be helpful to take it slow. You can attend a meeting for worship and simply sit in the silence without feeling any obligation to interact until you feel entirely comfortable.

We bring our hearts, minds and leadings to our community to work on them together. It requires support and trust to speak candidly, without obstacles of ego or fear.

Sacrifice

In a Quaker context, sacrifice is often understood through the lens of inner spiritual commitment and the testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship. Rather than focusing on ritualistic or ceremonial acts, Quakers view sacrifice as the giving up of personal desires, comforts, or material possessions to live in greater alignment with their spiritual values and to support the well-being of others. This can manifest as dedicating time and resources to social justice, fostering peace, or living simply to reduce harm to the environment. The emphasis is on inward transformation and outward expression of faith through actions that reflect a deep connection to the Divine and a commitment to ethical living.

Volition: True sacrifice is a conscious, voluntary choice rather than forced deprivation.

Exchange of Value: It trades an immediate, smaller reward for a delayed, higher-value outcome.

Purpose: It is anchored in love, ethics, responsibility, or spiritual devotion.

Character and Habits: Relinquishing toxic traits, ego, or short-term impulses to align actions with long-term integrity in unity with our community. Together, we can support our community, and allow our community to help us season our leadings and understand our obstacles and struggles. We can lead, and be led, together… to recognize that we are where spirit has led us to be.

College Park Quarterly Meeting
Naming Committee Report
Fall 2026

New committee members are in blue

Mary Miche & Anne Baier's terms end in February 2027, after winter quarter in January.

Second reading for approval:

2028 Lisa Hubbell, unaffiliated (2025)
2029 TinaMarie Jackson, Apple Seed (2023) - clerk
2029 Mark Runyan, Chico (2026) (filling the last two years of a term)
2030 David East, Sacramento (2026)

First reading for seasoning until winter quarter:

2030 Margaret Willits, Palo Alto/Central Sierra WG (2026)

A one-year term to end in Feb. 2028 is in discernment, to be brought to winter quarter.

College Park Quarterly Meeting
Nominating Committee Report 2026-10-16

Job description changes to propose:

- **Ministry** and **Nominating** Committees:
  at least six members
- **Archivist/Archive Working Group**:
  Eric Sabelman sent Nominating Committee a 2011 job description that was not in the document we presented at spring session.
  We would like to ask the Archivist Committee to review it and suggest any updates.
- *For reference: CPQM Job Description Handbook*
  https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GUBFU7_g0wLtyvwUGVqWVCF2z_Dk0acLRsl0CY_MUKQ/edit?tab=t.0

College Park Quarterly Meeting Nominations Slate as of October 2026 *(Names in* **bold** *have not been approved)*
All terms are through spring 2027 unless otherwise specified

Presiding Clerk (one year term, 3 year hope)
2027 Alma Moon, Strawberry Creek (2026)
Assistant Clerk (one year term, 3 year hope)
2027 Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2022)
Recording Clerks (one year term)
2027 Lisa Hubbell, unaffiliated (2026)
2027 Barbara Babin, Redwood Forest (2026)

Finance (3 members, 3-year terms)
2028 Bob Runyan, Chico (2025) clerk
2027 Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2024)
2028 Owain Elliott Sowaal, San Francisco (2025)
2027 Martha Hunkins, Humboldt (2022) Treasurer, ex officio

Archivist Committee (one year term with a 3-year hope)
2027 Eric Sabelman, Redwood Forest (2026)
2027 Joe Magruder, Berkeley (2023)
2029 Bruce Folsom, San Francisco (2026)

Ministry & Spiritual Care (6 members, 3-year term)
2027 Thom McCue, Live Oak (2024)
2027 Margaret Willits, Sierra Foothills (2024)
2028 Klara East, Sacramento (2025)
2028 Daniel O'Connell, Visalia (2025)
2029 Theresa Cox, Berkeley (2026)
2029 Agnita Wright, Mexico City (2026)
2029 Nancy Nanna, Redwood Forest (2023)

Registrars (one year term with a 3-year hope)
2029 Sarah Tyrrell, Berkeley (2023) online and onsite registration clerk
2028 Theresa Cox, Berkeley (2025) onsite registration

Website Coordinator (one year term)
2027 Bob Runyan, Chico (2011)
2027 _____

Arrangements (one year term with a 3-year hope)
Fall 2027 Bob Runyan, Chico (2023)
Fall 2027 Ben Hofvendahl, Santa Cruz (2026)
Fall 2026 Owain Elliott Sowaal, San Francisco (2012)

Children's Program (3 members, 3-year term)
2027 Shanna Mae Slight, Reno (2024) clerk
2028 Thistle Hofvendahl, Redwood Forest (2025)
2028 Nora Lisette, Grass Valley (2025)
2028 Elizabeth Edwards, San Jose (2025)

Teen Program (6 members, 3-year term)
2027 Keenan Lorenzato, Youth Programs Coordinator ex officio
2027 Teen Co-Clerk Iris Moon, Strawberry Creek (2026)
2027 Teen Co-Clerk Stuart Cornwal, San Francisco (2026)
2028 Jennifer Carr, Sacramento (2025) clerk
2028 Kelly Bodtke, Reno (2025)
2028 Ari Standish, Berkeley (2025)

Worship Sharing

Guidelines for Everyone

We gather in stillness - to worship, to listen, to share.

SPEAKING

We speak from our heart, out of personal experiences and feelings; we avoid abstract ideas and generalizations beyond our experience.

We speak only for ourselves, out of the silence.

We may speak, or pass (and perhaps speak later), on any query.

We speak only once until everyone has had a chance to speak.

LISTENING

In the silence after words, we hold in the Light what was shared.

We do not answer, disagree, dispute, or comment on the thoughts of one another. We do not try to solve another person's problem.

We respect confidentiality: we repeat nothing beyond the group that we have heard from others within the group.

While others are speaking, we listen attentively-rather than "tuning them out" to prepare what we will say.

We seek to hear what God may be saying to us through another's words - especially when we feel resistant to those words.

GOOD ORDER

We are mindful of the allotted time, so that everyone can share. When needed, the facilitator will remind us of time limitations.

We support the facilitator's efforts to maintain good order.

We trust the Spirit to guide our group.

Worship Sharing Queries

Trust:

- Am I someone who trusts other people freely, or does a person have to prove their trustworthiness before I feel at ease with them?

- What are things that I do to help develop trust in my friendships and community?

- Are there actions that I have taken, or things that I have said, that may have broken trust in a friendship or my community?

Sacrifice:

- What are things I may have to sacrifice to be closer to and more aligned with the Divine and my community?

- What am I unwilling to sacrifice, even though it may strengthen my community?

College Park Quarterly Meeting
September 26, 2026
9:30-11:15am on Zoom
Representative Meeting

Opening

The Meeting opened at 9:30am with a period of worship. There were 25 participants present.

Alma Moon, Presiding Clerk, welcomed us.

Minutes from 8/22/2026

Barbara Babin, Co-Recording Clerk, read the minutes from the August 22 called meeting. Notes from the closing discussion were not included in the minutes, but have been shared with the planning committee and the Ministry and Spiritual Care committee. The minutes were approved as read.

Finance Committee Report

Bob Runyan, Clerk of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee reviewed overall finances, and discussed a proposed minute to join Pacific Yearly Meeting's incorporation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Assessments for monthly meetings have been raised from $2 to $5 per member. This makes up our previous deficit.

Martha Hunkins, Treasurer, shared the voluntary contributions requested of each monthly meeting (see "Quota Charts" attached).. Several meetings did not contribute this year and/or last year. These contributions are voluntary but appreciated if possible for each meeting.

Some discussion of wording ensued. "Quota" and "assessment" have both been used. "Voluntary contribution" or "expected contribution" would be accurate. Discussion of wording is tabled for now.

Treasurer's Report

Martha Hunkins shared the Treasurer's Report (attached). In the spring session, we ran a deficit of $2,751. Raising the assessment makes up the difference. We have been losing money on in-person sessions ever since the end of the COVID shelter-in-place. We used to comp the teachers but not pay them, now we pay them.

Our General Fund has $16,788, which is a good amount. Slightly higher attendance would help to balance the budget. It could be useful to look at a break-even point. Sites tend to charge a minimum fee for up to a certain number of people.

One alternative would be to raise attendance fees, rather than having monthly meetings subsidize those who attend.

A PacYM ad hoc subcommittee is looking at ways to raise money. One would be for registration forms to invite donations to help young people attend.

Minute re joining Pacific Yearly Meeting's 501(c)(3) application

Martha Hunkins shared a minute written by Lanny Jay of the PacYM Holding Corporation (see below and attached). A window has reopened for organizations to apply for tax-exempt status. Approving this minute would allow us to be included in PacYM's application. PacYM Finance Committee has been trying to make this happen for about five years. It would make it much easier for people to give tax-deductible contributions to our meetings, and for CPQM to act as a fiscal sponsor for projects. Non-profits can also apply for grants, although foundations do not typically fund religious organizations.

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting, and perhaps some others, are already religious non-profits. Monthly meetings who are already designated do not need to join this process. Any monthly meeting that wants to join would need to sign on to this group exemption process; being part of CPQM does not automatically confer non-profit status on constituent meetings. More detailed questions can be raised with Genie Stowers, PacYM Treasurer.

Alternatives to Violence Project local chapters can be part of the nationwide organization's 501(c)(3) status.

Friends with legal experience raised a few issues. Churches should automatically be covered under 501(c)(3). Donations cannot support political candidates. Does affiliating with PacYM implicate CPQM if there is any wrongdoing? The language of the IRS assumes that we are a hierarchical organization; we're not, but we are part of PacYM.

> **Minute 26.09.01 CPQM approved signing the following minute to join Pacific Yearly Meeting's application for 501(c)(3) non-profit status.**
>
> College Park Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) hereby declares, minutes, and certifies its approval of being included in any group federal tax exemption under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code that Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) may seek and obtain pursuant to the Internal Revenue Service's group exemption process. We affirm that this entity is an organized Quaker Meeting, *i.e.*, a "church" as this term is defined and used by the Internal Revenue Service, affiliated with a central organization, the Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and that this entity operates as a constituent of Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers).

Mentions of K-12 Scholarship Fund

We still have a fund for scholarships to K-12 Quaker schools, with a balance of $4,413.

Anytime a non-profit has a donor-designated fund, they need to be careful about using that money in any other way. We already need to be careful and in integrity.

We have had a request for scholarship assistance for college, which isn't part of the stated purpose of our scholarship fund.

Perhaps we can have a discussion later of the scholarship fund and the whole financial picture.

Naming Committee Report

Stephen Myers of the Naming Committee presented the slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee (attached).

> Leaving: Mary Miché (after two terms), Ann Baier (after one term), Catie Polley (moving to Colorado).
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> Continuing: Lisa Hubbell 2028, Catherine Curtis 2028 [since resigned], TinaMarie Jackson 2029
>
> New nominees: David East 2030, Mark Runyan 2030, one vacancy to fill
>
> TinaMarie Jackson is willing to clerk the Nominating Committee, and David East is willing to support her.

Nominating Committee terms overlap for a meeting of old and new members. Positions extend beyond three years to end in the winter.

The job description specifies six people on the Nominating committee. Might the Nominating Committee change the job description to say "at least six people"?

This was a first reading, names will be read again on Friday of the in-person session. Concerns can be brought through Saturday, with names to be approved on Sunday of in-person session.

Nominating Committee Report

Mary Miché, clerk of the Nominating Committee, presented the attached report and gave a first reading of the names in bold, who are new nominees being considered for approval at the fall in-person session.

> Archivist Committee: all have worked as Archivists. We don't know who will clerk.

Website Coordinator: Waiting to hear back from the nominee, and hope to read this name at the fall in-person session. This person will work with Bob Runyan, who is continuing.

Arrangements: Ben Hofvendahl is new, Bob Runyan continuing, Owain Elliott-Sowaal going off. The Arrangements Committee will have two people after the fall session.

This was a first reading, names will be read again on Friday of the in-person session. Concerns can be brought through Saturday, with names to be approved on Sunday of in-person session.

The Nominating Committee is discussing a proposal to add two positions to the Ministry and Spiritual Care committee: one older person continuing, and another young person. The job description specifies six people on the Ministry and Spiritual Care committee. Might the Nominating Committee change the job description for the Ministry and Spiritual Care committee to say "at least six people"? Any proposed changes to job descriptions should be brought to the fall in-person session.

Archives Committee Report

Eric Sabelman gave a verbal report. The archives of Friends Association for Services to the Elderly and John Woolman School will be brought to San Francisco, where the CPQM archives are held at San Francisco Meeting.

Tasks with records include preservation, cataloging and curating, and making them available for search through indexing and providing finding aids. They would appreciate having more people join these efforts.

World Quaker Day

Sarah Tyrrell announced a global online meeting for worship across many time zones on October 4, World Quaker Day. The flyer includes a link to register.
https://fwcc.world/event/worldquakerday2026/

Friends World Committee for Consultation is an international organization promoting intervisitation and communication across all branches of Quakerism. Sarah is the new section coordinator for this area.

Announcements

Nate Secrest and Sarah Ludwig are expecting a baby.

Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA) has posted their proposition analysis on their website. https://fclca.org/ballot-propositions-1

We now have a calendar on the CPQM website, which can be subscribed to. Send events you would like to share with Quakers to Alma Moon at cpqmclerk@gmail.com

No Kings rallies will be held on the Saturday of in-person session. There may be one in Santa Cruz, as there was last year.

Closing

Thanks to Alma for agreeing to be our Clerk and doing a wonderful job.

Send Alma anything to include in the fall in-person schedule.

After a brief period of worship, the meeting closed at 11:10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Hubbell, co-Recording Clerk

Statement Opposing the "Automatic" Registration of Individuals for a Possible Military Draft



The organizations listed below oppose the recent change in federal law, buried in the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, that will result in the Selective Service System (SSS) trying to "automatically" identify, locate, and register men ages 18 through 25 for a future draft.

"Automatic" registration won't produce an accurate or complete list of potential draftees. But it will increase the likelihood of war and violate the privacy of U.S. citizens and residents. Once implemented, an automatic registration system will deny young men, including conscientious objectors, the opportunity to indicate their opposition to being drafted by opting out of registration.

This change in law was proposed by the SSS because the previous method of relying on men to register themselves with the SSS has, over time, resulted in tens of millions of young men failing to register or report changes of address. The failing record of the self-registration system was underscored when the SSS reported that in 2023 only 39.9 percent of men complied when they reached the mandatory registration age of 18.

While there currently is no active military draft, the SSS is tasked with maintaining the mechanism for one if it is authorized by Congress. Given threats and actions by the Trump administration to intervene militarily in an increasing number of places around the world, it is concerning that, at this time, steps are now being taken to grow the number of people who could be facing the threat of a future draft.

Furthermore, even before a draft is activated, the mere presence of a system to carry it out and enroll men to be involuntarily inducted can encourage politicians and military planners to feel overconfident in planning and carrying out larger and longer wars without having to worry about whether enough people would be willing to fight them. Thus, having a system for a draft in place reduces a critical guard rail for such decisions.

The new "automatic" registration law will give the SSS unprecedented authority, starting in December 2026, to acquire and aggregate information from any other federal database that might help identify or locate potential draftees. However, whether an individual is required to register depends on factors like their sex as assigned at birth and their immigration and visa status, information that could very well be absent from other federal data sources used by the SSS. Relying on such a wide breadth of federal data sources could, thus, make the SSS database inaccurate and vulnerable to misuse and weaponization, especially against transgender, nonbinary, and immigrant youth.

This potential for weaponization has been starkly demonstrated by recent efforts to grant the Department of State and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services access to the SSS database of registered individuals. The stated purpose for requesting this is to evaluate the eligibility of individuals for U.S. citizenship, but it could also be used to identify immigrants for potential deportation. If implemented, the personal information and privacy of all U.S. citizens and residents would be at risk.

The change to "automatic" registration was enacted with no hearings, no debate, and no budget review. There's no reason to think that a list constructed from other databases compiled for entirely unrelated purposes will be any more fit for the purpose of provably delivering induction notices than the current "self-registration" list.

In light of these facts, including the failure of the self-registration system, we are supporting a bi-partisan bill, S.4537, that has been reintroduced in Congress to end SSS registration and totally repeal the Military Selective Service Act. **Lawmakers should act quickly on this issue before federal records are misused and the rights of young men are infringed in an ill-considered attempt to bolster the capacity of the U.S. for endless, unlimited wars.**

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List of signers (as of 5/22/26):

- Alliance of Baptists
- American Friends Service Committee
- American Solidarity Party, Indiana Chapter

- Antiwar.com
- Association of Raza Educators (ARE)
- Center on Conscience and War
- CODEPINK
- Committee Opposed to Militarism and the Draft (COMD)
- Episcopal Peace Fellowship
- Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR-USA)
- Franciscan Action Network
- Franciscan Justice Circle, Mid-Hudson Valley, NY
- Friends Committee on Legislation of California (FCLCA)
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Friends of Swazi Freedom
- International Peace Research Association
- Jewish CO Project
- Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns
- Mennonite Central Committee U.S.
- Military Law Task Force of the National Lawyers Guild
- National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth (NNOMY)
- Pacific Yearly Meeting, Peace and Social Action Committee (Quakers)
- Pax Christi Hudson Valley, NY
- Pax Christi USA
- Planet VS Pentagon
- Presbyterian Peace Fellowship
- Project on Youth and Non-Military Opportunities (Project YANO)
- Quaker House of Fayetteville
- Resisters.info
- Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity
- Sojourners
- Southern California Quarterly Meeting Peace & Social Concerns Committee, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)
- Syracuse Cultural Workers
- The Libertarian Institute

- The Peace and Justice Studies Association
- The Truth Project (Palm Beach County, FL)
- United Church of Christ
- Veterans for Peace
- Veterans for Peace Chapter 112, Ventura County, CA
- Veterans for Peace, Phil Berrigan Chapter, Baltimore, MD
- War Resisters League
- WeAreNotYourSoldiers.org
- Winsted Area Peace Action
- Women's International League for Peace and Freedom U.S.
- World BEYOND War

Form for additional organization endorsements.

Resources to learn more about Selective Service and Conscientious Objection

From Karen Warren, Santa Cruz Meeting:

Our interest group on Faith in Action Saturday discussed ways monthly meetings are becoming educated about selective service and how to inform young men about conscientious objection.

Background and resources

Individuals can take action through FCNL.
Quaker House offers training and resources.
Edward Hasbrouk spoke about the new law and conscientious objection at PacYM. More resources can be found on his website.
Stony Run Friends Meeting has a good overview of the CO process and other resources.