

2025 Spring CPQM Appendices

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College Park Quarterly Meeting – 257th Session
Ben Lomond Quaker Center
Fourth Month 25 - 27, 2025

IN PERSON - For those attending via Zoom: see the “via Zoom” info packet.

What Does it Mean to be a Friend of the Truth?

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COVID precautions for in-person attenders

COVID transmission is still ongoing, so our vigilance to protect our vulnerable members includes all of the following:

- Take a rapid Covid test before leaving home or on arrival
 - we ask that you cover the cost of a CPQM-provided test
- Masks are welcome but not obligatory
- Attend remotely if you have cold or flu-like symptoms

WHAT TO BRING:

Essentials: flashlight, towel, soap, and bedding (a pillow case with either sleeping bag or sheets and blankets), and if you're camping, a tent.

Fri 25	60°/46°	 Partly Cloudy	 12%	→ W 10 mph
Sat 26	61°/46°	 Partly Cloudy	 21%	→ WNW 12 mph
Sun 27	64°/47°	 Partly Cloudy	 5%	→ NW 11 mph

Suggestions: A sweater or jacket for chilly mornings and evenings. Your own cloth napkin and coffee mug to reduce use of paper products. Walking shoes for hiking. A small travel alarm or your smart phone to help you be on time for morning activities. Work gloves for service projects.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Please do not use scented products of any kind, as we often have people in attendance who are sensitive to these. Do not bring or consume alcohol or other mind-altering substances. Please do not bring pets of any kind (service dogs registered in advance are permitted).

ALL IN-PERSON ATTENDERS are expected to participate as they are able in meal preparation and clean-up, and final cleaning of their rooms and common spaces. Sign up at the registration desk. Please read and abide by the "Community expectations."

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.

TEEN PROGRAM (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.

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VIA ZOOM - For those attending in person: see the “in person” info packet.

ZOOM LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/775666312?pwd=L0pIWmJEb0xTSVFqcS9wbkhrRThlQT09>

Meeting ID: 775 666 312

Passcode: 981635

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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 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

If you are new to Zoom or will be using features that are new to you, we HIGHLY recommend that you check in with the registrars between 9:00 and 9:15 on Saturday so that our Zoom coordinator can whisk you into a breakout room for a quick session to help you out.

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 where Friends labor and rejoice together in discerning the will of Spirit. For us to go deep into worship and community, we must create a safe and healthy container. 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 are in disagreement.
- When there is conflict, we practice entering worship to seek God's will. We listen deeply to others and speak our truth as plainly as we are able.
- We remember basic courtesy, and we speak with love. Peace is the way!
- 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 Subcommittee)

College Park Quarterly Meeting

257th Session - April 25-27, 2025

Gathering Schedule

Friday 4/25

4:00 Registration opens

6:00 Dinner @ Orchard Lodge

7:30 Organized fellowship @ Redwood Lodge [hybrid zoom]

- Clerk's Welcome
- Newcomer recognition - matching with resource "buddy"
- Group Activity - led by clerk (and possibly M&SC?)
- Announcements
 - Request to update MM reps & clerks on spreadsheet
 - Reminder to sign up for volunteer opportunities, including childcare
 - Bible study
 - Quaker Volunteer Service job opportunities for YFs
- Closing singing

Rest of evening - self-guided fellowship in Orchard and Redwood Lodges (singing, games, chats...)

Saturday 4/26

7:00 Bible study [separate zoom]

7:30 * prayer circle for Carl Magruder; Quaker Center morning worship

8:00 Breakfast

9:00 Worship [hybrid zoom]

9:30 Opening plenary [hybrid zoom]

- Roll call & non-CPQM introductions
- Newcomer recognition - matching with resource "buddy" (for new arrivals)
- Ministry and Spiritual Care Report
- OWL & tech announcement
- Welcome to Quaker Center - Nico Wright, Quaker Center Director
- Children & Teen programs - plan for the gathering
 - Those folks exit plenary to start their programs
- Introduction to theme: "What does it mean to be a Friend of the Truth?"
- Nominations - first reading of names
- Naming
- Ben Lomond Quaker Center Association Report

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# College Park Quarterly Meeting

## 257th Session - April 25-27, 2025

### Gathering Schedule

10:45 Break

11:00 Morning business plenary [hybrid zoom]

- Opening worship - Remembering the names of lost Friends
- Discernment on Restructuring Quarterly Business - Implementation Committee

Announcements - Keith, Theresa

12:30 Lunch

- Topical tables

*Is your meeting faithful in following PYM's Faith and Practice's description of the meaning of "membership"? - hosted by Deborah Burton*

*Some questions might be:*

- *Do you share F&P's description in clearness committees for membership?*
- *Do you periodically review with members the meaning of membership set out in Faith and Practice?*
- *Do you lay down membership of individuals who no longer participate in meeting, even in situations where the individual does not agree to lay down their membership or re-engage with meeting (after extensive outreach)?*
- *How concerned about this is your meeting?*
- *Has this ever been much of a concern?*

1:30 Worship-sharing [separate zoom]

3:00 Break

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Gathering Schedule

3:15 Interest groups

- **Peace is Possible: Friends Peace Teams** is a Spirit-led organization of volunteers working to develop long-term relationships with communities in conflict around the world to create programs for peace building, healing and reconciliation. The 20 min video will show a glimpse of programs in 25 countries in the 5 regions where FPT visit with a concern for peace in difficult places - geographically, politically, and emotionally. They bring people together from different backgrounds, orientations, affiliations, ethnicities, religions, and ages. They contribute to healing the effects of trauma and deprivation in their many forms across boundaries. Video followed by discussion led by Julie Harlow.
- **Kindling Quaker Earthcare: Practical Steps and Prophetic Vision**
with Keith Runyan, General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness

How can Friends respond faithfully to the overlapping challenges of climate change, social justice, and ecological repair? Keith Runyan will share how Quaker Earthcare Witness is weaving together grounded action—such as defending the Inflation Reduction Act—with the deeper spiritual call to nurture hope and regeneration. He will outline QEW's 2025 priorities: expanding the QuakerEarth Action Map, protecting vital climate policy, strengthening our small but growing organization, and advancing the ten-year QuakerEarth Campaign.

4:30 Afternoon plenary

- State-of-the-Meeting reports [separate zoom or hybrid?]
- Worship-sharing on State-of-the-Quarter & Future of CPQM [hybrid zoom]
- Reading of minutes [hybrid zoom]
- Worship & singing

5:30 Free time

6:00 Dinner

7:30 Family night - [separate in-person and zoom]

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### Gathering Schedule

#### Sunday 4/27

7:00 Bible study [separate in-person and zoom]

7:30 \* prayer circle for Carl Magruder; Quaker Center morning worship

8:00 Breakfast

9:30 Worship [hybrid zoom]

10:15 Break

- Read Fri/Sat minutes

10:30 Closing plenary [hybrid zoom]

- Letter of intro for Nora (& Keith?) to

● Finance & Treasurer summary report<sup>NPYM</sup>

● Implementation Committee - action if needed

● Registrar's report

● Children's Program report

announcements

● Teen Program report

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- NPYM - sue

● Reading & approval of minutes

- group photo - right before lunch @ OL?

● Closing worship

- thank QC staff

- Next quarter- Oct 17-19 @ QC

11:30 Break

- brief eval mtg. outside of OL (weather

12:00 Lunch - close with singing

permitting - alt is library - after cleanup

1:00 Clean-up

2:00 Departure

An evaluation meeting will be held as soon as practicable (outside of the Orchard Lodge)

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\* prayer circle for Carl Magruder (not a CPQM activity) - [Zoom link](#)

Meeting ID: 836 5968 1385

Passcode: 688758

Ben Lomond Quaker Center morning worship (not a CPQM activity) - [Access here](#)

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Clerk's intro to theme for Spring 2025 quarterly meeting

I came to California a few months after graduating from Haverford College outside of Philadelphia way back at the turn of the millennium to be the intern here at Quaker Center. I got to spend a year with the staff, which included the directors, the Sullivans, and their girls, Rebecca and Grace, and David Forbes, the maintenance manager, who all took me in like family. I got to attend the entire year of programs, and to welcome and support a variety of Quaker and likeminded groups. I built an amazing community with other young Friends from the quarter and the yearly meeting. It was an incredible way to start my California adventure, living in one of the most beautiful places in the world, surrounded by towering redwoods and equally towering people.

At the end of my internship, I participated in BLQC's week-long Quaker Camp and week-long Service Camp. I brought with me the songs and skills I had developed at Camp Catoctin, one of the Quaker Camps of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and honed those skills under the tutelage of Alan and Mimi Edgar (who grace us with their presence today!), the camp directors during that first year.

Thus began my love affair with the camps program at Quaker Center. I returned summer after summer to be a staff person, eventually serving as director for several years until a career change meant I could no longer spend my summers here at Quaker Center.

The experiences that shaped me at camp continue to shape my understanding of quakerism. I think there's a beauty in way the program was organized while I was director, and I'd like to share why I think it's an appropriate metaphor for our theme this weekend.

The first level of camp is Quaker Camp, where we focused on exploring aspects of Quakerism, and having fun in nature while building a beloved community.

The second level is Service Camp, where we additionally incorporated service work here on the site and in the surrounding communities; pulling weeds at the homeless garden, packing shopping bags for delivery to the needy, and cleaning up graffiti along neglected corridors.

While I was director, we additionally ran Peace Action Camp, where the focus was understanding the nuts and bolts of social change, studying an issue together, and taking action to speak out about it.

I see those three camps as a representation of my understanding of my faith. They are like concentric circles: the inner circle is my personal understanding of Truth, which I have developed through worship, study, and play with Friends. The second is understanding my place in the world through learning about and offering myself in service to others. The third is to take that understanding and, as Friend Penn said, "excite my endeavors to mend it."

So I now turn to the theme of our gathering: “what does it mean to be a Friend of the Truth?”

We call ourselves “the Religious Society of Friends.” If you had a chance to explore the article sent out in the gathering announcement, you’re no doubt familiar with our historical name “the Friends of Truth.”

I love that phrase. It seems that the prevailing attitude of those in power is to speak as if they know the truth absolutely, even if it’s rubbish. Being a Friend of the Truth feels entirely different to me.

What it means to be a friend of something? To defend that thing? To nurture that thing? To listen to it? To be moved by it?

I invite us to explore this weekend how we as individuals and collectively as a Society are Friends of the Truth:

Do we love our enemies even while we dispel the falsity of their beliefs?

Are there opportunities in my life to be a closer friend to the truth? What does that look like?

- Stephen Myers, Acting Presiding Clerk

College Park Quarterly Meeting
Nominating Slate
Approved in Spring, 2025
(unless otherwise noted)

New committee members are in blue

Nominating Committee (nominated by the naming committee)

2027 Mary Miche, Redwood Forest (2021) clerk
2026 TinaMarie Jackson, Apple Seed (2023)
2026 Ann Baier, Live Oak (2023)
2027 Dorothy Henderson, Grass Valley (2024)
2028 Lisa Hubbel, unaffiliated (2025)
2028 Catherine Curtis, San Jose (fall 2025?) (to be seasoned)

Presiding Clerk (one year term, 3 year hope)

2026 Eric Sableman, Palo Alto (2023)

Assistant Clerk (one year term with a 3-year hope)

2026 Stephen Myers, Sacramento (2022)

Recording Clerks (one year term)

2026 Tom Yamaguchi, Berkeley, (2023) in person
2026 TinaMarie Jackson, Appleseed, (2023) online

Finance (3 members, 3-year terms)

2028 Bob Runyan, Chico (2025) clerk
2026 Peter Trueblood, Strawberry Creek (2023)
2027 Robert Levering, Santa Cruz (2024)
2028 Owain Elliott Sowaal, San Francisco (2025)
2026 Martha Hunkins, Humboldt (2022) Treasurer, ex officio

Archivist Committee (one year term with a 3-year hope)

2023 Kathy Richman (2020)
2026 Joe Magruder (2023)
2026 Bruce Fulsom (2023)

Ministry & Spiritual Care (6 members, 3-year term)

2027 Thom McCue, Live Oak (2024)
2026 Nancy Nanna, Redwood Forest (2023)
2025 Jessie Mitchell, Berkeley, (2022)
2027 Marci Downing, Appleseed (2024)
2027 Margaret Willits, Sierra Foothills (2024)
2028 Klara East, Sacramento (2025)
2028 Daniel O'Connell (2025)

Registrars (one year term with a 3-year hope)

2028 [Abbey Ingraham, Redwood Forest \(2025\) onsite registration](#)

2024 Sarah Tyrell, Berkeley (2023) online and onsite registration clerk

2028 [Theresa Cox, Berkeley \(2025\) onsite registration](#)

Website Coordinator (one year term)

2023 Bob Runyan, Chico (2011) willing to serve as long as needed

Arrangements (one year term with a 3-year hope)

Fall 2025 Owain Elliott Sowaal, San Francisco (2017)

Fall 2025 Bob Runyan, Chico, (2023)

Children's Program (3 members, 3-year term)

2026 Shanna Mae Slight, Reno (2024) clerk

2028 Thistle Hofvendahl, Santa Cruz (2025)

2028 Nora Lisette, Grass Valley (2025)

2028 [Elizabeth Edwards, San Jose \(2025\) \(to be seasoned\)](#)

Teen Program (6 members, 3-year term)

2023 Keenan Lorenzato, ex officio PYM Youth Programs Coordinator

2028 Jennifer Carr, Sacramento (2025) clerk

2028 [Kelly Bodke, Reno \(2025\) \(to be seasoned\)](#)

2028 [Ari Standish, Berkeley \(2025\) \(to be seasoned\)](#)

2028 [Elinor Steffi, Sacramento \(2025\) \(to be seasoned\)](#)

2028 Alan Levien, Berkeley (2025) FRAP

2028 [Ann Marie Snell, San Francisco \(2025\) FRAP](#)

Introduction to Proposal (below) from the ad hoc Implementation Committee of CPQM Futures Committee Recommendations

At this time in history, it feels important for us, as Friends, to make more time at Quarterly Meeting gatherings for weighty discernment as a larger group, spiritual nurture, and strengthening relationships between meetings. The proposal is also an effort to make CPQM more relevant to monthly meetings and worship groups by adding a Representative Committee meeting to consider some of our standard business in advance of quarterly meeting sessions.

Should this proposal be approved, we expect there would be an increase in communication from the quarterly meeting to monthly meetings and worship groups through each meeting's CPQM representative and vice versa. This might require an update to your meeting's current job description for your CPQM Representative. The first Representative Committee meeting would not be held until September.

Proposal for Restructuring CPQM Business Procedures

Recommendation from the CPQM Futures Committee: "Shift the business of the Quarterly Meeting to Zoom. While this virtual meeting would be open to all Friends in the Quarter, Monthly Meetings would be asked to send representatives, as would 'Young Adult Friends' and 'Junior Yearly Meeting'..."

Rationale: Many Friends have said that they look to the quarterly meeting for guidance and examples of how to conduct the business of our lives as Friends. Shifting the business of normal reporting and approvals [e.g. committee reports, nominations, etc.] to a Representative Committee meeting would allow more time in quarterly plenary sessions for more weighty Quaker discernment [e.g. weighty topics could include concerns arising in monthly meetings or in the CPQM community]. This experience could serve to strengthen our practice of Quaker process for testimony and action. The Quarter could record a minute of process or of action to send to monthly meetings for their consideration.

Implementation Proposal: CPQM experiments with creating a Representative Committee to consider committee reports and other general business. Representative Committee [Rep. Com.] meetings would be held during the month prior to each quarterly meeting session over the course of the coming year.

This experiment would involve 1) an organizational step and 2) new patterns of information sharing and levels of discernment.

1. Monthly Meetings, Young Adult Friends and the Teen Program would select CPQM Representatives. The Representative would receive CPQM reports, serve as a liaison sharing any relevant communication, and attend Representative Committee meetings online and the subsequent quarterly meeting sessions.
2. CPQM committee reports would be sent to Representatives electronically before their Zoom meeting, and posted on the CPQM website for general access to interested Friends.

- Minutes of these Representative Meetings would be read at the subsequent Quarterly session.
- Topics or issues calling for deeper exploration and discernment would be brought to plenary at that session for consideration.
- Minutes from Representative Committee meetings would be posted on the CPQM website and sent to all Monthly Meetings, Young Adult Friends, and the Teen Program clerks.

If approved, this experiment would begin prior to fall quarterly 2025 and reviewed in Spring 2027 to consider whether to make this an ongoing practice.

[v.04.2025]

College Park Quarterly Meeting – Spring 2025 Summaries of Lunch Table Topics and Interest Groups

Lunch Table Topics

Is your meeting faithful in following PYM's Faith and Practice's description of the meaning of "membership"?, hosted by Deborah Burton

While the conversation wasn't able to happen during lunch, in the afternoon, my co-presenter Alan and I were sitting at a table and were joined incrementally by about 8 other people, and we talked about all different aspects of our meetings. It was a wonderful spontaneous discussion. The topics included children at CPQM vs. children's involvement in Meeting, why people go to CPQM, who would be good presenters at Quaker Center for next year, two people were solicited to be on BLQC board. Talked about the young adult leadership program at Earlham, the fact that most quaker meetings don't grow by adding young adults with quaker upbringing but rather forty-somethings who "find" Quakerism. That led to talk about raising visibility (mentioned t-shirts that identify quakers- one person noted a recent addition to their meeting of a person who attended a protest and asked the person with the quaker t-shirt about quakers). I can't remember all the things we talked about, but it was wide-ranging and informative.

Interest Groups

Kindling Quaker Earthcare: Practical Steps and Prophetic Vision, hosted by Keith Runyan

The QEW interest group gathered around ten Friends for a rich and energizing conversation. We explored how to hold the "tragic gap" between practical climate action and prophetic vision in these tumultuous times, with particular focus on current efforts to protect national climate legislation like the Inflation Reduction Act. We also discussed how Friends can engage with Quaker Earthcare Witness's ongoing work— including the QuakerEarth Action Map and the ten-year QuakerEarth Campaign. The group was enthusiastic and deeply engaged, with one participant sharing that it was their favorite part of the entire gathering.

Peace is Possible: Friends Peace Teams, hosted by Julie Harlow

Friends Peace Teams (FPT): Julie Harlow shared a video-collage of bits from the 25 countries in 5 regions of the world where they are active. For many gathered, it was the first they had heard of FPT, but we all drank in the good news - Peace is Possible. Building relationships first, Peace Workers collaborate with local people to build programs of non-violence, cooperative communities, and understanding the power of kindness. The program is available to meetings. Contact Julie fhmus@sbcglobal.net

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257th Session - April 25-27, 2025

Worship Sharing Queries

Introduction: Our collective search for the Truth is the foundation of our Beloved Community.

What does it mean to be a Friend of the Truth? How do I come to the Truth?



During the silence with the presence of the Divine how does the Truth come to me?



How do I experience the Truth in the Quaker Community at large?



As Friends of the Truth, how do we take it out to the wider community, our neighbors, our town, people we disagree with us?

Do we speak to truth to power?

College Park Quarterly Meeting

Summary of 2025 State of the Meeting Reports

The CPQM Ministry & Spiritual Care Committee reviewed the ten State of the Meeting Reports that were submitted from ten monthly meetings: Berkeley, Chico, Davis, Live Oak, Mendocino, Napa, Palo Alto, Sacramento, San José, and Santa Cruz. This is fewer reports than are submitted most years, which is likely due to adjusting to having the Spring Session earlier in the year and the newness of most M&SC committee members.

While these reports illustrated the differences between meetings, they also revealed common threads. Below are threads that connected many of the reports.

Complete copies of all submitted State of the Meeting Reports can be found at:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yQT2FVJ2zYXhwivMNHsE8ITo2kzO-WSB?usp=sharing>

Meetings spoke of connecting with Spirit through worship.

“Our Meeting has deeply gathered worship.” **Mendocino**

“Worshiping together keeps us deeply rooted in the Meeting and is the glue that holds us together.” **Chico**

“... Sacramento Friends Meeting is an active and thriving community ...” **Sacramento**

“Central to our Meeting is the experience of corporate worship which provides spiritual fulfillment, centering, and acceptance.” **San José**

“... Spirit is drawing us together, for worship, for community, and for guidance on how we as Friends can meet the challenges of a troubled time.” **Davis**

“... a quote from our state of the meeting worship-sharing: ‘Whether I’m here in Santa Cruz, or on a trip, thinking of my spiritual home and my spiritual community helps to keep me grounded and in touch with Spirit.’” **Santa Cruz**

“Our worship time feels sacred and provides an island of calm in these tumultuous times.” **Palo Alto**

Meetings host a variety of activities to increase their spiritual growth, increase a sense of community, and attract new attenders.

“... Outreach and Nurture’s many various programs (e.g., pamphlet and book studies and discussions, introduction to Quakerism for newcomers, parties on the porch, reaching out to new people) to the Social and Environmental Action Committee.” **Berkeley**

“A series of six “Quakerism 101” sessions were presented that explored the history of Friends, the structure and roles of Pacific Yearly Meeting and Monthly Meetings, and the varieties of Quaker beliefs. There were also two retreats offered. ... In the fall, a Spiritual Formation program began.” **Sacramento**

“Clerk Loré chose provocative queries for each week, which lead to inspiring discussions after 45 minutes of silence.” **Mendocino**

“... our meeting hosted a Friendship Festival that brought people together on our property with music, storytelling, food, fellowship, and a Q&A session to learn about Quakers.” **San José**

In April of 2024, a new Outreach and Inclusion Committee was formed, with the purpose of ensuring that all feel welcomed and included in the Live Oak Community. We have been delighted to have had, over the past year, five new attenders who have returned consistently. **Live Oak**

“... we give appreciation to the work of our Worship and Ministry Committee in organizing two retreats, a well-attended monthly Queries sharing, and occasional Second Hour programs after fellowship.” **Santa Cruz**

“We hold Seekers sessions most months to introduce Quaker principles, hold discussions about queries and advices, with group participation taking place in Quaker ways, such as Worship Sharing.” **Napa**

Friends are getting older, there are fewer children, and filling committees has become more difficult. Meetings are adapting with new structures.

“... fewer and fewer Friends who are willing and able to devote time to assisting the Meeting in taking on volunteer duties to keep the Meeting running.” **Davis**

“...we realized we could all be clerks ... We made a list of all duties the clerk does, and divided them up. ... It’s only been since January, but we love it.” **Mendocino**

“... fewer and fewer Friends ... are willing and able to devote time to assisting the Meeting in taking on volunteer duties to keep the Meeting running. To adjust we consolidated some committees/jobs/roles and shared some jobs/roles.” **Davis**

“... our Nominating Committee reported last year that Friends were unable to step forward to fill the roles of our current structure to do the work of the meeting. In response, we formed an ad hoc committee charged with Growing the Life of the Meeting in Spirit, Witness and Numbers.” **Chico**

“Concern about having enough people for committees and other work is ongoing.” **Palo Alto**

“[Napa Friends Meeting] has no subcommittees. ... only the three clerks participated in our monthly Meetings for Business this year.” **Napa**

Some new attenders are coming to meeting due to the national and world situation.

“... attendance seems to be up and more diverse due to the current political situation in the US.” **Berkeley**

“Perhaps as a consequence of the national turbulence, we have had several young people come to inquire and tentatively join us in worship.” **Davis**

"We have been delighted to have had, over the past year, five new attenders who have returned consistently." **Live Oak**

"...we have a goodly number of visitors including some that become regular attenders. ... Within the last year, we have been encouraged with a return to pre-pandemic levels of in person worship." **Palo Alto**

"Visitors have located our meeting via the internet, through Quaker Find[er] or our website ... This year, six visitors have now become regular attenders." **Napa**

Meetings integrate those attending in-person and on Zoom with mixed success.

"Meeting for Worship is offered both in person and on Zoom separately on first and third Sundays and combined hybrid worship on second and fourth Sundays." **Sacramento**

"Our weekly meetings for worship, meeting for business, monthly discussion hour, and other events continue in a hybrid format with attendees from near and far, even as we encounter challenges in providing an equitable experience for virtual attendees." **San José**

"At present, on Zoom Sundays we welcome Friends from San Francisco, San Diego, and Saskatchewan." **Live Oak**

Friends are actively involved in activities in their communities to improve the living conditions for people and the environment.

"The Immigrant Accompaniment team is directly supporting immigrants. Meeting has reaffirmed its sanctuary status, in alliance with other faith communities and the City of Berkeley. The Racial Justice Action team is active in the wider civil and Quaker community and able to make a real difference." **Berkeley**

"The Peace and Social Concerns Committee provided information about the Sierra Friends' land transfer and ways to contribute to that effort, supporting American Friends Service Committee's Gaza relief work and invited Yosef Alijama to speak about his work in Gaza. ... The committee also provided information about Sacramento's daytime camping ban, and reported on our continued relationship with the Friendly Water for the World project." **Sacramento**

"Chico Friends Meeting encourages participation in the Peace Vigil once per month, provides dinner on first Sundays for our local homeless shelter, and for a week each winter for an organization that arranges overnight shelter ..." **Chico**

"Our Meeting has continued supporting a worship group in Soledad Prison ..." **Live Oak**

"We participate as a Meeting in local events like the Pride and MLK marches. ... the Meetinghouse [is used] several times a month for dinner and overnight sleeping for unsheltered people ...[and there is] a Safe Spaces program in our parking lot for people who sleep in their cars." **Santa Cruz**

April 27, 2025

College Park Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Dear Friends of North Pacific Yearly Meeting,

We send you warm greetings with our members Nora Lisette and Keith Runyan.

Keith is General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness. In that work, he has helped QEW develop a ten-year plan to build toward the Quaker environmental movement the world needs today.

Nora works as postpartum doula in addition to supporting their young family. Keith and Nora welcomed their son Juniper in March of 2024.

They have just returned to California after completing a year-long adventure across the western hemisphere to inspire Friends to engage in the prophetic witness that the world urgently needs.

Nora is on the verge of assisting in the implementation of a grant to develop educational modules that will create trauma-informed spaces for native American people. She will begin work in January toward a Collective Trauma and Social Healing Doctorate in Psychology (Psy.D.). Keith is engaged in protecting the largest climate funding provisions in US history in the Inflation Reduction Act and developing a global map of Quaker environmental action.

We find the combination of their commitment to prophetic environmental action, their understanding of systems of oppression and the tools to overcome them, and their ability to do this work while balancing the requirements of raising a family to be a wonderful asset to our Quarterly Meeting. We are confident you will enjoy their presence at, and will draw inspiration from their contributions to, the annual session of your Yearly Meeting.

We look forward to hearing from them about how the Spirit is moving among Friends within your yearly meeting.

In Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen Myers

Acting Presiding Clerk, College Park Quarterly Meeting

College Park Quarterly Meeting Treasurer's Report

Spring Quarter 2025

Ben Lomond Quaker Center 4/25-4/27/25

Winter Session 2025 (on Zoom 1/11/25)

Registration Fees & Donations	\$481.00
less PayPal fees	-\$16.28
Net:	\$464.72

Fall Session 2024 Summary (corrected)

At Quaker Center 10/18-10/20/24

Income:

Registration Fees	\$10,113.00
Total income	\$10,113.00

Expenses:

Pay Pal fees	\$244.14
QC facilities	\$5,768.00
Food and Cooking	\$3,955.57
Childcare, teens	\$299.51
Misc. Admin	22.27
Reimbursements	\$577.00
Total expenses	\$10,866.49

Net: -\$753.49

Bank Balance

General Fund Balance on 03/31/25	\$18,102.84
K-12 Scholarship Fund	\$4,213.00
Total bank balance on 03/31/25	\$22,315.84

	2024 Sessions Income & Expenses	Net	
Winter	1676 income – 59.00 expenses =	\$1,617.00	
Family Day	(2/24/24) 400.00 expenses	-\$400.00	
Spring	9136 income – 11,852 expenses =	-\$2,716.00	BLQC
Fall	10,736 income – 10,866 expenses =	-\$753.00	BLQC (corrected)
	2023 Sessions Income & Expenses	Net	
Winter	\$1682 income - \$408 expenses =	\$1,274.00	
Spring	\$8515 income - \$9488 expenses =	-\$973.00	BLQC
Fall	\$12,915 income - \$10,797 expenses =	\$2,118.00	Woolman (corrected)
	2022 Sessions Income & Expenses	Net	
Winter	\$1395 income - \$671 expenses =	\$724.00	
Spring	\$4345 income - \$7003 expenses =	-\$2,658.00	BLQC
Fall	\$4800 income - \$8101 expenses =	-\$3,301.00	Woolman

Report as of 03/31/25, presented 04/27/25 – Martha Hunkins, CPQM Treasurer

College Park Quarterly Meeting

Spring Session 2025

Registrar's Report

We had 111 registered individuals. After 3 cancellations which included 6 adults, we had 86 adults, 5 teens, and 14 children with the youngest being 1 ½ and the oldest 12. We had 9 children between the ages of 9-12, 1 age 5, and 4 between 1 and 3.

On site, 36 people stayed in rooms, and 9 camped. Four adults stayed with the teens. Twenty-four people stayed at home, 8 of those being Quaker Center staff or residents.

We had 27 people registered to attend on Zoom.

We had 16 first timers, 1 of whom is a teen, one 11 years old, and two 10 years old.

At least 9 people were willing to welcome newcomers (two couples checked yes, but it's not clear whether one or both was willing to welcome).

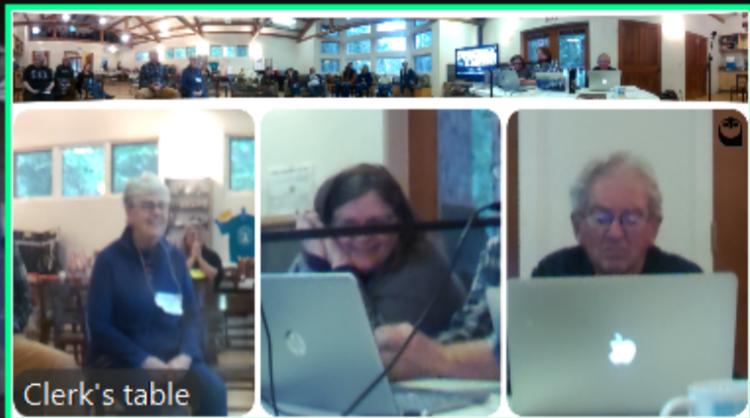
Promised payments total about \$9,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Tyrrell
CPQM Registrar



Martha Hunkins, Humboldt



Clerk's table



Lisa Hubbell, she/lei, Ohlone land



Eric Sabelman - Palo Alto & Friends House



Carl Anderson, Strawberry Creek



Roberta Schutz/Friends House



Nancy Nanna RFFM



catherine curtis san jose



Hulda Muaka, Palo Alto



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Ludmilla Bade



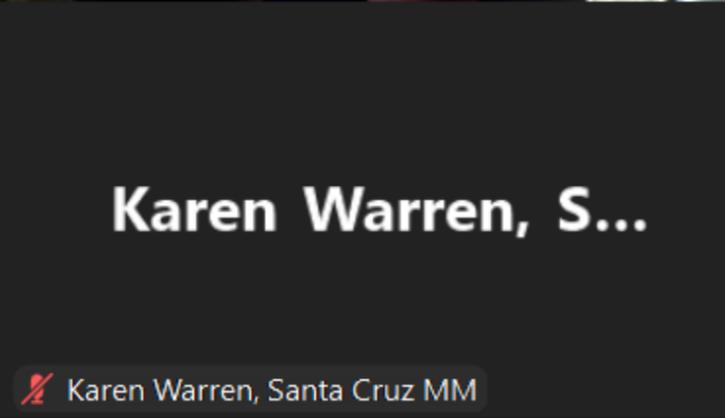
Elizabeth Boardman- Friends House



Host - Owain - He/Him - Ramaytush Ohlone Land



Owain (He/Him) Ramaytush Ohlone Land



Karen Warren, Santa Cruz MM

Stephen Myers



Dirk Neyhart

