

Dear Friends

Wilton Quaker Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends

317 New Canaan Road (Route 106), Wilton, CT 06897
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Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. each First Day (Sunday)

Children attend
for the first 15
minutes,
followed by
Children's
Meeting.

Meeting for Business at rise of meeting on second First Days



November, 11th Month, 2021

Remembering the tenderness of Jesus for children, we recommend that parents and those who have the important charge of educating youth exercise a loving and watchful care over them. Meetings are urged to help parents and children share religious experiences at home and in the meeting for worship and to give them an understanding of the principles and practices of Friends. – New York Yearly Meeting Advice #5

Do we keep to moderation and simplicity in our daily lives? Have we allowed the acquisition of possessions to interfere with God's purpose for us? Are our homes places where the presence of God is felt by those who live there and those who visit there? Do we choose such recreations as are wholesome and consistent with Christian character? Are we careful in our choice of ways to use our time and energy? -- New York Yearly Meeting Query #5

A Moment of Silence in a Forest of White Crosses

The Dead

do not require our silence to be honored
do not require our silence to be remembered.
do not accept our silence as remembrance, as honor.

do not expect our silence to end
the carnage of war
the child starved
the woman raped
the virulence of intolerance
the Earth desecrated

It is the living who require our silence
in a lifetime of fear and complicity

The Dead

do require our courage to defy the powerful and the greedy.
do require our lives to be loud, compassionate, courageous.

do require our anger at the continuance of war in their name.

do require our shock at the maiming of the Earth in their name.

do require our outrage to be honored, to be remembered.

The Dead have no use for our silence”

– Gregory Ross, Vietnam Veteran



A Message from Peter Murchison

I am sharing this link because of the Meeting's great support for me and so you might hear the commission member's comment about Quakers when I am done.

This hearing was on whether to establish a commission at the state level to fund grassroots violence interruption groups etc. in urban centers. This is so needed! Here's the hearing. I'm 2nd to last in a 4 hour hearing at about 3:58. It's only about 3.minutes long.

<https://www.facebook.com/CWCSEO/videos/431666018411755/>

News of Old Friends!

Guess who John Levin and Diane Keefe happened to run into at the Darien Trader Joes shopping for Thanksgiving? Selma Fako! Diane says, "Small world when a family who fled the Bosnian war over 2 decades ago now has 3 generations of family in the US. Selma's and Sakib's daughter, Emira, and her husband have 3 kids and live in Wethersfield. Their son, Edin, a Haverford grad, owns a home in Norwalk!" Here is a picture of John and Selma catching up on Thanksgiving family plans.



Diane says that if this gets you excited about helping Afghan refugees resettle in 2022 you should contact her as to whatever time, money or talents you can offer.



MEET THE CFS TEACHER

Jennifer DaSilva (Spruces Co-Lead Teacher)

I have been an early childhood educator for over 23 years. I joined Connecticut Friends School in 2010 and have had the pleasure of teaching in the Willows classroom and I am currently a teacher in the Spruces' classroom. I love working with children because of their eagerness to learn and natural curiosity I believe it is important for preschoolers to be in an environment that is secure and consistent, where they can explore, take risks and discover. As a teacher, it is extremely important to create a solid foundation for young children and instill a love of learning for future school success.



**Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Wilton Quaker Meeting
November 14, 2021**

Attendees: Martha Gurvich (Clerk); John Anderson (Recording Clerk); Albert Hsu (Treasurer); Pete McCaughan; Virginia Auster; Diane Keefe; Doris Munger; Sean Higgins; Laura Higgins; Judy Meikle; Jud Lee; Madeleine Wilken

- 1. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business opened with a period of silent worship.**
- 2. Peace & Service Committee Report (Diane Keefe):**
 - CAGV is working with a number of organizations to get legislation passed in CT to create a state commission which would provide funding for community-based solutions to gun violence (Connecticut Initiative to Prevent Community Gun Violence)
 - Peace & Service committee is recommending that WQM join in supporting this initiative
 - **Minute 2021-11-01: Wilton Quaker Meeting joins in supporting the Connecticut Initiative to Prevent Community Gun Violence. The state of Connecticut needs to invest in its communities affected by gun violence.**
- 3. Physical Stewardship Update (Madeleine Wilken & Sean Higgins)**
 - Physical Stewardship Committee has been working on replacing our signs by the side of the road. The signs were partially placed upon the state highway property easement. We learned of this when a snow plow knocked over one of our signs, when we tried to submit a claim to the state for the damages caused. Physical Stewardship committee is trying to determine where the signs may be able to be placed, in order to comply with state regulations. The driveways have been staked, in anticipation of signs being placed in the correct location.
 - Physical Stewardship Committee has placed heavy-duty air filters (FPR 10 terms of air filtration) into the oil heating system for the meetinghouse. The air ducts have also been cleaned, which should lead to better air quality in the meetinghouse. The committee has also replaced the filters in Hastings Hall with similarly heavy-duty filters for Connecticut Friends School.
 - A Friend asked if a timer can be installed to turn on the outside spotlights for weeknights when the AA group rents the meetinghouse (Wednesdays and Thursdays). A committee member responded that the committee is seeking to install spotlights triggered by a motion sensor, in order to resolve this issue. The committee is also seeking to install lighting for the parking lot, powered by solar power. The committee will meet ASAP in order to resolve the lighting complaint from the AA group. In the short term, someone will manually ensure that the lights are on for Wednesday and Thursday evenings.
- 4. Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business closed with a period of silent worship.**

CALENDAR

Saturday Dec. 4, 3 p.m. **Memorial Meeting for Renda McCaughan**

December 5 10 a.m. Meeting for Worship
December 12 10 a.m. Meeting for Worship
Noon Meeting for Business
December 15 6:30 p.m. WQM Women's Group
December 19 10 a.m. Meeting for Worship
7 p.m. White Affinity Group
December 26 10 a.m. Meeting for Worship

Committee Schedule

First Sundays 9 a.m.: Finance Committees; Noon: Peace and Service.

Second Sundays 9 a.m.: Library Committee:

Third Sundays 9 a.m.: Advancement and Outreach; Noon: Long Range Planning

Fourth Sundays 8:45 a.m.: Ministry and Counsel

As Needed Physical Stewardship

Wilton Quaker Meeting Clerks

Clerk of the Meeting	Martha Gurvich
Recording Clerk	John Anderson
Treasurer	Albert Hsu
Ministry & Oversight Co-Clerks	Peter Murchison & Leslie Chapman
Children's Meeting Acting Clerk	Ann Nunes
Physical Stewardship Conveners	Doris Munger, Madeleine Wilken
Peace & Service Clerks	Diane Keefe & Virginia Auster
Advancement & Outreach Clerks	Diane Keefe & Irene Corsaro
Finance Clerk	Becky Bunnell
Newsletter Editor	Madeleine Wilken

To join the WQM email announcements listserv, email Albert Hsu or Pete McCaughan and ask to be added.

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