
HANOVER MONTHLY MEETING RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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Meeting for Worship each Sunday at 10:00 am

When entering meeting for worship, Friends should leave seats close to the door for late-comers and should try to find places farther into the room.

•October 2020•

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CALENDAR

All Meeting events are held at the Meetinghouse unless specified

SUNDAY MORNING

9:30 am Singing for adults and children

10:00 am Meeting for Worship

children join the Meeting for the first 15 minutes of worship

Fellowship after Meeting

A Reminder:

Our next Meeting for Worship for Business is November 15

Hanover Friends Meeting on Facebook

Hanover Friends Meeting is a public group publicizing Friends beliefs, interests, and activities; To join send a Facebook message to a member of the group or to Fran Brokaw or Len Cadwallader.

Hanover Friends Members is a private group for engaging with other meeting members and attenders of our meetings to aid in knowing one another better. To join send a Facebook message to Ed Feustel, Len Cadwallader, or Suzanne Serat indicating your affiliation with meeting.

Upcoming Events:

See Business Meeting Minutes, ANNOUNCEMENTS and SHARING for details on all events.

Do you have some photos
of Meeting events?
Send them to tommonego@gmail.com
for the newsletter next month
Thanks!

Meeting for Worship for Business –

18 October 2020

By Videoconference (Zoom), during the period of social distancing due to the Coronavirus

Attending: Grace Sullivan, Howard Taylor, Lindsay Dearborn, Demaris Wehr, Faith Alexandre, Hugh MacArthur, Rhea McKay, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Len Cadwallader, Phebe McCosker, Bev Houghton, Erica Brinton, Kathleen Shepherd, Craig Putnam, Sarah Putnam, Jennifer Keller, Dulany Bennet, Mary Maxfield, Maria Krasinski Au, Scot Drysdale, Patricia Higgins, Charles Grant, Jo-Anne Unruh, Jack Shepherd, Betsy Morse, Fran Brokaw (Penny Wright, Clerk, Cathy Miles Grant, Recording Clerk).

We opened with silent worship, out of which our Clerk Penny Wright offered the following quote from *Alice Walker's Sent from Earth: A Message from the Grandmother Spirit*:

At this time of mourning

May we be connected to each other,

*May we know the range and depth of feelings
in ourselves and in each other.*

*There is vulnerability, fear, love, rage, hatred
compassion, courage, despair and hope
in ourselves, each other, and the world.*

*May we know our most authentic feelings
and voice them when we speak,*

*May we tap into soul and spirit when we are
silent together.*

May healing begin in us.

May we form and become a circle.

Penny reflected that today we are mourning our life that once was. Now is different, and the unknown future is ahead of us. But truth be told, the future is always unknown, and we can never know it until it becomes the now. The past is past, and the now is now, and that is where we are, together, in love and community, and holding that circle in which all are included.

Correspondence/Announcements:

- Sarah Putnam, First Day School teacher, gave a joyful report of the special October 4 'meet-up' for families of children of nursery and First Day School age at the Sharpless-Watts' home. Four

families, as well as the teachers from both the First Day School and the middle school group, masked, came together in a sunlit circle. During half an hour of gathered worship children leaned in close with their parents. Older children soaked up being in the presence of the Spirit. Little ones quietly looked around, gurgled. "This is one of the ways in which faith is lived and transmitted to all of us, including children," said Rhea McKay. After worship each family shared a little, and then there were games out on the lawn, and some stayed on for a bring-your-own picnic. Ideas about how to reach out and connect in times to come have been rekindled.

- Sarah also reported that on October 21 she and Rhea McKay will take part, by Zoom, in a New England Yearly Meeting event sponsored by the Youth Ministries Committee, a conversation on Connecting Families: Thinking Outside the Box.
- Clerk Penny Wright asked us to keep our eyes open for an announcement about an upcoming presentation from the House Committee, reporting on their findings about air quality in the Meeting Room.
- From Mary Maxfield, clerk of Fellowship, we learned that the United Valley Interfaith Group (UVIP) and Granite State Organizing Project (GSOP) are seeking a member or attender from Hanover Friends Meeting to join them as a member of their board in order to work with other local congregations to make systemic change toward a more just community. Historic and current focuses of these groups include election outreach, immigrant solidarity, housing justice, minimum wage, and climate justice.
- At the request of Resident Friend Maggie MacArthur, the clerk read new guidelines for traveling between Vermont and Grafton County, where there have been recent cases of Covid positivity in a school. This affects Friends who had signed up for work day. We are reminded that the guidelines are updated every Tuesday.
- Lindsay Dearborn, clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, informed us that she and several others will be participating in a conversation among New Hampshire Faith Leaders about how people of faith in New Hampshire can be organized to defend democracy with people power, in what is expected to be a tumultuous period following the general election.

- Following up on this point, Clerk Penny Wright reminded us of Kesaya Noda's recent notice about Choose Democracy's upcoming trainings. Many of us have already participated in the training sessions led by George Lakey and other members of the Choose Democracy team, and have found them to be heartening and empowering, while offering a conceptual framework to help with concrete thinking and planning. We are encouraged to read their handbook and other resources and to consider signing up for one of the upcoming trainings - How to Beat an Election-Related Power Grab.
- Patricia Higgins announced that next Sunday at 12:15, after the rise of meeting, Adult Education will offer a program in which panel participants will share about their experiences with Faithfulness Groups. She invites us to "Listen in... You may find yourself more surprised and curious than you might have thought."
- Jennifer Keller, clerk of the Cuba Sister Committee, gave a brief update on plans under development to join Friends in Havana Meeting in celebrating, from a distance, their twentieth birthday next month. She will send out a listserv announcement about ways we can contribute. It is cause for real celebration that our sister relationship with Havana Friends has been sustained for nearly a decade. It was noted that Hanover Meeting's having established a standing committee to nurture this relationship has helped keep the momentum going through the years.

Committee Matters:

Lindsay Dearborn, clerk of Peace and Social Concerns, brought forward a proposal, developed by Lindsay, Hugh MacArthur and Dulany Bennett, as a follow-up to a request from our July Meeting for Business, for a process for Hanover Friends Meeting to issue occasional timely public statements. We engaged in an extended and thoughtful discussion in which we weighed the modern need to know and do everything now, alongside Friends' time-honored processes that enable us to hear all voices, that honor the possibility that the spirit of God may come through a quiet voice in the corner. We are grateful that, should fast turn-around be needed, technology now makes possible a virtual called meeting.

01-10-18 The meeting was not in unity with the proposal as submitted. Suggestions were made and will

be picked up by the ad hoc committee. In the meantime, should a time-sensitive situation arise that needs our collective response, a virtual called meeting will be scheduled.

Mary Maxfield reported that the Fellowship and Adult Education committees seek people to help organize virtual Thanksgiving and Christmas gatherings. Those interested in joining the effort to plan these gatherings are encouraged to contact either Mary Maxfield (marydmaxfield@gmail.com) or Hope Rennie (hope.w.rennie@gmail.com). It was suggested that, for the mealtime portion of the celebration, we might use our experience of fellowship groups by having 5-6 people sit "together."

In closing, Clerk Penny Wright read our statement acknowledging that we worship, work and live on the homelands of the Abenaki people, and reminding us of our commitment to live into the truths of the hurts of our forebears to these people and their lands. We wrapped up our time together with closing worship.

We remind Friends that our minutes are approved as we move through the agenda.

We will meet again for Meeting for Worship for Business on 15 November 2020.

Penny Wright, Clerk
Cathy Miles Grant, Recording Clerk



A small outdoor Meeting at the home of Sarah and Tom Monego. October 18 in the cold
Sarah Monego, Faith Alexandre, Suzanne Elusorr, Sue Bridge, Patty Piotrowski, Caroline Watts, David Watts,
Laura Sharpless, Parker Sharpless-Watts, Not in Photo Sarah & Craig Putnam, Rhea McKay, Hugh MacArthur,
Kathleen Shepherd, Tom Monego

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