

Ministry and Care July, 2024

Ministry and Care met via Zoom on Wednesday, July 10. Gretchen Haynes, James Goslin, Stephen Shearer, Bill Wilkinson, and Val Liveoak attended.

August query: Do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?

September query: Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?

We mourn the loss of James Mize, and we hold Joni in the light. We will be talking with Joni about a memorial at Celo Friends Meeting in North Carolina and hope that we can participate via Zoom.

We received news that two families are moving out of the area. David Bristol and Lee Teran will move to Colorado soon to be near their family. Carmen Merrill, Nathan Anderson, and Isaac Anderson are moving to Huntsville, Texas. We wish them well and will miss them all.

The arrangements committee along with Rachael and McPherson is planning their wedding, which will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 2pm.

The signs prohibiting alcohol and drug use and overnight visitors combined with visits by the police have reduced the numbers of people at the meetinghouse at night. Friends who are monitoring the security cameras may call the non-emergency police number when they see someone camping overnight.

We discussed concerns for friends.

Upcoming forums are:

July 14: Val, A Visit with Cuban Quakers

July 28: Bill W., Where Are We as a Meeting?

August 11: Gretchen, Non-Theist Quakers

We invite friends to follow leadings to present forums on topics that speak to their interests.

A letter from the Dream Week committee leads us to contact the committee to suggest that we can offer space so that a group without a venue could hold their event.

Emily Provance, the Friend in Residence at the Powell Retreat Center in Chatham, New York, offers a weekend retreat, "The Life Cycle of Meetings". Sessions will be offered for topics such as discernment, outreach, resistance to change, dealing with property and grounds, and simplifying committee structure. Detailed information is available at powellhouse.org/event-list.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 4 at 2pm via Zoom.

