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The Friendly News

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Quaker Call to Action: National Zoom Meetings to Protect Our Election

An email from the Quaker Call to Action Steering Committee:

Dear Friends,

We at Quaker Call to Action are calling upon each of you to take action to protect our democracy prior to, during, and after the upcoming November election.

The threats from the Trump administration and others to prevent free and fair elections are real. At one time we could assume that US elections would be free and fair. We can no longer assume that. We must speak clearly and act decisively to protect the integrity of the democratic process. There is a role in this work for each of us to play in safeguarding this election.

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Query for August

How do we strive for a meeting that is alive with power and the presence of the spirit?

August 2026 Calendar

Regular Activities

- **Sunday Meetings for Worship**, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
 - In-person in the Meetinghouse and on Zoom
- **First Day School Children's Program**, every Sunday, 10:00 - 11:00 AM
 - Childcare is available during forums and Meetings for Business
- **Midweek Meeting for Worship (Suspended for Summer)**
- **Potluck Lunch** - 1st Sunday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Sunday Forums** - 2nd & 4th Sundays, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
 - In-person in the Meetinghouse and on Zoom
- **Meeting for Worship with Attention To Business**
 - NO BUSINESS MEETING IN AUGUST
- **Friday Meeting for Worship**, 8:00 - 8:30 AM, Zoom only
- **"Meeting for Weeding,"** 3rd Saturday, 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- For ALL Zoom Meetings:
 - [CLICK HERE](#) to join by Zoom; ID # 976 0522 6497; passcode: 194077
 - by telephone at +1 346 248 7799, then enter ID#

Upcoming Events

- August 9 Forum: What Friends Believe (Follow-up) - We will continue our discussion from the June and July 2026 forums about "What Friends Believe," as part of our study and discussion of SCYM's new Faith and Practice. This month we will focus on the sections on Friends and Other Faiths and the concluding words by Janet Scott that seem to summarize what Friends believe.
- August 15 Meeting for (Not Just) Weeding, 8:30-11:30 AM
- August 23 Forum: TBA

Be sure to see Emily Provance's program listing on page 4 as well!

Quaker Call to Action

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Our next national video call on August 30 will provide you with specific suggestions and resources to enable you to plan and carry out your own chosen actions. Two more follow-up meetings will be held in September and October to share more information and provide you with an opportunity to share what actions you have taken and what you have experienced in defense of democracy.

These three meetings will be held, over Zoom video conferencing, from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)** on these dates:

- Sunday August 30
- Sunday September 20
- Sunday October 18

Register for the next meeting, or for all three, at this web page.

<https://quakercall.org/meetings/register>

You can find more information and resources on our website <https://quakercall.net> and we want to highlight a new handbook on “Election Defense Scenarios”, from Freedom Trainers. [Go here for a summary and download link.](#)

We are deeply grateful for the many Friends and other people of faith who are striving to help our country to restore the values of decency, truth, equality, and guiding democratic principles in our country and abroad.

Yours in faith,

The Quaker Call Steering Committee

Marian Beane, Bruce Birchard, Lauren Brownlee, Diana Hadley, Dale Keairns, Yvonne Keairns, Mary Ellen McNish, Jim Waddington, Terry SoRelle, and Michael Wajda (clerk)



Emily Provance - Residency with FMSA

As mentioned in the July 2026 newsletter, Emily Provance, a Quaker traveling minister, will be joining us here in San Antonio from August 4-September 2 to present a series of events around the theme "**On Neighbors, Change, Division, and Peace**," exploring perspectives and strategies that can help us build robust communities across deep social fractures.

The following programs will be offered:

Why Should I Talk to My Neighbor?

Thursday, August 6, 7:00-8:30 pm CDT - A Bible Study of 1 Corinthians 12

Monday, August 10, 7:00-8:30 pm CDT - A Conversation with Michael Mather

Wednesday, August 12, 7:00-8:00 pm CDT - Study and Discussion of the FIRE College Free Speech Survey

How Do I Talk to My Neighbor?

Monday, August 17, 7:00-8:30 pm CDT - A Bible Study of Acts 15

Wednesday, August 19, 7:00-8:00 pm CDT - Study and Discussion of the "Talk Bridgey" Report from PACE

Saturday, August 22, 1:00-2:00 pm CDT - Learning from Northern Ireland: Will Haire

Can Changemaking and Peacemaking Coexist?

Monday, August 24, 7:00-8:00 pm CDT - Study and Discussion of Rachel Kleinfeld's Substack on Political Violence Data

Wednesday, August 26, 7:00-8:30 pm CDT - A Bible Study of 1 John 1 and Matthew 5

Saturday, August 29, 1:00-2:00 pm CDT - Learning from Northern Ireland: Paul Smyth

Monday, August 31, 7:00-8:30 pm CDT - A Conversation with Monica Guzman/ Conversación con Mónica Guzmán [offered in English with Spanish translation]

Descriptions of the programs and registration links are available on [Emily's website](#).

These events are presented in hybrid format (in person at FMSA and on Zoom). Registration is not required if you intend to participate in person, but is necessary for online participation.

These programs are open to all, so spread the word to people and groups you think may be interested!

Community Updates

A Note About Supplies

If you see Meeting House kitchen, household, or cleaning supplies running low, please let Julia H know by emailing property@saquakers.org. Julia is the supply-purchase focal point, and will do the buying if needed. It may be that you just don't know where more of something is kept, and we want to avoid redundant purchases.

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