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The Friendly News

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Quaker Call to Action: Preparation for What Might Follow the Midterm Elections

An email from the Quaker Call to Action Steering Committee:

Dear Friends,

We on the Quaker Call know that many Friends are deeply concerned about what could happen following the midterm elections. It appears quite possible that the Trump administration and its allies will refuse to accept the results of the elections, if they do not retain control of the U.S. House and Senate. There are many ways that they could do this; all of them unconstitutional. Thousands of national and local organizations around our country are preparing to resist if such an attempt occurs.

Indivisible is taking the lead to prepare for a massive nonviolent mobilization. We encourage Friends to go to their website to keep up with their latest plans and to be prepared to act, if it

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Query for November 2026

We are called to obedient love even though we may not be feeling very loving.

November 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
- **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**; 3rd Sunday, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
  - In-person in the Meetinghouse and on Zoom
- **Friday Meeting for Worship,** 8:00 - 8:30 AM, Zoom only
- **"Meeting for Weeding,"** 3rd Saturday, 8:30-11:30 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#

Special Events

November 7 Memorial Meeting for David Bristol, Saturday, 2:00 pm (in-person & on Zoom)
November 8 Forum: SCYM Faith & Practice - Testifying to the Life of the Spirit, continued., Sunday, 11:30 am
November 14 Meeting for (Not Just) Weeding, Saturday, 8:30-11:30 am
November 22 Forum: TBA, Sunday, 11:30 am
November 29 Forum: Ask-a-Quaker, Sunday, 11:30 am
December 5 Memorial Meeting for James Goslin, Saturday, 3:00 pm (in-person & on Zoom)

Quaker Call to Action

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becomes necessary. To start, see the Indivisible page, NO KINGS Election Defense Attendee Pledge.

We believe that we, as Friends, can be examples of a nonviolent presence, which will be extremely helpful, if there is anxiety and turmoil. We commend to you this excellent article by Friend Eileen Flanagan "How to combat fear at the polls this November."

Be sure also to see this action alert from Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): Protect Elections from the Federal Government.

Extensive research on coup attempts in other countries shows that a key element of all successful efforts to resist and stop such a coup is a massive outpouring of public resistance. **Specifically, researchers have determined that, if 4% or more of the population engage in NONVIOLENT protests, the attempted coups generally fail.** Given the U.S. population of 343 million people, that means we will need at least 14 million people out in the streets.

Thank you all for your faithfulness. The Living Presence is always with us.

For more information, videos, resource lists and more, visit our website at https://quakercall.net

Yours in faith,

The Quaker Call Steering Committee

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

Estate Planning with Quaker Values in Mind

Friends General Conference is offering a free online workshop about values-based estate planning - including wills, trusts, and legacy giving - on **Tuesday, November 17th from 3:30-5:00 pm Eastern time.**

This online event will be led by Chad Campbell and Dennis LeFevre, Certified Financial Planners with Everence. FGC has a long history of collaborating with Everence. They provide Friends with faith-based support and services that align financial stewardship with Quaker values.

More information and the link to registration is available at https://www.fgcquaker.org/event/everence-workshop/.

Update from Immigrant Aid Group

Pastor Dianne recently sent this information related to the immigrant aid group we support.

ICE continues to detain people every day in our city. They detain an average of 70-80 people a day, the vast majority of whom are men. Many of those men are the primary wage earner for their families here in San Antonio. All of these men are held at the ICE office with only bread and water for at least 12 hours. They are often left as they were picked up, without shirts or covered in paint. They often have their boots confiscated and are left barefooted. They are then transported late at night with chains around their ankles, waist, and wrists by bus to detention centers. Most never return. We know this from the accounts of multiple people who have been held in the ICE office. We are currently connected to hundreds of families who have lost a family member to detention and deportation. We know there are thousands more.

We are looking for help with Christmas gifts for our community. Our hope is to be able to create a free christmas gift shop for families on that list so that parents could come pick out a gift for their children, wrap it, and bring it home. For families that aren't able to come to the shop, we are hoping to deliver donated gifts or walmart gift cards to their homes. There are so many families, we are happy to accept any toys. Specifically for older teenagers we have right now 10 boys and 16 girls in the 13-18 age range. *[Check the FMSA weekly announcements for updates about donating Christmas gifts, as well as food and other household items.]*

Our food delivery program currently supports over 70 families with weekly or every-other-week grocery deliveries. Volunteers are paired with one family (or a group of volunteers are matched to one family in need) purchase and deliver approximately $50 worth of groceries. We have a suggested list, but also encourage volunteers to make adjustments within that price range to meet the family's specific requests. We currently have a waiting list of 75 families and would love to have more volunteers support our food delivery program. We have a google form that I can send to anyone who is interested.

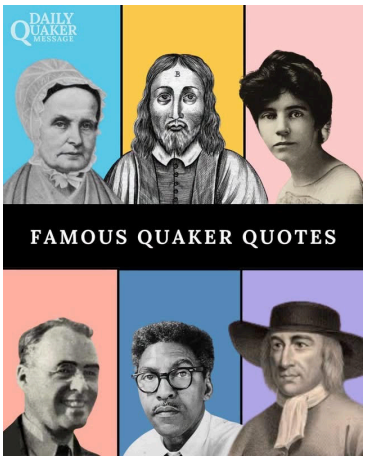
Blessings,
Dianne

Daily Quaker Message

Looking for some daily Quaker inspiration from notable Quakers like George Fox, Lucretia Mott, Bayard Rustin, Parker Palmer, and others? You might consider subscribing to the Daily Quaker Message.

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Trinity Faith Fair

Suzanne and Rebecca tabled at the third annual Trinity Faith Fair on Sunday, August 23. They reported that it was really fun to connect with lots of first year students, share popsicles, and give out some Quaker quote pencils.





QUNO Forum

By Von Keairns

We had the opportunity to have the October 11th forum led by Sarah Clarke, the director of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) in New York. Sarah was in New York and presented via Zoom.

Sarah shared a brief history of QUNO: QUNO was granted U.N. accreditation in 1947–1948 to represent the Religious Society of Friends at the United Nations in Geneva and New York City. QUNO is a non-governmental organization. The Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), holds consultative status with the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and the Quaker UN Offices in New York and Geneva. QUNO in New York receives critical administrative and financial support from AFSC and collaborates on many programs and statements. The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) directly co-governs and helps fund and manage the QUNO New York office. AFSC appointee members sit on the New York Quaker United Nations Committee (QUNC), helping approve strategic plans, set program priorities, review budgets, and monitor implementation.

Sarah described, with the use of photos of Quaker House meetings, how they use quiet diplomacy and the informal space at Quaker House to connect with UN diplomats, staff, and civil society, separate from the UN formal meetings and negotiations. Quaker House provides a valued place for delegates to explore issues of Human Rights and refugees, peace and disarmament, human impacts of climate change, peacebuilding and the prevention of violent conflict. Some of the recent conversations covered topics such as the selection of the next UN Secretary General, the prevention of violent conflict in Africa, a Gaza briefing, and the challenge of building peace on the Korean Peninsula.

In 1953, Quaker House in New York was given to AFSC by donors to support a permanent Quaker presence at the UN. As Sarah reported, Quaker House continues to be an important place for informal, off-the-record meetings hosted and facilitated by QUNO staff for members of the UN community. Historically, Friends have directly influenced the policy agenda at the UN on numerous issues, most notably the Mine Ban Treaty and Child Soldiers. More recently, QUNO New York has played a significant role in promoting the inclusion of a peace goal in the sustainable development goals and in supporting a more holistic approach to UN Peacebuilding and Prevention.

During the forum, one Friend commented that despite the calls to weaken and even dismantle the UN, the world needs the UN. QUNO's work contributes to its strengthening and continuity, and we all need to voice our support.

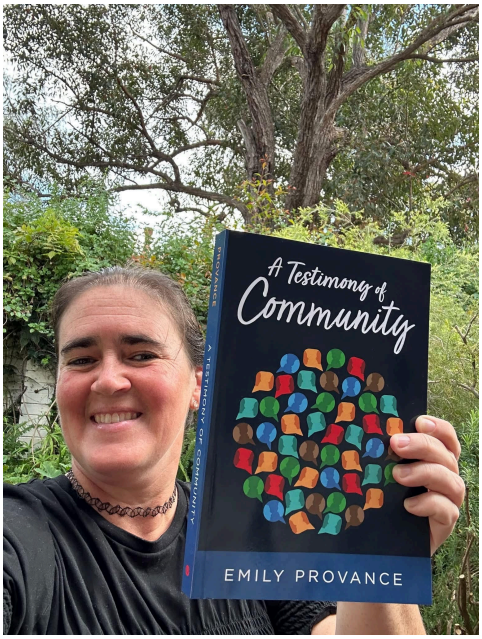
Sarah appreciated being present with us for the Forum and invites Friends to visit Quaker House in New York City.

Resource links:
https://afsc.org/programs/quaker-united-nations-office-quno
https://quno.org/governance-and-staff/
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quaker_United_Nations_Office
https://fwccawps.org/about-awps/about-quno/

News about Emily Provance

Great news! Emily Provance's new book, *A Testimony of Community*, was recently published. It deals with how God calls humanity to live in community, drawn from Emily's experiences of living on the road as a traveling minister for seven and a half years. *A Testimony of Community* will be added to the FMSA library very soon.

More information about *A Testimony of Community* is available at:
https://quakeremily.wordpress.com/2026/09/23/a-testimony-of-community-the-book/?shem=aimgspe,



In other news, Emily is featured in the October 20, 2026 Thee Quaker Podcast, "7 Years as a Traveling Quaker." You can listen or read the transcript at https://quakerpodcast.com/7-years-as-a-traveling-quaker/

Emily has been traveling in the ministry in Australia since she left San Antonio in early September. You can follow her frequent posts on Facebook (lots of great photos!) or subscribe to her weekly email updates at https://quakeremily.wordpress.com/weekly-updates/

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