



PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Information
Sharing
Monthly

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			7:00pm Midweek Worship	7:00pm Peace and Social Action		9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Phyllis Bunker	7:00pm FSRM - Dismantlin g Racism as Quakers		7:00pm Midweek Worship			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Daylight Saving Time starts 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller	7:00pm Youth Committee Meeting	7:30pm Women's Spiritual Nurture	7:00pm Midweek Worship	7:00pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group		9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
10:00am Meeting for Worship - Claire Howard Meeting for Business			7:00pm Midweek Worship			Family Night - TBA
27	28	29	30	31		
10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	7:00pm Ministry & Counsel		7:00pm Midweek Worship			

Birthdays: 2nd Elizabeth (Leigh) McGonagle, Eleanor Joy Simkin Mumma; 8th Jill Charles Gomez, Trey Anthony Otis, Luther Hallett; 9th Maryl Mendillo; 12th Ed Maassen, Mia Boynton, Carter Robert Otis; 16th Linda Simkin; 18th Henry Brice; 19th Bill Tyler, Richard Loosemore; 21st Susan Weisend; 23rd Phyllis Bunker, Linda McGonagle; 26th Meghan Charles; 28th Heidi Richter; 29th Mary Fairhurst; 30th Kylee McCleary

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com

MINUTES FOR POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING (PRMM) FOR BUSINESS FOR MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS FEBRUARY 20, 2022

Present were: Christopher Sammond, Howard Nelson, Hannah Richter, Paul Simkin, Donald Simkin, Sigrid Mortensen, Craig Kukuk, A.T. Miller, Larry Buffam, Scott Lockhart, Sally Otis, Dill Otis, Suzanne O'Hara.

Meeting began at 11:50 with some silence.

Minutes from the January business meeting were read.

Ministry & Counsel: Hannah Richter reported: Two items: 1) Anne Dalton and Jeff Layton have started a worship group at Kendal at Ithaca, with up to 15 attenders so far. They request that this group be under the care of our monthly meeting. Faith & Practice was consulted, and "worship group" status was reviewed. A committee of care would need to be established, which would include Anne and/or Jeff. It was approved to establish the Kendal worship group under the care of PRMM. 2) Pastoral Care has been discussed, in light of Craig Kukuk's impending retirement. Hannah read a proposal for establishment of this Pastoral Care Committee:

We propose to develop a pastoral care committee for PRFM to begin as soon as possible. This committee would consist of approximately 5 people. They would be selected by Ministry and Counsel, would include at least one person from M&C, and would report to that committee from time to time. These people would not be therapists but would care for and support the meeting and its members/attenders on request and as appears useful or necessary. They would work with and learn from Craig until his retirement. This committee will provide on-going support for the Meeting.

There was discussion of transition and budgetary ramifications. It was noted that

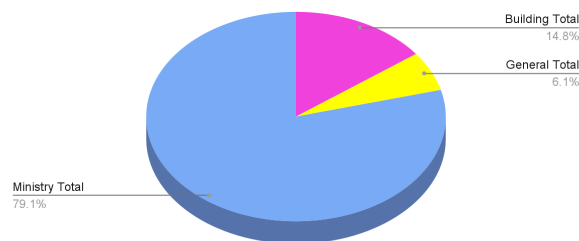
M&C proposes that this committee would continue to function even if a specific person were to be hired for a pastoral care position in the future. The proposal was approved.

State of Society: Christopher Sammond asked Larry Buffam to be a supplementary note-taker along with Howard Nelson. Christopher reviewed the queries from NYYM. Howard & Larry will send their notes to Sigrid Mortensen, who volunteered to prepare a draft, which will then be submitted to M&C & Clerk Christopher Sammond for further work.

There was extended discussion in response to the State of Society queries.

Treasurer's Report: Sigrid Mortensen reported:

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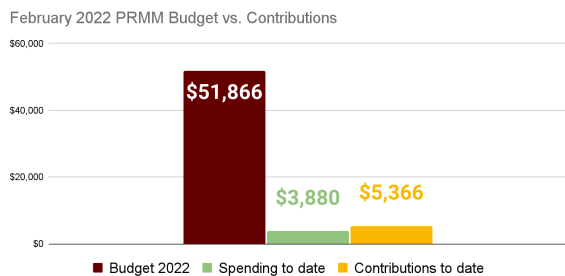


Treasurer's Report for February 19, 2022

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting has had contributions totaling \$5,366 so far for 2022, or 10% of our total budget. For comparison, by the end of February of 2021, we had received contributions totalling 12% of our budget, and by the end of February of 2020, we had received contributions totalling 7% of that year's budget.

We are 13% of the way through 2022, and we have spent 7% of our 2022 budget. We have spent \$3,880 so far.

The chart below shows our spending and contributions relative to our 2022 budget.



The following chart shows the distribution of our spending this year. In addition to spending on pastoral care and speakers, we've paid building expenses (electricity, housekeeping and internet) and "general" expenses, which include Motto Calendar and PRISM expenses.

Friends received the report.

NYYM's minute on becoming an anti-racist community was revisited. A document collecting the minute and our local reactions so far has been distributed (see attached). It was noted by one member that the idea of complicity with racism as stated or implied in the minute is a problem for him. Other "tensions" with the minute have already been expressed and submitted to NYYM. Christopher named the sense of the meeting as being a preference to try to work for racial justice rather than spend more time discussing the minute. Friends affirmed that. It was noted that Rebecca Schillenback, our representative to Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting, has reported on a yearly meeting-wide group that is working on a statement which focuses more on racial justice than anti-racism. Peace & Social Action is encouraged to connect with that group and their work. Christopher will communicate our response to the draft minute to NYYM, and Larry Buffam will communicate it to the "Good Trouble" Committee in the Region. Approved.

Covid safety procedures: we will review them again at next month's meeting. No changes at present.

Prism hard copies for February have not been received; Suzanne O'Hara and Dill Otis will look into this.

Meeting closed at 1:53 with silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard Nelson, Recording Clerk

PRMM ZOOM MEETINGS

Joining by phone

You can join any meeting by phone by calling the number (646) 558 8656. You will then need to enter the Meeting ID and Password for the meeting listed below.

Joining with computer, tablet or smartphone

Meeting for Worship: Sundays 10am

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85813646235?pwd=OGxRTlcyL3pUcVVVeU9IczJ6YzlnZz09>
- Meeting ID: 858 1364 6235
- Passcode: 135575

Men's Spiritual Nurture: Every 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89032629023?pwd=aUx3Y01yU1ZxRHVtZk9yU2s1WUxVdz09>

- Meeting ID: 890 3262 9023
- Passcode: 923814

Midweek Worship: Every Wednesday at 7pm.

Meeting begins with check-in and support.

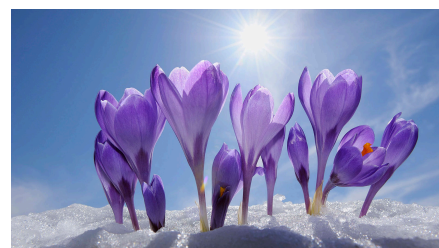
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- Meeting ID: 878 7315 4230
- Passcode: 584140

Women's Spiritual nurture: Every 3rd, Tuesday at 7:30p.m.

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FAMILY NIGHT

There will be a virtual Family Night on March 26th. More information will be announced later.



FCNL ACTIONS

War In Ukraine

Russia has invaded Ukraine, and the horror of war is upon the world once again.

On a political level, this is a deeply complex crisis. History, alliances, economics, and power structures all intermingle in a dizzying web. In the media, a considerable effort is being made to untangle these factors as the world scrambles to make sense of the shattered peace in Europe. It's enough to make anyone's head spin.

But on a human level, this week has reflected a long-held, undeniable truth: War is an abomination.

Dreams upended. Homes destroyed. Families broken. These are the true costs of war, and they must never be lost in the discussions of what is happening in Ukraine. Every bullet fired and every missile launched is an assault on humanity.

The United Nations estimates that [100,000 Ukrainians](#) have already been displaced because of the Russian invasion. That figure is sure to balloon in the coming days and weeks. Millions of people who had no desire for war are now bearing the consequences of it. [We join the international community in condemning these illegal actions taken by](#)

[Russian leaders](#). We urge President Putin to immediately withdraw all Russian military forces from all areas of Ukraine and to return to the table for diplomatic negotiations to resolve this crisis. And we urge Congress and the administration to ensure that the U.S. response to this tragedy prioritizes the safety and protection of civilians.

Many of the solutions being considered right now—such as extensive, broad sanctions and sending more weapons to Ukraine—will only deepen the crisis and make diplomacy more difficult. This will cause greater hardship and suffering for innocent people across the region. Peace will not be easy to attain, but it must be vigorously pursued. [Contact your lawmakers and tell them that diplomacy is the best way to protect human lives and avoid further suffering.](#)

Quakers Uprooting Racism in Policy and Practice

“Quakers uprooting racism is a coalition...working together to accelerate the movement for and capacity to create racial justice among (and beyond) Friends through the creation of a community of practice of racial justice changemakers learning and experimenting with actions together.”

[– Quakers Uprooting Racism Vision Statement, 2021](#)

FCNL is committed to living into a prophetic vision of a better world including [a society free of racism](#). It's a vision we bring closer to reality with each step in our policy work. As we seek to dismantle racist policy, we recognize we are part of a society and culture built on racism and white privilege. Federal policies—just like individual Friends, Quaker organizations, and the Religious Society—are not immune to these dominant forces.

That's why I'm grateful to be participating in the [Quakers Uprooting Racism program](#) alongside my colleague and Friend José Santos Woss. This program brings together racially

diverse F/friends to analyze and address racism in Quakerism and beyond.

“[This program is] getting us to a space of discussing issues dealing with racism we’ve witnessed in the Religious Society of Friends,” José told me. “It’s what’s needed. Giving tangible examples of where we fall short allows for real learning.”

While engaging in racial justice change work is not new to me, engaging in it with other Friends is. The relationships we are building with one another—grounded in a common faith—are giving me hope for sustaining the uprooting of racism in our tradition and FCNL’s work.

As you go about making plans and decisions this month, I invite you to hold with me a query FCNL has asked Friends to consider while [discerning lobbying priorities for the next Congress](#): How could the choices we are contemplating affect those who have been harmed by systemic, institutional, interpersonal and/or internal racism?



INTRODUCING THE SPIRITUAL COMPANION GROUPS WORKSHOP

For Friends in Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting and open to others from NYYM — a 3-hour, online, very active Spiritual Companion Groups Workshop. Saturday, March 5, 10 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

This workshop is for Friends in Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting,

welcoming others from NYYM, who want to start a spiritual companion group of 1-4 people that meets every 1-3 weeks to support each other in experimenting with the Spirit in our lives. Please invite others who might join you in a companion group. Contact luharper@gmail.com for zoom link and other information.

HOPE AND RESILIENCE: DRAWING STRENGTH FROM OUR QUAKER FAITH

Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC)
[Section of the Americas Meeting](#)

March 12, 2022 — Online

Registration is open for "Hope and Resilience: Drawing Strength from our Quaker Faith," a one-day virtual gathering of Friends from across the Americas with Friends World Committee for Consultation on Saturday, March 12, 2022. The schedule, speaker information, advance documents, and registration can be found [on the FWCC website](#).

HELP “SHINE A LIGHT” ON TUBMAN

The Equal Rights Heritage Center, and the City of Auburn’s Historic & Cultural Sites Commission are hosting a bicentennial celebration to commemorate the 200th anniversary of Harriet Tubman’s birth. Festivities begin in March on Harriet Tubman Day, and continue throughout September, with programming & events focused on Tubman’s inspirational life and legacy. [Visit the website](#) for more details.

Harriet Tubman 200th Birthday Ceremony

March 12 from 11AM – 1PM, Hosted by the City of Auburn and the Harriet Tubman National Historical Park, this special ceremony at the NYS Equal Rights Heritage Center will officially celebrate the bicentennial with cards, cake, special speakers, walking tours, and other activities; free to the public, ceremony livestreamed. [Visit the website](#)

MARCH

In the snowing and the blowing,
In the cruel sleet,
Little flowers begin their growing
Far beneath our feet.
Softly taps the Spring, and cheerly,—
"Darlings, are you here?"
Till they answer, "We are nearly,
Nearly ready, dear."
"Where is Winter, with his snowing?"

Tell us, Spring," they say.
Then she answers, "He is going,
Going on his way.
"Poor old Winter does not love you;
But his time is past;
Soon my birds shall sing above you;—
Set you free at last."

by Mary Mapes Dodge

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting

Clerk – Christopher Sammond
Assistant Clerk – Claire Howard
Treasurer – Sigrid Mortensen
Musicians – Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Mary Jo Granger

Pastoral Care - Craig Kukuk ([734-717-7719](tel:734-717-7719))
Recording Clerk - Howard Nelson
Ministry & Counsel Clerk – Hannah Richter

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is usually an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday has a variety of formats. Nursery is available during meeting. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

See <http://www.quaker.org/poplar/> for more information, Visit us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/poplarridgefriendsny>.

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