WALLA WALLA FRIENDS MEETING
STATE OF THE MEETING REPORT

February 23, 2023

Walla Walla Friends have been a preparative meeting since 1980 under the care of Eastside Monthly Meeting of Bellevue, holding weekly meetings for over 40 years. After several of our regular attenders moved away and the death in 2020 of Nancy Ball, one of our founders and a long-time meeting officer, followed by the COVID crisis, we first reduced our meeting schedule to once a month, and then suspended meetings entirely.

In January, 2022 with the arrival of new attenders, we returned to regular weekly meetings at 10 a.m. on Sundays, followed by a meeting for business on the first Sunday of the month. We meet either in a room at the First Congregational Church, or when the weather is mild in an open-air pavilion in Pioneer Park.

Many of our attenders are active in the new Walla Walla Civility Project the Meeting has initiated, in which other local organizations have also joined. The project has sponsored civility booths at local celebrations and at our downtown farmers market, and has recently hosted a Community Civility Café in our local high school commons with the Walla Walla Diversity Coalition as a partner. The project's website is www.wwcivilityproject.blogspot.com

Though our Friends Meeting has always been small, many peace and justice initiatives have come out of this little group and its members over the last forty years, which have celebrated in the book "What Sayest Thou—A History of the Walla Walla Friends Meeting" published in 2021 that we will have available at the NPYM annual session.

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