

Manhattan Monthly Meeting

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Quarterly Meeting Report

Manhattan Monthly continues to its semi-programmed hybrid worship every first Day at 9:30 am in Room 1. We continue to use the Yearly Meeting's theme, "Led by Spirit" every First Day as an anchor for our worship. Gilbert Imbayi, Friends Global Ministries, Baltimore, Maryland continues to minister twice monthly, in-person and online, while members and attenders participated in shared First Day worship.

Our hybrid meeting continues to serve as a valuable mode of communication, Programmed Quaker Practice and outreach for Friends. Room 1, at 15 Rutherford Place continues every First Day to be a welcoming center for the unannounced visitors/Friends on First Days. Our outreach program to members and attenders continues to serve not only as a "How are You Doing" social communique link but helping to build deeper human and Spiritual connections among Friends.

Gloria Thompson's visit and report on Friends Peace Teams, "Power of Goodness" AVP workshop [n Papua, Indonesia, led us to writing a Grant for Peace Libraries in Asia West Pacific, school libraries in Davanga, Kenya, Happy Grove High School and Seaside Primary & early Childhood Schools in Jamaica. Friends Peace Teams has initiated the work of establishing the Peace libraries by meeting twice monthly with a designated group of educators, select and read books deemed appropriate for their communities in Asia West Pacific areas. Special thanks to New York Quarter for helping us to launch our Book Drive at Friends Seminary and 15th Street Meeting communities. Both groups collected and sorted hundreds of books by grade levels and we were able to ship our first set of books and other educational materials to Seaside Primary and Early Childhood Quaker School, Jamaica, in September.

We continue with our Quarterly worship with 15th Street on the 1st First Day of each quarter, as well as, active participation in Quarterly happenings presented at 15th Street Meeting House. Members participated in various Quaker events, such as, daily virtual Pendle Hill Worship and New York Yearly Meeting's Summer Sessions at Silver Bay.

Gloria Thompson continues to serve New York Yearly Meeting as its Clerk and representative on New York State Council of Churches (NYSCOC).

As we journey through 2026, we reference various scripture passages related to our theme, "Led by Spirit" for example, "Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:10, These words are constant reminder of God's love and protection for all.

Faithfully submitted

Gloria Thompson