Redwood Forest Friends Meeting invites you:

10 am  Meeting for Worship on First First Days
in person and on Zoom—see schedule next page

October Worship

Zoom link is always:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554998509?pwd=aVNtaWVmdENsNUlRd3hvNkk1K3o5UT09

Friends House Worship Group

Friends House Worship Group is able to meet in person, with one group inside in the Library and one outside on the patio behind the Lobby. Vaccinated and masked non-residents are welcome to join. They will be screened by staff at the front door. Worship is 10 to 11 with brief introductions, last thought, and announcement afterwards. For more information, call 707-576-6673.

Lake County Worship Group

Meets weekly on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. 7:10pm Singing; 7:30pm Worship; 8pm Socializing
Zoom link is always:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85240624938?pwd=UDRUT1dWSUZyeVo0czQxVkJvcStFZz09
# October 2021 Calendar Items

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### Meal With A Theme

7:15 to 8:30 pm on Wednesday October 13, 2021. Note that this is a time change.

### Friday Film Nights

These evenings are an opportunity to watch documentary and feature films on themes that are of topical interest to Quakers and/or may help us explore our testimonies. Recommendations are always welcome. We gather in our own homes, watch the film together on Zoom, and then engage in a discussion. Usually 4th Fridays, 7-9pm.
Zoom link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83603018106?pwd=dThEYVJ6WXlwUljArbZ2c3JKWG01Zz09

### Hybrid (Blended) Meetings

The Coordinating Committee is exploring the extent of the Meeting’s interest in hybrid meetings. If you would be interested in experiencing worship with a meeting that is doing hybrid (blended) worship, please contact Molly Bishop.
Opportunities for Service to the Meeting
Barbara Babin is currently coordinating a few activities that are not traditionally part of the clerk’s role and she would love to share these responsibilities with others. If you are interested in helping out, please contact her to find out more about:

• Zoom hosting
• Second hours, planning and hosting
• Movie Nights, planning and hosting

Thank you!

Redwood Forest Friends Meeting
Meeting for Business
September 12, 2021

Interim Clerk, Barbara Babin
Recording Clerk, Paul Robbins

Opening Worship

Approval of August Minutes (Barbara Babin)
The regular meeting time of the Quaker Working Group on Racism has not yet been established.

Minute 2021-9-1: Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approved the minutes from the August 2021 Meeting for Business, with the change above.

Property Committee (Keith Bridges)
1. The Property Committee proposes to make several changes in our current job description. Two of the three subcommittees under the care of Property Committee are no longer functioning. The Hospitality Subcommittee has not functioned since snacks after Worship ended once the pandemic spread to our county. Property Committee notifies the Meeting that the Hospitality Subcommittee is suspended for the time-being and can be restarted as the Coordinating Committee discerns the need.

2. The Library Subcommittee has not functioned for at least two years. RFFM is no longer on the mailing list for most of journals and newsletters it used to receive. Therefore, upkeep of the library has not been necessary during the pandemic. The Property Committee recommends that this subcommittee be laid down, with the upkeep and renovation of the library to be carried out in the future by volunteers, as needed.

Friends expressed a desire that the Meeting continue to subscribe to the Pendle Hill pamphlets and the various journals.

Work has been done by volunteers for the library on an ad hoc basis for several years now.

Minute 2021-9-2: Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approved the laying down of the Library Subcommittee. The Property Committee is released from responsibility for the library, the library upkeep and renovation to be carried out in the future by a working group of volunteers, as needed.

3. The Resident Friend Subcommittee remains functioning and under the oversight of the Property committee.
4. The Property Committee requests approval for repair of the west wall of the Youth Building, now estimated to total $1,200. This repair was independently authorized months ago by the Property Committee when the original estimate was $700.00, but materials costs have doubled in the last six months. Property Committee requests approval of $1,200 for this repair.

**Minute 2021-9-3**: Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approved $1,200 for the repair of the west wall of the Youth Building to meet the increase in the cost of materials.

5. The Property Committee reports that we have reviewed a proposal to extend the range of RFFM WiFi out to the Meetinghouse and the Youth Building. The basic proposed hardware would cost $773.00. Property Committee appreciates the detailed research and analysis provided by Jim Avera and Gary Melrose in creating this proposal. Currently, no RFFM committees or user groups are requesting Internet access for their meetings. Neither RFFM, any user group, nor RFFM committee has, to our knowledge, requested extended WiFi access. If RFFM wishes to investigate holding combined in-person/Zoom meetings, there will be additional costs, technology requirements, and IT servicing. This WiFi extension, as well as any hardware for combined In-person/Internet meetings will require IT upkeep. The Property Committee chooses to revisit this WiFi extension proposal and any hardware upgrade for hybrid meetings as a unified proposal, if requested, so that the cumulative costs and IT maintenance requirements can be considered at the same time.

A Friend said that some groups, such as the Working Group on Racism may be seeking to conduct hybrid meetings soon.

A Friend asked whether the billing for internet access would be affected by the additional access. The response was that there is no additional charge other than the cost of hardware.

Research work continues to determine exact requirements for hybrid meetings.

Hybrid meetings will require some tasks to be performed by a person or persons, and the tasks will require some level of skill. Use of the WiFi will require a password.

6. The Property Committee proposes RFFM allow the contractor for Elson Place to install a contractor’s trailer on the Northwest corner of our property for the duration of the project construction. Installation, utilities, and all access to the trailer would be through the construction site only.

A Friend inquired about the cost of the fence to be built. The owner of Elson Place is already required to pay for the fence.

A Friend requested that the owner of the project be approached about making a donation to the Meeting.

**Minute 2010-9-4**: Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approved the allowing of the contractor for Elson Place to install a contractor’s trailer on the northwest corner of the Meeting’s property for up to one year or the duration of the project, whichever occurs first, with installation, utilities, and all access to the trailer only through the construction site. The cost and responsibility for permits, insurance, any losses, and liability will be covered by the owner of Elson Place.
One Friend requested to be recorded as standing aside.

**Guatemala Scholarship Committee** (Donna Smith and Tim Thresh)

A video about the program was shown to the Meeting. The teaching of English trip will be December 6-10 this year. The program intends to increase the number of scholarships to 100 for 2022.

Strong donations continue to be given to the program. There is an increasing trend of participation in the teaching of English.

Net overall income fell due to the loss of textile sales related to the pandemic and the cost of the 2019 teaching English trip, which came due at the start of the pandemic. Financial gains from previous investments covered much, but not all, of the reduction in income. Covid-related support for the students’ struggling families resulted in higher costs per student. Friends found the video to be very moving and reinforcing in the Meeting's commitment to the project.

A Friend asked for the cost per student. The cost varies depending upon what a student is studying. Each student is evaluated separately based on the student's needs. Costs can vary between $800 and $2200 per year. The slides for this report will be posted on the Meeting’s web site.

**Coordinating Committee** (Molly Bishop)

Lanny Jay has requested us to transfer his membership to Appleseed Meeting. He requested this transfer in June. The Clerk did not read the letter aloud to Monthly Meeting, because it contained confidential and sensitive information regarding conflict between Lanny Jay and members in our Meeting.

The Coordinating Committee reviewed the circumstances presented in the letter and held a listening session with those members who were involved. It has been ten years since Lanny Lay has participated in RFFM. The Coordinating Committee recommends transfer to Appleseed, with a letter mentioning the conflict and his current lack of participation in the life of the Meeting.

**Minute 2010-9-5:** Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approved the release of Lanny Jay for transfer of the membership to Appleseed Friends Meeting.

**Request for Volunteers for Naming Committee** (Barbara Babin)

Barbara Babin requests 3 persons to volunteer to serve as members of the Naming Committee, the group that will bring forward names for the Nominating Committee. Please contact her if you are interested.

**Correspondence and Announcements** (Barbara Babin)

There will be a threshing session in late October to consider organizations to receive support from the Meeting’s budget for stewardship.

**Joys, Sorrows, and Concerns**

A Friend expressed support for greatly increasing the Meeting’s support for California’s Friends Committee on Legislation this year in response to the financial difficulties that organization is experiencing.

A Friend appreciates that our Meeting does everything it can to welcome everyone to be an active participant in our community, however the Friend asks that we do not call out by name those who choose to keep their cameras turned off. The Friend suggests we be patient as Friends learn how to participate on Zoom.
A Friend expressed shock at how empty of content and out of date the information is on the Meeting’s website and asked that interested Friends work together to update the site, so it might be more relevant. Friends who wish to help update the information on the website are invited to contact Dinah Bachrach of the Coordinating Committee.

A Friend expressed the joy of the expected birth of a baby in the Meeting’s community, asking for the Meeting to hold the family in the Light.

**Advices and Queries for October**

**On Simplicity**

*Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center... a life of unhurried peace and power. It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but it occupies all our time.*

Thomas R. Kelly, *Testament of Devotion*, 1941

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives.

Elise Boulding writes in *My Part in the Quaker Adventure*, "Simplicity, beauty, and happiness go together if they are a byproduct of a concern for something more important than ourselves."

Do I center my life in an awareness of God’s presence so that all things take their rightful place?

Do I live simply, and promote the right sharing of the world’s bounty?

Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light?

How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech, my manner of living, and my daily work?

Do I recognize when I have enough?
Online Retreat from Ben Lomond Quaker Center

**Practices for Supporting Faithfulness – an online program.** Marcelle Martin returns to Quaker Center with this online offering. In it, we’ll experiment with practices to help each other pay attention to the divine presence within. We’ll explore what can block our whole-hearted response, offer support for following the leadings of the Spirit, and form Faithfulness Groups. October 25—29. $150, but there is a sliding scale. Also RFFM has a free pass for attendance if needed. Contact Keith Bridges 573-1901 about the pass or register @ [www.quakercenter.org](http://www.quakercenter.org).

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**In Memory**

Light walks by your windowsill  
The cat notices that  
Peacock coos silently  
Colorless death, blue jay chases away

How could a drop of tear contain  
tensions of so many years?

Ask the falling leaf  
in the late summer afternoon  
that spins, spins, and glides  
Resting on your loving ground  
Untied ten thousand knots

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光影扶窗，灵猫觉  
孔雀低吟，蓝鸟逐茫茫  
一滴泪竟溅廿年恨？  
问季夏坠叶  
转翔飞，落尘土  
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