

San Juan Worship Group
2021 State of the Meeting

As with everyone, the pandemic has made a significant impact on our Worship Group. In the last year, we were no longer able to meet at the local Senior Center when it closed the building for group activities. As we are under the care of Lopez Island Friends Meeting, our immediate option was to join their virtual worship and while a couple did, most of our small group did not find that virtual worship worked for them, so we began to meet outdoors at our homes, with occasional weeks cancelled due to weather. As the weather got colder, we added walking to our worship routine. One member wrote a short article about our worship for Western Friend.

With this program our core membership has held solid, but without a fixed place in town, we had far fewer of the occasional visitors that we normally get. (We enjoyed worshipping with a young Friend from Chicago who found us via our FB page). As we see a time when we may again resume meeting in town, we are taking steps to return to a past location once vaccinations have proceeded a bit further down the list. We are encouraging more sharing at meetings including of music with a 2nd Sunday where sharing that does not reach the level of a “message” is encouraged.

As Lopez Island Friends begins to work on hosting Fall Quarterly Meeting with Bellingham Meeting, one member is on the planning committee and several expressed interest in attending and supporting the hosting duties at Fall Quarterly.