

Peace and Social Concerns as of 20 October 2017

Hi, All,

Thank you for all your work and support! I apologize for not making it there in person.

Peace and Social Concerns has been active (though not yet athletic; we are building up our strength).

We have been chatting periodically, and have begun a monthly online worship sharing on the last Mondays of each month. Our first meeting had half a dozen participants, and seemed to be well received. We encourage all of you to join us.

Please contact Sea at [206-819-7417](tel:206-819-7417) or sea@sum1.us, or your meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Contact, for Zoom access details. This is a space for support and inspiration. It is not an action group.

We are planning an action group, also to meet online, though we don't have a date for that yet. In the interim, we are also building a secure website where the politically active can share information, support, and resources. We are committed to making this a 'safe' online space: it will be secure and password protected. We are asking that interested individuals let their meeting contact know so that we can add them from the backend, to assure legitimate Quaker affiliation.

We expect this site to be launched around the start of the calendar year. It is at that point that we will likely begin the online reflection-and-action-oriented meetings.

Additionally, the sub-committee on systemic racism is unifying. Steven Aldrich has been busy making contacts with FGC, Howard University, and others. He continues to reach out to Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting, questing for a representative group of invested individuals. We currently have eight people, and would like a couple more: it's a big topic. Regular online meetings begin in November. If you know of anyone with interest and passion in this area, please let either Steven or Sea know.

And on the subject of people and passion, we'd also appreciate someone from off-the-I-5-corridor to help shepherd the minute on Gender Inclusion. If you, or anyone you know of, might be interested, please let us know.

Thank you, all, again. It is wonderful to be (in spirit, if not in body) in such a fantastic group of people. I am very grateful for your hard work and tender hearts.

best,
Sea