

## Bozeman Worship Group

### State of the Meeting Report – 2018

Bozeman Worship Group meets each First Day at the Christus Collegium on the campus of Montana State University. We average 2 to 12 people, privileged to have two lovely girls becoming teens and a couple of wonderful young women high school students. We also benefit from sojourning Friends who play an important role in the life of the worship group.

Last summer we had a potluck in Kelly Canyon and enjoyed the warm summer air and beautiful view. In September we had a potluck and business meeting (the only one of the year). In October we decided to help provide home welcoming supplies for a refugee family in Missoula. Folks came together to meet this need.

Meanwhile, a few members and other community folks started a FCNL Advocacy Team which has met with staff members of our Senators and representative. In November two of our group travelled to Tucson to participate in the SOA Watch demonstrations. December found us with difficult roads but we still held our annual potluck and worship sharing evening. January with its cold and snow found us starting an Inner Life series in which we shared several Sundays after meeting on topics such as understanding the spiritual message of dreams, the power of creativity through musical improvisation and new to us concepts of disease and health from a Native American/Eastern perspective.

In February at MGOF, a young person from the WG was a leader in developing a minute on gun violence. In March there was a movie night celebrating the idea that girls can do anything! In April we took time to consider the FCNL priorities and came to unity that our highest priority is the repair of the political process of our country. In May we said farewell to a member who moved to Colorado. Later this month great joy will be shared as a child of MGOF marries his sweetheart in Kelly Canyon surrounded by loving family and friends.

Although we are a small group, the sense of the presence of Spirit is strong. Individuals come and go and all are welcome. We find ourselves nurturing each other and newcomers and being nurtured in return. There is a fine quality of Simplicity in our lack of structure. The focus is clear: meeting for worship and loving each other. We find a touchstone in our meetings together, supporting each other through illness, death, family problems, social justice efforts and crazy politics.