

**2017-18 State of Society Report**  
**Multnomah Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Statistical and Activity Report**

**Statistics**

- Multnomah Monthly Meeting includes 4 Worship Groups: Fanno Creek Worship Group, Lower Columbia Worship Group, Mountain View Worship Group and Quaker Midweek Worship Group
  - Current number of adult members: 141
  - Added this year: 8 (Keelin Anderson, Karen Kruse, Sue Moroney, Patricia Moss, Nan O'Neil, Rhys Scholes, Barbara Segal, and Jessie Starling)
  - Deceased this year: 2 (Martin David Crouch, Michael Wells)
- Approximate number of non-Member Attenders: 135
- Average weekly attendance in both Sunday Meetings for Worship: 85
- Children (infant thru 5th Grade):
  - First Day School: 20
  - Nursery: 17 children from 17 families
- Youth (Central & Junior Friends):
  - Central Friends: 3 with an average attendance of 1 or 2, meeting on alternate weeks.
  - Junior Friends: 6 to 7 are known to Meeting with an average of 3 to 5 at Junior Friends meetings

**Meeting Groups**

- Meeting for Worship, 10 am every Sunday, followed by Social Hour
- Early morning worship on Sundays
- Meeting for Worship for Business, third Sunday every month
- Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group each Sunday morning
- Bible Study each Monday morning
- Convergent worship, monthly, with Friends from NPYM meetings, NWYM churches, the Sierra Cascades Meeting of Friends, and unaffiliated churches
- Hillsdale Quakers meet weekly with participation from Meeting members & attenders
- Unprogrammed worship on Sundays at West Hills Friends Church
- Ad hoc Gender Concerns Committee established under care of Worship & Ministry Committee
- Friends for Racial Justice – Education and Action Group under care of Peace & Social Concerns
- Friendly Readers book study group
- Poetry as a Spiritual Practice
- Young Adult Friends (YAF) potlucks and celebrations – monthly and spontaneously
- Active Junior Friends Group
- Women with Wings Singing & Drumming Circle

**Ministry**

- Covenant of Caring with Amigas del Señor in Honduras - celebrated in November
- Quaker Voluntary Service - one of four sponsoring Meetings/Churches in Portland
- Ministries currently under the Care of the Meeting
  - Marge Abbott's Ministry of Writing and Teaching About Friends
  - Glee Love's Water Ministry
  - Kirsten Backstrom's Dream Ministry
  - Anna Fritz's Music Ministry

**Activism/Service**

- Oregon Legislative Action Group - Oregon Friends Committee on Public Policy
- FCNL - organized visits to congressional delegations – in Portland and Washington, DC
- Oregon Food Bank collection program - participating Meeting
- Transgender Day of Remembrance celebrated annually
- Ad Hoc Gender Concerns Committee support of other Meetings during seasoning of NPYM Welcoming/Inclusivity Minute
- Peace and Justice Fair in Vancouver, WA
- Peace Doves appeared at multiple events
- Hiroshima Day Participation
- Multnomah Monthly Meeting Banner used in marches
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon
- Legislative Advocacy Day
- Climate Change Actions
- Friends Peace Teams
- Established the Sanctuary Cohort and joined the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
- Stirring the Heart – dialog on experiencing racism

□ **Meetinghouse use and activities**

- Newcomers' gatherings in the Spring and Fall
- Parents Night Out monthly program for parents and young children
- Traditional holiday celebrations for children and adults
- Thanksgiving potluck at the Meetinghouse
- Meeting for Worship on Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day
- Host Willamette Quarterly Meeting Spring 2017 Gathering in coordination with Bridge City Friends Meeting
- Garden work continues towards “Backyard Habitat” designation
- NPYM Committee Meetings
- Alternatives to Violence Project trainings
- Presentation on Conscientious Objection for Junior Friends
- In addition to use by the Meeting community, the Meetinghouse functions as a local resource for many groups on a rental or pro bono basis.
- Celebration of Jubilee House Community's work in Nicaragua
- Hosted art exhibit - Exploring Race: Identity, Resistance & Resilience

□ **Adult Education events**

- Art displays in the Social Hall at the Meetinghouse – now named the Art Wall
- Presentation by Kenyan Quaker peacebuilder, Getry Agizah, of Friends Peace Teams.
- Children's program presentation & discussion on Quaker Parenting
- Annual Membership to Ben Lomond Quaker Center
- Friends for Racial Justice movie nights and raising of funds for books for racial minority children
- Death Café - an international movement to meditate and hold discussions about death
- Defending Universal Human Rights: Friendship between a Palestinian and a Jew
- Hope for a Sustainable Future as the Earth Warms
- Listening in the Midst of Conflict – Marge Abbott
- Inner Knowing: Spiritual Discernment Among Friends – Marge Abbott & support committee
- Presentation by the Sanctuary Cohort and Pedro Sosa of American Friends Service Committee on current issues related to sanctuary and immigrant rights
- Presentation on the Jordan Cove LNG project.
- Report from the UN Climate Conference on Climate and Sustainability.

- War Tax Resistance workshop and panel discussion.