After waxing and waning a bit, the San Juan Worship Group has settled into a stable pattern in the last year. Our meetings tend to have from three to six participants most weeks with an occasional bump up from visitors. Last fall, the Family Resource Center, where we have been meeting, broke ground, on a construction project so we relocated to the nearby Senior Center, which we share on some Sundays with the Unitarian Universalists. As a result, we were invited to attend one of their meetings and give a presentation on Quaker history and values, which took place in March, with great questions and a request to return this fall. We expect to return to the Family Resource Center soon.

Now that we are formally under the care of Lopez Islands Friends Meeting we have continued to strengthen the ties among all the Quakers in the San Juans, attending the all Island Meeting on Lopez in the Fall. A planned the all-island meeting on Orcas in March did not take place due to Covid-19, but LIFM has instituted Meeting for Worship by Zoom which allows all of us in the islands to worship together. Among other things Quakers from all three islands engaged with FCNL to form an advocacy group. As has been our practice some members also attended Lopez’s annual silent retreat.

Being small we are a mostly silent meeting. We enjoy monthly worship sharing, after meeting fellowship, and watch over each other.

Note: We wish to acknowledge the death of Anne Blackburn, one of the originators of our worship group, who died in CA, in Nov. 2019.