

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Eleventh Month, 2021

- **Monthly Query:** *How does participation in Meeting for Worship contribute to my life long spiritual journey?*
- **Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *Come to Meeting with neither a resolve to speak, nor a determination not to speak, but rather with an attitude of expectant waiting and openness.*



## Upcoming Zoom Forums

### November 7 - Living with the Natural World

Pat Mann and Pam Schwingl

### November 14 - Quaker Practice Series: Silent and Vocal Ministry

### November 21 - No Forum

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at 9:00 a.m

### November 28 - Gratitude, Alternative Gift Mart

First-Day-School led

## December 2021

### December 5 - NC Department of Justice Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice (TREC)

Holly Jones and Talley Wells

### December 12 - Personal sharing: Kuldip Kuwahara

### December 19 - No Forum

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at 9:00 a.m

### December 26 - Winter Solstice Forum

Carolyn and Peter White

## Small Group Worship at the Meetinghouse

After listening carefully to our community and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our community, the Ministry & Worship Committee received permission from the Meeting to begin offering responsible opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate options for small group worship over the coming weeks. In this unprecedented time, the committee is not pursuing the perfect answer to how to worship together, and we do not know the lowest risk way to proceed.

**Note:** To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of **vaccination protocol** and the **wearing of masks** around others on meeting property is lovingly expected.

A risk assessment tool is available as well (<https://www.microcovid.org/paper/5-activity-risk>).

The options do not yet include “hybrid” meetings, using the Zoom platform blended with in-person attendance for worship and religious education. The committee will request time for a discussion about hybrid meetings at a future Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

To keep the trial simple, there will be no refreshments available (bring your own water), indoor participants will be urged to go outside at the rise of meeting to limit time in the building, and the building will be closed between early and late meetings. Friends are asked to not go downstairs (except for the nursery), for simplicity in preparation and maintenance of safe spaces.

**Children older than 3** are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship and will be led down to the playground for First Day School, which is on the playground during Covid. However, there will be at least one adult on the playground starting at 11:00 for those who are nervous about indoors. For children under 3, the nursery open downstairs if needed.

## Upcoming Events

### **Pulling Back the Curtain, Webinar Series, Sept 17 - Dec 14**

Hart Pillow shares with Friends:

“Pulling Back the Curtain” is a new 6-part webinar series this fall that explores the little-known state agency setting energy and climate policy for North Carolina, and the role we can play in building a clean energy future. We are proud to note that the classes will be taught by NC WARN’s former energy analyst Nancy LaPlaca.

How does North Carolina incentivize clean energy production and infrastructure? What are the rules governing household electricity rates? How are we helping families adopt rooftop solar and electric vehicles? Learn in plain language how the current regulatory system works, and how advocates like you can get involved to move North Carolina toward a clean energy future.

Sign up today: <https://cleanairenc.org/cleanaire-events/nc-energy-webinar-series>

Select Tuesdays through Fall 2021: Noon or 5:30 pm (choose your time)

Tuesday, September 21 - Tuesday, December 14

Courses:

- Utilities in the US: The Big Picture – TUESDAY, September 21
- The Regulatory Process in NC – TUESDAY, October 12
- Why Has Energy Justice Taken So Long? – TUESDAY, October 26
- Communities on the Frontline – TUESDAY, November 9
- Power Generation: Cost vs Benefit – TUESDAY, November 23
- Building a Clean Energy Future – TUESDAY, December 14

### **Friends General Conference Gathering, July 3 - 9**

The Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering 2022 is being hosted by Piedmont Friends and will be held in-person nearby – at Radford University, Radford, Virginia.

The Gathering is a week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages. Friends come together from across the US and Canada (and sometimes further) to deepen our connection to one another and the Spirit.

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The dates are July 3 through July 9. The theme for 2022 is "...and follow me."

Given the proximity, the hosting by our yearly meeting, and the first in-person sessions since 2019, this is a rare opportunity to participate.

The week of the Gathering is packed with programs and events, from small group workshops to evening plenaries, and programs for children, teens, and young adults. You can register to attend the full event, or just the parts that fit with your schedule.

Registration will be open early in 2022. A reminder—if you need financial assistance to attend the Gathering, Chapel Hill Friends through the Shotts Leadership Development Fund and Piedmont Friends can contribute for part of the cost.

We have opportunities to participate in planning the event. Piedmont Friends have a Hosting Committee. The FGC Gathering Committee has subcommittees for the following aspects of the event: Adult Young Friends (18-35), Local Arrangements, High School, Junior Gathering, Evening Programs, Workshops, Worship, and Communication.

For more information, visit the FGC website (<https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>) and see a 6-minute video about the Gathering. Or contact our Piedmont Friends representatives: Ann Miller and Leslie Rountree (PFYM) and Jasmine McKewen and Brad Schultz (PFF).

## **Recurring Events**

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish - from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to: [prayers@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:prayers@chapelhillfriends.org). The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee and each week, a volunteer will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service. You can be one of these volunteers! Please contact the Ministry and Worship Committee ([mw@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:mw@chapelhillfriends.org)) or Chris Stanley ([clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org)) to join the volunteers supporting this ongoing ministry.

**Pendle Hill Worship** via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16,

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2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom.”

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

**Note:** The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence “You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below.”

**Sloth Radio Is On the Air**, Tues, Thursdays, 8pm

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:

Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level. The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

Zoom: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/9194488892>

Please spread the word if you have any friends that you think would like to join us!

## **Announcements**

**ORDERING PECANS FOR Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry (AOPM):**

Orders are due by NOV. 6th. Pickup date is NOV. 20th. Orders can be placed/paid for on line or by sending in the order form with a check. Last year I tried a hybrid system, some paying by check to AOPM, some reimbursing me after delivery, some on line. It got confusing and difficult to manage so this year, please place your own order (via form/check or on line). Pick up will be at a church on Mt. Hermon Church Rd. BUT I am willing to pick up orders and take them to the Meeting house or arrange for you to pick them up at my house (specific arrangements to be determined following discussions with/approval from John Hite and relevant committee).

So, instructions:

1. Go to <https://aoprisonministry.org/order/>
2. To order/pay on line, click on the picture of the nuts; that will take you to the order page
3. Complete your order
4. OR: click on the link for the form (or the form itself) and complete, and send in with check
5. IF YOU WANT ME TO PICK THEM UP, PLEASE PUT "TO BE PICKED UP BY ASTA CROWE" in the box for notes at the bottom of that page. If you use an order form/pay by check, please note that on the form. If you write on the back of the form, please note PLEASE TURN OVER on the form so the request isn't overlooked.
6. Send in your order AND THEN NOTIFY ME BY EMAIL ([astacrowe@gmail.com](mailto:astacrowe@gmail.com)) that you want me to pick them up, and how many bags. Please provide your name, address and phone number.

I will pick up any orders requested and let you know when I have them ready. By special (and limited) arrangement, I am happy to consider alternatives but can only deliver a limited number for those who might have difficulties picking them up.

I can be reached at [astacrowe@gmail.com](mailto:astacrowe@gmail.com) or 919-260-1906.

The pecans are really good, I always order extra to give as gifts. This is a worthy cause, thank you for your support. ~ Asta

[see following page for a printable order form]



**Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry  
2021 Annual Pecan Fundraiser  
Order Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ # of

bags of pecans: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00/1lb bag \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due\*: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks out to Alamance Orange Prison Ministry and mail  
check with this order form to:**

**Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry  
P.O. Box 9932  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515**

You may also place and pay for your order by visiting our website at  
[www.aoprisonministry.org](http://www.aoprisonministry.org) or by phone with Kris Zyczkiewicz at 508-446-0741.

Orders are due by November 6th. Pecans can be picked up on  
Saturday, November 20th between 9 -11 am at:  
Mt. Hermon Church, 4511 Old Hwy 10, Durham, NC

## **Please Volunteer!**

Friends, each Sunday a small number of volunteers have been installing fans in the meeting room windows before early meeting. More volunteers are needed - two per week- to continue this. Volunteers should be able to stand on benches and hold a fan against the top frame of the window while another volunteer pushes up the sash. Add your name to the Doodle poll (link is below) and select the Sundays when you can help.

Installation takes 20 mins and we start at 7:45 except at 7:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month. Guidance will be provided.

For Sundays with no or one volunteer, there will be no fans or just fans in the lower sash openings exhausting air from the meeting room (i.e. no forced fresh air).

Thank you.

[https://doodle.com/poll/2xkf9aqr5g8q6sxr?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/2xkf9aqr5g8q6sxr?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

## **The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items**

Dottie Henniger shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions. For attenders who worship on Zoom, plastic bins will be put on the front porch on the last Wednesday of each month for your donations. Please also remember that financial gifts are always welcome. You can make your contributions online at the IFC website, [ifcweb.org](http://ifcweb.org). Thank you!

Dottie

## **Help Support Planning the 2022 FGC Gathering**

Ann Miller shares with Friends:

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting is excited to be hosting the 2022 FGC Gathering in Southwestern Virginia at Radford University. We are reaching out to Monthly Meetings in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee to ask them to help us find members to support the Planning of the FGC Gathering.

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We are hoping you may be willing to help us with two things:

- Recommendations to people who might serve on these committee's who we could send individual invites to.
- Share the link committee volunteer interest form with your members and attenders.

([www.tinyurl.com/PlanGathering2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/PlanGathering2022))

Interested Friends could also ask Leslie Rountree or Ann Miller about getting involved in planning and we will be happy to connect you with the planning process.

## Personals

### Memorial for Charles Denny Fernald

Hello Friends,

Thank you for all the support you have offered to me during this time of grieving my dad's death. If anyone would like to know more about him and or join his memorial via zoom on Sat, Nov 13, you can get information (and RSVP) at: <https://dennyferald.wordpress.com/>

Thanks,

Lori Fernald Khamala

### Newsletter & eNews Reminder

**Note:** If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) to your contacts. Otherwise it might go to your Spam folder (and likewise for other [chapelhillfriends.org](http://chapelhillfriends.org) mailing lists such as [pfym@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:pfym@chapelhillfriends.org)).

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Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). **Note:** The eNews is formatted using Google Docs, so submissions in that format are most welcome!

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *midnight on Wednesday*. Please put "**for eNews**" in the subject line.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last Sunday of the month*. Please put "**for Newsletter**" in the subject line.

To unsubscribe, email to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) with the subject line, Unsubscribe.

### Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays, 7-9pm

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Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to Lynn ([linda.drake100@gmail.com](mailto:linda.drake100@gmail.com)) or Matt ([matthiascdrake@gmail.com](mailto:matthiascdrake@gmail.com)). We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons.

Thank you for joining us!

### Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

### Anecdotes from AntiRacism Committee

[no anecdotes to share this month]

## Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

#### Minutes

9 am Sunday October 17, 2021

Online via Zoom

Chris Stanley, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk

In attendance:

Lois Ann Hobbs, Betsy Brinson, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Carolyn White, Jeff Brown, Hank Elkins, Chris Stanley, Faye Stanley, Paul Munk, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Jan Hutton, Ben Ray, Monteze Snyder, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Buzz Borchardt, Dottie Henninger, Julia Cleaver, Deborah Gibbs, Gwynne Pomeroy, Emily Condon, John Hite, Karen Jessee, Nancy Milio, John Pilgrim, Rob Jones, Tom Munk, Hart Pillow, Ken Grogan, Lloyd Kramer, Max Drake, Michael Conway, Ann Miller, Bob Durovich, Susan Inglis

1. Chris Stanley, Meeting Clerk, opened the meeting with worship centered on the Query: How do I affirm and support the presence of God/Spirit in the process of discernment and reaching a decision?
2. Chris welcomed the Meeting and recognized first-time attenders John Pilgrim and Rob Jones, then reviewed the agenda.
3. Susan had prepared the Minutes of the September Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). Friends approved those minutes as presented.
4. Betsy Brinson provided an update on recent changes at Quaker House. She reported that Kindra Bradley suddenly resigned as Director after 3.5 years of her 5 year contract, providing only 2 weeks' notice. The Board has stepped in, setting up a transition team as well as ensuring the ongoing work of the organization. Betsy is on the transition team. The current effort, supported by CHF M members Pam Schwingl and Rufus King, as well as by Betsy, is to get the annual fundraising letter out. Counseling is continuing without interruption. The new Director job description is in development and will be shared with the Meeting for distribution to all our networks. Betsy, who grew up in Fayetteville, noted that the city has changed, and is a more pleasant place to live now than in some previous search periods. In response to Friends' questions, Betsy clarified that though there is a candidate for interim and the search has not started, the Board may be able to cover until a new director comes in.
5. Dave Curtin, Clerk of the Library Committee, presented their annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends approved the report.
6. Maura Murphy, CHF M Treasurer, had been scheduled to present her quarterly report, but it has been delayed.
7. Jeff Brown, Clerk of The Ministry and Worship Committee, reported on the recent Clerks' Retreat. The report is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends accepted the report.

8. Carolyn White, Co-Clerk of the Nominations Committee, proposed additions to three committees:

1. Betsy Brinson to the Quaker House Board as she has graciously agreed to continue as-needed.
2. Karen Jessee to Adult Religious Education Committee
3. Annette Broadwell to Transition and Support Committee

Friends approved all 3 additions, with appreciation for the committee's work as well as the Friends' service.

9. Carolyn Stuart, Clerk of the Care and Counsel Committee, presented a proposal for an updated Meeting Directory and responded to questions. The proposal is attached here as Appendix 3. Logistics for producing the printed directory are still being discussed. Immediate additions include

1. John Pilgrim 5511 Tahoe Drive, Durham 919-623-1329 jdpilgrim102@gmail.com
2. Rob Jones, Andrea Wood, Rye Jones, Emmer Jones 200 Pleasant Dr. Carrboro, NC 27510 301-651-5692 rejemail@gmail.com

Friends approved the proposal with enthusiasm. Carolyn Stuart commented on the importance of committees working together and expressed gratitude.

10. The Ministry and Worship Committee provided an update on the experiment with returning to face-to-face worship. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Friends accepted the report with appreciation.

11. The next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on November 21st, 2021.

• The Spiritual State of the Meeting will be held on October 30th from 10 AM until noon. Jeff elaborated and encouraged participation. It will be online via Zoom.

Other ANNOUNCEMENTS should be sent for the weekly eNews email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for eNews" in the subject line. Deadline is each Wednesday at midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put "for Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

12. The Meeting concluded with closing worship, a virtual circle, and preparation for 11:00 AM Meeting for Worship.

## Appendix 1

### Library Committee Annual Report (2020-2021)

The Library Committee maintains and improves the Meeting's collection of library books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other resources to further the life of the Meeting and its participants. It annually reviews the collection and purchases new materials on its own initiative as well as considering requests from committees and individuals. It works particularly closely with the Ministry and Worship Committee, the Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee, and the Adult Religious Education Committee. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

This has been a difficult year, with the Meeting house closed until recently. We have not met regularly. Highlights from the last year.

1. The library committee has continued to maintain the collection in Library Thing, our online guide accessible through the link on our web site, and we are working on ways to enter pamphlets and other publications that are not from Pendle Hill.
2. We did not purchase any new books.
3. We determined that the archivist at Guilford was not one of the positions terminated there. Also we found out that our \$150 payment each year is not a benevolence, but a payment for archiving our records. Currently it is still under our care, and we will need to request the payment be made each year.
4. We received the bound copies of our newsletter for 2018 and 2019, and will need to deliver that to Guilford. We are printing copies of the newsletter on archival paper for the next volume.

Goals for the coming year:

7. Find a safe way for people to once again get into the Library and check out books, pamphlets, CDs, and videos/DVDs. Ventilation is not adequate for multiple people to be in the room for long periods of time.

Please email [library@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:library@chapelhillfriends.org) if you have suggestions for purchases, subscriptions and the like.

Submitted respectfully by Allie Scales, Annalee Harkins, Bobbie Ackley Dave Curtin (clerk), Eloise Grathwohl, John Hite, and Lloyd Kramer

## Appendix 2

### CHFM Clerks' Retreat Oct 9, 2021

#### Summary

The Ministry & Worship Committee held the annual Clerks' Retreat online via Zoom on Saturday morning, October 9. After opening worship and introductions, CHFM Clerk Chris Stanley presented expectations for committee clerks. He reviewed the logistics of a clerk's servant role to facilitate the work of a committee. Agendas, reports, a committee calendar, and minutes are elements Listening to the committee is vital. Being open to the Spirit can lead to agenda changes and solutions to problems.

Concerning Quaker process in committees, Chris emphasized establishing a committee community, with time for check-in. Quaker process begins and ends with worship, and a clerk may return a committee to worship as a way to stay centered or refocus. Committees use Spirit-led discernment to find unity while making sure the committee is working communally and all members have opportunities to be heard.

Committees have a role in the Meeting as a whole. Committees do the work of the Meeting, representing all of us. Committees are expected to provide unified recommendations to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MFB) for approval. A committee moved to represent the Meeting as a whole to the outside community must seek approval at MFB. Comments during the retreat were helpful in clarifying ways for a committee to inform the Meeting about opportunities and potential solutions to problems before a committee reaches unity on a specific recommendation. Participants also noted the value in Friends rotating to other committees for a broader perspective on the work of the Meeting.

On the topic of annual reports for benevolences, Chris explained that some benevolences are "under the care of" certain committees. Under the care means a committee has primary responsibility to complete a task and report to MFB. This includes both benevolences and functions. For benevolences under their care, committees need to report to MFB yearly as well as make sure that the Treasurer makes the payment to the appropriate place. Chris suggested making the process of completing donations part of a regular committee calendar. The Meeting approved annual report guidelines this year to encourage building a stronger relationship with each organization.

Participants voiced concern that data collected from Carolina Friends School (CFS) may be slightly different than from other organizations. A suggestion regarding appointees to the CFS Board: trustees from CHFM could meet twice a year and add that to the CHFM description of service on the Board. M&W is available to work with the CFS trustees to see what is needed and then also work with Nominations.

The focus on relationships for each benevolence is Quaker-driven and valuable to us as a community. The benevolence process is a work in progress.

Regarding online meetings, Jeff Brown reported that a clerk may ask the Zoom committee to set up a meeting with the corporate account or can use a personal Zoom account. No committees are meeting in person yet.

With gratitude to all in attendance, the session ended with worship.

## **Appendix 3**

### **Proposal for a new Meeting Directory**

**October 17, 2021**

The most recent Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Directory in print is dated 2018-2019 and was professionally printed in 2018. A new directory is needed. The Care and Counsel Committee, the Ministry and Worship Committee, and the Publications and Communications Committee request that the Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business approve the expenditure of up to \$1100 for the cost of professionally printing and mailing 200 copies of a revised directory for 2021-2022.

The new edition of the directory would retain the look of the last edition with a color photo of the front of the meetinghouse on the cardstock cover. Postage to mail these new directories assures that they will be available to everyone in our Meeting family with a mailing address in our directory. With updated information on Meeting members and attenders and current committee membership provided by the Publications and Communications Committee, the new directories will be printed, assembled, and mailed by A Better Image Printers of Durham. We appreciate the work of all those who have provided updated information and who have assisted in getting a new directory ready for the printer.  
Carolyn Stuart, Clerk, Care and Counsel Committee.

## Appendix 4

### October 2021 Report on the Status of Worship to the October 17 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

The Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) recommends that Chapel Hill Friends Meeting continue to offer opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings on a trial basis. Friends are attending all six options for worship and religious education, deciding for themselves what option on a First Day best meets their needs for safety and wellbeing.

Friends are wearing masks indoors and outside for the safety and health of all, including children who are under age for vaccination.

M&W continues to seek a balance among many values: the availability and depth of worship, the spiritual life of the Meeting, fellowship, connection within our community, being all together, being inclusive, health, safety, comfort, and wellbeing. M&W plans to follow up with clerks of committees to review the current worship and religious education options.

M&W continues to consult with the Zoom working group, currently testing audio equipment in preparation for a trial of a blended (hybrid) meeting for worship, to be scheduled. A trial of two blended sessions will be followed by a Meeting listening session to share experiences of the combination of Zoom and in-person worship. M&W would then consider a recommendation.

M&W is grateful for the working group's attention to detail and efforts to make a trial a satisfying experience for both in-person and online participants.

As always, the committee values and invites your comments this morning or anytime via [ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org).

October 17, 2021

Ministry & Worship Committee

**Jeff Brown, clerk, Madelyn Ashley, Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn White and Chris Stanley, ex officio**

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