

Portland Friends Meeting Newsletter

Tenth Month 2021

Meeting for Worship: Sundays, times vary
see below for latest schedule



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—New England Yearly Meeting Interim Faith and Practice Advice (2014)

Calendar

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| October 10 | 10:30a Meeting for Worship outdoors at the Friends School of Portland ("FSP") 10:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom |
| October 17 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |
| October 23 | Falmouth Quarter via zoom (details inside) |
| October 24 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |
| October 30 | Love Our Meetinghouse Day, with picnic! |
| October 31 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |
| November 7 | 9am Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business via zoom 10:30a Meeting for Worship, zoom only |
| November 14 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |
| November 21 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |
| November 28 | 9:30a Meeting for Worship on zoom 11a Meeting for Worship in person at FSP |

Every Month

- Every Sunday:** times vary, see above, Meeting for Worship*
- First Sundays:** 9a Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
- Every Wednesday:** 7p Young Adult Friends Mid-Week Worship
email yaf@portlandfriendsmeeting.org for location
- Second Saturdays:** 5-8p Youngish adults potluck
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*contact Clerks for online Meeting for Worship links

Portland Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business
October 3, 2021

We began in silent worship at 9:00 a.m., gathered remotely and connected via Zoom. There were 42 members and attenders present for this meeting.

Our presiding clerk, Rob Levin, read the New England Yearly Meeting Interim Faith and Practice Advice (2014): Remember that we are only able to act according to our present sense and judgment, in the faith that the light we are given is enough for our needs today. Let us be humble both with one another and in anticipating that there may be more and different steps to take tomorrow.

1. **Clerk's comments.** Rob indicated that after discussion in Ministry and Counsel, the Recording Clerk will only read back minutes of approval or action.
2. **Health Advisory Group.** Lyn Ballou reported that the larger group of folks named by Ministry and Counsel at the beginning of the pandemic to help make decisions will be replaced by a much smaller group, consisting of Sharon McDonnell (epidemiologist), Jeff Peterson (retired pediatrician), the Co-Clerks, and Maggie Fiori, Ministry and Counsel.
3. **Proposal regarding First Day (Sunday) Worship and Other Worshipful Gatherings.** Peter Woodrow reported from Ministry and Counsel. There have been a number of opportunities for Friends to consider and suggest how to handle worship under pandemic conditions. He reminded us that continued experimentation and flexibility have been the spirit of the ongoing discernment about how to approach worship. He outlined the larger picture stated in the Proposal that was sent out in the advance documents (and will be printed in the newsletter).

For the rest of October and November, outdoor meeting for worship will continue as weather allows. Intergenerational worship is anticipated to occur on occasion. For Sundays on which Business Meeting is held, both Business Meeting and Meeting for Worship will take place by Zoom. Friends are encouraged to continue experimenting with smaller group worship. We will plan to check in with Friends to see how all the different forms of worship are working. As conditions change within the pandemic, Ministry and Counsel will consult with the Health Advisory Group to determine safe ways to meet.

Rob noted that the Co-Clerks have heard positive responses about the outdoor worship held the last two weeks at the Friends School of Portland. Zoom worship also happened on those two dates, which were well attended. One Friend reminded us that Sunday worship is not the only time that Friends have been gathering and Friends are encouraged to continue those 'experimental' worship opportunities.

Friends approved the continuation of meeting outdoors at the Friends School (or another location) through the end of November, with Zoom worship also occurring. Friends also approved continuing the discussion regarding worship in the winter at the November Meeting for Business.

4. **Ministry and Counsel.** Chris Beach read the Memorial Minute for Edward A. Robinson (1940-2020). Friends approved the beautiful minute, which captured the warmth, quirkiness and joy that was Ed.
5. **September Minutes.** The minutes from our September Meeting for Business were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

We ended in silent worship, proposing to meet again, God willing, at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Lise Wagner, co-Recording Clerk

Portland Friends Meeting
Proposal for Sunday Worship and Other Communal Opportunities
Prepared by Ministry and Council and Co Clerks
Presented at Meeting for Business October 3, 2021

Key Principles Moving Forward:

- ❖ Maintain the Body – We as a Meeting feel called to maintain our unity as a vibrant spiritual body. Although the pandemic has presented many challenges to us as individuals and as a community, we remain committed to journeying together in faithfulness.
- ❖ Bubbling and Popping – We as a Meeting invite Spirit to rise up at the individual and small group level for worship and social opportunities in the months ahead. The Co Clerks and Ministry and Council actively encourage individuals or groups to propose creative worship and social ideas as they are led. Depending on the complexity and timing of the idea, some level of check-in with the Co Clerks and/or M&C will be useful to avoid conflicts. And we will also work to improve our practices around posting events to the website calendar.
- ❖ Embrace Flexibility and Continued Experimentation – As much as we may take comfort in consistency and routine, we are in a different time right now. We as a Meeting recognize the value of flexibility as we experiment our way forward through the pandemic. We call for patience and faith in each other and in Quaker process as we meet the coming months.
- ❖ In designing worship opportunities in COVID times recognize a range of zoom and risk tolerance, and life experience and circumstances. We as a Meeting are committed to making our gatherings as safe as possible. Because there is a wide range of circumstances in our community, we will offer a variety of types of gatherings and be sensitive to the worship needs and preferences of all members and attenders of our community.
- ❖ Recognize differences in worship preferences: Some of us long for the larger full-meeting worship, finding that the variety and frequency of vocal ministry works best in that setting. Others experience worship in smaller groups as equally or more enriching.

Specific Worship Proposals:

- ❖ Short Term – For the rest of October and November
 - ❖ Continue outdoor Meeting for Worship at Friends School, with a separate zoom option for those who prefer or if weather is bad, or if anyone wants to go to both zoom and outdoor, when timing allows. One or two more Intergenerational Meetings for Worship as Spirit leads us, and outdoor programs for youth (First Day School Lite) during all regular Meetings for Worship. Only exceptions to this outdoor schedule would be first Sunday in November when we'll have Meeting for Business and Meeting for Worship on zoom, or if weather is really bad and Co Clerks cancel.
 - ❖ Consider later outdoor MFW start times in November, for more comfortable temps.
- ❖ Longer Term – December and Rest of Winter... Or at least until case rates fall substantially.
 - ❖ First Sundays
 - ❖ All zoom Meeting for Business, followed by all zoom Meeting for Worship. Time set aside at Meeting for Business to explore the quality of our various worship experiences.
 - ❖ Other Sundays –
 - ❖ Zoom meeting at 9:30 a.m., to allow for both zoom and in-person attendance. Consider podding up with others to be on zoom together from the same room—a different kind of hybrid.
 - ❖ Worship in Meetinghouse at 11:00 a.m. time for those who are able and eager to worship there in person. Various covid protocols in place: masks, air purifiers, maybe windows partially open to increase air flow.
 - ❖ Encourage small-group worship experimentation, as individuals and groups are led. We envision these small groups as an opportunity to reach out beyond our regular social groups.

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(Worship and communal opportunities, continued from page 3)

- ❖ Outdoor or zoom Intergenerational Worship or Child-Centered Worship roughly once per month, as we are led.
- ❖ Spring and Summer – Assuming Case Rates Stay High
 - ❖ More of above, except for more outdoor all-meeting worship, as weather permits. At Friends School or elsewhere.
- ❖ Even Longer Term – When case rates fall substantially
 - ❖ To be determined. We could revisit at that time, deciding which pandemic-era experiments to keep or adapt, and which ones to jettison.

Other than Meeting for Worship

- ❖ Encourage social and spiritual events over zoom or outside (games, music, passion sharing, trivia, hikes, etc.). See Bubbling and Popping above.
 - ❖ Form a temporary ad hoc Pandemic Fun Committee? 😊

Meeting for Worship in-person and online schedule details

We are pleased to share this schedule for the rest of October and November, so that everyone can start to make plans accordingly! As you'll see on the front page calendar, we are staggering the zoom and in-person worship times so that if people want to attend both they can do so. Having a later start time for in-person will also allow a bit more time for the temperature to heat up on any given morning.

All FSP meetings will be dependent on weather, with any cancellation or delay decisions posted on the e-group by 9:00 a.m.

Child care at FSP is coming into shape, as YREC is actively working on making this happen, and we'll share more details week to week. And youth First Day School programming will also be offered most weeks, with details to come.

After-meeting snacks are also a possibility, although we don't have specific details quite yet, and it might vary from week to week.

Outside of these set Meeting for Worship times, we are also encouraged to continue our experimenting with different worship formats and times in October and November, as well as social opportunities. So if you see a nice weather day coming up and want to organize a hike or a picnic or a Twister tournament or a pop-up meeting for worship or whatever else you can think of, then go for it!

Also, we are open to hearing specific suggestions about outdoor worship locations other than FSP, where there would be a cover in the event of rain. That said, Lyn and I don't have the bandwidth to do extensive research and outreach to figure out what might work. If others in the Meeting feel led to explore alternate locations, then we're happy to consider them. And Lyn has reached out to Sara Primo (FSP Head) to start a conversation about exploring the joint purchase of a large tent, although we don't expect that to happen within the above October-November time frame.

Speaking of the Friends School, we would like to give a huge shout out to Sara, Brooke, and the entire FSP team for welcoming us to their grounds. From the beginning, Sara has been so very gracious and inviting to us, and we're feeling lots of gratitude for the School-Meeting connection. And it's not just us in the Sara P Fan Club—we also heard a very heartfelt message from teacher Pete Curtis at our last worship at FSP, praising Sara's leadership in her first few weeks as inspirational.

Please let us know if you have any questions about anything in this message, and we hope to see you on zoom or at FSP in the coming weeks!

Yours in the Light,
Rob and Lyn

Basking in the In-Person Worship

On Sunday, September 19, around 75ish Friends of all ages gathered outside at Friends School of Portland for a joyful family-style celebratory worship. It was very sunny, the sky was blue, and our stage was a beautiful swooping russet-colored awning behind the school. We sat on folding chairs, camp chairs, blankets, and the ground. We started by singing several songs led by Maggie Fiori: George Fox (Walk in the Light), This Pretty Planet, and Learn to Live Your Life. Most of us were wearing masks, and it was a little challenging to sing in rounds, but it sure was fun trying!

While singing Sanctuary, we settled into a bit of waiting worship, and a Friend explained what that meant. In the middle of the quiet time, a JH Friend led us in some stretching and also read a poem. Pretty cool. After a little more quiet-ish time and a couple of messages, we ended by singing and dancing another song, My Heart is Ready. It was truly a deep, magical time.

Afterward, kids, parents, and other Friends hung out for a long time, talking together, catching up after many months apart, running around, snacking on muffins, and blowing a few bubbles.

In retrospect, we wish we had taken a picture of this joyous scene. We're not sure anyone did though—we were enjoying each other too much! As one Friend shared, "oh I thought of it, but had one of those moments where I decided I needed to bask in the Spirit and forget trying to capture it." And so yes, we all basked.

Consider a gift to Woolman Hill capital campaign

Woolman Hill has been raising funds through a capital campaign to support improvements at the conference facility, including among other things more energy efficiency and handicap access. Earlier this year, Tom Antonik and Paula Rossvall met with Portland Friends Meeting co-clerks and sent a request to our Financial Oversight Committee to consider a significant contribution from PFM.

PFM has a history of not donating large sums outright even to Quaker institutions, including our local and beloved Friends School, (Portland Friends Meeting has successfully loaned money in conjunction with a capital campaign in the past). Because we want to honor our budget process, the Committee proposed not to contribute an additional financial gift to Woolman Hill beyond what is in the 2021 budget. As part of the annual budget planning process, if our investments are stable or continue to grow at the end of this year, the Committee may consider an amount to be set aside and applied at the Meeting's discretion for future Quaker capital campaign requests (e.g., \$5000-\$10,000). We are also aware that our own Building and Grounds Committee is planning some likely expensive, but necessary updates to our heating and ventilation systems. Portland Friends Meeting has successfully loaned money as part of a capital campaign in the past. At this time, in addition to considering gifts to PFM and other Quaker organizations, we encourage individual members and attenders to consider a contribution to Woolman Hill.

Update from Paula and Tom: Thank you for considering a donation to Woolman Hill's Capital Campaign. The renovations to the conference and retreat center are completed and now we are raising money for the Welcoming Fund which is money to be used for scholarships and possibly staff funding. Please send checks made out to Woolman Hill with "Capital Campaign" on the memo line to Paula Rossvall, 41 Delaware Court, Portland, ME 04103. If you would like to donate online with PayPal or using a credit card use this link: <https://woolmanhill.org/a-welcoming-future/support>. If you would like to see some of what has been done at Woolman Hill open this link: <https://www.facebook.com/WoolmanHill>

Portland Friends Meeting Email

Lists: which list should I use?

(updated!)

To send a message to either of our two "e-groups," you must join or subscribe.* Which list should you use for your message?

PFM Life of the Meeting is for items directly related to Portland Friends Meeting business, other Quaker items, *and* this list is now also for *invitations for everyone in the Meeting to gather* (think "pop-up!" like invitations for all-Meeting picnics or hikes, or worship opportunities). Occasional messages about Members or Attenders also will be shared, as needed. To send a message to this list, email: pfm-life-of-the-meeting@googlegroups.com.

PFM Wider Community, for any items of interest from the PFM community, not necessarily *directly* related to Quakers. Of course, it will likely include Members or Attenders at Portland Friends Meeting, as most of our e-group members are Members or Attenders at PFM. Messages on this list are not officially Quaker, although they will certainly be Quaker "adjacent," very related to work we are doing as a Meeting. They might be news about opportunities for activism, connections, or learnings, or invitations to social gatherings extending beyond Portland Friends Meeting. To send a message to this list, email: pfm-wider-community@googlegroups.com.

To join/subscribe to these email lists, or "e-groups," simply email pfm.email.list.owner@gmail.com.

Touching the Spirit

Hello, friends, art lovers and art makers,

How many of you have had an experience with art (visual, musical, poetry, film, dance, etc.) that touched your heart and spirit? We hope all of you!

Had we been in our Meetinghouse this fall, we were going to invite you to loan your images and words to a bulletin board for a month's rotation, so all who see them could be touched in that way.

Instead, we invite you to send a photo of something you have created, or if you write or love a piece of published writing by another author, send a poem or short text (100 words or so) to me, Mary Tracy. Together, Muriel Allen and I will select one offering each month to put in the newsletter, under the heading of **Touching the Spirit**. Kids' art and writing welcome!

Questions? Ask Mary Tracy marytracy126@gmail.com or Muriel Allen murielpfm@gmail.com.



image from neym.org

October Madonna

Inspired by a photograph by Hossein Fatemi, published by Amnesty International in its 2018 calendar

Noses almost touching,
a mother lifts her small son high,
tipping her long dark hair
past her waist.

In tee shirt and jeans,
she is strong and trim.

A second boy, in an orange shirt,
face bright in the sunset,
watches from a car hood.

The sky, so blue at the top,
unrolls to pale gold,
almost a halo
over the distant trees.

She has brought her sons
to the Sacred Stone
protest camp near
Cannonball, North Dakota.

It's her long straight hair
that draws my eye,
the way its ends
separate
like the browned grasses
reaching upwards,
as if they see the strands of hair
as part of their family,
the way we know
sacred
when we see it.

World Quaker Day 2021 "Resilience and Hope: Drawing strength from our Quaker Faith"

Answers for 20 Quaker Questions

Twenty two Friends stayed to play 20 Questions after worship on Sunday. All the questions were answered correctly by those who attended. Some were able to add substantially to our knowledge about our meeting! Thank you all for participating.



What is World Quaker Day and what is the name of the organization that sponsors it?

This is a day to celebrate our Quaker Faith as it manifests itself around the world. It is sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation, world office. You can find out what meetings around the world are doing by going to <http://www.fwcc.directory/>

What year did Portland Friends Meeting begin? 1974

What year was the meetinghouse built? Started 1845 completed 1851 but used before it was finished

When did Portland Friends move from programmed worship to unprogrammed worship? 1974 after the merger with Oak St. PFM was known as Forest Ave FM from 1930's and had pastors and meeting secretaries between then and 1974

What was the name of our "parent" meeting with which we later merged? Oak Street Friends Meeting

What country has the most Friends? Kenya

What is the most common form of Friends worship today? Programmed or pastored, waiting worship is used the least as a primary worship format around the world.

Name our Quarterly Meeting and its five member meetings. Falmouth Quarterly Meeting includes Portland Friends Meeting, Durham Monthly Meeting, Brunswick Friends Meeting, Southern Maine Friends Meeting and Windham Monthly Meeting (or Windham Friends Church)

Name 5 Friends Testimonies. Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, Stewardship

Name one person who helped start the Religious Society of Friends. George Fox, Margaret Fell, Edward Burrough, Issac and Mary Pennington, Robert Barklay

How did the members of the Religious Society of Friends come to be named "Quakers"? When testifying to their faith they would often quake with spirit and thus were called Quakers as a term of derision

What is the name of our Sister Meeting in Cuba? Velasco Friends

Which meeting shares our sister meeting with us? Durham Friends

What do the initials FUM stand for? Friends United Meeting

What do the initials FGC stand for? Friends General Conference

What do the initials QUNO stand for? Quaker United Nations Office

The Ramallah Friends School was started in 1869 in Palestine. What Friends from Maine were among the founders? Eli and Sybyl Jones

New England Yearly Meeting has been meeting for 361 years. Where was the first Yearly Meeting session held? Newport RI

Sukie Rice from Durham Meeting supported the Kakamega Children's center for years and built an organization that continues to support youth education. Where is Kakamega? Western Kenya

Three institutions which offer studies in Quaker Religion are the Earlham School of Religion, the Friends Theological College, and George Fox University. Where are they? Earlham is in Richmond, IN, Friends Theological is in Kimosi, Kenya and George Fox is in Newberg, OR. Can you name others?

Memorial Minute
Edward Anthony Robinson
1940 – 2020

Ed Robinson (79) passed away on April 20, 2020, after a short illness caused by cancer. Ed died peacefully surrounded by family in the home of his beloved niece, Jessica Sobey, in South Portland. The music of Pavarotti played as the sunlit room dimmed and he took his last breath. Prior to his death, Ed wanted people to know he was filled with love and joy and that his life had been blessed. He cherished all who had a chance to speak with him or send messages in his final days, and he sent deep affection to others he knew would only learn later of his swift passing.

The eldest of the six children of Edward Anthony Robinson and Maud Eva (nee McSweeney) Robinson, Ed was born on September 12, 1940 in the Bronx, NY. The family later moved to nearby Yonkers, where Ed spent much of his childhood. Aspiring to the priesthood, Ed attended Glenclyffe Seminary and High School in Garrison, NY. After graduation, Ed went on to the novitiate in Milton, MA, for investiture into the Capuchin Franciscan Order. In 1963 he received a B.A. in Philosophy from St. Anthony Friary in Hudson, NH, and later an M.S. in Theology from St. Mary Immaculate Friary in Garrison, NY.

In 1966 Ed was ordained to the Catholic priesthood at Sacred Heart Church in Yonkers, NY. He spent most of his priesthood ministering in the western Pacific islands of Guam and Saipan.

In the later 1970s Ed changed course, choosing to pursue a secular life, first in California and later in Maine. Ed loved to fall in love and was blessed with marriages to three special women, all of whom can vouch for his charm and tenderness as well as his more impossible contours. Ed and his third wife, Carol Schoneberg, enjoyed attending Meeting for Worship together, but once again, Ed returned to his status as a single man towards the end of his life.

In Cape Elizabeth and throughout Greater Portland, Ed worked for decades as a landscape gardener, arborist, and creator of "beautiful vistas." He was a keeper of bees, as well as a botanist, scholar of philosophy and religion, pontificator of politics, flower distributor, opera lover, Friend, and friend to many humans and to all animals, including the woodchuck who is a permanent resident at PFM, perhaps due to Ed's friendship. Ed taught horticulture and philosophy at Southern Maine Community College, where he was a mentor to many of his students. Although he left the priesthood, he never abandoned his spirituality or religious studies. Two Friends have noted that they had many deep conversations with Ed about spirituality, having a common interest in college teaching of religion and philosophy. These Friends noted that Ed was an avid listener, genuinely interested in their publications, poetry and art; they shared a rare spiritual intimacy with Ed. Another Friend noted how rich was Ed's sharing during Adult Religious Education classes.

Ed readily found a home at Portland Friends Meeting, and he took on the care of the cemetery and gardens at the Meetinghouse, spending many Sunday afternoons talking with Friends and making plans for improving the grounds. Ed also served on the cemetery committee for many years. His messages during silent worship often connected with the wonder of nature and the Divine that surround us.

In his own words, Ed was "happy as a lark" when gardening, a kind of work that allowed him to daydream, one of his primary passions. A true Franciscan, Ed loved the natural world more than its human-made-and-financed-counterpart. As "Ye Faithful Gardener," both the name of his business and the ethos he exuded, Ed found beauty wherever he looked, and he shared that passion with all those he met throughout his life.

He would listen to anyone who had a story to tell, and he had a story for anyone willing to listen. While many facts of Ed's life are known, much more remains obscured in what his family and friends have come to know as "Edlore". As his nephew Jonathan has written, "his antics were infamous, his joy infectious, his stubbornness infuriating, and his stories legendary." His indelible laugh and his sense of wonder mean his absence leaves a great void, which is impossible to fill, except through our memories of Ed. One Friend recalled going to a free rehearsal session of the Portland Symphony Orchestra with Ed and talking about the experience over a glass of red wine at the Press Herald Hotel afterwards. Ed's enthusiasm for classical music was so great that when the Friend left the conversation for a few minutes, Ed immediately continued talking with others who were at a nearby table.

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That was Ed, indeed!

Ed Robinson is survived by his five younger siblings: Liz Smith, Richard Robinson, Meg Robinson (Bob Neff), Marty Robinson, and John Robinson (Eva); as well as by his cousin, Sandy MacDonald; foster daughter, April Crocket, and her family; five nieces and nine nephews; as well as many grandnieces, grandnephews, and countless cousins.

Ed was given the "green burial" he desired on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, in the Portland Friends Meeting cemetery. He chose the site with family and Friends just the day before he died, a profound experience for all who were present. He loved the dirt, and to the dirt he was returned – on Earth Day. And on what would have been his 80th birthday, September 12, 2020, Ed's family held a memorial service for him at Portland Friends Meeting, outside by the cemetery he had long cared for.

& FREEDOM CAPTIVITY

"Maine incarcerates people at a higher rate than most countries in the world...": Throughout the fall months of 2021, The Freedom and Captivity project (Maine) is offering a rich slate of talks, performances, testimonies, films and exhibits devoted to exploring issues of incarceration and abolition. All of them are accessible on-line. In October alone, sixteen such sessions are scheduled all over the state. You can find the full schedule with links to past and future events at: <https://www.freedomandcaptivity.org/>

The Buildings and Grounds Committee will be hosting the fall Love Our Meetinghouse Day on Saturday, October 30th late morning to early afternoon with a picnic to follow.



Rain date on Sunday, October 31st.

Details will be provided in future announcements.

Dear Friends,

Falmouth Quarter will meet virtually on October 23 (Saturday) morning, probably from 10 - noon for our fall meeting. Each fall we conduct necessary business, which will include treasurer report and budget approval, conversation about the quarter's archives, confirming dates for the upcoming year and thinking about how we would like to gather - potential programs, potential speakers, potential foci.

And, we will

Report the joys, concerns, events in each Monthly Meeting. Please ask at least one person to attend from your Meeting. The Quarter is richer when we hear from each other. Query: Where is spirit leading you /your meeting? Where is the energy in your meeting?

Share our experience of the annual sessions of New England Yearly Meeting and consider how the Quarter might engage in the concerns addressed at NEYM

Begin planning for the All Maine Gathering this coming May, it is Falmouth's turn to host the gathering. Please think about what might be a focus of this gathering. Some ideas which have already begun percolating include sharing from the Cuba sister meeting experience of Durham and Portland, sharing what we are learning about supporting and nurturing ministry, ...

There will be more details forthcoming, but for now, please save the date and begin thinking about what your monthly meeting might share.

Love

Fritz Weiss, co-coordinator of Falmouth Quarter

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