



Redwood Forest Friends Meeting Newsletter June 2022

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Redwood Forest Friends Meeting invites you:

10 am Meeting for Worship on First First Days
in person and on Zoom—see schedule next page

June Worship

Zoom link is always:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554998509?pwd=aVNtaWVmdENsNUIRd3hvNkk1K3o5UT09>

Friends House Worship Group

Friends House Worship Group is able to meet in person, with one group inside in the Library and one outside on the patio behind the Lobby. Vaccinated and masked non-residents are welcome to join. They will be screened by staff at the front door. Worship is 10 to 11 with brief introductions, last thought, and announcement afterwards. For more information, call 707-576-6673.

Lake County Worship Group

Meets weekly on Tuesday evenings via Zoom. 7:10pm Singing; 7:30 pm Worship; 8 pm Socializing Zoom link is always:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85240624938?pwd=UDRUT1dWSUZyeVo0czQxVkJvcStFZz09>

Ukiah Friends Worship Group

Has a new home at the Ukiah Garden Club, 1203 West Clay St. in Ukiah. Meets 10:30 AM First Days. Clerk Susan Baird Kanaan -- phone # 707/367-2312.

Quaker Center

Daily Worship 7:30 - 8:00 am

Wednesday Morning Worship Sharing 10:00 am

Find Zoom link on website: QuakerCenter.org Password: Quaker

**Redwood Forest Friends Meeting
June 2022 Calendar Items**

- Wed, June 1** Noon Women's group, Meeting House
- Sunday, June 5** 10am Meeting for Worship, both in-person and on Zoom
Noon Committee Meetings
- Wed, June 8** 7:15pm Meal With a Theme on Zoom
- Sunday, June 12** 10am Meeting for Worship on Zoom
Noon Meeting for Worship for Business
- Sunday, June 19** 10am Meeting for Worship, both in-person and on Zoom
12:15 Quaker Working Group on Racism
- Sunday, June 26** 10am Meeting for Worship on Zoom
Noon Second Hour Program TBD

RFFM's COVID Policy

The Care and Spiritual Growth Committee is making no changes to the current policy at this time.

Saturday, June 4, is a BIG day, with many choices of activities.

9:00am Work party to clean out garden shed at the Meeting House. Contact Keith Bridges for info.

10:00am Pride Parade marches meets at Fremont Park and marches (11am) to Courthouse Square

We are welcome to join the NBOP contingent

11:30-1 No War in Ukraine Vigil at Courthouse Square

2-4pm Brian Lloyd Memorial at Glaser Center

4pm NBOP's Cultura y Cambio Fundraiser. Penngrove Park
Tickets available at <http://www.northbayop.org/culturaycambio>

RFFM MINUTES OF MEETING FOR BUSINESS 5/8/22 (Highlights)

The zoom meeting opened with Worship at 12:05 p.m. with Barbara Babin, Assistant Clerk, presiding. Attendees numbered 15.

MINUTE 2022-5-1 Meeting approved the Minutes of the April 10, 2022, meeting as corrected.

Working Group on Racism – Mico Sorrel The group spent rich time over the last year working on aspects of the culture of white supremacy pertinent to our RFFM community, outlined by Tema Okun: right to comfort, perfectionism, defensiveness, fear of open conflict and objectivity. Going forward we will move to other work reading Isabel Wilkerson's Caste: The Origin of our Discontents and will lead monthly discussions with meeting members. First discussion is May 15 at 12:15 p.m.

Care and Spiritual Growth Committee – Molly Bishop

- **Web page:** Barbara Babin has done a beautiful job in designing our new web page, www.redwoodforestfriends.org. The new format will allow us to make needed changes more readily.
- **E-mail policy:** Friends designated to post to the listserv are asked to limit postings to one announcement and one reminder for each event. Items that are listed in the newsletter will also be added to the website calendar.
- **Review of RFFM Structure**
 - C & SG requests that the Meeting approve the nominated positions list and the list of committees to set aside. This would mark the end of the one-year experiment and be our new organizational structure.
 - C&SG will oversee requests for donations from the Good Samaritan Fund.
 - C&SG will take up clarification of interest/working groups at a future meeting.

MINUTE 2022-5-2 RFFM approves laying down Religious Education, Hospitality, and Peace and Social Witness Committees.

- **Calendars:** The resident friends still need to maintain a calendar at the Meetinghouse. Some private meetings, e.g. the schedule of outside groups, will not be on the Meeting website calendar. To schedule events at the Meeting House, contact the resident friends. To schedule events on Zoom contact Barbara Babin

Nominating Committee Report – Ann Boone

Ann presented the roster of nominated committee members and officers for positions to be approved by Meeting.

MINUTE 2022-5-3 Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approves Judd Hu's service on the Care and Spiritual Growth Committee and Kim Bartlett's service as the representative to College Park Quarterly Meeting.

- **May nominations for consideration for approval in June:**
 - Hubert Morel-Seytoux to serve as the Meeting's representative to the American Friends Service Committee

- Paul Robbins to serve as Clerk of the Meeting once the committee finds someone willing to be Assistant Treasurer. Meeting will consider approval at the June Meeting for Business.

Until this plan for Clerk is in place, the day-to-day work of the Clerk will be performed by the Care and Spiritual Growth Committee and the Nominating Committee will find members to rotate into the Clerk position.

- **Remaining open positions**

- Property Committee, one position.
- Assistant Treasurer, to serve ex officio on the Finance Committee.
- The position of Assistant Recorder/Archivist.
- Pacific Yearly Meeting Observer.

If you feel called to any of the open positions, or have suggestions, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee (Barbara Moulton, Marcia Anderson, Paul Robbins, Ann Boone, David Hoffman)..

After much discussion/reflection concerning whether or not to turn the selection of a rotating team of presiding clerks over to the Nominating Committee without bringing the list of names to Meeting for Business for approval, Meeting approved the following.

MINUTE 2022-5-4 Redwood Forest Friends Meeting approves Nominating Committee's finding a team of Friends to nominate for approval by Meeting for Business to serve as a rotating team of Presiding Clerks until a Clerk is nominated and approved to serve a full term.

A substitute clerk will be found by the Assistant Clerk or Nominating Committee to serve for the June Meeting for Business. The rotating team of Presiding Clerks who will serve after June must be approved by the Meeting before their service begins. In order to provide a period of seasoning a called Meeting for Business will be arranged. That meeting will be announced in advance so that Friends will receive ample notice.

Finance Committee Report – Mary Miche

Proposed budget for fiscal year 2022-2023 was presented. It will be brought back to meeting for approval at the June meeting. Any questions or concerns can be sent to Mary or Paul Robbins via email before their next committee meeting on June 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Patti Callahan, Recording Clerk

STEWARDSHIP AND VOCATION

John Woolman said, "As Christians all we possess are the gifts of God... To turn all the treasures we possess into the channel of Universal Love becomes the business of our lives." The principle of stewardship applies to all we have and are. As individuals, we are called to use our time, our various abilities, our strength, our money, and our material possessions with care, managing them wisely and sharing them generously.

From the indwelling Seed of God, we discover our particular gifts and discern the service to which we are called. In making choices about occupation or education, consider the way that offers the fullest opportunity to develop your individual abilities and contribute to the world community while providing for yourself and your family. In daily work, manifest a spirit of justice and understanding, and thus give a living witness to the truth.

Be ready to limit engagements, to withdraw for a time, or even to retire from an activity that inhibits your ability to follow a higher call. Try to discern the right moment to accept new responsibilities as well as to relinquish responsibility that can pass to others. Be open to your calling in different stages of life. Meetings need the strength and vigor of young people as well as the experience and wisdom of elders. Although they may not be able to contribute great financial support, their energy and insight invigorate the community. As people begin careers and families, they may need the spiritual and experienced help of the Meeting. Later, when families are growing up and careers are established, greater participation in the Meeting and greater financial support may become possible. Welcome the approach of old age, your own and others', as an opportunity for wisdom and greater attachment to the Light. Meetings should be ready with material and spiritual support for those suffering from unemployment or facing difficult vocational decisions.

How have I been faithful to the leadings of the Spirit in choosing work or vocation?

What am I doing with my talents, time, money, and possessions? Am I sharing them according to the Light I am given?

Is my conduct at the workplace consistent with my life as a Friend?

How does the Meeting help and support members who are in job transitions?

