



*Flushing Monthly Meeting
Report to New York Quarterly Meeting
Year 2019, First Month, Day 20*

Flushing Monthly Meeting has met every First Day at 11 am for Meeting for Worship and every first First Day of the month for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business since our last report in Seventh month of 2018. Our Religious Education committee holds a Children's Meeting for our younger attenders during Meeting for Worship every first and second First Day of the month. We have had up to 7 children attend from the ages of four to nine. The Religious Education Committee has also organized Intergenerational worship three times this past year (on the the occurrence of 5th First Days) at our regular 11 am worship time. These have been guided meditations or have included an activity that engages all ages of our community as they worship together. Dates for 2019 for Intergenerational worship will be March 30, Sept. 29, and Dec. 29, 2019.

In cooperation with Interfaith Rise (a refugee resettlement initiative based out of the Reformed Church of Highland Park) and The Church on the Hill (a local Reformed Church in Flushing), Flushing Meeting's Peace and Social Action Committee (PSAC) helped to buy the household goods for a refugee from Uganda named Damian Mapenzi. On October 27, 2018, in the middle of a Nor'Easter, Patrick Symes of Church on the Hill and Linda Shirley of PSAC drove to Highland Park, New Jersey to deliver a car load of household items collected from and/or paid for by Flushing Monthly Meeting. Church on the Hill members contributed a handmade quilt for Damian.

The Meeting has approved a Conflict of Interest Policy recently for the Flushing Meeting Trustees to sign. We have been laboring with the meaning of this policy as it pertains to some of our appointments and work. Fred Dettmer, of Purchase Monthly Meeting, will be joining our Business Meeting in second month to answer any questions before we move forward with appointing a new Clerk.

Flushing Meeting has also been doing a fair amount of outreach as well as inreach. We host the Flushing Interfaith Breakfast at our Meetinghouse every first First Day of the Month at 8:00 am which brings together members of varying faiths for worship and social sharing. On December 9, 2018 we participated in the Queens Historical Society's Holiday House tour, which we have done for several years running. As far as in-reach, we have participated in two listening circles with New York Yearly Meeting's Conflict Transformation Committee in order to build

community and heal conflicts in our Meeting. We will continue to hold Listening Circles in the coming year.

Members have participated in weekly work days at the Meetinghouse which has included the repair of the foundation and other significant work. Others beyond our meeting have been coming to lovingly support the physical work on the Meetinghouse during these times.

Our members number at 24, with an additional 10-15 attenders. Since our last report, we have had one death, that of beloved member Naomi Paz Greenberg who attended Morningside Meeting but was still a member of Flushing Monthly Meeting upon her death. We also had a new member join, Matty Lau, as she transferred her membership from Adelphi Monthly Meeting in Maryland to Flushing Monthly Meeting after attending with us for several years.

We invite everyone to visit Flushing Monthly Meeting! Please come worship with us.

In Peace,

Ninon Rogers