

Report to the New York Quarterly Meeting January 20, 2019

1. Morningside Monthly Meeting continues to meet each First Day for Meeting Worship on the 12th floor of the Riverside Church Tower with Meeting for Children on the 13th floor. Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business were held on November 4, December 2 2018, and January 6, 2019. Bible study was held before Meeting for Worship on the second Sundays of November and December and will resume in February. Movement with Spirit continued on the first Sunday of the month before Meeting for Worship. Our welcome breakfasts continue on the 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 am, at the Riverside Café of Riverside Church.
2. On the fourth Sundays of the month, we have continued our discussions of Deep Denial, a book which addresses the issue of continued White Supremacy in the United States.
3. On Sunday, December 9, we held a Write for Life Event for Amnesty International and sent over 100 letters on behalf of political prisoners. The event was in honor of Naomi Paz Greenberg, who first involved Morningside in this activity.
4. Our annual cookie swap sweetened our State of the Meeting discussion on Sunday, December 16.
5. Jose Saldana of RAPP (Release Aging People in Prison) spoke eloquently about the need to release older people who are incarcerated, at our Peace and Social Concerns Meeting last Sunday. RAPP will be a good resource for research and information on criminal justice issues for us. A lobby day to work on Parole issues is scheduled for Tuesday, January 29.
6. Ron Rieder's transfer of membership from Scarsdale Monthly Meeting to Morningside Monthly Meeting was approved on January 6, 2019.
7. In December, our Friend, Robert Leuze, died. His memorial service will be held at the 15th Street Meetinghouse, on Saturday, March 2, at 2:30 pm. The memorial will be followed by refreshments.

Pamela Wood, Clerk
Morningside Monthly Meeting