

RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

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Tenth Month 16, 2022 Fifteenth Street Quarterly Report

Dear Friends:

During July, August and September, 2022, Fifteenth Street held Meetings for Worship each First Day at 9:30 am in person only in the courtyard (and in the Meeting Room in inclement weather) and a Hybrid Meeting at 11:00 am in the Meeting Room and on zoom. Social distancing and safety protocols are in effect. First Day School/ child care resumed alongside the in-person blended format for Worship at 11:00 am. On 2nd and 4th First Days we held bible study on zoom at 9:30 am. Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business were held on zoom only at 1 pm on July 10 and September 11. As is our custom, there was no business meeting in August. Our Peace Vigil at the Washington Square Arch is on the 1st First Day of each month at 1 PM. Committees continued their work over zoom.

Joint Worship, 15th St and Manhattan Meetings, held on the first First day of every quarter, took place on October 2nd as hybrid meetings: Manhattan at 9:30 am and 15th St at 11 o'clock. (Next Joint worship will be January 8th, 2023, at 9:30 and 11 o'clock. All are welcome.)

The Shelter has added another day, and is open on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Volunteers are needed, invited and welcomed. Training is available.

The Art Committee and The Quaker History Project (QHP) plan to present five performances of **EXCEPT MR DICKENSON** this month in the Meeting house, 15 Rutherford Place, New York, New York 10003.

Friday October 21 and Saturday October 22 at 7 pm

In addition to the evening performances, there will be a Matinee on Saturday, October 22 at 3 pm, preceded by a Street Fair in the front Courtyard at 12 noon. Food and booths and interesting activities! Admission is free, seating is limited.

At the 7/10/22 business meeting we considered and approved a minute from the Peace & Social Justice Committee concerning Indian Boarding Schools - **we are asking our elected officials to support** "*The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies in the U.S. Act.*" (**H.R. 5444 and S. 2907**). The minute was forwarded to the July Quarterly Meeting.

At the 10/9/2022 business meeting we heard the Fall Report 2022 from Emily Provance, and renewed her minute to Travel in the Ministry; we discussed queries from the Pastoral Care Committee concerning our current interest and involvement in the Meeting; we passed a minute about the garden in the front courtyard; we minute that the Urgent Call information be distributed to the membership, one more time, so that all may read the entire invitation.

In the spirit, Carol Summar, Clerk, Fifteenth Street Monthly Meeting

