



WINTER MGOF 2022

Radical Quaker Revival Of The Heart

We are living in times of such extremes that it has shaken our core, pressing us to a Radical Revival of the Heart grounded in love and guided by Spirit. Our elders are sharing their dreams and warning us to take care of our planet, of our place. It is time to listen and to hear from voices of the First Peoples. It is time to See with a Native Eye.

Nia To Go There, our Friend in Residence, shares our deep hunger for spiritual understanding. She is an enrolled member of the Cree Tribe of Turtle Mountain in North Dakota. Her spiritual quest has led her back to her roots—to the radical teachings and beliefs of her indigenous ancestors. She will briefly present on cultural topics related to beliefs in the Living Earth and how these beliefs and values shaped Communication Styles, Ways of Knowing, and Ceremonial Practices.

In conversation, we will explore our mutual quest of the big questions: How do we know what we know? How can we be certain that we know anything? What grounds us to that which is beyond us? Can we connect Quantum Physics and Quakerism and how do we do so?

We ask you to join us as we deeply listen to Nia, to each other and to Spirit. And then we will share what we find in small worship sharing groups.

[Join us online for Winter MGOF](#), to be held over two weekends, February 18-20 and 25-27. We designed our gathering to limit the hours of Zoom time which many of us find difficult. The first weekend will have the plenary and worship sharing. The second weekend will feature meeting for worship for business by zoom, interest groups, and local community night sharing.

Here follows the dream of our elder, Jeanine Walker, providing inspiration for our theme:

Radical Quaker Revival of the Heart

A group of Quakers or people friendly to Quakers, including my dream group and many others, take a journey on foot after the difficult climate disruption. We have no choice. We are without weapons. We depend upon Spirit to guide and protect us.

Jeanine: In working with this dream I noticed several things. The title uses words I do not normally use. There is a sense that there is an “after” to this huge trouble we are in. We travel on foot. We are grounded when we are on foot. Also there is a sense that this dream was “out of time” meaning it could refer to the present, the distant past or even the future. It is our humanity, our connection with people of this planet.

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Gathering of Friends

Schedule of Events

Virtual Winter MGOF 2022

Please register early!

A week before MGOF you will receive an email with link information. There will be one large group link and one link to your worship group.

Here is the tentative schedule

Friday February 18 evening:

7-8:30: Welcome and "What is a Quaker "

Saturday February 19:

7-7:30 am early morning worship

8:30-10:00: Plenary

10:30-12:00 Worship Sharing

12:30-1:30 social gathering place or Bible study with

Joe Snyder

Evening: Local in person get-togethers

Sunday February 20

8:30-10:00 Worship sharing

11:00-12:00: Meeting for Worship

12:30-1:30 Social gathering or Bible study with Joe Snyder

Saturday February 26

9:00-9:30 Meeting for Worship

10:00-12:00 Meeting for Worship for Business

1:00- Interest groups

MGOF CONTACT LIST NOW AVAILABLE BY EMAIL!

Friends may now request a copy of the MGOF contact list via email! Simply send an email to contactlist@montanafriends.org, and the current list will be emailed back to you automatically. A couple of important notes:

1) Only those who have opted to be included on the contact list will be able to receive a copy of the list. This is intended to help protect the privacy of those on the list.

2) To successfully obtain the contact list, you must send your request from the email address you have provided to MGOF.

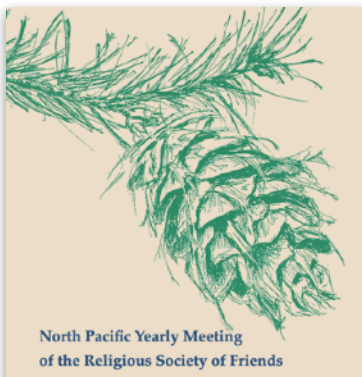
3) To put your contact information on the contact list, simply subscribe to the email list and check the box indicating that you want to be on the contact list.

4) Subscribers to the email list can choose whether or not to be included on the contact list and choose which information is included on the list.

To learn how to update your preferences about the email list and the contact list, or to view the contact information that is on file for you, use the MGOF email information link:

<https://www.montanafriends.org/email-list.html>.

or simply choose the "email list" tab from the www.montanafriends.org home page!



North Pacific Yearly Meeting will meet in Missoula from July 13-17 this year. What a great opportunity for us to participate, without all the traveling!

Bookmark this link so that you can follow along as the plans are firmed up. <https://npym.org/?q=node/808>

MGOF Steering Committee 8-13-21

Present: Julia C. Tina V. Kate W., Nancy C. Judy, Linnea, Jasmine, Noor, Claire, Jim, Geoff
Tina opened with a moment of silence. Kate reviewed the Covid safety protocols for the gathering.

Email Communications : Kate reported that less than 30% of emails are opened by recipients.

-People need to go to the website(montanafriends.org) and follow directions under “email” to “whitelist” MGOF so emails don’t go in your spam folder. Spam filters are more aggressive and therefore email is a less effective form of communication.

Task: Tina will send a message to the contacts for each worship group to alert them.

Western Friend: Lucretia reported that Western Friend has many offerings and they have an awesome website. Renewals are due.

Nominating Committee: NPYM would like to have a someone from MGOF be on the their nominating committee. We need a Winter MGOF coordinator. Will McDowell is coordinator for next summer MGOF. He will need a co-coordinator.

Winter MGOF: Discussion: We decided that due to the pandemic we would conduct Winter MGOF 2022 as a virtual event. We discussed ways to possibly have a fun get together that the kids would enjoy such as Fairmont Hot Springs.

M&C: Linnea: They are exploring what other Quakers are doing to strengthen their spiritual lives. They are setting up a “Council of Elders” They will have an annual clearness committee for members to discern their calling to serve.



Bienvenidos Migrant Project: The Quaker Migrant Fund: Jim raised the concern about how to handle the accounting for the fund. Right now charitable donations are funneled through MGOF Monthly Meeting. He suggested that as soon as Bienvenidos becomes a 501c3 that MGOF should cease to manage the migrant fund. He thinks that as soon as the money presently in the fund is gone Bienvenidos should be a 501c3. He thinks that what we are doing is “shaky”.

Tina reported that the group had not decided to do so yet. Tina clarified that the local planning committee has no control over the migrant fund, it is managed by the Bozeman Meeting. Conclusion: We want to continue to support Bienvenidos as a Quaker project. Tina will be diligent in providing documentation of the expenditures. Donations should be made to the Bozeman Meeting.

Financial: Cathy Weber reports there is about \$5,000 in the MGOF account, a surplus of \$2,000. We discussed ideas of what to use the money for. A number of things were suggested: donations, virtual meeting equipment, scholarships for youth to NPYM or for kids from NPYM to attend MGOF. We will discuss this further at Business Meeting

Newsletter: Jasmine: She needs more editorial eyes on it and more contributions. People can opt in or out of the paper copy on the website.

The meeting was closed with another moment of silence

Meeting for Worship and with a Concern for Business 8-14-2021

After a moment of silence friends were reminded of the Covid safety precautions for the gathering.

1. **The Diversity Minute**, with the requested added context, was read. Minute- 2021.1 We have unity of spirit on this minute. We will send this minute to NPYM with the hopes that it will be put into Faith and Practice.



2. **NPYM Coordinating Committee:** Lucretia

They want some one on their nominating Committee : see Lucretia How might NPYM be more meaningful to MGOF attenders? NPYM will be in Missoula next summer. They are in the process of recruiting volunteers to help.

3. **NPYM Outreach and Visitation:** Margaret Cohran. Knitting Us Together - Traveling minister, Cat Finney will be traveling in MT this fall and winter. They are asking for 1 member of each group to serve as a contact to communicate with. They are asking for an Elder to accompany her. Cat has a list of topics to offer. Claire will organize this.

4. **Western Friend:** Lucretia

Jasmine participated in an online event with 3 other Quakers in politics.

5. **M&C:** Linnea

- They are meeting more often to nurture MGOF
- Talking about possible themes including a clerking workshop, programs for spiritual enrichment and clearness committees.
- Creating a Council of Elders
- Exploring other Quaker experiences that MGOF members could participate in. Links for these these could be posted on the website as well as information on FCNL, AFSC, Western Friend.
- Discussions about the composition of the M&C committee

6. **Nominating Committee:** Lucretia

- We need a Winter MGOF coordinator with computer skills for a virtual meeting. Ted Etter will be asked.
- Will McDowell will coordinate next Summer gathering. He will need a co-coordinator

7. **Migrant project report:** Tina

Bienvenidos has about 60 volunteers and is providing mentorship for 19 households (30 families) They host regular community coordination meetings regarding resources , access to services etc.

Migrant Fund

1. Expenditures of less than \$100 are approved by two non-volunteer Bozeman meeting members
 2. Expenditures over \$100 are approved of by the Business Meeting.
- If Bienvenidos becomes a 501c3 we can discuss what our relationship to it will be





Fall Steering Committee

1. **Summer MGOF:** Evaluations and thoughts; Nancy
2. **Diversity Minute** is being very well received by NPYM:Facebook, Faith and Practice (Claire), newsletter, idea for it to be recommended for consideration by all the meetings and worship groups.
3. **Winter MGOF** Coordinators: (Ted) Jasmine
 - M&C Theme and FIR: Linnea
 - How do we want to structure it? Youth activity? Spreading it out for most participation and accessibility?
 - 3 events for all? : Plenary, Community Night and Business meeting, worship
 - Ideas about simplest way to do worship groups (Links for each

worship -group vs break outs) Interest groups

Youth planning (intergenerational interest group w/ Cat Finney topic?) Cat Finney interest group?

Retreat ideas.

4. **Planning for Cat Finney's visitation:** Claire

5. **How do we become relevant to a younger generation?**

6. **How to make NPYM more meaningful and relevant to MGOFers?**



Ministry and Counsel 10/23/21

Attending:

Linnea Wang, Clerk

Claire Leonard, Recording Clerk

Tina Visscher, MGOF Presiding Clerk

Noor Parwana

Norman Frankland

Susan Wadsworth

Julia Childs

(Missing Judy Visscher)

The clerk opened the meeting with a period of silent worship followed by a brief Check-in.

We have been asked to write a Memorial Minute for Charlotte Kasl. Linnea and Susan will work on this.

A document describing the job description and desirable qualities for membership on Ministry and Counsel was distributed electronically. We will discuss this at our next meeting. Tina expressed a concern that by creating such an intimidating list of ideal qualities, we might fail to nurture promising younger friends. Linnea agreed to revise the list.

We then heard some intriguing thoughts from Kat Northrop about how to attract young people and families to Quakerism. This document has also been distributed. All need to read it and respond.

Next we discussed a possible Friend in Residence for winter MGOF. Linnea described the process used at NPYM. It takes only an hour. The initial question is “What does the community need?” This leads directly to a theme and from there to a speaker. We have often tried to define a theme first. A summary of possible choices was also distributed electronically.

Damon Motz-Storey is a young Friend living in Portland. He has been involved with Organizing for Climate Justice working with indigenous people. He participated in Quaker Voluntary Service and is currently the assistant clerk of the QVS Board. He has been on the General Committee of FCNL. He is the manager of Coalitions of Communities of Color.

Gretchen Baker-Smith is the coordinator for the youth programs for New England Yearly Meeting. <http://jrhiquakers.org>.

Deborah Fisch: cofounder and instructor at Broken Vessels Inc. at Iowa State along with Lloyd Lee Wilson. Starting an 18 month residential course called Deeper Roots. Worked at FGC for 16 years and started the Traveling Ministries Program.

Mary Klein is the current publisher of Western Friend. Lucretia is the current clerk of the Board and may be willing to encourage her.

Nia is known to Bozeman Friends and can speak on Native Spirituality (Blackfoot physics).

Other topic areas are:

The clearness process, clerking, Black Quaker Project

Linnea also shared a dream from Jeanine Walker entitled RADICAL QUAKER REVIVAL OF THE HEART. This could serve as a theme but Jeanine herself would not be the presenter.

The committee settled into silent consideration of what might be most valuable in a Friend in Residence for the MGOF community at this time.

We came to unity in the decision was to invite Damon Motz-Storey as our first choice.

Nia will be asked if Damon declines. A discussion of the dream, RADICAL QUAKER REVIVAL OF THE HEART may be our theme. Linnea will call Damon as our first choice.

Respectfully submitted, Claire Leonard



Sounds of hope in Bozeman

The clear and lovely songs from the familiar musical, Sound of Music, were heard in Bozeman in mid November. The themes of integrity, courage to be oneself and authentic patriotism were a powerful message at this time of conflict and threat. To our great joy, both Caylin and Merryn Poole had roles. Merryn played Sister Solphia and Caylin was one of the nuns in the chorus. We are fortunate to have such talent among our MGOF family.

In light and hope for a better new year,

Linnea

Montana Quakers carry on the historic collaboration between Quakers and the Poor Peoples Campaign.

In 1967, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) was one of the first organizations to answer the Rev Martin Luther King's call to action for the original Poor Peoples Campaign (PPC). Friends and Quaker Meetings all over the country worked toward the vision of overcoming poverty, ecological devastation, systemic racism and the war economy. Today the work is continuing with the Revs Doctor William J. Barber and Liz Theoharis collaborating with Joyce Ajlouny and the AFSC.

When the Montana chapter of the PPC started, it naturally drew in Quakers. As Joyce Ajlouny says: "The PPC knows that when they call us to service, they have our full attention, because our goals align perfectly."

This year both Kat Northup and Jasmine Krotkov traveled to Washington D.C. to participate in civil disobedience with the Poor Peoples Campaign. In June of 2022 Donna Williams and others will be journeying to DC for the PPC's March On Washington. We all hope more Quakers will join us!

Learn more about the collaboration between Quakers and the PPC here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xjJvnLUUXcs>

Sign up with the Montana chapter of the PPC here: <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/committee/montana/>



Montana Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival

Published by Jasmine Krotkov · November 15, 2021 ·

Donna Williams watched our own Montana activist being arrested for us at the Hart building in DC this morning, where Senator Jon Tester and Steve Daines have their offices. She wrote immediately to our Montana Senators asking:

"I'm right this moment watching the Poor People's Campaign in front of the capitol in Washington DC. As loud as they're yelling, I have to ask you: Are you listening?"

The Build Back Better bill isn't big enough. More than 94% of us earn less money than you do, and we're struggling out here. The planet is struggling. Parents are struggling. Hard-worker people are struggling. The millionaires and multi-millionaires aren't pulling their weight. We need them to share more.

We need

- * the EIC permanently extended.
- * a living wage.
- * universal healthcare.
- * to leave fossil fuels in the ground.
- * education for our children.
- * an end to poverty and racism.
- * voter rights protected.
- * compassionate immigration policy.

We need a real plan to achieve all these things.

The resources exist to make ALL these reality. "

Congress has been working really hard for the rich. Now it's our turn. Congress must work much harder for the rest of us.

Donna..etc



Bienvenidos News

Bienvenidos, the migrant welcoming project started by Bozeman Worship Group, received its 501c3 status in mid December and the new board will start meeting in mid January. This will allow us to receive tax-deductible donations and further the mission as well as allowing us to get insurance, background checks on all our volunteers, and hopefully a staff person. Heather Jackson is part of a legal team. She is taking a course on immigration law and will be able to help people with the process. Peter Husby is a family mentor. Tim Visscher is a family mentor. The family mentors help families access services and navigate problems as well as being a friend of the family. Tina continues to be the director of the project. She facilitates a Migrant Community Coordination group attended by all the agencies and non-profits in town who come into contact with migrant families(schools, homeless shelter, child care connections, community health, hospital domestic violence, women's health, the city, etc.) This has been an exciting and challenging process; advocating for equity and access to services for a highly vulnerable group who don't speak English. We have about 60 volunteers and serve about 20 households (often with several families). The MGOF Migrant Fund, managed by Peter, recently paid for half of the food for traditional food gift boxes and a \$50 gift card for each family. It also paid for all of Heather's books and materials for her course. Last summer the fund paid for some very expensive dental care for two Honduran kids. We appreciate the MGOF community's support and interest in the project.



Great Falls Worship Group Report

At the end of 2021 we are happy to report that the use of Zoom for our Sunday Worship was appreciated. This enlarged our attendance in MT with Friends from Kalispell, Great Falls, Helena, Big Fork, Glasgow, and some Quakers from California and Florida. We did lose some Quakers who felt uncomfortable with Zoom.

Traveling to Washington DC to join Quakers presence at the Poor Peoples March were Kat Northup and Jasmine Krotkov.

Over the Christmas holiday, Lucretia Humphrey led a Quaker retreat "Listening in the Dark of Winter" at the Quaker Center in Ben Lomond, CA.

Kat and Brent Northup (in Helena) have been involved in Quaker Outreach.

-Your scribe, Paula Evitts

Afghan Relief Project kicking off in Butte

Butte HEART is an organization recently formed out of concern for the people of Afghanistan who so suddenly were forced to flee their country last August with no place to go. Butte HEART hopes to bring families of displaced Afghan refugees to the Mining City. Being the quintessential immigrant community in Montana, Butte will wrap its welcoming arms around our new neighbors when they arrive. As we get good at this it is our hope that Butte will become a sponsor community to refugees from all over the world.

Working under the guidance of the International Rescue Committee office in Missoula, we expect a small group of refugees to arrive in January 2022. Our group is dedicated to providing help to these displaced people well beyond the first three months requested by the IRC. Our volunteers will provide transportation and guidance for our new neighbors as they adapt to new jobs, schools, and needed medical care. We will celebrate milestones with shared meals and gatherings. We will take our Afghan friends on Sunday drives in southwest Montana, which will remind them of the home they left behind.

We are a 501c3 organization fiscally sponsored by the Butte America Foundation.

We have already received a generous grant from a national foundation to support our efforts. We are hoping to receive donations locally of adequate transitional housing, household furnishings and personal items including clothes to outfit those who left their homes with almost nothing. And of course, we welcome cash donations. IRC tells us we can count on needing to raise a minimum of \$5,000 per person for each of the dozen or more people who will settle in with us. Our first community kick-off meeting will be on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, in recognition of Dr King's legacy of service and concern for justice.

If you have questions, you can contact us at ButteHeart@gmail.com or call me at 406/782-3682. Tax deductible cash donations may be sent to Butte HEART at 156 West Granite Street, Butte, MT 59701.

And finally – an invitation...It is my personal goal to organize a big celebration in Butte of all the Afghans in Montana, sometime this summer or fall in which we will do the two things Afghans love the most....have a picnic and organize our first annual kite flying day. It is my hope we will see dozens and dozens of kites flying high above Butte's gallus frames.

-by Noorjahan Parwana



Send a Young Adult to Spring Lobby Weekend

March 12-15, 2002

Whether you know someone who is a long-time community activist or simply someone with the desire to get involved in lobbying on peacebuilding, justice and environmental stewardship, Spring Lobby Weekend is a great opportunity.

Every year hundreds of young adults from across the country gather to learn and lobby Congress on Capitol Hill. This year they will address Immigration and Refugee Policy to ensure that we welcome, support and provide permanent solutions for people coming to this country.

If interested, please register here: <https://act.fcni.org/survey/spring-lobby-weekend-2022/?source=slwnav>

FCNL also provides the option for some skill-building and professional development workshops on how to lobby, how to become an effective advocate, and how to explore job opportunities at a DC-based lobby organization, and more!



Send a Young Adult to Spring Lobby Weekend (March 12-15, 2022)!

In March, hundreds of young adults will gather in Washington, DC to lobby Congress and advocate for change. Meetings and churches can directly sponsor specific individuals of their choosing to attend Spring Lobby Weekend by paying for their housing and travel. For more information about SLW 2022, go to fcnl.org/slwn or email our Young Adult Program Manager, Larissa, at larissa@fcnl.org.

4-day programming includes:

- In-depth policy briefings
- Training on how to effectively lobby your members of Congress in DC and at home
- Networking opportunities with young professionals and activists
- Intersectional advocacy and skills-building workshops

Approximate costs per person

Transportation: varies depending on method and distance

Housing: \$75 per person per night for a double (shared room) OR \$150 per person per night for a single @ Hyatt Regency Washington Capitol Hill

Registration: \$50

Total: \$350 for four nights (shared room) plus transportation OR \$650 for four nights (single room) plus transportation

Covering costs for a young adult

If a meeting, church, or individual would like to *directly* underwrite a specific young adult or group of young adults, our preference is for them to give that money directly to that individual or group via check made payable to the individual or group.

If a meeting, church, or individual prefers to support a particular individual or group with a check made payable to FCNL, the name of the individual/group must appear on the memo line. This payment will be acknowledged as a registration payment and not as a donation to FCNL.

A Minute Proposed to NPYM Annual Session 2021

North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is an association of almost fifty local communities of Quakers in the states of Montana, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. We believe that discovering the whole truth about our historical inequities is not only beneficial but essential if we are to fully understand the past and present and move forward as a nation.

The legacy of slavery continues to define and shape life in America. In 1619 Africans were brought as slaves to the coast of Virginia and during the following 250 years approximately 4 million Africans and their descendants were systematically denied their rights, culture, language and ability to benefit from their own labor. Even after slavery ended, exploitation, brutality and unfair treatment continue in the form of Jim Crow laws, lynching, separate and unequal practices, unfair housing and home-loan policies, inequities in education and health care, mass incarceration and more. Many of these practices continue today. Generation after generation of Black Americans have been deprived of the opportunity to accumulate wealth due to governmental policies and laws, even as they contributed substantially and indispensably to the nation's prosperity.

North Pacific Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends supports HR 40, which is a resolution to establish a commission to examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies. We believe that the establishment of this commission is a good first step in encouraging a national reckoning and determining appropriate remedies. This resolution has been introduced every year since 1989 and has never been adopted.

We fully support passage of HR 40 and encourage Friends throughout the United States to take all appropriate steps to encourage their Representatives and Senators to vote in favor of its adoption.

HR 40: Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans Act

This bill establishes the Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African-Americans. The commission shall examine slavery and discrimination in the colonies and the United States from 1619 to the present and recommend appropriate remedies. Among other requirements, the commission shall identify (1) the role of the federal and state governments in supporting the institution of slavery, (2) forms of discrimination in the public and private sectors against freed slaves and their descendants, and (3) lingering negative effects of slavery on living African-Americans and society.

Report on Summer 2021 MGOF

By Nancy Q Cochran, Coordinator

We were up to 36 or so attendees the week of MGOF when the numbers began to plummet. We ended up with 24 individuals who were able to come, and many who were missed in their absence. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond Geoff Poole's valiant hard work, the hoped for sharing of portions of the weekend by Zoom was not able to happen. We had lovely weather so all of our meetings and groups were able to be held outside, including all meals. And because we were the only group at Luccock Park, we were able to spread out among many cabins and individual tenting so that folks were comfortable in this the second summer of Covid.

Heather Sowers, a member of Missoula Meeting back in the late 90's, was our plenary speaker, coming all the way from the Chesapeake Bay area (Gunpowder Friends Meeting) to speak about turning points in her life of being a social worker where she gradually learned her value came from who she was, not what she did. She taught us a song that began "Everytime I go into the darkness/I return with fistfuls of jewels." Standing in the darkness together in our uncertainty during Covid she likened to entering the "stretch zone" between comfort and panic, where we grow the most. Heather met with our two teenagers and offered an interest group from winter MGOF. Peter Husby offered the other interest group, sharing challenging insights from Robert Lanza's book Beyond Biocentrism. A combination of current thinking in physics and biology, it could perhaps be summarized by: "There is a single living entity, not another world 'out there'. **We** are the cosmos."



We enjoyed a first evening of five nature and self-disclosing games, including a quick and deadly game of balloon stomp, and followed a fairly typical MFOG schedule that included worship sharing, Meeting for Business, and a final sing and Meeting for Worship on Sunday morning. Worship sharing queries invited us to reflect upon how we maintained a connection to Spirit in the midst of this past year and how we drew from and cared for our community. Because of staff needs, an earlier than usual dinner hour on Saturday put the kibosh on a big group adventure like floating in the Yellowstone River. Family Night, held on the porch of the dining lodge against the backdrop of a red setting ball of sun, embraced us in satisfying musical and humorous offerings.

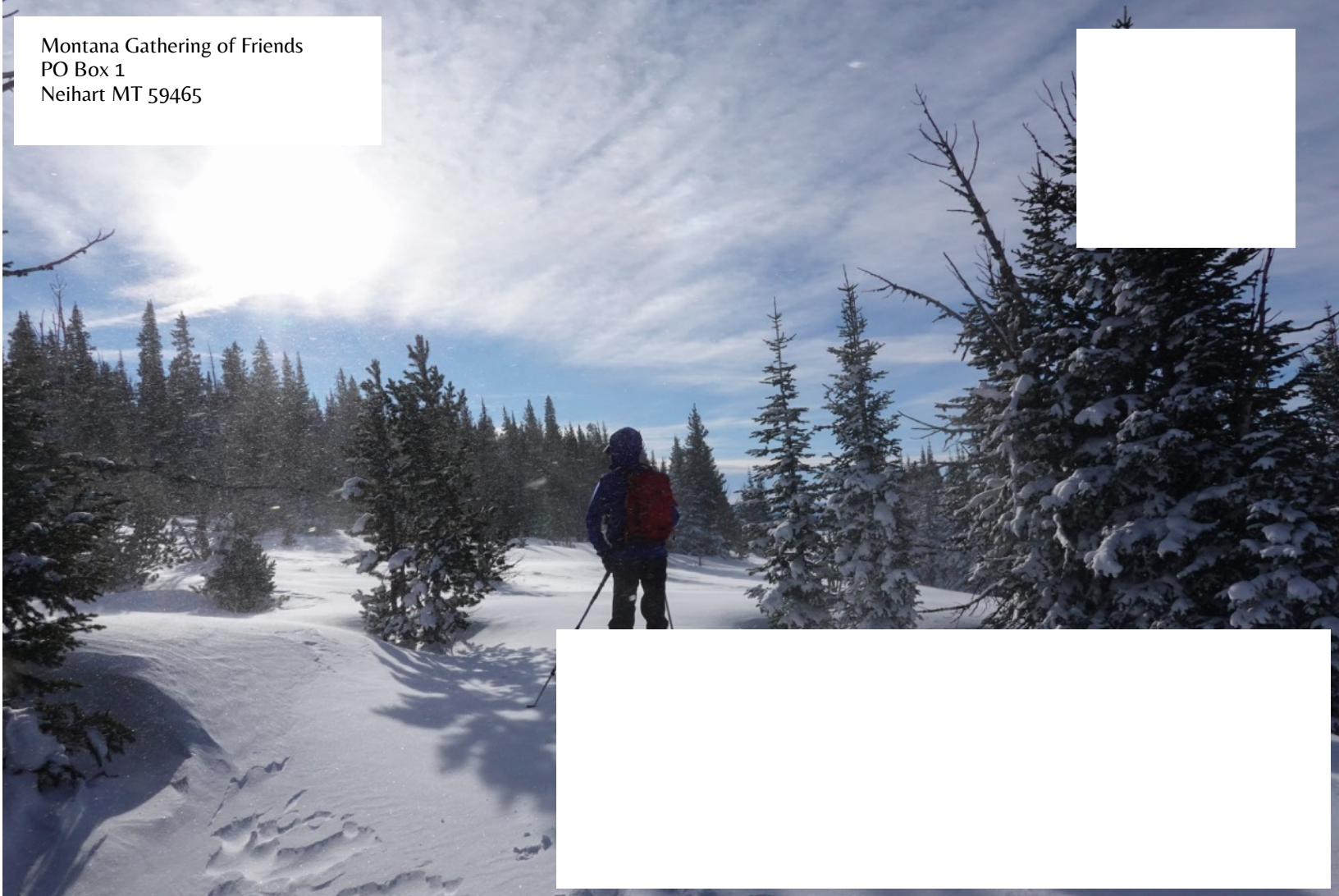


The ten feedback forms that were collected reflected many wishing for more people and children in attendance, and more choices in the menu, while understanding that COVID precautions dictated the creative meals in Bento boxes which we could take outside and eat. There was much appreciation for relaxed time to have conversations and feel the caring of the community. One person summed it up: "This is a strong Quaker community filled with kind, funny, fun people." It was hard not to feel joy that we had successfully pulled off an in-person MGOF this

summer of 2021.

Nancy Q Cochran, Coordinator

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There will be an opportunity for you all to join in a discernment process for FCNL's legislative priorities at MGOF! Join Linnea and Jasmine in our breakout session or interest group



Guide to Discerning Legislative Priorities in Your Quaker Community

What is the FCNL priorities process? Why does it matter? How does it work?

- FCNL advocates on issues and policies identified as concerns by Quakers around the country. For each session of Congress, FCNL seek Friends' input, through your meetings, churches, or other Quaker-affiliated communities, as to what is most pressing for the FCNL community to focus on.
- Between January and April 2022, Friends across the country will engage in discernment of policy priorities.
- Throughout the summer and fall, FCNL's Policy Committee meets in worship to season the collection of submitted policy priorities discerned by meetings, churches, and communities around the country and recommends a slate of legislative priorities to FCNL's General Committee.
- During FCNL's Annual Meeting in November, the General Committee gathers in worship to consider and approve the final priorities for the coming session in Congress.

Dear Friends,

Our Quaker Education group meets the third Sunday of the month, from 9:30am-10:30am at the Missoula Friends Meeting House in a Hybrid Meeting format. All are welcome!

Attendees read a paragraph or two from an article chosen by the group, with space for comments before the next person begins to read. We usually read from the current issue of Western Friend; the featured articles are available to all online.

<https://westernfriend.org/>

For those who wish to join by Zoom, here is the link for the class:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83316584617?pwd=djQ4eGdlN2diaFh3d0VueDBkblNsZz09>

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