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SOUTH MOUNTAIN FRIENDS MEETING

THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (QUAKERS)

Seventh Month & Eighth Month 2021

Lift Me Up To The Light Of Change

As we emerge from a time of darkness and isolation into the camaraderie and collaboration of community, relying on faith and envisioning a brighter future, we dare embrace hope. Questions may arise as to the legitimacy of hope in a world so full of pain and violence.

A Friend in spirit, singer/songwriter Holly Near has steadfastly addressed the world's injustices through singing for civil and human rights. No stranger to Southern Oregon, Holly often performed at Peace House's annual peace conferences yesteryear. Holly suggests that hope emerges out of acknowledging the hurt and challenges of today, recognizing the resilience and achievements of yesterday's heroes, and opening ourselves to being part of the change we wish to see in the world.

—Bob Morse

I Am Willing

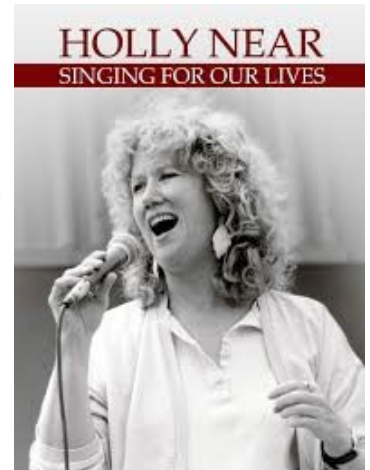
I am open and I am willing
To be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change

There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic in the nation
There is wailing the whole world round

May the children see more clearly
May the elders be more wise
May the winds of change caress us
Even though they burns our eyes

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion
Give me a desert to hold my fears
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

First-Hour Activity

(9 to 10 am) is Rarely Scheduled in July and August

Only Two First-Hour Activities are Pre-Planned for Summer

11 July

Memorial Meeting for Curt Jones; in person in Glenwood Park (see details on page 9)

1 August

Health & Safety Panel; at Meeting House & on Zoom (see details on page 7)

First-Hour Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85099502775?pwd=VmgxVFFzVkhYUkhRYkpNYmJ6TGZUdz09>

3 Options For Meeting for Worship **11 am to Noon**

1) At Quaker Meeting House

2) In Glenwood Park behind the Meeting House

3) By Zoom at: **NEW LINK**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7477317797?pwd=SW1sd3pTZjhIbGRmUWpOY3pZaUFDdz09>

Special Rise of Meeting Event:
Brown Bag in the Park
on 25 July (see details on page 5)



Advices & Queries on Participation in the Life of the Meeting

When meeting for worship holds a central place in our life, regular and punctual attendance follows. Friends hold in the Light those who are unable to participate fully in the life of the meeting.

We contribute to the life of the meeting in many ways: attending meeting for business, committee service, offering and accepting spiritual support, and praying for the spiritual strength and health of the meeting. Contributing our time and resources makes our love visible.

Friends are encouraged to consider what gifts of service we are led to provide and how we may grow through this service. We also uphold others in their service.

We consider carefully the needs of our local meetings and wider Quaker work and the level of financial support we can bring to them.

We encourage attenders to become acquainted with Friends ways and to participate in the meeting community. We encourage attenders to apply for membership when it is evident that the meeting has become their spiritual home.

Not by strength of arguments or by a particular disquisition of each doctrine and convincement of my understanding thereby, came I to receive and bear witness of the Truth, but by being secretly reached by the Life. For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up and so I became thus knit and united unto them, hungering more and more after the increase of this power and life, whereby I might feel myself perfectly redeemed.

—Robert Barclay, 1676

- Do we each take an active part in the life of our meeting?*
- In what ways do we grow by participating in the life of the meeting?*
- How has our group grown together through its activities?*
- Do we bring together groups across generations in a loving community?*
- Do we provide youth with responsible opportunities and encouragement to participate in meeting life and structure?*
- Do we express our skills and gifts in service to the meeting and to the Spirit? Do we recognize and support others in doing so?*
- Do we visit one another in our homes, and keep in touch with distant members?*
- How do we welcome and involve newcomers?*
- How do we encourage attenders from all ethnicities, backgrounds, and faith perspectives to share in the life of the meeting? Do we urge them to consider membership when they are ready?*
- How does God speak to each of us through relationship to the meeting?*



When I was sixteen and first came to Quakers, I felt so much that I kept coming back. And I began to understand that Quakerism is cumulative. The more you enter into the silence and the stillness, the more that you ask to be washed in the Light, the more that you participate, the more you begin to understand that there is ground opening up beneath you that is larger and deeper than you first imagined.

—John Calvi, 2009

Meeting for Business 20 June 21

Friends Present: Bill Ashworth, Melody Ashworth, Beth Aspedon, Terri Brain, Valeria Breiten, Ken Deveney, K Hering, Elizabeth Hallett, Andra Hollenbeck, Gizelle Luccio, Bob Morse, Alex Reid, Herb Rothschild, Adam Thompson

Centering Worship Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Light: and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same Light who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.
1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Minutes

2021.6.1 Friends approved minutes for the 18 April 2021 Meeting for Business.

2021.6.2 Minutes for the 16 May 2021 Meeting for Business were approved as well.

Treasurer Expenses exceeded revenues in May and for the year to date. However, donations have increased in June. A question about reserving additional parking spaces at SOU for those renting Meeting House rooms is under discussion.

2021.6.3 Friends approved the Finance Committee's proposed budget for FY 21-22 as revised.

Friendship & Hospitality In response to F&H's request for input, Friends suggested 1) setting a date for a brown bag lunch in the park, 2) serving refreshments for the Curt Jones Memorial, and 3) socializing in the park after Worship without food until we can again worship together as a full Meeting indoors.

Ministry & Counsel Melody Ashworth and Ken Deveney have joined M&C for the current term. Those interested in a silent retreat at Gold Hill this summer and/or willing to assist with the Fall Retreat on "Who Are We as a Meeting?" should notify a member of M&C. The Curt Jones Memorial will take place first hour on the second Sunday next month. In response to the recent threshing session on COVID, wearing masks to Meeting is now "preferred" rather than "required." M&C will appoint a person to keep current on COVID safety guidelines and to be the person to communicate these guidelines during COVID discussions.

2021.6.4 Friends approved buying a laptop and continuing hybrid Meetings for the present.
2021.6.5 Friends approved holding a first hour presentation to discuss COVID safety concerns.

Nominating In addition to appointing two more members to M&C, Nom Com recommends creating a resource list of equipment and technicians, to be updated annually.

Joint Committee Energy efficient light bulbs have been installed and rental guidelines established. Questions about sharing zoom equipment with those renting Meeting House space have been referred to Joint Committee.

Peace & Social Concerns called the President to protest construction of the Enbridge Line 3 pipeline. Some committee members are currently planning the annual Hiroshima Memorial to be held August 6.

Respectfully submitted,
Andra Hollenbeck, Co-Presiding Clerk
Alex Reid, Recording Clerk

Follow-Up: Future of Quaker Worship at SMFM

Ministry & Counsel is continuing to season this topic and would like input from ALL participants of South Mountain Friends Meeting whether or not you are currently engaged in the Zoom or Hybrid Worship, or First-Hour gatherings. To this end we are seeking input from **all** who have been involved (at one time or another) with South Mountain Friends Meeting. Please consider the following queries and share your thoughts with us as we seek our way forward!

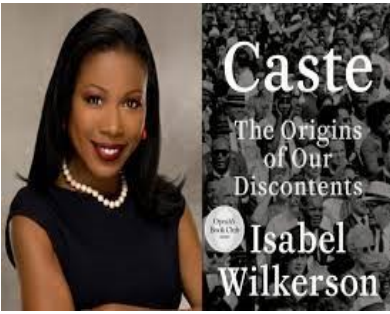
Thank you to those who have responded thus far. A summary of responses is provided on page 5 which may spark some thoughts from those who have yet to write.

1. What would support you in participating in the life of South Mountain Friends Meeting?
2. What needs to be in place for you to be able to rejoin SMFM (for Worship, First Hour, or other activities)?
3. Do you have any specific safety concerns that we need to be aware of as we discern way forward as a Meeting?

Please send your written response to one (or all) of the members of Ministry & Counsel: [Gizelle Luccio](#), [Steve Radcliffe](#), [Bill Ashworth](#), [Melody Ashworth](#), [Ken Deveney](#), or [Jim Phillips](#).

—Gizelle Luccio

US System of Subordination Casts Shadow Abroad



In her 2020 book *Caste*, Isabel Wilkerson argues that the social constructs of race and caste are not synonyms, but that they "can and do coexist in the same culture and serve to reinforce each other. Race, in the United States, is the visible agent of the unseen force of caste. Caste is the bones, race the skin."

By communicating a fact of which readers may not be aware—that the Nazis used the US's caste system as inspiration for their own—Wilkerson's book *Caste* illustrates the undeniable and severity of the US's casteism. This research suggests that caste is a global problem because the brutality of one caste system can inspire another that is equally—or even more—brutal.

In the late spring of 1934, a committee of Nazi bureaucrats met to draft the Nuremberg Laws—a legal framework for the Aryan nation they hoped to create. In order to do so, the Nazis turned to the caste system in the United States, determined to glean what they could from its strictness in guarding its ruling white citizenry and its longevity. The Nazis wanted to quickly and efficiently institute plans for racial separation and purity, and they turned to the US for a blueprint. Based on piece of American literature, the Nazis coined the term *Untermensch*, or subhuman, to refer to those they would place in the subordinate caste: its Jewish citizens, along with other minority groups.

Hitler had long studied the US from afar, and he believed it was a successful nation because of its Aryan stock. He admired how the US had decimated its indigenous population and how the country subjugated its subordinate caste through lynchings. Hitler knew that Americans were perpetuating mass death, yet he idolized their robust innocence in the face of heinous crimes.



Hitler rose to power as an outside agitator, and by the time he and his party secured control of the country, there was little anyone belonging to the old guard could do. The Nazis set to scapegoating Jewish people for the loss of World War I, since the Jews were seen as dominant in banking and finance in Germany in the first decades of the 20th century. By convincing ordinary Germans that Jewish people didn't deserve the wealth they'd come to possess, the Nazis began a campaign of mockery and intimidation against the caste they'd decided would be subordinate. Turning to US race laws for guidance as to how to separate German Jews from other German citizens, many Nazi officials believed the US's segregation laws were too extreme.

The Nazis proceeded with creating legal definitions for Jews and Aryans and preventing intermarriage between the two groups. Some in attendance at the drafting of the Nuremberg Laws suggested making intermarriage punishable by law, as the Americans had; others insisted that doing so would be too harsh. In spite of many in attendance believing that American miscegenation (or race-mixing) laws were primitive, the Nazis continued debating which measures were acceptable and which were too radical for their purposes.

By September of 1935, Hitler would announce the Blood Laws—laws that defined what counted a person as a Jew. From there, the Nazis continued making their Laws for the Protection of German Blood and German Honor more and more stringent. Yet even the Nazis, who defined a Jew as a person with three or more Jewish grandparents or as a person who had married a Jew, felt that the Americans' rule about categorizing "an American man or woman who has even a drop of Negro blood in their veins" as Black was too extreme.

The US provided a prototype for the kinds of laws and restrictions the Nazis wanted to enforce. The Nazis chose to replicate much of the severity of the US's caste system, as well as the country's total denial that a caste system even existed.

PS: An anecdote from *Caste*:

When America was fighting in World War II, the public school district in Columbus, Ohio, held an essay contest, challenging students to consider the question, "What to do with Hitler after the War?" It was 1944, the same year that a black boy was forced to jump to his death, in front of his stricken father, over the Christmas card the boy had sent to a white girl at work. In that atmosphere, a sixteen-year-old African-American girl thought about what should befall Hitler. She won the essay contest with a single sentence: "Put him in a black skin and let him live the rest of his life in America."

—Bob Morse

Follow-Up: Future of Quaker Worship at SMFM

SUMMARY

So far we have only received 11 (out of a potential of 40) responses to our questions regarding the future of our Meeting. The main highlights include:

1. A few Friends do not like Zoom meetings but will participate once we can meet in person.
2. At least 3 Friends are not planning to get vaccinated and are concerned that they may experience discrimination because of this choice. One of these feels that our Meeting needs to be more welcoming, an open door and trusting policy, which would include all (regardless of choices). Another Friend expressed desire for Friends to remember that a primary tenant of Quaker values is "following the Light within" to discern one's own leading. Yet another commented that requiring vaccination would inhibit our being open to visitors.
3. A few Friends commented on the lack of sense of community and how this impacts their willingness to drive (long distance) or take time in the middle of the day, and then not experience connection..
4. A few people expressed a desire and question about how to *grow the meeting* both in size and diversity. For instance, the importance of bringing in greater age diversity or find a way to retain the younger families who come and then don't return.



In addition, two Friends spent quite a bit of time reflecting on the broader implications of these queries and had thought-filled and insightful suggestions for improving our Meeting's well-being. Many elements of what they expressed were also echoed in pieces by the other respondents. M&C asked permission for their words to be shared, hoping that these perspectives might speak to other people's conditions. As much as we'd prefer receiving each participants' thoughts, for those not led to write in full, it's possible to cite a particular passage and write "This Friend Speaks My Mind."

Commentary from Anonymous Friend #1

Dear Friends, In response to this message and many thoughts I have had in the past couple of years.

First of all, let me say that my time away from SMFM was initially about recuperating from my clerkship and dealing with some serious health issues. Thereafter, I have thought about coming back regularly several times and barriers have come up.

Having been a Friend for about 25 years and quite involved during almost all of that time, not attending Meeting for Worship regularly is a big deal for me and, if I am having these challenges, I can imagine that others who are less devoted may have similar issues.

Time of day

- SMFM's meeting time of 11 AM cuts into the middle of the day and leaves me weak with hunger and needing to leave right away at the end, rather than having the leisure to stay and talk.
- I would LOVE for Meeting For Worship to be around 9:30 AM or even 10 AM. Then, other events could be after that and people could feel inspired to stay and attend those, if able, and be done by lunchtime. More people might attend "1st hour" events, because they wouldn't have to plan in advance.
- Meeting for Business could include lunch.

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Brown Bag In The Park

Sunday 25 July
In Glenwood Park
After Worship
Weather Permitting

Many of us miss the potlucks that we had in the past where we shared conversation and food. Brown Bag In The Park is our summer start to regain time together, a time for reconnecting with F(f)riends.

Please bring something to eat and a chair or a blanket on which to sit. Friendship and Hospitality will supply drinks.



—Crystal Bosbach

Future of Quaker Worship at SMFM: Commentary #1

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Community

- I know that SMFM has been trying to meet the needs of everyone by dividing attendees into Zoom, in-person in the meetinghouse and outdoors, but we are a small community, and it seems vital to gather ourselves in one place, as much as safely possible, or we lose one of the greatest strengths we have.
- Being outdoors seemed like a great idea, but the meeting outdoors was so far apart, with masks, that it was impossible to hear one another. What was the point of gathering when it felt we were speaking into the void and couldn't benefit from others' ministry?
- Many people are LONGING for true community. How can SMFM provide opportunities for that in this time?

Overcommitment

- It seemed for some time that a few people were being called upon to do many things
- It can seem like pressure, especially for busy mid-life people who are parents, working, volunteering, caretaking, etc. and may not have more time to give.
- Does our busy DOING distract from centering, grounding, and listening for Spirit?

Getting Back to The Core of What We Do Together

- When a meeting is struggling with attendance, it is a red flag. What I have seen WORK in saving such meetings from extinction is a pause of doing and a refocus on the core of gathering to be community and to worship together. That is, after all, the root out of which all our doing should spring.
- This pandemic has given many people the gift/challenge of re-evaluating all their doing and refocusing them on being present, being with those they care about and choosing carefully where they put their energy. This is a moment to consider the same and to focus on that.
- Unprogrammed Quakerism is a balm and a potentially really welcome thing in this modern world, IF ONLY people knew about it and could easily participate.

Diversity of Age & Other Diversity

- If we wish unprogrammed Quaker Worship to continue in this valley, we need younger attenders and a more diverse community in other ways.
- Reaching out to other meetings who have succeeded in growing a more diverse attender/member-base and learning what they have done and being willing to follow their example.
- In order to promote this, I have several ideas. They may seem radical, but so is SMFM fading into black and being no more, but I could see that happening without a shift. After some time getting back to basics, I suggest the following:
 - * Providing stable, reliable, safe, well-led childcare and kids programming for families by offering a paid 1-year position to a Young Adult Friend from elsewhere to run such a program (e.g., a recent college grad, someone experienced in FGC youth programming, or an Earlham School of Religion grad) with housing in a Friend's house or as the meetinghouse caretaker living on site. They could also help with outreach to SOU, etc., etc.
 - * A central, accessible location in Medford /Phoenix area
 - * Commitment to outreach where people already are

Location & Resources

- Our building is an enormous untapped resource.
- Selling our building and building/purchasing/renting a space in a more central location would fund the above kids program/caretaker position for years and years AND allow for a significant contribution to causes we care about, including Peace House.
- Re-considering how we invest our monetary and other resources, so we can do the most good and aren't counting on one or only a few people who donate much and will not always do so.

Thank you for your service.

Commentary on Quaker Worship: Anonymous Friend #2

I recently participated in worship for the first time in over six months, I think, and came with a question in my mind about why I haven't been attending. I do find Zoom rather tiring, but it's also nice to not have any commute at all & be comfortable at home and all that. I found that I was unwilling to hear any leadings at this time, which is not all that worship is for, so that's ok. I needed to feel the nurturing side of Love instead of the challenging side, and that's fine.

I like that there are multiple options available for folks. There's a balancing act we all need to do to decide between the Zoom, the pollens outdoors, the covid risk indoors, all of that. For some the mask-wearing is a barrier (I don't mind it).

What would support you in participating in the life of SMFM? I value Meeting for the support and fellowship in trying to live our Quaker values of truth, equality, and continuing revelation. I fell out of the habit of coming when life got crazy and different during the pandemic. I wonder if that's true for others. Maybe some kind of "welcome back" event or message would normalize this? I don't know. I don't feel ready for an in-person indoor party, though! Perhaps just an acknowledgement that things have been different, that our response may have been to detach from Meeting, and that's ok, and that we're ready to welcome folks back with [whatever is determined] in place for safety.

Maybe some more clarity that we want to be responsible without being exclusive would support my involvement. I was frustrated with the conversation we had around possibly doing away with membership, because, to my mind, membership is a responsibility rather than a privilege. There has been some discussion lately about possibly excluding the unvaccinated from indoors. It's like two polar-opposite discussions. Perhaps *I* need to realize that we discuss ideas not because they come from a sense of the Meeting, but because we take individual thoughts/feelings/leadings seriously enough to consider them deeply; so I am badly misreading what is happening if I have a sense that the conversations reflect the thoughts of the group.

What needs to be in place for you to be able to rejoin SMFM (for Worship or First Hour or other activities)? I'd really like to know that we aren't inviting multiple unvaccinated people to be together indoors without masks and distance, but I also feel that a "vaccinated only" policy is exclusionary and contrary to Quaker and Christian values. This is really hard.

I think there's been a real loss of some of our wise elders as well. The age range at Meeting has narrowed over the past few years, which is an unfortunate loss of diversity. Not that these can be fixed easily or at all!

Do you have any specific safety concerns that we need to be aware of as we discern way forward as a Meeting? My safety concerns around the pandemic change regularly with the public health data, which are improving with the vaccine. I am so grateful we have it! My heart is full for all the friends and neighbors who worked so hard and all those who got a shot (or 2) even if they felt nervous, dubious, or like sheeple.

I'll say also that I'm planning to attend FGC Gathering (virtually), partly to explore this question for myself about Quaker practice. Thanks for reading all of these semi-related thoughts and feelings!

Health & Safety Panel

9:30 am Sunday 1 August

Simultaneously at Meeting House & on Zoom

Process: Panel discussion followed by Q&A, convened by Ministry & Counsel

Panel: Local Quakers who are medical providers

Purpose: Provide clarification on mask-wearing and on co-mingling of vaccinated and unvaccinated people

Hope: Sharing perspectives will lead to supporting each other in such Quaker practices as honoring diversity, respecting each person's inner guidance, and peace-making within community

Nuclear Weapons: Commemorating Bombings & Persuading Leaders

Commemoration: South Mountain Friends Meeting is working with Peace House and the Ashland Culture of Peace Commission to commemorate the anniversary of the atomic bombings of Japanese cities. After missing a year because of the pandemic, we will again hold our traditional ceremony at the entrance to **Lithia Park in Ashland on 6 August at 8 am.** It will include sounding the gong at 8:15, when the first nuclear weapon ever used against human beings exploded over Hiroshima. Planning has just begun, so there may be other activities during the 6-9 August period of remembrance.

Persuasion: On 22 January of this year, the UN-sponsored Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons entered into force and was established as international law. As a result, our advocacy has become simplified. We must persuade our national leaders to become party to the treaty. That message will be front and center this year and as long as the governments of the nine nuclear-weapons states cling to the illusion that their possession enhances their power.

—Herb Rothschild



New Contributions to SMFM Library

Come browse our library which has received new interesting books recently. Terri Brain kindly contributed several, including **Caste**, which the NY Times called an “instant American classic.” She also gave us **Resisting Structural Evil**, one on Christian Mysticism, and **A Hidden Wholeness**. Additionally donated was **A Passion for Learning**, portraying the life and teachings of a noted Palestinian Quaker. Martin Luther King’s **Why We Can’t Wait** was also added to our collection. Thanks to all of you who have shared your new or gently used books with us.

—Fran Curtis, SMFM Librarian

Virtual 2021 Annual Session North Pacific Yearly Meeting

Time To Register

Friends of all ages from around the Northwest and beyond will again gather for a virtual Annual Session on Zoom in July for worship, fellowship, interesting presentations, fun, and discussions. We are making it more fun this year for Younger Friends. Children will receive an exciting box of crafts and other activities.

The theme for this year’s Annual Session is **Courage in the face of Fear—Faith, Hope, Love.** Cherice Bock, Creation Justice Advocate at Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, will be the Friend in Residence.



Register now at as.npym.org/registration for North Pacific Yearly Meeting’s Virtual Annual Session & Pre-Annual Session Interest Groups. Events begin with Interest Groups on the weekend evenings of 2&3 and 9&10 July, the two weekends before the main Annual Session. The main days of Annual Session will begin with get-acquainted games for all ages and worship on the evening of 14 July. Annual Session will continue through midday 18 July. The schedule is available at as.npym.org/schedule.



Helping Friend Janine Reside in the Rogue Valley

Dear Friends,
I’m looking for any type of unit or room for up to \$700 a month (more if utilities are included). As many of you know, I have a health condition which limits my housing options. I’m chemically sensitive and allergic to mold. I generally need to avoid carpeting, pesticides, strong fragrances like air fresheners and dryer sheets (natural scents are fine!), and mold/mildew. I can tolerate some of these things in the house or vicinity if I’m able to keep my room or unit free of them. I have two well-traveled, well-behaved kitties (with Airbnb and landlord references!). I’m not allergic to any animals or pollens. If you have any housing leads, please contact me at 415-847-8092.

Thanks so much, Janine Devereaux

Memorial Minute: Curt Jones

South Mountain Friends will hold a Memorial Meeting for Curt Jones in Glenwood Park.

9 am (First Hour) Sunday 11 July 2021 (Refreshments to Follow)

Curt died on 24 April 2020, but the pandemic required us to delay the celebration of his life until now.

Friends who were with the Meeting before 2012 knew Curt well, because he was one of its most active members. He played an especially large role in its financial affairs, bringing to the work skills he had acquired during a distinguished career as a corporate financial officer and a professor at the Harvard Business School. Unfortunately, the onset of dementia forced Curt to end his participation in SMFM, but he remained interested in, and financially supportive of, its affairs throughout his slow decline. Friends will welcome this opportunity to at last express our appreciation for his presence in our lives.

Curtis Harvey Jones, born 22 April 1929, died two days after his 91st birthday, on 24 April 2020.

Curt's faith shaped his life. His Quaker roots were deep, extending back to England in the 17th century. Both sides of his family came to America at the time of William Penn. He was raised near Philadelphia and attended Friends Central School in Pennsylvania. As a young man, he dug pit latrines for American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) projects in Mexico and post-war Germany.

A lifelong conscientious objector, Curt refused induction into the military during the Korean War, which was raging when he completed his undergraduate studies at Harvard University. He was fortunate enough to perform his alternative service in Oslo, Norway, with one of the predecessor agencies of the US Agency for International Development.

By then, Curt had married Betty, who was to be his wife for the next 67 years. Together they had three children—Barclay Jones Kopchak, Curtis Jones, Jr., and Stanley Jones. He is survived by Betty, all their children, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Curt's first job was with Kaiser Aluminum, but he soon left to pursue graduate studies. He earned an MBA and a DBA from Harvard, after which he taught in its business school for a number of years. Then he became assistant director of the Peace Corps under its first director, Sargent Shriver. From there, the Nixon Administration recruited him to lead its effort to control inflation through wage and price controls.

Curt went back to the private sector by joining the large accounting firm of Arthur Young. The firm sent him to Plainview, Texas, to do consulting work for a meat-packing firm; soon its management offered him a job as Chief Financial Officer, which he accepted. When there was a merger shortly afterwards, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, as CFO of the larger firm. Wichita was the family home for a number of years. Then a friend from the Harvard Business School who was running the firm of Eaton Vance offered him a chance to return to the Boston area, which he and Betty had loved. Curt was the CFO for Eaton Vance until his retirement at age 65.

Looking for a place to live out their retirement years, Curt and Betty heard about the Manor in Medford, Oregon. That, plus having a son in Oregon, led them to move to Medford in 1999. Curt immediately became active in South Mountain Friends Meeting, serving for many years on Finance Committee and as Treasurer. He was always a delightful addition to our conversations, hugging happily, telling us about his family, and wanting to hear about each of our lives.

Curt and Betty loved to travel and had the opportunity to visit many parts of the world. Betty recalled especially a trip to India, with all their children and grandchildren, which included a picnic on the backs of elephants.

Afflicted by dementia at 82, during his slow decline Curt maintained his personal warmth and his quiet sense of humor. He never ceased to live in the Light, which he shared graciously and generously with us all.

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