

Newsletter of the Lopez Island Friends Meeting

June 2026

"We worship on the ancestral lands and waters of the Coast Salish peoples who have called this place home and cared for it from time immemorial and continue to help us care for it today. We honor their aboriginal and treaty rights and profoundly regret the harm done to them by the settler culture of which we are a part. We pledge to work towards justice and healing."

Queries: *Is there a way in which I experienced equality and/or inequality as a child? As an adult? What did that look like? How did it feel? In what ways does it influence me today?*

Do I have a relationship with privilege and/or the lack of privilege? How do I understand it? How do I live and walk with that relationship ongoing?

Accepting the Quaker concept of a 'testimony' being the example of a life faithfully lived, how do I wish to be a testimony for Equality? In my personal life? In my community?

Sharing Quakerism



Our next Quaker education will be on August 2. The topic will be what has been called Stewardship or Sustainability in the past, but which the presenter, in alignment with our Yearly Meeting, is calling Unity With Nature. We'll start worship at the usual time, 10 am, and have a presentation of 15-20 minutes followed by queries and worship-sharing based on the material presented. Anyone who signs up to host on that Sunday won't need to develop queries and that will be noted on the hosting sign-up calendar.

Stay tuned for more Quaker education this fall and winter. SLC will be discerning topics and appreciates suggestions.

Mark Your Calendars!

Outdoor potluck picnic!! What has become a yearly tradition is our annual mid-summer potluck picnic. It's happening this year on July 19 starting at 4:00 pm at John and Lisa's house on Hooterville Lane. Bring food to share, your own plate, silverware, drinking glass, and a camp chair. Party, party!!



A couple of scenes from last year's picnic potluck.

Quaker Spirit on San Juan Island

From Iris On May 31, nearly 25 Friends from Orcas, San Juan, and Lopez were hosted by the San Juan Worship Group for an all-islands gathering in Friday Harbor. We made the most of our time together, starting with Silent Worship followed by introductions and a bounteous potluck. Kathy C's membership into the Religious Society of Friends, through Lopez Island Friends Meeting, was acknowledged and celebrated, complete with a salted caramel layer cake and a gift of a garden basket.



Susan Cozzens, from Eastside Friends Meeting in Bellevue, joined the gathering in her role as clerk of [Quaker Voice on Washington Public Policy](#). She outlined the work of Quaker Voice, started in 1997, to shape state public policy that is just, compassionate, and respectful of the inherent worth of every person. She reviewed the organization's legislative focus on criminal justice, economic justice, and environmental



stewardship and some of the legislation enacted in those areas with the help of Quaker Voice (see the [Quaker Voice online brochure](#) for more details).

Gratitude to San Juan Worship Group and all who gathered for a Spirit-filled day of fellowship.



FYI: Fiscal Year Change

LIFM's Records and Communications Committee suggested changing terms for committee members and officers to begin on October 1 and end September 30 to make training easier to schedule. (Our fiscal years have for years have been July 1 to June 30.) After discernment, Business meeting reached unity to recommend that this year's terms end as usual at the end of June this year, but to change the timing for next year. That means new terms starting July 1 this year will be extended by three months and end September 30, 2027. The next year's terms would be from October 1, 2027 to September 30, 2028.



Pride Month

Happy **Pride Month**! Did you know that Quakers are featured in an [article](#) by *LGBTQ Nation*? The article traces some of the origins of Quaker support for LGBTQ+ folks.

<https://tinyurl.com/QuakersLGBTQ>

Darcy's July 12 Concert on Orcas

From Darcy "I was a musician in her earlier life before veering off into academia. For years, music was at the center of my life, and then for nearly three decades, it was barely there at all. I was starving, and for a long time, I didn't even realize it. A big part of the healing journey that's brought me back home to the San Juans has been the gift of coming *all the way home* -- to music.

"For the last few years, I've wanted to put on a concert to celebrate that -- because when you've been starving and you finally get to eat, you want to share the feast with those you love! Originally, I thought it would be a house concert, but way opened to hold it in the enchanting Victorian Valley Chapel! It's happening on Sunday, July 12, at 3:30, and a few wonderful musician friends will sit in with me. I hope you'll all come help me fill that sacred space with music, joy, and Spirit!

"There'll be an after-party potluck and singalong at Jeff Otis's place in West Sound right after the concert. (83 Beth Ridge Rd) Please bring a dish to share and a plate and utensils if you can. We'll provide non-alcoholic beverages. Jeff's got a great porch for a singalong, so feel free to bring your instruments, too!

"The concert is free. I will put out a donation jar for anyone who feels led to contribute. Whatever comes in will be split evenly between the [San Juan Preservation Trust](#) and [Se'Si'Le](#).

"If you want to RSVP, I'd love to know who's coming by text at 734-276-0208, especially if you're coming from off-island. I'll send ferry, parking and accommodation information to anyone who wants it."

Challenge Paddle Coming to Lopez July 13

From Judy M Sam Barr (Samish) is organizing a traditional canoe journey that will visit Lopez Monday, July 13. They will carry everything in their canoes and travel without support vehicles. They arrive at Odlin at noon that day. A community potluck will follow at 4:30 PM with ceremonies starting at 6 PM. The canoes will leave at 8 AM on July 14.

LIFM's Contributions to Indigenous Organizations

From Judy M The budget of the Indigenous Rights Action Committee (IRAC) includes funds to be used as our meeting's contributions to Indigenous non-profits working on Indigenous issues. Here's information about organizations we've supported this fiscal year. We've included links to their websites in case you are interested in sending them additional funds.

National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition



(<https://boardingschoolhealing.org/>): This Indigenous-led organization based in Minnesota is dedicated to advocating on behalf of Native peoples impacted by U.S. Indian boarding school policies. They seek truth through education and research, justice through advocacy and policy (with help from FCNL), and healing through Indigenous teaching and traditional gatherings. The speaker we had last November was from this organization.

Se'Si'Le (saw-see'-law) (<https://se-si-le.org/>): This name is the Lummi word for "our grandmother." Located on Orcas Island, it is Indigenous-led. Their mission is to use Indigenous ancestral knowledge to benefit Mother Earth, Indigenous lifeways, and future generations. They're raising funds to acquire and develop cultural enrichment programs on the site of the Lhaq'temish Village of Tsil'Whi'Sen on Orcas adjacent to Madrona Point.



Northwest Healing Center: This is a new organization on the Tulalip reservation founded by Alicia Horne, the woman who presented the work of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) last fall. This organization is bringing the healing work of NABS to our local tribal communities. Contributions to this work can be made through the NABS website, designating that funds should go to the Northwest Healing Center.

Coast Salish Youth Coalition (<https://www.coastsalishyouth.org/>): This inter-tribal group founded by Sam Barr works with Coast Salish Youth to give them experience in tribal culture. They sponsor the Challenge Paddle canoe journey, work on restoring access to traditional foods, and teach Indigenous youth about Indigenous practices in land stewardship.



Native American Rights Fund (<https://narf.org/>): Since 1970, this organization has provided legal assistance to Native American tribes, organizations, and individuals who might otherwise have gone without legal representation. They fight to protect Native American rights, resources and lifeways through litigation, legal advocacy, and legal expertise.



North Pacific Yearly Meeting at Evergreen State College, July 22-26

From Iris Welcoming Soul and Spirit is the theme of this year's gathering of North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM) in Olympia, WA, July 22-26. **Registration for in-person and online attendees** is now [open online](#); **no registrations will be accepted after June 26th**. People wishing to register after this date must reach out to the registrar at registrar@npym.org.



Spirit needs the contributions of each one of us now. In our many different places, we are called to be instruments of peace, love,

justice, and compassion. At the Annual Session, we'll come together to welcome the Soul and Spirit and explore ways to invite our souls to make themselves known among us so we can become powerful vessels for bringing the ways of Spirit into the world.

[Marcelle Martin](#) will be the Friend-in-Residence, sharing wisdom she's garnered during her life and travels among Friends. She'll invite us to try out ways we can support each other in making space to hear and express our souls more boldly and authentically, receive divine guidance, and become strengthened to take our parts in the world, as members of a loving community.

Visit [NPYM in-person schedule](#) for the in-person schedule.

Visit [NPYM online schedule](#) for programming available online.

NPYM practices abundant financing, and Annual Session is entirely "Pay as Led." During your registration, you will be shown a "Recommended Fee" based on the costs to NPYM for your attendance. You will then choose what you are led to pay for your Registration, which can be any amount (including \$0).

There's much to enjoy at this annual gathering: the Quaker Bookstore is open daily along with worship-sharing groups, interest groups on a range of topics, meetings for worship, meetings for business, Bible study, free time, child care and youth programs, Community Night, and a Day of Solidarity Event at the Northwest Detention Center (<https://tinyurl.com/Solidary-Event>). Iris, Jerry, and Ron will be attending; there's room for at least one more in their carpool. They (plus John) are also happy to share about their past experiences at NPYM.

Link to NPYM Newsletter

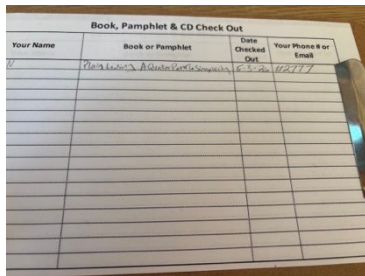
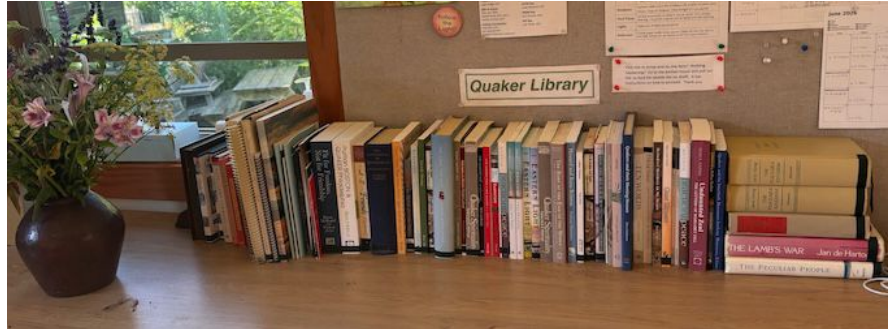
Info about annual session and how to attend. And more!
<https://lists.npym.org/mail.cgi/archive/news/20260616162618/>

Concerned About the Midterms? Check This Out

Friends Committee on National Legislation did a webinar recently called “Building Power Through Relationships: Our Role in the Midterms.” Check it out: <https://tinyurl.com/BuildingRel>

We've Got Books... and More!

LIFM's Quaker library has been reorganized, thanks to our Records and Communications Committee. One category provides information about Quakerism for newcomers. Another provides



resources for folks wanting to delve deeper into Quakerism. A third includes books relating to Quaker testimonies. A list of titles from the third category is below. Six children's books were moved the children's yurt. Oh, there's a sign-out sheet for these materials near the books. We're encouraged to use it! Find more information about these changes in LIFM's May business meeting minutes.

Books Relevant to Quaker Testimonies

Ecotopia by Ernest Callenbach; *Gandhi's Autobiography*; *Making Peace - Healing a Violent World* by Carolyn McConnell; *Continuing the Good Life* by Helen and Scott Nearing; *Indian Boarding Schools* by Deborah Parker; *Reindeer Herders in My Heart* by Sas Carey; *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates; *Light in Gaza*; *Sacred Economics* by Charles Eisenstein.

New Library Materials

The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery by Rex Ambler
Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker by J. Brent Bill
Quakerism: The Basics by Marge & Carl Abbott
Thirty-Three Ways Seven Faiths Agree with the Quakers by Thomas Wolfe
Pamphlet #472: *Atheists Guide to Quaker Process* by Selden W. Smith
Pamphlet #382 - *Holding One Another in the Light* by Marcelle Martin



All of our pamphlets from the Pendle Hill Pamphlet series. These are to your right as you walk into the entry of the Meetinghouse.

Zoom Still Works!

For now, all Sunday meetings and business meetings are in-person. Anyone wishing to attend any Sunday meeting or our monthly business meeting via Zoom is invited to request it a day or two in advance by contacting anyone on SLC, and we will be happy to set it up so you can join us. We'll continue to automatically set up the Owl for any second hour presentations.

Calendar

June 21, Sunday: 10 am in-person worship (**Hosts: Kip & Stanley**) followed by 11:30 in-person **Business Meeting**.

June 28, Sunday: 10 am Singing Sunday (**Hosts: Charlie & ???**)

July 5, Sunday: 10 am in-person worship-sharing until 11:30 am. (**Hosts: No Hosts, yet!**)

July 12, Sunday: 10 am in-person worship (**Hosts: No Hosts, yet!**)
3:30 pm Darcy in concert on Orcas – see article above.

July 19, Sunday: 10 am in-person worship (**Hosts: : No Hosts, yet!**) followed by 11:30 in-person **Business Meeting** followed by **4:00 pm mid-summer potluck** picnic at John H's

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Want to do some hosting? Sign up here: <https://tinyurl.com/Hosting-Sign-Up>

Lots of Great Info at Our LIFM Website!

There's lots of helpful information for newcomers here:

<https://lopezisland.friendsmeeting.org/newcomers/>. But even if you're a regular and/or long-time attender of LIFM, you might discover something new at <https://lopezisland.friendsmeeting.org>.

Do you have trouble remembering when business meetings are held or which Sunday we have worship-sharing? Scroll down the website home page to a link to our calendar (<https://lopezisland.friendsmeeting.org/calendar/>).

Do you still have questions about Quakerism or wonder how LIFM started? You'll find answers at History and Beliefs. (<https://lopezisland.friendsmeeting.org/who-we-are/history-and-beliefs/>).

Have ideas about ways to make the new website even better? Contact us (<https://lopezisland.friendsmeeting.org/contact-us/>) as construction of the site continues.

We All Help Everyone is invited to help clean up after our fellowship time on Sundays. Folks are already great at moving chairs back to the entry. But cups and dishes need to be washed and dried and the kitchen set to rights as well. Last, the room needs to be swept. Many hands make light work. Thanks for helping keep our Meetinghouse tidy.



How to Support LIFM Financially



Most of us know that LIFM examines its budget every spring for our next fiscal year (starting July 1). We do this because, like every Quaker Meeting, we have expenses. Our beautiful new Meetinghouse is a good example. We also pay for childcare, our newspaper ad, and more. And we're glad we can support other organizations we believe in – locally as well as various Quaker organizations. Since every once in a while, someone asks where to send contributions to our Meeting, we're including our mailing address in each monthly newsletter. Contributions to LIFM may be mailed to P.O. Box 582. Or you can set up autopay and have regular donations deposited in the LIFM account automatically. Contact Jerry for information you might need to set it up. And thank you!

Please share news... We'd love to hear about local Quakers. Or some good photos about Meeting activities? Or something personal and "Quakerly" you'd like to contribute? We are all invited to share "news" or information for our Lopez Island Friends Meeting Newsletter. Email to Lorna. If you have an announcement or other kind of news, please, if you can, keep our newsletter's deadline in mind so we can include your news. Our deadline is every Tuesday before business meeting. Thanks.

Why Two E-Mailings a Month?

We work hard to send only two each month: this newsletter and business meeting minutes. Once in a while, if a Quaker or Meeting event comes up that's super time sensitive, we'll send out a special mailing but we aim to keep it to a minimum.

Please Remember...

Everyone is warmly welcomed to attend our Meeting whether or not they can host on a Sunday or serve on a committee. Whether in-person at Sunnyfield Meetinghouse or via Zoom, it's easy to be "here." Please DO join us!

June 2026 LIFM Business Meeting Agenda (Proposed)

June LIFM Meeting for Worship for Business

Agenda June 21, 2026

Queries & Open Worship

Queries from 6-7-26 on testimony of equality

Agenda Adjustments and May Business Meeting Minutes Approval

Serving the World

IRAC Report

The State of the World - Follow up to "Minute of Conscience and Public Witness"

Caring for Our Meeting

Finance Committee/Treasurer –proposed 26/27 budget for approval

Records and Communications Committee Report

Children's Program Meeting Report

Gifts and Talents Committee Report

Hosting Committee Report

Supporting Our Spiritual Life

Spiritual Life Committee Report

Tending to Each Other

Announcements

Hosting Sign-up Link <https://tinyurl.com/Hosting-Sign-Up>

Death and Dying Book Group June 24, 6-7:30, Sunnyfield – see May newsletter

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session, July 22-26, Olympia, WA. Registration now open - <https://sites.google.com/npym.org/annual-session>. See article above.

Open Worship

Adjournment