

Call to Meeting for Worship for Business

Reading of the Minutes from the April Meeting for Business—*Minor Morgan*

Sanctuary Task Force Report and Minute on Support of Migrants

“In accord with our longstanding support of migrants and refugees in our border state, AMM will provide hospitality to a limited number of asylum seekers or other refugees for short-term stays as they move on to join sponsoring families. We regard this as a form of sanctuary for those needing safety and support as they travel. We continue our support of sanctuary for a person in imminent danger of detention or deportation should the need arise. The AMM Sanctuary Task Force is charged with managing hospitality for all such short-term residents during their Meeting House stay.”

Oversight and Counsel Report —*Alison Nylund*

-----break for lunch around 12:30-----

Announcements

- Oversight and Counsel Announcement: Aging Gracefully Brown Bag Group, May 8th at noon
- Compassionate Listening on Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 at the Meeting House
- Adult Education QuakerSpeak video sessions, Sundays at 9:00 am; May's topic is "Action and Contemplation"
- Adult Education: May 12th - How Mysticism Informs Quaker Activism, by Gail Taylor
- Adult Education: May 26th - How Spirituality Makes Activism More Effective, by Tylka Vetula
- Adult Education Contemplative Reading Group: *The Way of Man and the 10 Rungs*, by Martin Buber, Fridays at noon
- Adult Education is considering a six-week introduction to Quakerism (Quakerism 101 program this fall. They would like to hear from anyone who is interested in attending or helping.
- Quaker Camping: May 17-19 at Paliza Campground, near Ponderosa, NM

Clerks' Report on Amicus Curiae Brief —*Sara Keeney*

Scheduling and Minuting for Summer Meetings for Business—*Chadron Kidwell*

Close with worship

Announcements pertinent to Meeting for Business and Scheduling (*for information only*)

- *Compassionate Listening*: practice meetings monthly, second Wednesdays, 5:30-6:50 pm
- *Aging Gracefully Brown Bag Group*: meetings monthly, second Wednesdays, noon
- *IMYM Annual Gathering*: June 9-16 at Ghost Ranch in Abiquiu, New Mexico
- *Newsletter*: Please submit all items for the May newsletter to Erin Hulse at erindrama@comcast.net by Wednesday, May 8th
- *Next Meeting for Worship for Business*: June 2nd, 2019

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Clerks' Amicus Curiae Statement:

Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (AMM) is a Quaker Meeting for Worship in Albuquerque, New Mexico, affiliated with Intermountain Yearly Meeting, a community of Quaker Meetings and individual Friends situated within the Intermountain West. In unity with the shared testimonies of Friends within IMYM, we affirm that “Our witness to the world comes from our perception of the Divine Spirit moving through us (IMYM Faith and Practice, Advice 1 on Integrity, p. 130).” “Recognizing the oneness of humanity in God, we affirm fellowship with all people (Id., Advice 2 on Integrity, p. 131)”. “We [must] refuse to join in actions that denigrate others or lead to their victimization (Id., Advice 4 on Peace, p. 133.)”

Albuquerque Meeting has long been troubled by the treatment of refugees and migrants within the United States and in the borderlands. In 2014, we committed ourselves “. . . to assure that the humanity of every migrant to our borders is honored and that all are treated with compassion and dignity, regardless of what their legal status may ultimately be determined to be.” (AMM minute 2014.8.3) We are concerned about immigrants as a targeted group, or containing representatives of targeted groups, and see that on our border with Mexico they are threatened with an assault on their humanity. The Administration claims that the presence of these asylum seekers at our Southern border constitutes a threat so severe that it justifies emergency executive action. This demonization of migrant children and families incites and encourages hatred and fear not only of the migrants among us, but even our own documented immigrants and citizens who look or sound like them.

Our current commitment is grounded in our testimony during the 1980s to “extend hospitality to people in danger far from their homeland . . . [and] challenge our government to act more wisely in its policies . . . to recognize human needs . . . and to welcome refugees within our borders. . . . We defy no authority, but in cooperation with other religious groups take this small step towards healing ourselves and our country.” (AMM Minute, Nov 11, 1984)

We join this brief because we cannot be faithful to the Light that Spirit has granted us as stated above and ignore what is being done in our name to these brothers and sisters.