

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting

FRIENDLY LINE

February 2022



IYMC MidYear Meeting theme: 'Joy, Irreverence & Working with Love

Midyear Meeting of Iowa Yearly Meeting (Conservative) will be held 26-27 Third Month (March 26-27). With story, song and more, Decorah Friend Ruth Hampton will share with Friends about Joy, Irreverence, and Working with Love.

Because of Covid, the Midyear Committee is releasing Bear Creek Meeting from hosting a full in-person event. Information about options for Friends to gather in small groups or over Zoom will be shared as Way opens.

On behalf of the committee, Jackie Leckband and Liz Oppenheimer, co-clerks
--Carol Gilbert, Clerk,
IYMC

Our state has urgent needs

In response to Gov. Kim Reynolds' comment that everything is on the table when it comes to balancing the state budget, I have an analogy. My house is in terrible shape: the roof leaks, the basement floods, the wiring is old and dangerous, and the pipes are made of lead. I come into some unexpected money that I could use to repair my house, but instead I give it to my wealthy neighbor.

Iowa's infrastructure is deteriorating, our waterways are polluted, we don't have enough affordable housing, and our schools are struggling to meet our children's academic and mental health needs. A flat tax places the greatest burden on the poor and middle classes. This is not the time to shift the burden of state taxes from the wealthy to the rest of us. It is the time to invest in Iowa to make things better for us, our children and our grandchildren.

— Letter to the editor,
February 7, 2022, by DMVF
Clerk Dorothy Lifka, reprinted
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On a dark and icy night...

This story, by Brock Wommack, came in a letter to request a clearness committee to consider membership in DMVF. Since then, a notice of prior membership was discovered. But the story is still a good one.

I request to have a clearness committee convened to aid us with my desire to become a formal member of the Meeting. This request may best be served within the confines of the following story.

It is raining; a dark January rain just on the edge of freezing as it often is this time of year in the Missouri Ozark mountains. The last quarter moon hides behind the night clouds as the

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A Quaker Minute

A traditional Quaker Testimony:
INTEGRITY

Integrity means wholeness. For Friends, this wholeness is rooted in Truth and available to those willing to open every aspect of life to that transforming influence. One of the original names of Quakers, "Friends of Truth," implies Friends' understanding that the light of Truth reaches into every corner of our lives.

Integrity requires consistency of action and straightforward and honest speech. From the beginning, Friends have sought a unity in their private way of acting, their public stance and their relation to the natural world.

Integrity for Friends is grounded in relationship to Spirit, which is larger than our egos. The testimony of integrity is not simply telling the truth; it is speaking and acting in and from the divine in each situation. It means awakening to Light as the center of one's life rather than being dominated by one's desires, anxieties, vanities, possessions or the esteem of others.

Never perfect, but learning from our mistakes, Friends assist each other to live with integrity through the power of example, through shared worship, and through loving conversation.

-- One in a series on Quaker history and practice, contributed by Pam Blackburn.

**Des Moines Valley
Friends Meeting
Meeting for Worship with
Attention to Business
1/09/2021**

Meeting began near the appointed time with a period of worshipful Silence. Those present included: Dorothy Lifka, clerk; Deborah Fisch, recording clerk; Gordon Bivens, Peter Clay, David Drake, Kelsea Gillespie, Andrea Holveck, Jack Holveck, Susan Meyers, Fred Nelson, DJ Newlin, Ann Robinson, Virginia Smith, Billie Wade, Brock Wommack.

The clerk read a passage from article by Michael D. Levi in the 12/2021 *Friends Journal* where, commenting on Alfred Korzybski's statement, he said,

The map is not the territory: What early Friends gave us was a journey; they did not give us maps. And I believe that what they gave was truly inspired, and that has made all the difference. I believe that the experience of seeking the Divine without maps is exactly what makes it possible for us to find God.

Consideration of Minutes for December 2021 - Friends approved the December 2021 minutes as published in the most recent issue of *Friendly Line*. However, Friends are encouraged to contact the recording clerk (Deborah Fisch) if they find an error or typo within the next week. Any major error will be brought before the next business meeting for reapproval. Typos will be corrected, but they do not require approval.

Minute – The December 2021 minutes are approved.

Treasurer's Report (Kelsea Gillespie) – At the end of November 2021, we were 42% of the way through our fiscal year, had received 39% of anticipated income, and accrued 29% of budgeted expenses.

Thanks to all who donated so generously, especially through the holiday season. If you wish to donate to Meeting but have a question about how to go about it, feel free to reach out to Kelsea Gillespie (KelseaGillespie@gmail.com) or Cindy Winchell (LucindaWinchell@ymail.com) and we'd be happy to help!

Minute – The treasurer reviewed the balance sheets for October and November 2021. The report was accepted. We appreciate the care with which Kelsea does her work.

Finance Committee Report (Catherine Dietz-Kilen, convener) 01/04/2022 Attendees: Catherine Dietz-Kilen, Kelsea Gillespie, and Cindy Winchell

1. Financial Reports – The Committee reviewed and approved the October and November 2021 financial reports.
2. Deposit & Recording of Donations – The Committee discussed the process by which Cindy Winchell and Kelsea Gillespie have deposited and recorded donations to the Meeting. It was noted that Cindy has the only key for the donation box at the meetinghouse that we are aware of. Cindy will have a second copy made and provide it to Catherine as convener of the Finance Committee.

3. QuickBooks – We have continued to remain on Pam Blackburn's account for QuickBooks. We have looked at options to have a QuickBooks account separate from Pam, but we have learned that there are benefits to both the Meeting and to Pam's other clients to stay as part of her group, and for the time being, we plan to do so. Pam will give Kelsea the permissions needed, so Kelsea can have direct access to all of our QuickBook's account. The Committee expresses appreciation for Pam's assistance with all things QuickBooks.
4. Internal Policy for Request for Large Check Amounts – The Committee discussed having an internal policy that would require that the Treasurer report to the Committee any request for a check to be written in the amount of \$300.00 or more, except those expenses that are pre-authorized as part of our budget, such as quarterly payments to IYMC. It is not the intent of the Finance Committee to usurp the responsibilities of any other committee who has the ability to distribute funds from that committee's budget or a designated account, but rather to be made aware of any request for large disbursements as part of our charge to stay familiar with and care for the financial status of the Meeting.
5. Upcoming Friendly Audit – Billy Wade and Dorothy Lifka have volunteered to undertake the first Friendly

Audit. Because the last audit was conducted in December of 2020, the period that will be covered for the first Friendly Audit will be from 01/2021, until the end of that fiscal year in 06/2021. Kelsea will make all the financial statements for those six months available for the Committee. Cindy will provide bank statements. There will be additional documents available for a random month chosen by the Audit Committee. We will schedule the first Friendly Audit for 02/2022.

Minute – Meeting listened carefully to the report of the Finance Committee. We appreciate the care with which they are developing priorities and practices to help make their work more transparent for Meeting and thank them for their work. We approve the report of the Finance Committee.

Ministry & Counsel Committee Report (Gordon Bivens, convener) – M&C met 01/09/22. We heard a summary of circumstances surrounding the status of Leo's family in Kabul and steps being taken to try to get them out, with their destination being Canada. Jim Dietz-Kilen also gave a report (tentative) about the status of fundraising among a coalition of Friends meetings to support Leo's family for their first year in Canada, if that turns out to be a reality.

We also focused attention on how to most meaningfully be in contact with those who are not attending meeting for whatever reasons. The discussion seemed useful, and we shall be continuing that discussion with

the hope of developing a regular approach to meeting this need.

Minute – Meeting appreciates the work being done by M&C to stay in contact with its young adult Friends as well as members of Meeting who no longer live in this area. We also look forward to hearing a recommendation of the Committee on the transfer of membership of Thomas Goodhue to DSM Valley Meeting next month. We approve the report. The next M&C Meeting is scheduled for 02/06/2022 via Zoom beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Library Report (Virginia Smith, convener) – Virginia reported that there will be no book sale again this year due to the continuing pandemic. It was suggested that the committee may want to reschedule the sale for some time this spring or summer.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee Report (Patty Wengert, convener) – Peace & Social Concern Committee met at 01/04/2022. Attending: Billie, Jack, Patty W, Peter

We opened our meeting with a discussion of the Seven Days of Kwanza principles as well as a brief history of that annual celebration and affirmation.

Day 1. *Umoja* or unity; Day 2. *Kujichagulia*, self-determination; Day 3. *Ujima*, collective work and responsibility, to build and maintain our community together, solve problems together; Day 4. *Ujamaa*, cooperative economics to build and maintain our own stores, businesses and to profit together; Day 5. *Nia*, to build and develop our communities' greatness; Day 6. *Kuumba*, Creativity to leave

our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it; Day 7. *Imani*, developing faith to believe in our people and right struggle.

Renewal and harvest celebrations were long a part of communities in Africa. We discussed how these concepts related to Quaker traditions and statements of faith and hope.

We would like to continue our tradition of supporting charitable and social organizations that promote mutual aid, support the current AFSC group and the Edna Griffin Mutual Aid, opposing the use of drone warfare, supporting our local food bank and DMRCC. We hope to schedule a Second Hour with Frank Cordaro to help promote the vigils that are held to oppose the use of drones.

We invite the Meeting members and attenders to participate in these local peace events and to help support these peace vigils through financial donations.

Two donations are pending which need clarification concerning what should come from our committee's fund balance. They are the \$100 to the Unitarian Church in support of the Afghan family that our committee agreed to help support with the Unitarian Church, and \$100 to the Dingman House, Catholic Worker.

The next meeting of P&SC is scheduled for 02/01/22.

Minute – We heard the report of Peace & Social Concerns Committee. Friends appreciate the care P&SC put in considering which of the many peace and justice organizations (Quaker and otherwise) will

receive donations from their budget each year..

We ask the P&SC clerk to contact Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Frank Cordaro to see if he could give a Second Hour talk on the U.S. military use of armed drones. It was pointed out that the committee doesn't have income from the monthly soup lunch donations due to the COVID pandemic. It was suggested that if Friends want to donate to the committee, they can give a check earmarked for P&SC. The treasurer said those funds will go into the Committee's budget. Friends were also encouraged to participate in vigils, etc. Meeting approves the report.

Update from the Extended Support Group for Leo (Hussain) Kooshan and family (by Jim Dietz-Kilen) – The Extended Support Group met on 01/05. At that time, members of the group compared notes on commitments they have received as pledges or have already been collected by each meeting/organization as well as updates on work being done by on behalf of the family.

Family Update – Leo will start college this month via Zoom. He has a part time job at Pizza Pizza and commented he was pleased to have met some other Afghan refugees at work. Hassan is enjoying attending high school. The situation for his family in Afghanistan is dire. They are currently safe but the Taliban have imposed more restrictions on citizens including death threats and executions. The family had originally planned to try to get out via Daikundi but it proved too dangerous with

checkpoints and travel barriers. Their preferred option is to fly out, for which they need passports. Kabul has started issuing passports again, and they have an agent trying this option. If that fails, they will try the smuggler option overland. At this time, India seems to be a safer option. In addition, there may be Friends there who can help. They plan to try to get out by late March.

Leo was asked if the family needed more money, but he said they have enough right now.

When they are able to get out of Afghanistan, an application can be made with the Canadian government for refugee status at that time. Optimistically, we are hoping that can be accomplished by the end of March. Now the group is focusing on collecting the \$33,000 USD the Canadian government will require to be on-hand and to have that by the end of March. They can take longer to come up with the extra \$15,000 that is estimated will be needed to be able to support the whole family for a year.

At this time charitable receipts have been issued for \$12,800. Another \$5,000 has been received in pledges. If you are interested in donating to help Leo and family, and have not yet done so, please send a check to Penn Valley Friends Meeting with its purpose stated clearly in the memo line. The address for PVM is located in the *IYMC 2020 Minute Book* under monthly meeting contact information.

The group plans to meet again via Zoom on 02/02 at 7:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Minute – Friends listened with interest to Jim Dietz-Kilen's

update on the most recent meeting of the Joint-Support Committee for Leo (Hussain) Kooshan, his brother, Hassan (who is living with Leo in Ottawa, Ontario, and attending high school there) and their family's efforts to escape from Afghanistan with the hoped-for destination of Ottawa. We appreciate all Jim is doing on behalf of Meeting and all the Extended Support Group and Ottawa Friends continue to do for Leo and his family. We look forward to Jim's next report. Friends are reminded that there is still quite a way to go to raise enough money for the Kooshan family to satisfy requirements of the Canadian government to come into the country seeking asylum as refugees. Those wishing to help are asked to send a contribution to the clerk of Penn Valley Meeting in Kansas City, MO, clearly marked as a donation to the Kooshan family project. Meeting also expresses thanks to Penn Valley F/friends for being willing to serve as a clearing house for donations coming from Quaker meetings in this country.

Consideration of Recent Actions and Proposed New Direction for American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) – Peter Clay, an IYM(C) representative to the Corporation of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), brought to Meeting's attention that AFSC is going through a very difficult time. He asked F/friends "to stop, pay attention, listen, discuss, read and consider how are we, as Quakers, are led to respond..." Prior to business meeting he had provided a link to

an article in the Western Friend newsletter (<https://westernfriend.org/media/afsc-perilous-crossroads>) that many had read. The article, concerned about the restructuring of AFSC, was signed by six AFSC staff. Peter will research and share the current strategic plan with the meeting. He will also reach out to Jon Krieg, long-time staff member of AFSC and attender of Des Moines Valley Friends. Dorothy will contact Carol Spalding-Kruse to recommend a Second Hour on AFSC. The focus, format and a facilitator will be determined at February meeting for business.

Minute – We are concerned about the difficult time being experienced by AFSC around its current restructuring. We agree with Peter’s suggestion that we should not rush to make quick decisions as individuals or as a Meeting based on what little we know, but instead take the time necessary to learn more about what has happened and what is being proposed, and then ponder further. Peter will find out if he can share AFSC documents including its current strategic plan with Meeting. He will also reach out to Jon Krieg, a long-time AFSC employee who worked out of Friends House when AFSC was there, and then moved to working from home.

Dorothy will contact Carol Spaulding-Kruse to schedule a Second Hour on AFSC. The focus of that discussion, the format and a facilitator will be determined at February meeting for business. The meeting expresses appreciation to Peter for bringing this matter to Meeting’s attention.

One Friend seemed to speak for many at the business meeting when they said, “The key moment was that we weren’t talking about what I was hearing between the lines: an estrangement between us that is like what happens within families. I don’t feel a connection between the Meeting and AFSC like I used to. The reaction to this comment was answered by the fact they’re no longer next door.”

Deborah Fisch shared that Intermountain Yearly Meeting (Boulder and Fort Collins Friends Meetings) will be hosting two sessions on the proposed changes at AFSC. The first was to be a presentation by Joyce Ajlouny, General Secretary of the AFSC, via Zoom on 01/23 followed by Q&A. The second, a presentation by Lucy Duncan, former Director of Friends Relations for AFSC, is scheduled for 02/20 at 2:00 p.m. *Central Time*. (The DMVF’s clerk said she would send information via email on how join those Zoom meetings.)

Meeting Closes – With no additional business, meeting for worship with attention to business ended with a period of silent worship. The next meeting for worship with attention to business is scheduled for Feb. 13, 2022.

Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one’s ability to persuade.

— *Ruth Bader Ginsburg (1993-2020, USA)*

NEWS of OUR FRIENDS

Thea Steinbach is back at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) for her second semester (having taken the train home for the holidays and back). She reports that one thing she likes about college is doing homework with her friends.

Query Discussion #5, Mutual Care.

January 5, 2021. Facilitated by Billie Wade, Recorded by Brock Wommack. Attending: Ann Robinson, Andrea and Jack Holveck, DJ Newlin, Peter Clay, David Drake, Dorothy Lifka

Queries:

- How do we respond to each other’s personal needs and difficulties in sensitive and useful ways?
- Do we encourage both men and women to share in caregiving?
- What are we doing to welcome and draw members and attenders of all ages into the fellowship of the meeting?
- How do we help our children feel the loving care of the meeting?
- What do the children contribute to the meeting?
- How do we keep in touch with inactive and distant members and attenders?

Discussion and responses:

Men within meeting have often taken their part in ministry though not as often with children and youth. A gay Friend spoke openly about his reticence with youth for he feels he is sometimes viewed with suspicion by parents or others.

Another spoke about her experience of surprise when she discovered meeting. It seemed to

be the best-kept secret in the city, so perhaps our outreach is not only to attract folks to meeting, but to educate outsiders of other faiths that we exist, How do we do this?

Perhaps we can reach out to our youth by requesting Ministry and Counsel to write special notes to them individually.

Other outlets to consider would be newsletters, and a column to invite others to meeting, as well as to inform others of our history.

One Friend spoke about Friends historic reticence to proselytize our presence; programmed meetings seem to be more evangelical.

Perhaps we could take out a personal ad or an ad in *Friends Journal* (similar to what we have had in the past) in which it would be noted that should you have personal convictions towards peace and social justice, if you believe this or that, perhaps you are Quaker. Other suggestions were to produce flyers for area colleges and universities.

Providing mutual care within the meeting is important, and also providing care for those who distance themselves from the meeting.

Perhaps we can create a hybrid culture of Friends tradition while making outreach to more creative options.

One Friend reminded us that he came to meeting in response to the Vietnam war. Others concurred, perhaps making outreach to other social concerns such as Black Lives Matter, etc., will embrace new generations with our faith.

And get the word out there that we're on Zoom. In this regard, Friends on Zoom are not a part of

the meetings "after glow." One way to include them in the social time at the meeting house is as simple as leaving the computer on as we chat after worship.

The play put on by young attenders was a great experience of the mingling of generations within the meeting, especially because it was the youth who took the lead in its production. Yes, and it showed that we need more folks interested in helping with such productions, as it can take a lot of work and lead to burnout if the same people are always responsible.

By incorporating children within the meeting we are providing a discipline by example. We learn social practices in the guise of meeting being a family affair. After all kids learn by example, and really don't learn much by being told what to do or think.

Another quipped, Friends make the best friends!

It was noted that to be aware of a stranger's spiritual journey is the beginning in reflecting on our own meeting's journey. "As above, so below" came to mind.

The intimacy and companionship while on a spiritual journey is best served in a small group rather than within a crowd. It perhaps explains a Friendly experience.

The meeting ended with brief silence.

Query # 7: Home and Family, for March 2022

ADVICE:

We seek an atmosphere within our homes and within our families which nurtures the many physical, social, spiritual and emotional needs of each of us.

This is true whether we live alone or with others.

A family, whatever its composition, is a unique and sometimes fragile bonding of people. At its best, it is concerned with the welfare of the whole and each of its constituents.

Children bring gifts to the families that nurture them. Our children's earliest encounters with the principles of Friends usually occur within our homes. Examples we set are often more effective than verbal guidance. The loving support of the meeting is needed as children learn to understand and practice Quaker principles in their lives.

While we try to make our homes centers of love, we sometimes feel anger and hostility. Part of the challenge of being human is to learn to constructively channel the energy of anger, relying on the Divine Spirit for love and guidance. Worship in the home can enable us to hold ourselves and one another in the Light. Respect for truth, as each discerns it, is essential to the happiness and spiritual growth of all persons within the home. Clear communication, patience and a sense of humor are vital to family relationships.

We value setting aside time for rest, recreation and creative activities. Offering hospitality can foster mutual bonds of friendship and love and can enrich our own lives and the lives of others.

QUERIES:

How can we make our homes places of love and hospitality? What different expectations do

we hold for women and men,
boys and girls?

How can we bring more equality
into our relationships?

How do we develop and
maintain lines of
communication? In what ways
do we share our deepest
experiences, struggles, concerns
and beliefs with our children and
others, yet encourage them to
develop their potential as the
Spirit leads them?

What place do we make in our
daily lives for meditation,
spiritual renewal and reading of
inspiring literature, such as the
Bible?

How does our meeting support
families of all kinds?



*Name tags hanging in the DMVF
Meeting House wait for members
and attenders to come back
together in person.*

On a Dark and Icy Night

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train pulls into the station of the
rural village this family calls
home. It is 1922, the station is
cold, the stove silent and unlit.
Two women step off, one with a
bundle of an infant close to her
chest, swaddled against the
weather.

Why isn't he here, they ask
each other? The elder woman,
the mother-in-law to the woman
with the child, steps across the
dark depot to the telephone,
cranks it, as she asks central to
connect them with #06, the sixth
phone in the village.

He is at home sitting by the
kitchen heating stove, expecting
his wife and mother by train in
the morning with the new child.
He banks the fire in the stove and
is turning towards the back
staircase to go up to bed when it
rings.

"I thought you were coming in
the morning," he says. "You're
here now, at the station with no
heat? I'll be right there," he said
to the wall mounted mouthpiece.

Taking the metal warming
pan, he fills it with the last hot
coals of the heating stove, grabs
his coat and boots, and fast
marches to the carriage barn just
past the privies and woodpiles.
He puts the warming coals under
the car's radiator talking to
himself the whole while as he
makes haste to get to town to the
depot. Nothing's ever right! His
gloves are stiff, his fingers
awkward. Why does it have to
be this way? They said they'd be
here in the morning, he fumed to
himself.

Finally, the engine turns over
and the headlights come on. He

inches the car down the drive to
the rural gravel highway to make
the one-mile trip in the icy
conditions now worsening as
time gets closer to midnight.
And suddenly, two figures
appear out of the shadows in the
icy drizzle, two women in street
clothes one holding a bundle
close to her chest; their leather
street shoes soaked in the gravel.
They climb into the car wet and
muttering like two wet hens, he
once remarked years later. He
drops them at the kitchen door
greeted by the housemaid in her
night clothes, awakened by the
commotion.

Closing the carriage barn, he
takes what is left of the coals
with him because he knows he'll
need them to start up the fires
throughout the house, laying
ready to have been lit the
following morning. As he strides
into the kitchen, he helps the
housemaid bring up the fires not
only in the kitchen, but the
dining room and living room
fires as well. "Don't you open
that swaddling 'til we get the
house warm," he admonishes the
women.

The women meanwhile have
been tending to their own needs,
shedding soaked leather traveling
heels and frozen stockings each
giving each other instructions
about what to do with the child.

And he still is telling his wife
and mother, "Don't let the baby
get cold! Keep her covered!"

And then it happened, my
grandmother said to me so many
years later. With lamps and
chandeliers lit, fires crackling in
the multiple hearths, feet warm
and dry, all the bickering ceased.
Yes, bickering, grandmother told
me. And then there was silence.

The four of them looked at each other, the new father, his wife, his mother, and the house maid all turned their gaze onto the bundle.

Ever so gently, ever so carefully so as not to have the wet swaddling drip onto the infant, she was revealed to the warmth of the house that cold January 19th of 1922. There she was, the adopted daughter named Edna Marie, warm, pink, sleeping with her blond curls about her face.

Nothing more was said that night grandmother told me. They fed and changed the infant, getting it ready for bed. But something had changed, something real yet intangible and they all knew it.

A child had come into the family that night. I can still hear grandmother telling me, "Yes, a child passed that threshold and this house was changed forever."

Epilogue: Edna Marie was my mother, adopted at eleven months by private payment accompanied by a notarized letter declaring the name change. Edna Marie was the namesake of her now aunt; dead whilst giving childbirth to her still-born infant, both infected with the influenza of 1918, three years earlier.

This story has been ever present throughout my life, and reflects very much the parenting I received from both of my parents. They were fish out of water, too, being Ozark kids raising their family in Connecticut and Manhattan; never imagining the wealth and friendships among the upper

crusts of New England privilege. They both felt orphaned, and it was always a resonance in the chord of my family growing up. We would be given opportunities by osmosis, little education or familiarity with circumstance—always sink or swim. It is how I arrived at Drake University, and how I passed the threshold of the Meeting House in September of 1970. I might as well had been diapered and found in a basket at your door that First day! Ha.

And for the next 52 years, this path continued. Self-made as my father insisted (if he could do it, so would his son), I created means to take care of myself sticking to the tried-and-true method I like to refer to as, "Gee, let's see what happens!"

And throughout this journey, in one form or another, the Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting has provided me with a home and anchor that I have often held at arm's length. Like the orphan I've become through recognition, there's always that thing biting at the tail, "What if they don't want me? What if they don't know what to do with me?"

Well, gee, let's find out what happens together, shall we? And please let me know when you have been able to assemble a clearness committee for this moment and intention.

-- *With humility, love, Jackson Brock Wommack*

Des Moines Valley Friends Meeting for Worship: First days at 10 a.m., at the Meeting House and by Zoom via email invitation from clerk, Dorothy Lifka, at dmlifka@yahoo.com

Meeting for Worship/Business: Regularly held on the second First Day each month at 1 p.m.

Second Hours Coming Soon: Sunday, Feb. 27: AFSC - Jon Krieg on AFSC

Query Discussions: First Sundays at 1:00 Online & in person. Billie Wade, facilitator
Child Care: Temporarily suspended at the Meeting House. If you have a child who would like to be included in Zoom childcare or first day school for older youth, please contact Dorothy at dmlifka@yahoo.com.

Building & Grounds: Questions about the building or grounds of the Meetinghouse can be directed to Building & Grounds Committee Convener, Charlie Brown, 515-689-6470.

Hospitality Committee: If you see a housekeeping problem that needs attention, please contact the Hospitality Committee Convener Cindy Winchell, 515-720-5516

Friendly Line: Please send info for next Friendly Line by Friday, Feb.25, 2022, to Ann at annv@mediacombb.net

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