

Beloved Friends,

Loving greetings to you! May you be thriving in God's unchanging love, that steadfast Divine Presence that comforts and encourages.

As we prepare to gather for our Yearly Meeting's Fall Sessions, no doubt we are all mindful that since our most recent gathering, at Summer Sessions, two major storms have caused considerable damage in our area. Are we reaching out to each other? Are we making our needs known? Are we offering help before it is requested? Has our personal experience of loss increased our compassion and action for those struggling next door and around the world?

We carry our part of a long legacy of Quaker faith and practice. What do we contribute to this stream? As Friends we meet in worship to consider the life of the Meeting. We seek to be instruments through which One Love may move and speak and guide us. This radical notion is not easily done, and is worth our efforts to be faithful.

Attached are the proposed order of worship with the major items for our Sessions, and the consent agenda that will come to the Meeting on Sunday morning. Please prepare for our time together by reading and considering the advance materials. Be mindful that the order of worship is likely to change—we prepare and then get to see what unfolds!

Many Friends, both staff and volunteer, have worked and continue to work hard to smooth the way for our gathering. Let us be generous in our appreciation!

Please hold the Yearly Meeting in your prayers, whether or not you expect to be physically present at Fall Sessions. Pray that we will be faithful, open to the movement of the Spirit. May we be given the courage to give over our own running, and to be obedient to what we are given.

In loving and joyful friendship,

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