



# Plymouth Monthly Meeting Newsletter

## Meetings for Worship

First Day Plain worship, no Zoom, 10-11  
 First Day Meeting blended worship: 11:15 am  
**Fourth Day Meeting: 7:00 pm (blended)**

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## September 2023

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## September 2023

Sat & Sun	Sept 9 & 10	10:00 am – 7:00 pm	45 <sup>th</sup> Annual Nanticoke Indian Powwow
Sun	Sept 10	11:00 – 1:30	Friendly Fall Welcome to the PMFS families
Sun	Sept 10	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Tues	Sept 12	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Tues	Sept 12	All day	Agnes Blackstone's 102 <sup>nd</sup> birthday!!!!
Sun	Sept 17	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Sept 17	12:00 pm	Shakamaxon Powwow at Penn Treaty Park
Thurs	Sept 21	7:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Quarterly Meeting Leadership discussion via Zoom
Sun	Sept 24	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome. (Music Circle TBD)
Thurs	Sept 28	7:00 pm – 8:15 pm	Monthly Meeting leadership discussion via Zoom
Sat	Sept 30	7:00 pm	Lighthouse Coffeehouse at Abington Friends Meeting

## October 2023

Sun	Oct 1	9:00 am	Quarterly Meeting at Unami
Tues	Oct 3	7:00 pm	Care & Concern
Sat	Oct 7	2:00 – 4:00 pm	4 Doors to Meeting for Worship – at Richland Meeting
Sun	Oct 8	6:00 pm	Worship and Ministry
Mon	Oct 9	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Indigenous Peoples' Day at Penn Treaty Park
Tues	Oct 10	4:30 pm	Land Acknowledgement Committee
Sat	Oct 14	2:00 – 4:00 pm	4 Doors to Meeting for Worship – at Richland Meeting
Sun	Oct 15	9:00 am	Meeting for Business (blended)
Sun	Oct 22	After Meeting	Friendly Fourth – all are welcome

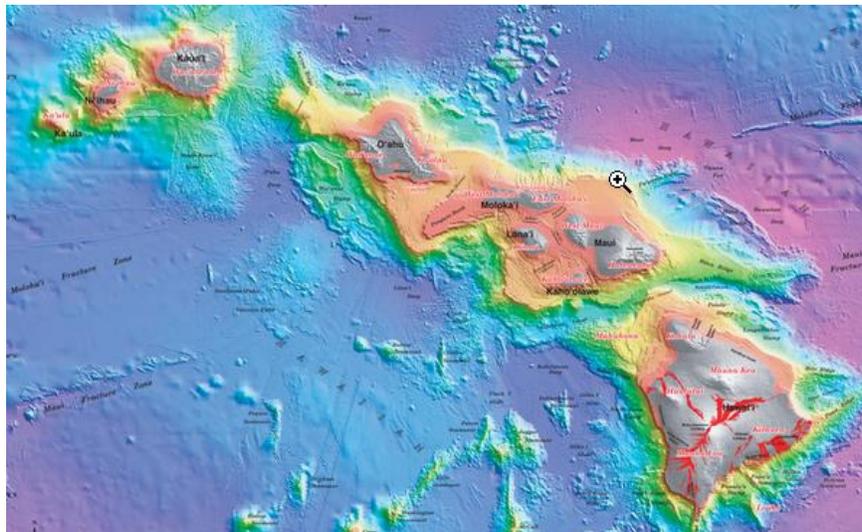
- All First Day Meetings for Worship will begin at 10:00 (Plain worship, no Zoom) and 11:15 am (blended worship). Masks are not required but we will continue to social distance. Wednesday evening Meeting for Worship begins at 7:00pm and will also be held via Zoom as well as *in person in the Meetinghouse (blended)*. PMM Zoom information always available at [office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org](mailto:office@plymouthmeetingquakers.org)

# Queries for September

## Witnessing in the World: Education

- What does our meeting do to support and improve public education?
- What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue their educational goals?
- What is our meeting's role in support for Friends' education? If our meeting is connected to a Friends school or schools, does this relationship nurture spiritual life and the manifestation of Friends principles?
- Do we enable children in our meeting to attend a Friends school? Does our meeting work with the family to consider all available means of support?
  - *How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community?*
  - *Do I demonstrate my encouragement and support for Friends education through awareness and service?*

## News from the Meeting News from Maui



After Meeting for Worship on August 27, Ben Miller (now living in Hawaii) shared with those gathered for worship the situation and aftermath of the devastation on Maui as a result of the fires. The question arose - how can Plymouth be of assistance, in particular to native Hawaiians who were disproportionately impacted?

Go to [the website](#) to read the full letter from Honolulu Friends. The organizations mentioned included:

[Hawai'i Community Foundation Maui Strong Fund](#)

[Maui United Way](#)

## News from Peace & Social Concerns

Opportunities to help: More information in [Peace and Social Concern tab](#) of the website

### The Afghan Adjustment Act of 2023

During the evacuation from Afghanistan in 2021, Plymouth Meeting became personally aware of the pain, suffering and death of individuals caught up in the chaos of the events. Those who managed to get out continue to be caught in a legal limbo both here and in countries outside of the USA with no viable path to permanent status. Meanwhile thousands more Afghan citizens live in fear of their lives because they once helped the US government or studied in US schools. They are unable to move forward because of the backlog of current applicants here in the USA.



The Afghan Adjustment Act (AAA) of 2023, S.2327/H.R.4627, is a bipartisan bill that would provide a path to permanent status to tens of thousands of Afghans who were evacuated to the U.S. following the fall of Kabul in August 2021. This bill has broad support in the house and Senate. See the website for links to discussion of the bill and the bill itself. Consider sending a note to your representative and senator to support their efforts.

### Homelessness in Montgomery County

The January 2023 homeless count has recently been published. It shows an increase in the number of individuals and families that are homeless in our community. Go to the website to read about the report's findings, reasons for the increase and practical ways we can help. There are links to lists of items currently needed by families and outreach organizations.



Our Monthly Meeting is also participating in the opening of a Code Blue Shelter at the Church on the Mall. When the temperature drops next winter, we will be helping to feed those who need shelter there. Contact Care and Concern members to offer your assistance so that they have names to call when the Code Blue is called this coming winter.

## News from the School

### Welcome to PMFS Families

Sunday, Sept 10, 11:00 am

Plymouth Meeting Friends School, the Parent Teacher Organization, and the Meeting invites all families, school staff and school committee members to Meeting for Worship at 11:00 am on September 10th. We are offering childcare and Firstday activities for children. Lunch is provided by PMFS and desserts will be provided by Meeting members. We encourage all attenders and members to join us.

If you would like to donate, the school is collecting new school supplies, along with new or very gently used children's books for friends at Julia de Burgos School in North Philadelphia. This is a wonderful opportunity for our two groups to share a community event, get to know each other and introduce Meeting for Worship to the families of the children at school. We hope you will join us.

## **Three Upcoming Opportunities to Meet the Lenape and Native Citizens of the Delaware Valley**

**45th Annual [Nanticoke Indian Powow](#) -- Sept 9th and 10th** 10am to 7pm  
Hudson Fields, 20045 Eaglecrest Road, Milton, DE 19968

**[Shackamaxon POWWOW](#) -- Sunday September 17, 12:00 pm**  
Penn Treaty Park N. 1301 N Beach St, Philadelphia, PA

**[Indigenous Peoples' Day](#) -- Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM– to 5:00 PM**  
At Shackamaxon (Penn Treaty) Park 1301 N Beach St, Philadelphia, PA  
Suggested donation for adults \$10, elders and youth 12+ \$5 .

## **News from the Quarter & Yearly Meeting**

### **Four Doors to Meeting for Worship Workshops** **Richland Friends Meeting Schoolhouse, S. Main Street and Mill Road, Quakertown**

Two Saturday afternoon sessions:

October 7, 2:00-4:00, The Door Before and The Door Inward

October 14, 2:00-4:00, The Door Within and The Door Beyond

The Four Doors to Meeting for Worship is a Pendle Hill pamphlet by William Taber who writes that Meeting for Worship is a form of communion for Friends, in which we gather in silence in order to enter a reality that “is always here within us and beside us, available to us as an invisible stream into which we can step at any time.” Worship, then, is not so much something we do, but is a state of consciousness which we enter which brings us into communion with the Living Presence. He identifies four stages, or doors, to Meeting for Worship which we will discuss over two sessions. In the even that you are unable to attend both sessions, you may still register for one.

Copies of The Four Doors to Meeting for Worship by William Taber, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #306 are available to borrow at Richland Monthly Meeting. To order your own copy, go to [pamphlets@pendlehill.org](mailto:pamphlets@pendlehill.org). We strongly recommend that you read the pamphlet prior to the workshop. To pre-register for the workshop follow [this link](#) to the Richland Monthly Meeting website calendar and register via the website (if you are registered on the website) or via the email link there if you are not registered on the website.

## Coffeehouse at Abington

Join Abington MM for the next Lighthouse Coffeehouse Concert at Abington Friends Meeting on Saturday evening, September 30 at 7:00 PM. Details are included on the attached flyer, and information can also be found on our [website](#).

## PYM Leadership Discussions

Three times a year, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's General Secretary, [Christie Duncan-Tessmer](#), invites the leadership of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings to gather online for a time of connection. If you are a clerk, assistant clerk, rising clerk, recording clerk, clerk of a committee, or a treasurer, please join these discussions via Zoom. Register at the links below:

**Quarterly Meeting Leadership:** Thursday, September 21, 2023, 7:00pm to 8:15 pm.

Please [REGISTER](#) for this event.

**Monthly Meeting Leadership:** Thursday, September 28, 2023, 7:00pm to 8:15pm.

Please [REGISTER](#) in for this event.