

Willamette Quarterly Meeting of
the Religious Society of Friends
May 21, 2022
Portland, Oregon
Co-hosted by Multnomah and Bridge City Monthly Meetings

The Quarterly Meeting Planning committee included Friends from Multnomah and Bridge City Meetings. They made the decision to host a hybrid event at Multnomah Meetinghouse and on computer audio visual program, Zoom. The meeting was clerked by Jane Snyder.

There were 19 Friends attending on Zoom and 18 Friends attending in person.

Fortunately, Multnomah Friends have been hosting a variety of hybrid events and have found and adapted technology that work well in both the main meeting room and in the fellowship hall. Also fortunately, the weather made it possible to have some small groups and the lunch and refreshment breaks in the garden. Indoors, Friends were masked and socially distant in well ventilated rooms. The technological expertise made it possible for Friends to be well linked between those in the in-person group and those joining remotely by Zoom.

Aside from meeting for worship, singing, business and small group worship, the theme of the Quarterly was to continue exploring Friends history and right relationships with indigenous people. Our sessions were led by Mackenzie Barton-Rowledge of University Meeting in Seattle and Laurie Childers of Corvallis Meeting.

Meeting for Worship for Business included sharing of State of Society reports, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon report; treasurer's report and proposed budget.

State of Society reports were shared from Boise Valley Friends Meeting, Bridge City Meeting, Corvallis Meeting, Eugene Meeting, Florence Worship Group, Multnomah Meeting, Mountain View Worship Group, Salem Meeting, Central Oregon Worship Group, and Friendsview Worship Group. It was apparent that these two and 1/3 years of the Covid pandemic have been a challenge for Friends.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, of which WQM is a member, has a great variety of programs about which notices are kept up to date at the website <emoregon.org>. Friend Cherice Bock of Sierra Cascades Yearly Meeting, is staff for the Creation Justice program. Pedro Sosa of American Friends Service Committee and Jane Snyder of Bridge City Meeting are on the board of directors.

Lyn Gordon, treasurer, presented the treasurer's report. It was accepted and the proposed budget was approved. These documents will be available on the Willamette Quarterly Meeting website.