

## Meeting notes

### APFM Peace and Social Concerns committee

March 14, 2026

We had a fast paced, information packed meeting. We shared our ongoing efforts to support a more peaceful and loving world. I left the meeting more energized and hopeful.

#### Peace in Palestine

- The American Friends Service committee (AFSC) is continuing active work in the middle east. They are currently working in Ramallah, Gaza, West Bank, and Lebanon, and just added 2 staff.
- The Friends School there is hoping to be able to restart teaching, but it is not possible right now.
- North Pacific Yearly Meeting (NPYM) has convened a subcommittee on apartheid in Israel.
- Locally a Palestine support group protests each week at the Viking statue in Poulsbo. The group has been diverse, including Jews as well as Palestinians

#### Friends Committee on National Legislation

The FCNL is offering Advocacy Training on Zoom March 18<sup>th</sup> 5-6PM for Friends who are interested in national issues. Quaker V **Earth Witness** (QEW)

#### Quaker Voice on Public Policy

The Washington legislative session is almost over. While some of the bills we supported passed and most did not; Advocating for a just cause or raising lawmaker's awareness of a problem can be time well spent. The millionaires' tax, if enacted, will be an important re-balancing of our tax system.

#### Indivisible

There will be a large '**NO KINGS**' event on the 28<sup>th</sup> in most local communities, see their website for details.

**Resistance Singing** Sunday at UCC 7:00 focused on reviving group singing of the civil rights era. They also meet at Seabold hall.

**Good Reads:** Friends offered several book suggestions.

The Climate Circle Book group is reading *The Universe is a green dragon* Brian Swimme. By the same author *Cosmogogenesis*, and the *Noosphere*.

The current *Friends Journal* is devoted to Quakers and Indigenous people.

*My Heart is Good* by Ron Charles recounting the effect of the Boldt Decision on the three S'klallam and Suquamish tribes.

**Mutual Aid.** Kayleen described a local aid group she is involved with. They have a small food pantry which is very actively used, and an ICE phone tree. There are ICE employees in the area and local tribes are telling their children to always carry their Tribal ID cards when they go out.

### **Quarterly Meeting (pnqm.org)**

April 24-26 The plenary session is virtual and will focus on the Americas. Quaker Voice will give a report on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting closed with gratitude

Our next meeting will be April 11.

Take care,

Steve Phillips