



## Las Cruces Friends Meeting Newsletter

March 2016

### Friendly Words:

From Quaker Speaks: How can Pacifists support our troops?

*“ For Quakers, I think about how powerful our meetings for memorials are. You know, the kind of deep way that we are able to hear both grief and celebration in that space. Could we hold that kind of space, that kind of depth and intentionality for someone who is grieving all of what they’ve lost as a part of their military service?”*

- Zachary Moon, Quaker and military chaplain. Watch this video at <http://quakerspeak.com/how-can-pacifists-support-our-troops>

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### March Query

1. What are we doing to recognize the varied skills and spiritual gifts of the members, attenders, and children among us?
2. Are we tender and loving toward those gifts different from the commonplace?

### Calendar

**Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Meeting for Worship 10 am

Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting. Focus on FCNL priorities – facilitated by Connie Crawford of El Paso Friends (note: Connie is one of the FCNL reps for Intermountain Yearly Meeting)

**Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>** - Ministry and Oversight meets at 3 p.m. at 2711 Sunrise Point Road.

**Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Worship 10 am

followed by Potluck (note: remember that Lucien has a peanut allergy)

**Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for Worship 10 am

followed by Meeting for Worship with attention to business (all are welcome)

**Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>** - Meeting for worship 10 am

**Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Meeting for Worship 10 am

Peace Social and Environmental Concerns Committee meets following rise of Meeting. Focus on Quakers and War tax resistance - Vickie Aldrich

Up Coming Events

**NM Regional Meeting Spring gathering**

**April 22-24<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque, NM**

**Intermountain Yearly Meeting's annual gathering**

**June 5-12 at Ghost Ranch, NM**

**Friends General Conference Gathering**

**July 3 - 10 at St. Joseph, MN**

Community notes:

**Mary Brown:** Is home and would welcome calls and visits.

## ACTION MINUTES

### Business Meeting February

#### **State of the Meeting Report:**

The State of the Meeting report needs to be submitted to New Mexico Regional Meeting prior to the date of the meeting - April 22, 2016. It was agreed that a message will be sent to members and attenders asking for a volunteer to write a draft of the State of the Meeting Report for consideration at the March business meeting which is scheduled for March 20, 2016

#### **Friendly Suppers:**

A sign-up sheet was sent around for people to sign up for friendly suppers. Two dates have been proposed.

The Dates for the suppers are: March 20<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> the sign up is to the right of the front door when you come in the Meeting house.

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The Las Cruces Quaker blog this month is:

### **[Liberia in the Rearview Mirror](#)**

Now that I have been back in the U.S. for over two months, my re-indoctrination to American capitalist culture has been swift and sad. However, I have noticed that as with most memories, even those from the recent past, I have began the process of rearranging and discarding some of the aspects that had vexed me so much while I was there.

As I would sit in the embassy sanctioned vehicles, which conveyed the CDC troops back and forth between appointments scattered around Monrovia, I watched the locals. I would wonder

(To read the rest of the blog post by Christina Dragon go to:

<http://www.lascrucesquakers.org/blog.html>)