



# Brooklyn Meeting News

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## September 2018

### Save the Date for the Brooklyn Meeting Retreat!

Everyone, old-timer and newcomer alike, is invited to attend the Brooklyn Meeting retreat at Powell House, the Quaker retreat center in Old Chatham, NY, Oct. 19-21. The theme is "Our Community." We're looking forward to a beautiful fall weekend in rural upstate New York with our Brooklyn Meeting community. This is a multi-generational, family-friendly, inclusive event. Please reserve the date and watch for registration to open sometime in late August/early September.

—Sarah Way

### What to Do With the Body: Plain Talk About What Happens After Death

On Sept. 22, from 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., the Aging Resources, Consultation, and Help (ARCH) Committee will host a workshop at the Brooklyn Meetinghouse featuring speakers:

- Callie Janoff, Director of ARCH, a New York Yearly Meeting Program



- Amy Cunningham, Death Educator, Greenwood Cemetery
- Mary Owen, co-clerk of the New York Quarterly Meeting Cemetery Committee

The workshop will discuss burial options including green burials, organ/body donations, transition options between death and burial, prepayments, headstones, memorials, and our options at the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park.

Please RSVP by Sept. 12 to [nbb@westnet.com](mailto:nbb@westnet.com). Childcare will be available.

### Dinner with Friends

The members of the Welcoming Committee love greeting you at the door each week. It is such a delight to see your smiles, and welcome your loving energy into the Meetinghouse. We appreciate the woven conversations of social hour. We would like to expand our connections even further by creating a space for interacting with old friends and meeting new ones at our Brooklyn Meeting Fall Potluck!

This community potluck dinner will be on Thursday, September 27, from 6:00-9:00PM. All are invited! Please sign up for what you would like to bring at the following weblink:

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/XYVC3732>

Alternatively, you can sign up on the paper list on the Library bulletin board.

This gathering will be a wonderful time to welcome us all back from our summer adventures. We are part of a vibrant and fascinating community and we want to encourage you to enjoy the company of your friends at a Meeting-wide potluck.

### Minutes from June Meeting for Business

Susan Palm and Kristabelle Munson's requests for membership are approved.

The Brooklyn Friends School Care Committee presented a minute seeking support of the school around issues of race, the sanctity of Meeting for Worship, the meaning of Quaker testimonies, and the role of Quaker practice.

The audit committee's revised annual report was accepted. Unrestricted income: \$86,499.96; restricted income: \$6,557.95. Special event income went to offset expenses with their respective committees, no net balance. Assets – checking: \$46,053.19, TIAA Low Carbon Fund: \$5,319.66. Request was made for the treasurer to receive copies of all account statements so reports can reflect all financial assets. Operating surplus: \$6,116.12; \$6,000 to be retained anticipating tax code changes effects on meeting donations, balance to be distributed as in previous surplus years among the American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Quaker United Nations Office, Powell House, and the Alternative to Violence Project.

Nominations to the following committees were approved: Benjamin Warnke, nominating; Emily Sandusky, finance and collections; Eric Cavanaugh, property; Marie Hogue, Abby Block, and Mike/Kristen Conlow, childcare.

Childcare committee's report was accepted after discussion of seeking balance between parents and nonparents on the committee and an increase in its size, communications with property committee about

conditions in the childcare room. \$900 was approved to cover summer childcare expenses; finance and collections were notified.

The treasurer's report was accepted. Accounts are in good working order. Corrections from the audit committee were implemented.

Finance and collections' report was accepted, with a note that the committee is short-handed. As the nature of the work is mostly secretarial, the word "finance" should not discourage potential members. A mutual fund account at Vanguard will be opened, as a member would like to make a donation from Vanguard, which will only transfer funds if we open an account with them.

The clerk's request was approved to ask Yearly Meeting to change the date for its fall quarterly meeting to not conflict with BM's retreat.

—Heather Loza

## Reflections from NYYM Summer Sessions 2018

As we ended worship with concern for business Friday morning of New York Yearly Meeting's summer sessions, we heard the sounds of drums, strings, and song, quiet at first, gradually growing louder, louder, until those in the auditorium could join in the strains of "River" as Junior Yearly Meeting came in to make the body

whole. You can see us in the photo above just before the clerks came down to sit among the children and their leaders. Though we missed those of you at home, you were among us nonetheless. I have always liked the story of Elijah's empty seat at the Seder; I think each empty seat here held one of you at home, not seen but present. Worship closed with "Meeting has risen with joy."

The week was fruitful, and we lived into our theme of abundance in many and sometimes unexpected ways. We had an abundance of emotions! We jumped straight into the joy of being one body from the business of our Epistle, where we had asked the committee to include the phrase "climate scientists are terrified" in our description of the report from Shelley Tanenbaum, General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness. QEW has grown over the last 25 years out of a deepening sense of spiritual connection with the natural world and an urgency to work on climate and related issues.

We were deeply held, Friends. In joy, in fear, in everything in between, Spirit was present.

And we did much good work. Some of you may have participated in the Friends General Conference survey on institutional racism that went out to NYYM during sessions; you can read the minute on Sharon Lane-Getaz's report here (minute 2018-07-12). We

were delighted that Sharon received over 100 additional responses. The survey is closed but please watch for Friends General Conference's report on the results.

Shelley and Sharon were two of an abundance of visitors this year. You can read the minute on the visit of Oscar Mmbali and Adrian Bishop from Belize (minute 2018-07-32). Jacqueline Stillwell from Right Sharing of World Resources was our plenary speaker and Oliver Waterhouse visited us from Friends House London, bringing expertise on a wide range of topics. I attended his interest group on mental health issues in meetings. Oliver plans to package his workshop "to go" and I look forward to having it available as a resource for us here.

Young adults were active in business sessions. At separate points, two young adults joined the clerks' table, observing, learning and helping. Young adults asked the Yearly Meeting body to prepare Friends of every age to more fully participate in our business processes and were a strong voice in our approval of the formation of a new full-time field secretary position for children, youth, and young adults (Minute 2018-07-23). Although it is not yet clear how we will fund this position, we are poised for creative, energetic, innovative thought.

And of course, we did much more.





We were, truly, blessed. The full minutes are available at <http://nyym.org/content/minutes-summer-sessions-2018>. Please come this fall to join in the work of giving voice to continuing revelation at Fall Sessions, November 9 – 12, in Farmington-Scipio Region!

—*Lucinda Antrim, Immediate Past Clerk, NYYM*

## Correction and Update

The Property Committee would like to note that, contrary to the previous edition of this newsletter, we will not be installing a geothermal heating and cooling system in the Meetinghouse. They also note that new containers for recycling and one for composting have been installed in the social hour room and kitchen.

## News from Childcare

For Friends who attend Brooklyn Monthly Meeting with young children, the childcare service provided each First Day from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. is invaluable. The service is available all year, including during the summer. During Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business on June 3, the Meeting heard the annual report from the Childcare Committee.

Marie Hoguet reported that the two childcare providers, Erin Manseur and Shenaaz Jatha, provide wonderful care for children in the spirit of worship. The report also noted a number of items that the committee has raised in the last year, which remain on the agenda:

- better structuring the hour children are in care to provide a consistent experience across the various caregivers
- welcoming new families and communicating about the childcare available to them
- addressing some needs of material supplies requested by Erin and Shenaaz (including high chairs for social hour and other items) and managing the volunteer schedule.

The report also raised two issues:

First, the childcare room creates a lot of dust: Small particles of dirt and debris drop down from the ceiling and

walls and accumulate on the floor and toys, despite weekly cleanings. For small children in particular, it would be preferable to provide a cleaner environment.

Second, although the committee has permanent caregivers to provide childcare during Meeting for Worship, there are other times when the Meeting needs to provide childcare—during committee meetings (9:45-10:45 a.m. on Sundays), during Meeting for Business (first Sunday of each month, 1:00-3:00 p.m.), during Quarterly Meeting when held at Brooklyn (once a year on a Sunday, starting at 1:00 p.m., ending time flexible), and during other special events. Nancy Black is assisting the committee by assembling a list of those interested in providing childcare during these times (for hourly pay). If you would like to be on this list, please e-mail Nancy at [nbb@westnet.com](mailto:nbb@westnet.com).

—*Melissa Cavanaugh*

## Information About Members and Attenders

As you may know, the Communications Committee is in the process of revising the Brooklyn Monthly Meeting database of members and attenders. We will, in the near future, be asking members to confirm the information we have on hand about them. At this time though, as I go through the lists to consolidate information, I would like some information from the meeting and committees about how member and attender information is used currently or envisioned to be used in the future.

After meeting with the recorders, it has become apparent that some of the difficulties we have faced with lists in the past stems from individual committees maintaining their own separate lists. We envision a future set-up in which the database is maintained centrally and committees can acquire an appropriate list of addresses or emails as needed. To maintain the accuracy of such a list, the recorders have requested that all additions and updates of member and attender information be channeled through them. This included changes communicated by the post office on

returned or forwarded mail. This will insure that the accurate information is available to any committee. For the time being, until we have the database fully set up, you can copy me (by email) on these changes and I will enter them in the temporary list.

I would also like any committees that make use of lists of members and attenders to get in touch with me and let me know how you use such lists and if there is a particular subset of members you want to reach. I already have information from Finance and Collections and Communications, but am unaware of all the other mailings or e-mailings that committees do. The final database should include information allowing the download of tailored lists and would encourage committees to download a new list with each mailing or emailing, to assure accuracy. Currently the Communications Committee is also maintaining a Mailchimp list for the sending of the newsletter. It may be appropriate for other committees to use this list when e-mailing the entire community. If this would be useful to your committee, please let me know. Once we are fully set up, we will be issuing a new printed directory as well.

If you have any concerns about the Brooklyn Meeting database, please get in touch with me. One concern I am sure people have is security, and we will be designing appropriate security measures in terms of database access.

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## Quaker History: Suffragette Leader from Brooklyn Meeting

In 1880, Mariana Wright Chapman (1843-1907) moved to Brooklyn from a Quaker farming community in Ohio. She and her husband began going to the Meeting on Schermerhorn Street and became active members. They sent their five children to Brooklyn Friends School. At that time, Brooklyn Meeting was still a part of the New York Meeting at 15th Street, and BFS and Friends Seminary were under the care of one School Committee.

Mariana was head of the First Day School at Brooklyn Meeting, and a trustee on the School Committee for many years. She was a well-known educator and the first woman to be nominated to serve on the NYC Board of Education committee. She also served on the Meeting Prison Committee. The Quakers lobbied in

Albany, and succeeded in the hiring of women as matrons in women's prisons.

Mariana was an important leader in the women's suffrage movement. She was president of the Woman Suffrage Association of Brooklyn, and then president of the New York state Woman Suffrage Association. She

was one of the women whom Gov. Roosevelt summoned to Albany when he was considering the extension to women of the right to vote. She spoke to the Albany Legislature on this issue several times and traveled to Washington, D.C. to lobby in Congress. Mariana worked closely with Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Caddy Stanton; they often attended suffragette meetings in Mariana's home at 160 Hicks Street.

Mariana's life as a Brooklyn Meeting Quaker is well characterized in her obituary:

"The beauty of her character was translated into a life of loving service to her family, friends and the many who made demands upon her time and sympathy. The calm radiance of her inner life spiritualized a countenance of rare beauty and loving..."

Mariana is my great-grandmother and she has been an inspiration to me all my life. Her picture was in my grandparent's living room and many stories were told about her life. I am glad to share a bit of her history with today's Brooklyn Meeting. In an upcoming newsletter, I will tell the story of her father, who was a doctor in New York and was part of a group of Quakers who established the Quaker Cemetery in Prospect Park.

—Mary Doty

## Update to Faith and Practice

Greetings from New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM)! I am pleased to announce that we have enhanced the 2018 Edition of our book of discipline: Faith and Practice. The Online Edition now features digital searching through our website, and browsing by section with the Outline menu so you can find what you are looking for easier and faster.

Everyone is invited to access our Faith and Practice online, or download a pdf of Faith and Practice at no cost.

For printed copies: the 2018 edition of Faith and Practice, paperback with 12-point type, is available for purchase for \$7.00 from the yearly meeting office if you pick it up at the office. The cost is \$10 if we mail it to you in the United States.

## Poetry Corner

*Friends are encouraged to share poetry through this part of the Meeting newsletter. It might be a poem you have written, perhaps with a description of your writing process or a reflection on how the poem connects with Quaker practice. Maybe you have recently read a poem and want to share it. Perhaps you would like to review a book of poetry, or tell friends about a style of poetry that you have been reading. Poems and commentary for the Poetry Corner are welcomed by email at newsletter@brooklynmeeting.org.*

*This month, Kirsten Cole shares with us a poem by Jane Kenyon. Kirsten says, "To me, it is one of the best representations of god/light I have ever read. Every time I read it, this poem brings me to tears and fills my heart."*

### BRIEFLY IT ENTERS, AND BRIEFLY SPEAKS

*by Jane Kenyon*

I am the blossom pressed in a book,  
found again after two hundred years...

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper...

When the young girl who starves  
sits down to a table  
she will sit beside me...

I am food on the prisoner's plate...

I am water rushing to the wellhead,  
filling the pitcher until it spills...

I am the patient gardener  
of the dry and weedy garden...

I am the stone step,  
the latch, and the working hinge...

I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .  
the longest hair, white  
before the rest...

I am there in the basket of fruit  
presented to the widow...

I am the musk rose opening  
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit...

I am the one whose love  
overcomes you, already with you  
when you think to call my name...

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—Chad Gilmartin, *Digital Communications Director, New York Yearly Meeting*

## Sharing Membership Letters

From time to time, we publish letters requesting membership from years past, to share the spiritual journeys of various members of our Meeting. Below is Leslie McCarthy's letter from 2012.

### Dear Friends of Brooklyn Monthly Meeting,

I'm writing to you, to request consideration for membership to The Society of Friends, Brooklyn Monthly Meeting.

This may have been one of the easiest decisions I've made in my adult life. Please allow me to bring you along on my journey of discovery. Early in our married life Joe & I have a friend Lizzie, who is a "Trust fund Baby." We always attributed her philosophy to her trust fund, not really understanding what graduation from Friends Seminary meant. Fast forward many years and Joe & I started to really understand what her education & membership was about. Several years later, I met a colleague who was also a Nurse. Juliette and I allowed our relationship to transcend that of professional and slip towards friendship. As we spoke of various developmental things in our lives, for me living in DC and how that impacted me. She told me about going to Westtown, the Quaker boarding school. I said that's it, that's what's making you see things the way you do. After a great in-depth conversation about Quaker Education I was really beginning to see some very common threads even though I haven't had the benefit of that education.

My loving parents raised me in a Jewish environment, but due to circumstances far beyond their control, my "Jewish Education" was incomplete. We moved several times and each Temple had different rules

for a girl's education. By the time I graduated from Nursing School, I knew that there was a G-d. I was never sure G-d resided in a building, nor did I need another person to be the communicator for me.

My career in Nursing, allowed me to spend 29 years in Mercy Hospital. During that time I had the opportunity to see Catholicism from the inside out. I've always said that's what has helped me to understand my husband Joe. As time passed, I knew that was not for me. I did worship with him over the years and still do. I just intuitively knew that it wasn't for me. We are very fortunate that I could do Christmas with his family and he could do Passover Seder with mine. As I grew I began to realize that my celebration of religion was more to do with the family rituals than any spiritual beliefs.

The pivotal turning point came in September '07 when my sister Robin asked Joe & me to shepherd her daughter Sara through the high school application process and to take care of Sara for high school. At that point, Robin's Parkinson's disease was beginning to severely impede Robin's ability to provide the care a high school freshman was going to need. All three of us agreed that if Sara could be accepted to a Quaker school that would be ideal. Robin had some experience with Quaker education through a friend. Very much to the delight of all, Sara was accepted to BFS. At the point of her acceptance friends who had a daughter who had just graduated from Friends Academy in Locust Valley gave us the book, A Quaker Book of Wisdom by Robert Lawrence Smith.

During that summer, many things started to turn south. Sara was hospitalized. Robin increasingly was becoming unstable. At some point I mentioned to Joe that we really needed to explore exactly what Quaker Meeting was. So we headed to the Meeting House on a Tuesday evening for Meeting for Worship. Not wanting to be late we arrived at about 6:10. We headed up to the Meeting Room and took our seats. By the rise of meeting another 6 or 7 people joined us. I don't think I've ever felt such a spiritual experience as I did that night. It was something I can't put

into words, but an extremely powerful feeling.

Sara entered BFS that fall and within a month was once again hospitalized. This time she lost 4 months. During that period of time, I felt the support of the school. They reached out to us and told us, that they selected Sara to be a student and when she was healthy enough they wanted her back. During that time Joe & I began to become regular attenders at meeting. Some of the very first people we got to know were Nancy & Michael Black, and John Major. That year the appreciation dinner for the Brooklyn Quaker Schools was at the end of January (I seem to remember) and Regina recruited me to help with the dinner and the Care Relations Committee.

By February, Sara was back at home with us and at BFS. We as a family unit started to attend meeting regularly. It has become our place for family worship as a unit.

Last year, BFS embarked upon a Quaker Self-study. It gave me an opportunity to once again read A Quaker Book of Wisdom, only this time to participate in discussion with largely non-Quaker families of BFS students. The comments were diverse but the common thread was how the Quaker testimonies were all things we desired for ourselves and our students at BFS. The monthly adult learning that was sponsored at the Meeting House after Meeting on Sunday afternoon also inspired me to continue my quest. I was sorry I had to miss a few of them.

In conclusion, I feel that I'm spiritually ready to accept the responsibilities of membership in the Society of Friends if they will have me. I'm ready to offer what gifts I have both professionally and personally to further the spiritual road we are all on.

*In friendship,*

*Leslie H. McCarthy*

## Save Our Site

Have you been to our website, [www.brooklynmeeting.org](http://www.brooklynmeeting.org) ? It is still functioning after almost two decades of service to our community. But the site is tired and does not function well

on smartphones. I have continued to update the calendar that is linked to the website and I upload links to the monthly newsletters. You can find a listing of the forwarders we use. There is a useful copy of our meeting's Blue Book, which describes the work of all of our committees.

Calling out to all web-savvy Quakers! Can you give the communications committee feedback about our website? How can it be improved? Do you have any talents in website design? And, do you have any great photos that we can use to make our site look more community-minded.

We plan to update the website with a new design with additional functionalities. Does your committee need a place on our website? What do web surfers need to see on their first visit to Brooklyn Meeting on our webpage? Please send any feedback or offers for help to communications-clerk@brooklynmeeting.org.

—Ben Frisch

## Friends Consider and Share End-of-Life Concerns

At a full-day gathering, Brooklyn Friends joined in viewing a film, *Being Mortal*, and talking about it together. They responded to the experience and the issues it raised in small groups and all together during the day.

This was difficult for many participants, who shared personal experiences with family members and friends. I almost did not attend because the memory of my father's death at home when I was a child is still vivid and painful and I was reluctant to re-experience it again late in my own life.

Some of the questions raised and suggestions made had to do with the importance of family planning and communication before and during the experience of dying. Friends also

suggested that this experience can even be joyous as family and friends celebrate the life of a loved one and come to fully accept that death is natural and an important part of life.

Friends experienced with Aging Resources, Consultation, and Help (ARCH), the New York Yearly Meeting committee, described the services it offers such as help with "living wills" and also the role of the Meeting Ministry and Counsel Committee in organizing volunteer assistance to families facing illness and death.

This workshop brought Friends closer together in sharing feelings, concerns and experiences that ordinarily are not talked about.

—Molly Rusnak

## Book Review: *Servant Leadership*

"The servant-leader is servant first... That person is sharply different from one who is leader first." The test of the servant-first is: "Do those served grow as persons? Do they, while being served, become healthier, wiser, freer, more autonomous, more likely themselves to become servants?"

Written 50 years ago, *Servant Leadership: A Journey into the Nature of Legitimate Power and Greatness* is a book for our time (and it's in our library).

Some will say the author, Robert Greenleaf, who tried to reform large businesses, universities, and churches from within, isn't radical enough and to be a "servant" implies being abused. However, Jesus, in his need to serve, declared, "I have not come to abolish [the Law] but to fulfill [it]." And wasn't he abused for his efforts?

Though not a Friend, Greenleaf was a Friendly guy. It's not every day a management consultant cites George Fox, John Woolman, and Rufus Jones as influences. He especially lauds Fox

who "knew experimentally" Christ Jesus spoke to his condition. For Greenleaf, continuing revelation and learning by doing merge in this phrase.

Like the clerk of a Meeting, the chairperson of an institutional board should be a first among equals. As servant-leaders, board members mustn't rubber stamp a CEO's actions but set an example of how to exercise power legitimately.

Greenleaf describes himself as an idealist in organizational theory and a gradualist in organizational management. His model of a free market is the Quakers who led the industrial revolution. They established "a new business ethic [of] truthfulness, dependability, [and] fixed prices," increasing profits because Quakers could be trusted.

In keeping with the practice of "knowing experimentally," Greenleaf believes, "The certainty one needs to face the demanding situations of life does not lie in having answers neatly catalogued in advance of the experience." He exhorts us to venture into uncertainty with faith. As Quakers say, "way will open."

To quote Albert Camus: "'Every wall is a door,' Emerson correctly said... For, in my opinion... great ideas... come into the world as gently as doves. Perhaps, then, if we listen attentively, we will hear, amid the uproar of empires and nations, a faint flutter of wings, the gentle stirring of life and hope."

And Walt Whitman: "Now understand me well—It is provided in the essence of things, that from any fruition of success, no matter what, shall come forth something to make a greater struggle necessary." Thus, let us with Robert Greenleaf hope to struggle.

—Carl Blumenthal

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# Submission Guidelines

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The Communications Committee welcomes Brooklyn Meeting News contributions from all Meeting members and attenders. Our newsletter includes a variety of content which may be of interest to our community, including but not limited to:

- Recaps of recent Meeting events
- Previews of upcoming events
- Issues pertaining to our Quaker faith and history

The newsletter is published on the first Sunday of each month. We ask that submissions for the upcoming issue be submitted by the 15th of the month before to allow time for the Communications Committee to prepare the newsletter.

Please send your article, artwork, letter, essay, poem, photograph or other item in an email to [newsletter@brooklynmeeting.org](mailto:newsletter@brooklynmeeting.org).

Contributions should generally be brief — aim for between 150-450

words in length. Please send your newsletter submission as an attached Word document or high-resolution image file.

Keep in mind that all contributions are copy edited and subject to editing for length. Your item thus may appear in the newsletter in slightly modified form.

We look forward to your input in creating a newsletter we all wish to read!

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## Regularly Scheduled Activities

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### Meetings for Worship

9:00–9:50 AM and  
11:00 AM–Noon on Sundays,  
in the meeting room  
6:30 PM Tuesdays,  
in the meeting room

### Childcare

Sundays during 11:00 AM  
worship, for children of 3  
months to 3 years, in the care of  
an early childhood teacher and  
dedicated volunteers

### First Day School

10:45–11:45 AM, Sundays,  
September to June. Three  
classes, roughly related to age:  
Bodies (ages 4-6), Minds (ages  
7-9) and Spirits (ages 10-12).

### Social Hour

12:00 PM on Sundays,  
ground-level dining room

### Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

1:00 PM, first Sundays, in the  
meeting room

### Hymn Singing around the Piano

10:00 AM, first Sundays, in the  
meeting room

### Outdoor Worship

6:00 PM, every Thursday,  
weather permitting, spring  
through September. Outdoor  
worship takes place under the  
Quarterly Meeting's care in  
Battery Park (Manhattan) at the  
Labyrinth just north of Castle  
Clinton

### Worship Sharing

10:00 AM, third Sundays, on the  
third floor

### Prayer Healing Meeting

10:00 AM, fourth Sundays, in  
the meeting room

### Community Dinner

1:00–3:00 PM (set-up)  
3:00–4:00 PM (meal/serving)  
4:00–5:00 PM (clean up)  
Last Sunday, in the ground-level  
dining room  
Come for some or all!  
Volunteers ARE appreciated for  
this monthly dinner for anyone  
who wishes a free hot meal.  
Children encouraged to  
volunteer.

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# Upcoming Events

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*Ongoing additions to the Meeting calendar can be seen at <http://www.brooklynmeeting.org/calendar>*

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