Homewood Friends Meeting

Silent Announcements for March 15 - special edition Greetings Friends,

The announcements for March 15 contain an important message from clerk George Amoss, and the text is copied below in this email. As always, the announcements are available at https://homewoodfriends.org/calendar/weekly-announcements/.

--Please note that meeting for worship has been canceled for March 15 and March 22.

--Mid-week meeting for worship has also been canceled for March 12 and March 19.

--The P&SJ Ceasefire meeting scheduled for Monday, March 16 has been canceled.

During this period, I will send out periodic updates as people notify me of cancellations or other changes to the schedule. Below is George's email.

Stay well.

Mina

Friends,

Homewood Friends' clerk, assistant clerk, and Ministry and Counsel Committee have agreed, after consultation with public health experts both within and outside of our Meeting, that meeting for worship will be canceled for March 15 and March 22 as a precaution against spreading COVID-19.

We will monitor developments during that period and consult again in time to make a decision before March 29 about re-opening.

In the meantime, the Homewood office has acquired an account with Zoom, an online meeting site for up to 100 people, and we will be consulting with experienced Zoom users in the Meeting to try to set up an online alternative for worship.

At this point, Mina expects to be in the Homewood office on scheduled work days.

Please watch email and Silent Announcements for news about all of that.

We take this action for protection of the Homewood Friends community as well as for the good of the greater community. If precautionary measures are not observed and the virus spreads exponentially, vulnerable populations will be particularly at risk not only of contracting the illness but of being shut out of overcrowded medical facilities.

I hope that everyone is aware and observant of the recommended precautions. Please consult the CDC Website for that and other information about COVID-19: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>

To subscribe to a daily COVID-19 email update from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, you can click the link on the following page: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</u>

George Amoss Presiding Clerk