

Richmond Friends Meeting, COVID-19 and Sunday 3/15

Good evening Friends,

Considering the coronavirus situation, I am cancelling business meeting on Sunday. The agenda did not have any urgent items. By postponing our business meeting until April – or later if circumstances require – we can do the business of Meeting when Friends of various ages and medical conditions are able to participate without undue risk.

- If you wish to come for worship, Meeting *will* be open at both 9:30 and 11:00. Ministry and Worship suggests that you spread out rather than sitting in clusters. Greet one another warmly with words, nods, and smiles... but please avoid handshakes and hugs.
- **Religious Education Committee will not provide regular child care (nursery) or RE classes this week. A couple of committee members will be upstairs in case some do not get this message.**
- Peace and Social Concerns has cancelled the fund-raising luncheon this month.

For a number of reasons, Friends may choose to stay home on First Day until the risk of contagion is lower. If you are home on First Day, consider settling into a time of worship at either 9:30 or 11:00. We can be gathered in Spirit even if we are not physically together.

Remember to stay in touch with Friends. Let someone know if you need assistance.

In peace,

Rita Willett, Clerk

From Queries and Voices on Caring for One Another (from 2013 Resource for Faith and Practice)

- Do I reach out with spiritual and practical care to those with special needs?
- Am I comfortable making my own needs known to my Meeting?

Those who go forth ministering to the wants and necessities of their fellow beings, experience a rich return, their souls being as a watered garden, and as a spring that faileth not.

Lucretia Mott, 1850