

MESSAGE FROM CANBERRA & REGION CLERKS

Dear Friends

As you will be aware, arrangements for restricting the spread of the COVID-19 virus are being updated rapidly each day.

All places of worship have now been closed. **This means there will be no Meetings for Worship, or other Quaker events, at Turner Meeting House until further notice.**

It means too that **the Meeting House will be closed to external events until further notice.**

We understand that our Friends in both Wagga Wagga and Bega are also in the process of changing their arrangements.

We are working hard to maintain the life of our Quaker community, and all of us can assist in that. Please stay in touch with one another through telephone calls, written notes, and arranging informal times for sitting still at home and holding one another in the Light, as well as using the internet for emails and Zoom or Skype hookups.

Ministry Committee is working with the Clerks to arrange a **Zoom** Meeting for Worship each Sunday from 10am to 11am. This will begin this Sunday, 29 March.

Please connect via Zoom around or **before 9:45** so that we can sort out difficulties beforehand. The link to the Zoom meeting is <https://zoom.us/j/822832147>.

For those who have not used Zoom before, or would like support to connect to the Zoom meetings, please contact Michael Searle michael.searle@iinet.net.au or 0428630691 during this week and he will assist you.

Understandably, people are often concerned that Meeting for Worship will not feel familiar when it is online. Tim Gee's reflections, as a self-isolating Friend, may be helpful:
<https://www.quaker.org.uk/blog/thoughts-on-online-meeting-for-worship>.

Some other Quaker events will also be held by ZOOM. Please see the individual notice in these e-Notices.

For options for joining online Meetings for Worship please go to

- Our list later in the e-Notices
- Our own Canberra Quakers website <https://actquakers.org.au/online-meetings-for-worship/> or
- The Quakers Australia webpage which is being regularly updated by the AYM
Secretary: <https://www.quakersaustralia.info/news/update-friends-during-coronavirus-disruption>.

We are all exploring new ways to connect so that we can continue our caring community in these uncertain times. We hold everyone in the Light.

In Friendship,

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