

Monteverde Friends Meeting

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*Being faithful in the little light received, in that light I saw more light; and by it I was taught to trust in God in all my ways,
and to consult him to direct my paths.
~ Increase Woodward*

Dear Friends Everywhere,

This year we celebrated our 70th Monteverde Day, the anniversary of the arrival of Quakers to Costa Rica. This was the second year we were not able to gather in-person and while we continue to feel the upheaval of the pandemic, we also see the Light and resilience of our Meeting and Community. While more of us are gathering for in-person Meeting for Worship, we continue to enjoy Hymn Singing, Meeting, and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business via Zoom.

Monteverde Friends School, our primary ministry, transitioned from online to hybrid classes, as needed several times. Thanks to the dedication and extraordinary efforts of our school administration and staff, fundraiser, families and donors, students were able to attend despite the economic hardships of the pandemic. We, as a Meeting community, both here and abroad, were able to participate in Quaker Education and pre-Meeting with high school students. Technology has also allowed us to connect with a wider body of Friends around the world through participation in the FWCC Section of the Americas and AFSC Annual Meetings, worship with Pendle Hill and other Friends Meetings.

We continue to encourage submissions to our monthly newsletter, *Seeds* and a committee has been working on an updated version of our Monteverde Jubilee Family Album. We have also successfully managed the legal changes required by the revised fiscal year mandated by the government.

This year we rejoiced as several long-time attenders became Meeting members. We also mourned the loss of beloved Meeting and community members Paul Smith, Sylvia Smith, Linda Moller, and Gregory Paradise.

In the Light,

Carol Evans, Clerk
Lesley Laing, Recording Clerk

*Peace is a gift, but it does not come magically through our passivity. Only in our faithful response to God's call do we receive God's peace.
~ Sandra Cronk*

2021 Epistle Committee: Wendy Rockwell, Nicolette Smith