

Dear Friends,

I am looking forward to Western Quarter's first Zoom Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on 26 April. The meeting will begin at 1:00pm. I will have the Zoom meeting open at 12:30 to provide Friends time to familiarize with Zoom if needed and for some fellowship time.

Western Quarter clerk, Mark Myers, and I selected Zoom for the virtual platform for several reasons. First, most Monthly Meetings in the Quarter are using or planning on using Zoom. Also, Zoom has accessibility across multiple internet platforms and device types, including landlines. Both Mark and I have been reading up on security issues and strategies, and will put some of these in place for the meeting. Most notably, using Monthly Meeting clerks or e-mail list distribution contacts to share the Zoom link with Friends in the Quarter rather than posting it publicly. During the meeting, I will periodically check my cell phone in case someone has trouble with Zoom. Please call or text and be sure to leave a message if I do not at first notice the call or am not able to answer right away. My number is 484-639-8536.

During the Zoom meeting, I will periodically post reports under discussion. The agenda and coordinator's report are available at the Western Quarter website, http://westernquarterquakers.org/business-meeting-info/ or follow the internal links: Resources, Business Resources, Click her for Minutes, Materials ...

I have included the web address to a document that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting posted yesterday on their website about Zoom security. https://www.pym.org/navigating-zoom-safely/. If you have difficulty using that link, you can also get to the article by going to the home page, www.pym.org, and scrolling down to the "News." The article will most likely be the first one on the left.

In Faith and Friendship,

Deb Wood, Coordinator