

11:30 am Call to Meeting for Worship for Business & Reading of Last MFB Minutes –*Clerk & Recording Clerk*

- Report from Sanctuary Task Force
- Follow up on Q&A and July Called Meeting regarding Sanctuary, *to include:*
 - Reflections:* How does Sanctuary Live in our Meeting?
 - Schedule:* info sessions with Rebecca Kitson, Larry Kronen (attorney), and Faith Coalition
 - Name (or nominate?) someone from AMM to NMFCIJ Board
 - Sunday morning protocol (for during Meeting for Worship): *proposed*
 - Review July 16 Minute (see below)
 - Identify point person for Sanctuary Advisory Group (*for Task Force communications*)
 - Proposed Minute from Finance Committee re: retainer for legal fees (*related to Sanctuary*)

BREAK for lunch: 15 minutes

- Reports & other business
 - Holly Baldwin: Letter of Introduction
 - W&M: schedule Threshing Session re: schedule for Meeting for Business (*proposed dates*)
 - Peace and Social Concerns: request to co-sponsor BDS Forum (*see info next page*)
 - Nominating Committee : nominations and approvals
 - Schedule for September MfB: move to Sept 10? (*due to Labor Day holiday*)
 - O&C: recommendation re: Eric Dillon Membership & brief report

Rising concerns / held over for future: (*see Clerk after MfB with questions*)

- Recommendations for follow-up on Rejuvenation Period from June MfB
- Report-back on Family Pride day picnic & outreach?
- Follow-up on FGC Minute on Institutional Racism: how is AMM lead to engage with this topic?

(*for information only*)

Announcements pertinent to MfB & Scheduling

- Meeting for Business in Sept: SECOND Sunday, Sept 10 (if approved)
- Compassionate Listening: *practice meetings monthly*
- Finance Committee Minute on Special Donation : referred back to committee
- List-Serv Guidelines will be posted in the Library and shared on the list
- NMFCIJ fundraiser: August 26, details to go out on AMM list
- Rebecca Kitson at AMM: August 23, 5:30-7 (tentative)

Please remember to visit our website and note NEW ADDRESS: abqfriends.org

Final close with silence

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Minute on Sanctuary from July 16 Mfb:

(2017.7_16.1) AMM reaffirms its March 2017 Minute 2017.3.2 with renewed hope. We authorize the sanctuary task force to act on that minute as they are led and with the guidance of the sanctuary advisory group to the best degree possible. We approve this minute until the August 6, 2017 mfwfb, at which time we will review and affirm or further amend this process.

Request for Sponsorship of BDS Forum, August 10 (from Peace and Social Concerns):

Peace and Social Concerns would like to know whether AMM is

(1) willing to both sponsor and endorse this forum, and

(2) whether AMM would support Rosemary Blanchard and myself to represent us at this forum.

I know all of this is complicated; please see below and if you have any questions, feel free to contact Rosemary or myself before Sunday. — *Arthur Shurcliff*

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At the meeting for worship for business this coming Sunday, August 6, we are going to consider a motion passed by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee a week ago concerning a request we received from Jewish Voice for Peace to both endorse and sponsor their upcoming forum. To put all of this into context, I need to begin with some background.

In January of 2014 AMM approved the minute *on the next page*, which included support for boycott, divest, and sanction of all products that support Israel's occupation and settlement activity in the West Bank and military activity in Gaza. In early July of this year both Democrats and Republicans began to move forward a bill that would make support of BDS a criminal offense. On July 25 of this year Jewish Voice for Peace of New Mexico invited us to join and co-sponsor a forum that would call attention to this bill and the issue it raises. Below is their description of the current bill and the forum.

"The Israel Anti-Boycott Act, legislation introduced in the Senate by Benjamin L. Cardin (D-Md.) and in the House by Peter J. Roskam (R-Ill.), would make it a crime to support or even furnish information about a boycott directed at Israel or its businesses called by the United Nations, the European Union or any other "international governmental organization." Violations would be punishable by civil and criminal penalties of up to \$1 million and 20 years in prison.

The Act is intended to stifle efforts to protest Israel's settlement policies by boycotting businesses in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories. The bill's target is the BDS movement." JVP describes the forum thus:

A Public Forum on the Israel Anti-Boycott Act

WHEN: August 10, 6:30 – 8:30 pm

WHERE: Albuquerque Mennonite Church, 1300 Girard Blvd NE (south of Indian School Rd.)

SPONSORS: Jewish Voice for Peace Albuquerque, Albuquerque Center for Peace and Justice, The Red Nation (*Other sponsors forthcoming*)

SPEAKERS: American Civil Liberties Union representative; Nancy Hollander and John Boyd, human rights lawyers; Alan Wagman, Jewish Voice for Peace; staff member from Sen. Tom Udall's office, and possible speakers from the Friends Meeting and other faith and activist groups.

PURPOSE: Explain the intent of the bill under consideration by Congress, how it might violate free speech of supporters of boycott, divestment and sanctions against Israel's occupation of Palestine, and how to respond to it.

Background

The BDS movement was launched by 170 Palestinian organizations and civil society, inspired by the anti-apartheid movement against South Africa. Its purpose is to urge non-violent pressure on Israel to comply with international law by 1) ending the occupation of Arab lands and dismantle the separation wall, and 2) recognizing the full rights of Arab-Palestinian citizens of Israel, and 3) respecting the rights of refugees to return to their homes and properties stipulated in UN Resolution 194.

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The ACLU has sent a letter to the US Congress opposing the bill. It stated it a Washington Post op-ed on 7-25-17: *Whether one approves or disapproves of the BDS movement itself, people should have a right to make up their own minds about it. Americans engage in boycotts every day when they decide not to buy from companies whose practices they oppose. Students have boycotted companies that sold clothing manufactured in sweatshops abroad. Environmentalists have boycotted Nestlé for its deforestation practices. By using their power in the marketplace, consumers can act collectively to express their political points of view. There is nothing illegal about such collective action; indeed, it is constitutionally protected.*

AMM 2014.1.5
Minute on Israel/Palestine
Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of Friends

Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) unites in support of the American Friends Service Committee's *Principles for a Just and Lasting Peace Between Palestinians and Israelis*,* including self-determination, human rights for all, economic justice, governance through democratic processes and security for all.

Consistent with the AFSC statement of principles, and in the spirit of lived testimony, we undertake to support and, as appropriate to our resources, to join in actions consistent with those recommended by the American Friends Service Committee for Friends Meetings and Congregations in the action guide, *5 things your Quaker congregation can do to bring about just and lasting peace in Israel and Palestine*.**

In particular, seeking a tool to support non-violent change, we support and join the movement to boycott, divest and sanction (BDS) products and investments that profit from the illegal Israeli military occupation and settlement activity in the West Bank and the continued exercise of repressive control over the lives of Palestinian People in Gaza.***

We commit ourselves to undertake further study during the year of 2014 of the Palestinian/Israeli conflict, peace-building efforts in the region, specific BDS strategies, interfaith and youth movements that seek to educate and build understanding, and efforts to uphold the application of international law throughout Israel, the West Bank and Gaza.

Approved by Albuquerque Monthly Meeting of Friends January 5, 2014*

* <https://afsc.org/document/principles-just-and-lasting-peace-between-palestinians-and-israelis>, adopted November 05, 2011

** <https://afsc.org/5-things-your-quaker-congregation-can-do-bring-about-just-and-lasting-peace-israel-and-palestine>, published by AFSC November 20, 2013

*** see <http://afsc.org/story/boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-explained>