

ADULT FIRST DAY COMMITTEE
2021-2022 Annual Report
Marguerite Chandler, Clerk

First, many thanks to the Committee members who have suggested programs and speakers (especially Norval Reece whose network seems inexhaustible, and Ari Betof, Sarah Buxton, Wayne Heacock, and Jennifer Wolf). Thanks too to Kevin Connors for keeping our NMM committee webpage and calendar up-to-date. And it goes without saying that Norval's weekly press releases have been invaluable in keeping NMM in the news and keeping the face of our Quaker interests and actions current. Thanks also goes to Sharon Hulihan, Tim Mammel and Richmond Shreve for web assistance in recording, editing, and archiving our programs so they can be more widely accessed.

In the last year (Sept., 2021-May, 2022), the Adult First Day Committee hosted 21 programs. We began the year totally on-line due to Covid restrictions and switched to hybrid programs in February. We presented a wide variety of programs throughout the year as follows:

Spiritual journeys (3)

Carol Ashton Hergenhan
Ari Betof
Mark Laskow (a Pittsburg Friend)

NMM internal programs (6)

Peace & Justice
Parking and placemaking
Children's Religious Education Christmas program
Camp Onas (Scott Hoskins, Holly Hecht, Katie Hulihan and Charlie Forte)
FCNL (discernment process)
Edward Hicks' birthday (Katie Sowiak)

Arts & Culture (3)

Qeswachaka Bridge, Peru (documentary)
Poetry (Pamela Haines)
Murals (Keir Johnston)

Environment/Justice (8)

POWER Bucks (Nancy Martin & Pat McBee)
Historic Fair Hill (Philadelphia)
George School Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (Rachel Williams)
Impact, Intent & Effective Allyship in the Face of Isms (Barbara Simmons & Tanya Longino)
Welcoming the Stranger (Patricia Lorenz & John Davidson)
The Common Market, Philadelphia (Haile Johnston)
Mother's Day - Mother Earth: Resilience & Possibility (Marguerite Chandler)
Independent Russian insights on current events (Irina)

The Committee is already planning programs for September 2022 - May 2023. Requests from committees or ideas for speakers are always welcome.