Midlothian Friends Meeting
Meeting for Discernment
April 8, 2018

18 Friends were present.

The following decisions were made based on the 'sense of the meeting':

- The Promote Awareness Committee received the support of the Meeting to develop one-time curriculum about Quakerism for the Lifelong Learning Institute, an educational organization based in Chesterfield serving the 50+ community. The Committee will bring content back to the Meeting.
- The Peace and Social Action Committee will report to the Friends Committee on National Legislation the Meeting's leadings for the 2019-2020 Congressional legislative priorities:
    - Work to end gun violence and to promote funding for education and research to address root causes of violence
    - Advocate greater access to services for people facing mental illness
    - Promote an educational system that makes our youth happy, healthy, and capable of seeing human dignity in all in addition to educated
    - Pursue policies that promote and respect the rights, safety, and dignity of all people regardless of citizen status
    - We are in unity with the first and second legislative priorities from 2017-2018, deleting "with an emphasis on the Middle East" from the second priority
    - Support any Congressional efforts to create new checks and balances on the President's ability to order the preemptive use of nuclear weapons. We oppose any policy change or technological development that makes it easier to use nuclear weapons
    - Promote policies that reduce economic inequality and poverty; encourage fair compensation for workers and health care for all.