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Dear Friends,

Many of you have followed and assisted the process of Jacksonville Friends as we have waited for way to open for us to sustain our local Quaker worship and spiritual community.

I hope you can celebrate with us the rebirth of our Quaker family this month as we transition from monthly meeting to worship group organizational structure.



On the morning January 12<sup>th</sup>, three of us gathered for our final weekly meeting for worship as Jacksonville Monthly Meeting.

That same evening, seven Friends gathered at the home of Heidi Lowey-Ball for the fourth monthly 6:00 PM meeting for worship of the [Jacksonville Quaker Worship Group](#).

Please see our [website](#) for new [directions](#), [contacts](#), [resources for newcomers](#), and other information.

The next weekend in Orlando, on January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Winter Interim Business Meeting (WIBM) of [Southern Yearly Meeting](#) (SEYM) gathered at the meetinghouse of [Quakers of Orlando](#) (see [highlights](#)).

Here is the portion of the WIBM draft minutes relevant to SEYM Friends' discussion and decision-making regarding Jacksonville Friends:

*Mike Shell reported for Jacksonville Friends Meeting. Mike sees that worship is the most important thing for the group, not the organizational structure of a monthly meeting. Three members of the meeting have transferred their membership to Gainesville Friends Meeting. Four other members have not yet taken action on their membership; two don't want to transfer, and two have not been heard from. The group is now meeting once a month for worship on Sunday evening at Heidi Lowey-Ball's home.*

**Minute 20WIBM-06** – SEYM accepts with sadness the laying down of Jacksonville Monthly Meeting and with joy the creation of Jacksonville Worship Group. An ad hoc care committee of Liz Dykes, Jean Larson, Heidi Lowey-Ball, Mike Shell, and Susan Taylor will assist with the transition. APPROVED

#### **New contact information for Jacksonville Friends:**

- Worship convener and host – Heidi Lowey-Ball
- Phone – 904-834-6255
- Email address – [jacksonvillequakers1950@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonvillequakers1950@gmail.com).

Thank you all for continuing to hold Jacksonville Friends in the Light.

Blessings.



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