

## All Friends are invited!

### GPQM'S EARLY-SPRING GATHERING, APRIL 8, 2023

Winter slipped away without an opportunity for Green Pastures Quarterly MeeHng to come together in our tradiHonal Mid-Winter Gathering. But never fear! Although a tat later than usual, and sHll on Zoom, we will gather from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 8, 2023, for a program, Friendship, and one item of business.

Our presenter, Desiraé Simmons, will speak on *Black Lives Ma-er—What Are We Called to \*Do\*?* Desiraé is co-director of the Interfaith Center for Peace and JusHce in Ann Arbor.



Since moving to YpsilanH from Boston, she has co-hosted a resistance march focused on the love, resilience, and history of achHvism in the community; organized for affordable housing, keeping a school within the YpsilanH Community School district, and a Community Benefits Ordinance; ran for City Council as a nonparHsan candidate; and she currently holds leadership posiHons within the Washtenaw County DemocraHc Party and serves on a ciHzen commiWee for housing affordability and accessibility. (See bio: [hWps://www.icpj.org/blog/about/bios/](https://www.icpj.org/blog/about/bios/))

Our plan for the day:

- Worship
- Report on Michigan Friends Center
- PresentaHon by Desiraé Simmons on *Black Lives Ma-er - what are we called to \*do\*?*
- Small group discussion
- Lunch socializing
- Closing worship

The Zoom link will be published before the event or obtained from [gpgmcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:gpgmcommunications@gmail.com).

**Our next GPQM business meeMng will be held in person/hybrid at the Michigan Friends Center on Saturday morning, May 20, 2023. Details will be forthcoming.**

### Recent GPQM Events:

It was a delight to share the *Weathering the Storm* retreat with 18 Friends on Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022, at the [Michigan Friends Center](#). We were fed by this opportunity to be among beloved Friends, by the perfect weather that enabled us to walk Friends Community land, and by sharing the ways in which we weathered the storm of these pandemic years. The retreat was led by Maryann Concannon and April Allison from Red Cedar Friends MeeHng in Lansing.

David Begg took wonderful nature photos of the land which are available through the Green Pastures Quarterly MeeHng [Facebook page](#). And we want to especially thank Richard Tucker for offering hospitality on behalf of the Friends Center and GPQM.