

Central City Friends Meeting  
State of Society – May 2018

Central City Friends meet monthly, most commonly on the third Sunday. We are maintaining our worship of about a half dozen attenders. We are pleased to have a new regular attender and welcomed two first-time attendees this last month. In August we had several members of the Mallonee-Mesner clan from Wichita and Illinois attend which was a joy to us. They had come to celebrate the total solar eclipse that crossed our path.

We helped plan and attended the Nebraska Quaker Fall Gathering in Lincoln in October. We had an excellent discussion on prison reform led by Amy Miller, Legal Director of the Nebraska Chapter of the ACLU. The ACLU has led the way in addressing the numerous issues on prisons here in Nebraska. We were pleased to have good attendance and a chance to get together with other Friends in Nebraska. We hope to continue this annual event.

We individually and corporately continue to be involved in peace and justice issues, including monthly vigils with the Central Nebraska Peace Workers in Grand Island; The Women's March; Marches for our Lives in Hastings, Lincoln and Grand Island; the annual Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island; and school walkouts in Grand Island. We also work nationally and internationally with American Friends Service Committee, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends General Conference and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

We are pleased to have Lynn Zeleski back at worship with us after her bout with cancer and other illness.

We were saddened by the loss of four members this past year, Gladys Anderson, Ardis Cunningham, Marian Krause and Philip Mesner.

We enjoy each other's company as we worship together and work to make our world a little better.