

**Topeka Friends Meeting  
State of the Society, 2020-2021**

In Richard Eastman's Reflection, "Being Still," he describes how his grandson's pet black rabbit could never be caught if it was chased. Only by being still would it come and lick his ankles and be willing to be picked up. As I have experience it, and as Richard describes in clear and quiet words, the Spirit too cannot be capture but loves to come to us when we are waiting and still.

Sally Campbell  
Friends Journal, January 2010

The Topeka Friends Meeting last met in-person on March 15, 2020. We resumed meeting in-person on May 2, 2021. We rejoice in being able to meet face-to-face again. We are grateful to Liz for making it possible for us to meet virtually and that the virtual meetings allowed several people outside the meeting to join us. The virtual meetings also allowed our recording clerk to record the minutes for the business meeting while sojourning in Arizona. We had good attendance while meeting virtually, but had only a couple of discussions during that time, but we felt that the individual sharing following worship was rich.

Lori continues to participate in the FCNL advocacy team that works out of Oread Friends Meeting, in Lawrence. Their in-person work has been hindered by the pandemic but they continue to plan for the time when they will no longer be restrained.

James continues his struggles against the bureaucracy of the state's prison system. He had another parole hearing on May 3, 2021. The meeting continues to support him in his efforts to regain his freedom with a possible release in June 2021.

Nancy Sargent died on October 17, 2020. Nancy moved to Georgia several years ago to be closer to her family but we miss her gentle and thoughtful spirit.

We continue to hold each other in the light.

On behalf of Topeka Friends Meeting,

David Ozaki  
Presiding Clerk