

Central City Friends Meeting
State of Society – June 2021

Greetings from Central City Friends Meeting!

It has certainly been an unusual year of living with a pandemic. We are anxious to be able to come together again in-person.

We have not met in person since our last report because of the pandemic. We are feeling blessed that vaccines are available and the numbers of cases and deaths are headed in the right direction. We are looking forward to gather again perhaps this June or July.

Though we haven't met we have continued to be in touch through email, Facebook and phone calls.

In December several Friends joined Lincoln Friends Meeting in a Zoom Christmas celebration.

Even in the midst of a pandemic Central City Friends remained active in their communities, following appropriate protocols. Rich Maciejewski has worked with the Central Nebraska Peace Workers in monthly protests at the Grand Island Mall and in the Nebraska Legislature on human services issues. Lynn Zeleski has worked on fairer immigration policies and protections for meatpackers in Nebraska. She has also helped organize and distribute food boxes in Hastings. Attender Nate Shafer has been running the Laundry Love program with his local Presbyterian church in Hastings, providing money and soap for low income individuals to do their laundry. Nate has also been a contact for funding for continuing the food program. Lisa and Louisa McConnell attended a Black Lives Matter rally in Lincoln last summer. Steve and Lisa McConnell remained active in environmental stewardship through their local Presbyterian church and in support of other environmental organizations.

We are grateful that Lynn and Sam Zeleski survived two bouts of COVID -19. They continue to recover. We are also joyful that Lynn is celebrating her four-year anniversary post cancer

We look forward to resuming our earlier activities including monthly worship services, a Nebraska Friends Gathering, and getting back together at Yearly Meeting!