

CARLISLE MEETING

Carlisle Quaker Meeting has been meeting in person since May 30, the Sunday before Memorial Day. For a few months prior to that, we tried a hybrid approach. A few Friends were never comfortable with Zoom, so I would show up, open the building, open a few windows for air circulation and settle down (suitably masked). Other Friends met via Zoom. A few times we tried to combine this by projecting the Zoomers on our meetinghouse wall. It was technically feasible but not really satisfactory.

After the last of the regular members and attenders were vaccinated, we saw no reason not to try to resume in-person worship. Masks are optional -- worn by only about one in four of us now. Two Sundays ago we had 22 people present -- basically back to our pre-covid attendance. Usually there have been fewer. Unfortunately, we have so few younger attenders that gaps in vaccination were not our problem.

Fred Baldwin