

Annapolis Friends Meeting

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Dear Friends,

Please welcome Kallan Benson as she travels among you.

Annapolis Friends Meeting knows Kallan well. She grew up with our Meeting and has recently become a full member. We are very familiar with her work in support of the Quaker Testimony of Stewardship for the environment. Kallan has made valuable contributions to the life of our Meeting and to the betterment of the world.

When she was only 13, Kallan initiated [Parachutes for the Planet](#) to raise consciousness of global warming, inspiring and receiving “Parachutes” from 45 US states, 79 countries and all continents except Antarctica. In the five years since then, Kallan’s commitment has led her to speak for climate bills before the Maryland legislature and to many climate groups online and in person. In 2019, she delivered the youth response at the United Nations Environmental Program award ceremony in New York City.

Now Kallan is representing the [Quaker Earthcare Witness \(QEW\)](#) at [COP 26](#) in Glasgow. Kallan’s work with [Fridays for Future](#) has given her a wide circle of friends among youth activists. After the meetings she plans to travel in Europe connecting with them and joining in their work.

Kallan continues to find strength, support, and encouragement for her activism through the Religious Society of Friends. She says she is filled with gratitude for the warm welcome of Quakers, their Meetings, and organizations that she has experienced in areas of the world she has been fortunate to visit. The enthusiasm, creativity, and generosity of the global community of Friends continually renews her spirit and energy for activism.

We ask you to take Kallan under your care and to hold her in the Light.

In Peace,

Martha Baer, clerk
on behalf of Annapolis Friends Meeting

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