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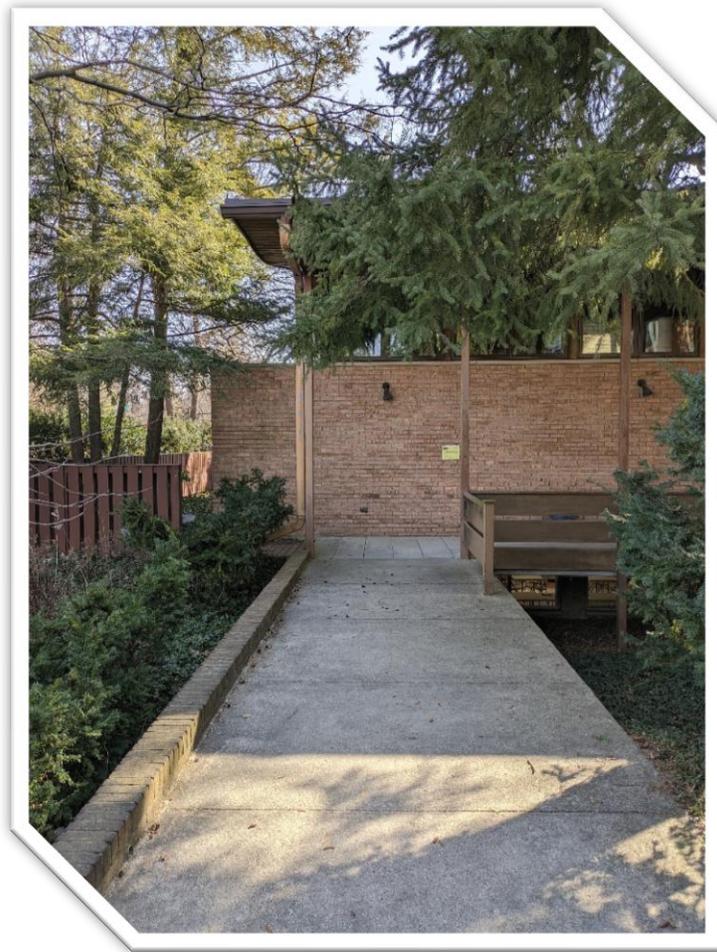
*Photo of first AAFM Quaker House courtesy of Naomi Gilbert – photo caption on page 4*

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### April Meeting for Worship schedule:

- April 5, 12:
  - The 9:30 a.m. Meeting for Worship will be **in-person**.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship will be **blended** (both in-person and on Zoom).
- April 19:
  - The 9:30 a.m. Meeting for Worship will be blended.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be blended.
- April 26:
  - The 9:30 a.m. Meeting for Worship will be in-person.
  - The 11:00 Meeting for Worship will be blended.

# AAFM March Event Calendar

\* = See Meeting announcement for details

For all Meetings for Worship, including Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, the Zoom link is: <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> (Zoom Meeting ID 818 7021 4329) (\* = See announcement).

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## Wednesday, April 1

6:00 YAF Dinner \*

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker?;  
Corner Room & Zoom

## Monday, April 13

7:30 Peace & Social Justice Cmte.; Zoom

## Thursday, April 2

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

## Wednesday, April 15

7:00 What Does it Mean to be Quaker? \*  
Corner Room & Zoom

## Sunday, April 5

### *Easter Sunday*

9:00 Singing \*

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person

10:15 First Day School

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

Property Committee; Fireplace Room

## Thursday, April 16

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

## Sunday, April 19

9:30 Meeting for Worship — Blended

9:45 First Day School

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Meeting for Worship with Attention to  
Business — Blended

## Tuesday, April 7

2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

## Tuesday, April 21

2:00 Meeting for Walking \*

## Thursday, April 9

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

## Thursday, April 23

6:00 YAF Common Hours Club; Corner Room

## Saturday, April 11

2:00 Earthcare Committee; Zoom

3:00 Quaker Death Education; Fellowship \*  
Room

## Sunday, April 26

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person

10:15 First Day School

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Meeting for Worship — Blended

## Sunday, April 12

9:00 Singing \*

9:30 Meeting for Worship — In-person

10:15 First Day School

10:30 Refreshments

11:00 Meeting for Worship (Blended)

## Wednesday, April 29

9:30 FCNL – Washtenaw Advocacy Team; \*  
Chelsea Library

\* *(photo caption)* In 1851, Richard Glasier and Robert B. Glasier, trustees of the Society of Friends (Quakers), purchased this property on behalf of the Society for a meeting house.

This house had a strong association with the abolition of slavery since its earliest years. Robert Glasier, originally from New York State, was one of the best conductors on the Underground Railroad helping enslaved people escape to Canada. Robert also was the first person imprisoned for war resistance in the United States. In the winter of 1860-61, Parker Pillsbury spoke in Ann Arbor on the abolition of slavery and remarked that Glasier “appointed a meeting in the old Free Church on the east side of North State Street, near the brow of the hill, now a dwelling house.” Pillsbury’s speech led to a violent riot that received national attention.

The Quakers sold the house in 1866 to tobacconists Charles and Frederick Horn. The house changed hands frequently after that, and by 1931 it had been divided into 10 apartments.

Passersby often notice the brackets on the first-floor bay windows and under the eaves of the roof. Also note the elegant door that was probably added in the 1870’s. The door frame is the original one from 1851.

## MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Meeting Worker on leave:** Luiza will be on maternity leave from April 9 till July 19. During that time, **please continue to use the office’s email address** ([office@annarborfriends.org](mailto:office@annarborfriends.org)) for room reservations and other inquiries.

Kel Anders will be responding from the office’s address. It will be easier to keep things organized if messages are sent there, instead of Kel’s (or Luiza’s) personal email. Thank you for your help!

**Unfortunately, the information from those responding** to our survey to create an updated resource for Friends to request and provide care has been lost. **If you filled out the survey online, please do so again using the link below.** Thank you. Friends are working on an updated resource for ways F/friends can request and provide care for each other in Meeting. Please fill out this survey to express ways you would like to provide or receive support.

<https://tinyurl.com/ways2care>

**We’re looking for people to serve as Meeting closers.** You can sign up at this link - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A-FQJSLbc62Vmwds57\\_i89unl\\_-zM1BUEM9IjKKOD6E/edit?gid=1643896035#gid=1643896035](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1A-FQJSLbc62Vmwds57_i89unl_-zM1BUEM9IjKKOD6E/edit?gid=1643896035#gid=1643896035) with your name and email and you’ll get a reminder email a few days before when you’ve signed up. You can sign up for either the 9:30 screen-free worship or the 11 a.m. hybrid worship (there are “x”s for Business Meeting Sundays when there is no later Meeting for Worship)

Instructions on what to do are here - [In person meeting closing instructions Laura version](#)

**The Committee for Children and Families (CCF)** is looking for a reliable and energetic person to join the AAFM childcare team. The position hours are every Sunday morning from 9:15 - 12:15 and the pay rate is \$20 an hour. If someone active in our Meeting is interested in the

position, we would be open to negotiating ways that you might fill the position and also attend worship on occasion.

The person would work alongside our other childcare staff and volunteers, supervising playtime and story time, and leading activities for a mixed age range of children, from nursery age through upper middle school age.

We are looking for someone who enjoys working with children, is comfortable with a community-based multi-age environment, and is communicative, dependable and responsible. We ask for references, reliable transportation, and CPR certification or a willingness to become certified.

Contact CCF conveners if you are interested or have further questions.

Claire Tinkerhess, [ctinkerhess@comcast.net](mailto:ctinkerhess@comcast.net), 734-883-9002

Molly Tinkerhess, [mollymalc@gmail.com](mailto:mollymalc@gmail.com), 401-749-4986

## Message from Meeting for Walking:

Our walks in March, curated by the AADL were interesting, the first in the Old Fourth Ward and the second sites of the Underground Railroad. I am attaching a picture and the AADL description of the first Quaker Meeting House in Ann Arbor which we saw on our first walk, it's sadly now a rental property. For the month of April, we're still trying to stay away from muddy paths in the woods. We have two walks planned. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend

**April 7** at 2 pm we'll return to the Botanical Gardens to check on beaver activity. This is a good time of year because the vegetation is low enough to see the beaver lodge as well as the beavers' progress on the dam.

We will not be parking in the main parking lot, instead turn right off Plymouth Road onto Dixboro Road going south, then right on Ravine Court. Park along the side of the road, you will see a gazebo on your right side where we will meet. From there we'll cross Dixboro Road with direct access to the Botanical Gardens next to a red barn.

**April 21** at 2 pm we're returning to Ypsilanti for a walk led by Bill Riccobono. This walking tour will visit the oldest and newest parts of Ypsilanti. Depot town and its adjoining neighborhoods including its newest Dorsey Estates (2025). 2-3 local museums will be pointed out. Plan on a walk of 1.5 miles and approximately 1.5 hrs. Parking is available by the railroad tracks and behind the stores on Cross Street. Meet Bill at the tower by the railroad track on Cross Street.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy and Thomas (734-368-6555) or Naomi (734-476-4555).

## What Does it Mean to be Quaker?

Wednesdays, **April 1, 15**; 7:00 p.m. | Corner Room and on Zoom <https://tinyurl.com/AAFm-Zoom>

This is an open discussion for both new and old members to learn and discern together on issues about how Quakerism impacts our spiritual practices and the way we live our lives. For new people, this is a place to ask questions about things that are not immediately obvious about our spiritual community. For other members, it's a place to explore something which has been on your mind or heart, where you wonder how other Friends might help you see clearer.

## Singing

Sundays, **April 5, 12**; 9:00 a.m. | Meeting Room

Singing around the Meeting room piano with Peggy and Thomas. 9:00 – 9:30. Bring instruments and play along!

**Final Affairs is hosting a Death Cafe** on **April 11** from 3–5 PM in the Fellowship Room. A

Death Cafe is a group-directed discussion about death with no set agenda, objectives, or themes. It is intended as a conversation group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

Snacks and drinks will be provided. Due to the sensitive nature of the topics that may arise, this event will be held in person only. An online Death Cafe will be scheduled at a later date.

This event is part two of the Quaker Death Education Series.

Learn more about this and other upcoming events at: [tinyurl.com/QuakerDE](https://tinyurl.com/QuakerDE)

**Young Adult Friends, YAFS** ages 18-35ish meet for dinner on the second Sunday of each month at the home of an older Friend. The next dinner will be on **April 12** at 6 pm at the home of Cassie Cammann with Tom Blackwell assisting. For information on this and other YAF activities contact Lily Wiest at [lily.wiest@gmail.com](mailto:lily.wiest@gmail.com)

## Friends Committee on National Legislation's Washtenaw Advocacy Team

**April 29, 9:30–11:30** | Chelsea Library

Join the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Advocacy Team when we meet every month on the last Thursday from 9:30 a.m.–noon. Because we have both Ann Arbor and Chelsea members, we toggle between the two locations for meetings. Our purpose is to build relationships with our members of US Congress, and to support bills promoting matters of peace and justice. Sometimes we meet with the staff of our Senators and Representative; more often we make phone calls, or write letters to the members or to newspaper editors. We are amply supported by the large, expert staff in the Washington DC office of FCNL and by other Advocacy Teams in Michigan.

Our elected officials need constituents who will encourage, teach, appreciate, and hold them accountable to work for the common good. Governed by members of the Religious Society of Friends, FCNL acts in faith to create a world free from war, a society with equity and justice for all, a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled and an earth restored. One current issue is urging congressional members to oppose the transfer of more weapons of war and military support to Israel. Questions? Contact John Gourlay ([john@weathervanefarm.net](mailto:john@weathervanefarm.net)) or Nancy Taylor ([netaylor@comcast.net](mailto:netaylor@comcast.net)).

**Quaker Death Education**, a series of events focused on the practical matters surrounding death and dying, started in February. This series is being hosted by Final Affairs, under the care of Ministry and Counsel.

These events will be facilitated by Robin and Kate. Robin is an End-of-Life Doula and NEDA-Proficient professional, as well as the President and Co-Founder of the Evergreen End of Life Foundation of Michigan. She has given numerous presentations on end-of-life topics, including legacy projects, the role of an End-of-Life Doula, advance care directives, and other aspects of death and dying. Kate has a long interest in death and dying and experience as a Funeral Services Representative.

All events will be hosted from **3pm–5pm** in the Fellowship Room and on Zoom (except this month's Death Café).

Learn more at [tinyurl.com/QuakerDE](https://tinyurl.com/QuakerDE)

Zoom Link: [tinyurl.com/QuakerDEZoom](https://tinyurl.com/QuakerDEZoom)

**April 11th** - Quaker Death Cafe - a chance to talk about death and dying with other quakers

**June 6th / July 11th** - My Five Wishes - understanding and filling out key paperwork

Date TBD - Focus on Considerations for Parents

**August 1st** - Funeral / planning for after your own death - leaving a simple legacy for loved ones

**October 3rd** - Life after Death - taking care of things after someone else dies

**December 5th** - Quaker Death Cafe 2 - a chance to revisit how we feel about death and dying

## PIAG UPDATE

Please consider taking part in AFSC's Friday Action Hour on Palestine, which includes updates from Capitol Hill and on immigration, OR take action using AFSC Action Hour Resources. It's vital that we contact our representatives and senators to stop funding war in the Middle East and restore humanitarian aid.

<https://afsc.org/events/action-hour-palestine>

<https://afsc.org/actionhour>

## AMONG FRIENDS

### April Final Friday Lunch

Lillie and Neil Shadle and Susan Hartman will again be hosting this gathering, on Friday, **April 24**, this time at the Shadle's. Please join us anytime between 11:30 and 2:00, for a simple meal and good conversation. Address: 5341 McAuley Drive, Apt. 110, Ypsilanti. This is St. Joseph's Village, a retirement center on the Trinity Health campus. Finding it can be difficult, so keep your GPS handy. All are invited. No rsvp necessary, but if you have questions, you can call Neil at 734-272-6564.

**Save The Date:** A Memorial Worship for Joan Sampieri, a member of our meeting, will be held in our Meeting Room on Sunday **May 17** at 3pm. Fellowship and refreshments will follow. Joan was active in women's causes, civil rights, and human rights. She served in leadership roles in Friends General Conference, Planned Parenthood, League of Women Voters, NAACP, Western Washtenaw Democrats, and was active on the board of Friends School in Detroit.

For questions or to offer help for that day contact Becky Morehouse.

**There will be a memorial service/celebration of lives** for Nancy and Don Nagler on Saturday, **June 27**, in Mt. Pleasant. RSVPs are requested asap. Please consult Jeff Cooper ([cooperdaub@hotmail.com](mailto:cooperdaub@hotmail.com)) for details.

**Newer Friends**, feel free to check out the [New Quaker Hub](#), a section of the Friends General Conference website geared toward new Friends.

**New Mailing List:** There is now a new mailing list/google group for Friends who participate online (in any capacity) to share community, information, and updates. Everyone in the AAFM community is welcome to participate. To request to be added to the group, go to this link: <https://groups.google.com/a/annarborfriends.org/g/online-friends/about> and click on “Ask to join group”.

If you need any help with the new google group/ mailing list, feel free to email Marni Rachmiel ([sfsmarn@gmail.com](mailto:sfsmarn@gmail.com)) or Matt Butler ([apooltoswim@gmail.com](mailto:apooltoswim@gmail.com)).

## Refreshments and food allergies

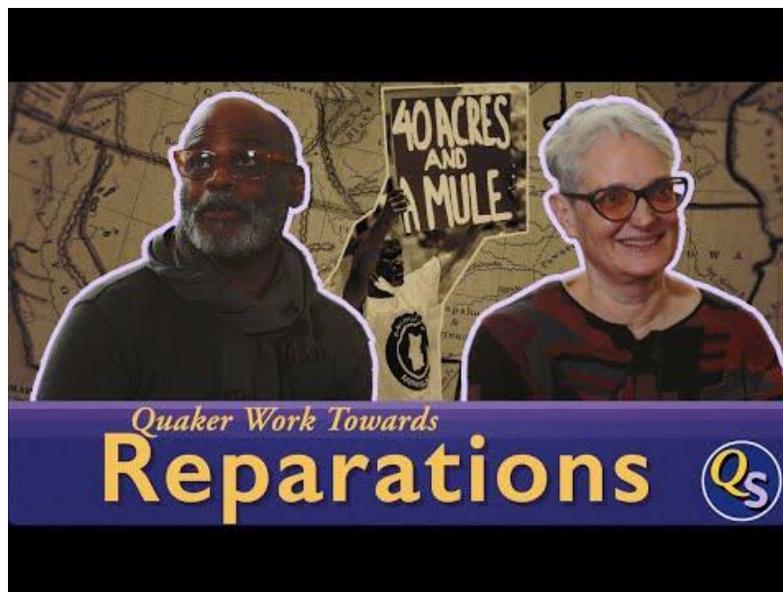
Food for refreshments should not contain peanuts or peanut products. We have slipped away from requiring this, but we feel that this is necessary now. Also, gluten intolerant folks are again participating in refreshments—it would be great if we had at least one item they could eat. Thanks—the Refreshment and Potluck Committee.

**How Does the Bible Speak to Us?** Join a small group of Friends who meet weekly for about 45 minutes. We use the *Friendly Bible Study* method which is a uniquely Quaker approach to reading the Bible. We are currently working our way through the gospel of Luke. We meet via the AAFM worship link <https://tinyurl.com/AAFM-Zoom> on **Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.** All are welcome to join. If questions, please contact Bill ([billriccobono@gmail.com](mailto:billriccobono@gmail.com)) or Naomi ([naomig@umich.edu](mailto:naomig@umich.edu))

**The Tools For Our Time Resource Deck** is a calendar of events, and a guide to publicly-accessible campaigns, programs, and organizations for people wanting to connect to programs and campaigns helping to support and protect our immigrant neighbors.

## SPECIAL MESSAGES

### Why Reparations by the Reparative Justice Committee



Watch this short video from Quaker Speak (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yg-eMPq5rA4&>) on how reparations can be a tool to live out the Integrity testimony. As Lucy Duncan from Green Street Monthly Meeting explains, “We are the religious society of Friends of Truth. We need to tell the truth, the full truth about ourselves, and do the repair that that truth calls us to.”

**The American Friends Service Committee** asks you to write your Representative and ask them to cosponsor H.R.3565, the [Block the Bombs Act](#). By introducing this bill, Members of Congress are proactively trying to block the Trump administration from delivering major US weapons to Israel. If enacted into law, this bill would block the following weapons to Israel: BLU-109 bunker busting bombs, MK80 series bombs, GBU-39 small diameter bomb variants, Joint Direct Attack Munitions (JDAMs), SPICE gliding bomb assemblies, 120mm tank ammunition, and 155mm artillery ammunition, including white phosphorus munitions.

**Ann Arbor Friends Meeting**, along with the American Friends Service Committee and a number of other Meetings, is a member of the Apartheid-Free Communities organization. Here are some valuable resources that were shared at the Apartheid-Free Communities Quaker Affinity Group Meeting in June: [Introductory Materials for Apartheid-Free Communities](#). And here is the [Quakers Apartheid-Free Communities webpage](#).

**Below you will find a link** to the Podcast, Native America Calling. The topic of this episode is Assessing the Outlook for Domestic Violence Prevention and Justice. Two of the four guests are from Michigan; Stacey Ettawageshik (UTFAV) and Tribal Judge Melissa Pope. It is a very interesting and informative discussion.

<https://youtu.be/CmWtKh35obU?t=303>

## LARGER CIRCLES OF FRIENDS

### Nontheist Friends Network Creative Conversations

Please join us on Thursday, **April 2**, at 2PM EDT for our next conversation. We will be exploring "Journeys into nontheism. "

We look forward to a lively conversation and hope that you will come and add your voice.

If you have not already done so, you might want to visit our website. It has a variety of resources that you might find useful on your nontheist journey. It can be found at <https://nontheist-quakers.org.uk/>  
We welcome your thoughts about how to make these conversations more meaningful.

You may join the conversation by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84812726990?pwd=QugCR6EyQVDI0XkyWQMyP1uxrsZdRr.1>

Meeting ID: 848 1272 6990

Passcode: 357556

**Quaker Voluntary Service (QVS)** offers an 11-month Fellowship program to young adults (21 to 30 years). The QVS Fellowship experience includes spiritual exploration, living with other young adults and building community, and working at a community based non-profit organization. QVS has houses in Boston, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and Portland, OR.

On Monday, **April 13**, 2026, Haley Castle-Miller (Operations Manager) and Greg Stefanski (Executive Director) will be in Ann Arbor to share information about the QVS program and ways to support it. They will be on the University of Michigan campus in the afternoon and at a location TBD in the evening. Contact Greg at [Greg@quakervoluntaryservice.org](mailto:Greg@quakervoluntaryservice.org) or (802) 730-2720 for more details.

**Printed copies of the Spring LEYM Bulletin** are available on the lobby table. It contains much information about Annual Meeting, on June 18–21 in Ashland, Ohio: a draft schedule, the plenary talk by Joe Volk, descriptions of the 11 workshops, Ministry & Nurture events at Annual Meeting, instructions for registration, which opens April 6, and more. Other contents include a message from LEYM Clerk Jack Smith on what we offer our communities and an invitation to a spring Spiritual Formation Workshop led by Michael Wajda on May 3 at the Detroit Friends Meetinghouse. You can also see the *Bulletin* on the LEYM website, at [leym.org](http://leym.org).

## AFSC Action Hour for Palestine

Via Zoom | Every **Friday** at **12:00 p.m.**

Join AFSC staff every Friday at 12:00 p.m. to hear updates from Gaza. Then, take action with us as we contact our elected officials and call for humanitarian access to Gaza. Our elected officials need to keep hearing from us. [Register here](#).

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine & Israel

Via Zoom | Every **Thursday**, 7:30 p.m.

Join the AFSC to pray for peace in Israel & Palestine. [Register here!](#)

## From AFSC

Increasing numbers of young people are finding that Quaker worship “speaks to their condition.” Do you ever wonder how or why? Perhaps this podcast will inform and inspire!

<https://quakerpodcast.com/finding-a-spiritual-home-what-does-quakerism-look-like-for-the-next-generation/>

## SAVE the DATE: LEYM Annual Sessions in Ashland Ohio

**June 18-21, 2026**

The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held June 18-21 at Ashland University in Ohio. Our theme: “Finding Hope, Joy and Courage in Community.” Our plenary speaker will be Joe Volk, and our bible study leader will be Doug Gwyn.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Living with Treaties: The 1817 Project,

**The University of Michigan and the Western Expansion of the United States Conference, Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10: Michigan Union, 530 S. State St., Ann Arbor, MI 48109, Saturday, April 11: Palmer Commons, 100 Washtenaw Ave., Ann Arbor, MI 48109.** For more information and to register: <https://inclusivehistory.umich.edu/event/living-with-treaties-the-1817-project-the-university-of-michigan-and-the-western-expansion-of-the-united-states-conference/>

### Brown Chapel AME Friendship Banquet

**April 25** at 2:00 pm on the campus of EMU, Student activity Center.

Tickets \$65 each.

Proceeds go to serving the greater Ypsilanti community.

See Bill Riccobono for more information.

**April 28, 2026 at 6:30 PM at the Michigan Theater** - a fundraiser for **Michigan Immigration Rights Center**, "BORDERLAND: The Line Within," an award-winning documentary that exposes the human cost of immigration as it weaves in the compelling stories of immigrants fighting to uphold their human rights. Q & A with the Director and Producer after the film.

**Voters Not Politicians'** Voters Ed Fund is helping voters get civically engaged for the 2026 midterm elections through the [My City Votes](#) Program. Are you...

- Passionate about civic education, especially at the local level?
- Interested in researching city charters and local government policies?
- Looking to lead a volunteer team in one of our My City Votes cities (Benton Harbor, Flint, Saginaw, Muskegon Heights, Oak Park, Pontiac, Warren, or Ypsilanti)?

They are looking for volunteers to join our Volunteer Leadership sub-committee and Research sub-committee. Leadership volunteers will help guide them on what type of civic engagement programming is best for the city. Research volunteers will help develop educational materials including print materials and workshops surrounding municipal government to reach voters in low propensity voting communities. Through local community engagement, they want to expand voter knowledge beyond just election preparedness to include understanding and engaging their local governments, including grassroots lobbying, participatory budgeting, and local ballot initiatives.

[Please sign up here to sign up to be a My City Votes volunteer researcher, presenter, or volunteer team leader!](#) If you have any additional questions, please reach out to me at [alyson@votersnotpoliticians.com](mailto:alyson@votersnotpoliticians.com).