

New Story Newsletter October 2026

The next meeting of the FMC New Story Group is Monday, October 26, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Zoom. Come at 6:30 pm for fellowship; First timers are always welcome!

Topic for October: “**Interdependence: The words that come before all else**” with **Betty Kissilove**. Her sources include the [Iroquois Thanksgiving Address](#), the [Declaration of Interdependence](#) presented by David Suzuki, *American Indigenous Democracy: A Call for Interdependence* by Oren Lyons, Katsi Cook, and Jose Barreiro (June 2026) (See especially the essay “Land of the Free, Home of the Brave” by Oren Lyons), and the [Declaration of Interdependence](#) with Robin Kimmerer.

To participate, [click this link](#) or provide the meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225 (if requested) on [Zoom.com](#), the Zoom app, or after calling 1-646-558-8656. Click [here](#) to learn more about the group, check out resources and read back issues of the New Story newsletter. Contact Cornelia Parkes at new-story@fmcquaker.org

New Story Group News

At our September 28 meeting **Art Klipfel**, founder and resident of Cambridge Cohousing, presented “Berry’s Three Principles of the Universe with a focus on Subjectivity: Experiences in Community.” The **SLIDES**, **VIDEO**, and **Attributes of Communities** that we especially value are available on the New Story webpage.

At the October 15 meeting of the Universe Pod, **Mike Mallory** presented an enjoyable in-depth talk on the evolution of stars and the creation of the elements. I was fascinated at how the same basic building blocks, protons and neutrons, were combined again and again in different ways to create the elements in the periodic table. It’s such a clever idea that you can see why some people are wondering whether there was an intelligent designer and whether we live in a simulation. There is a similar principle at work in the way the chemical bases of DNA combine and recombine in different patterns to create different forms of living matter. Small differences have large consequences. It gives you pause. At the next meeting of the Universe Pod on November 19, we plan to discuss quantum mechanics. Contact Cornelia Parkes if you are interested in joining us.

Plans for the New Story Group meeting on November 23 are still being developed. We (Dave and Cornelia) feel that the material the group is covering with Art’s and Betty’s guidance is so rich that a follow on program will emerge easily. Other possible topics are the New Story as a source of individual healing and an overview of artificial intelligence.

Please help us in this discernment!

We continue to be inspired by the increasing number of voices telling the new story.

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Other New Story News

“Can the Threat of AI Awaken Humanity in Time?” by David Korten in [YES Magazine](#).

“The deeper threat is the misdirected human culture that governs our institutions and guides the use of all our technologies, including AI.”

See No Stranger: A memoir and manifesto of revolutionary love by Valorie Kaur. (One World, New York, 2020)

“The future is dark. What if this is not the darkness of the tomb – but the darkness of the womb? What if this is our greatest transition?”