



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday  
9:15 a.m. Wednesday

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### From Worship and Ministry

#### Communion and Communication

Direct communion with God constitutes the essential life of the meeting for worship. Into its living stillness may come leadings and fresh insights that are purely personal, not meant to be shared. At other times they are meant for the Meeting at large to hear. When a leading is to be shared, the worshiper feels a compelling inward call to vocal ministry. The very name “Quaker” is by tradition derived from the evident quaking of early Friends witnessing under the power of the Spirit. Though ministry is seldom accompanied by such outward signs, some still feel the inward quaking. Vocal ministry may take many forms, as prayer, praise of God, song, teaching, witnessing, or sharing. These messages may center upon a single, vital theme; often apparently unrelated leadings are later discovered to have an underlying unity. Such ministry and prayer may answer the unrecognized or unvoiced needs of other seekers. When someone accepts the call of the Spirit to speak, fellow worshipers are likewise called to listen with openness of minds and hearts. Diffident and tender spirits should feel the Meeting community’s loving encouragement to give voice, even if haltingly, to the message that may be struggling to be born within them. Friends whose thought has been long developing and whose learning and experience are profound serve the meeting best when they, like all others, wait patiently for the prompting of the Inward Teacher. Anyone moved to speak following another should first allow others to absorb and respond inwardly to what has already been said. Friends should not put obstacles in the way of the call, whether by deciding in advance

to speak or not to speak, or by feeling a duty to speak to provide some balance between silence and the spoken word. Even if not a word is spoken, meetings for worship can be profoundly nurturing.

All present should remember that spiritual opportunities entail responsibilities as well, including attention to the time of assembling and consideration for those already settled. Speaking carried on in a spirit of debate or lecturing or discussion is destructive to the life of the meeting for worship and of the meeting community. It is rarely helpful to answer or rebut what has been said previously. Friends moved to vigorous support of causes need to find brief and sensitive ways to voice their insights. Similar sensitivity should be practiced by those who bring material to be posted or shared during worship. Any who habitually settle into silent reading or sit in inattentive idleness cut themselves off from their fellow worshipers and from the pervasive reach of the Spirit. If hindrances to worship occur within a meeting for worship, members of Worship and Ministry or others as appropriate should move quickly and in love to provide counsel.

Friends gather for worship in quiet waiting upon God. We come together out of our care for one another and out of our shared hunger to know God, to follow the leading of the Spirit, to feel with clarity our shortcomings and the reality of forgiveness, to give voice to our anguish, faith, praise, joy, and thanksgiving. At the close of the meeting for worship, we shake hands in acknowledgment of our commitment to one another and to God, and go forth with renewed trust in the power and reality of God’s grace and love.

*Faith & Practice, pp. 19–21*

Coffee and hospitality for January  
Children's Inclusion and Nominating Committees

## Upcoming Events

**January 8 — Annual Gathering of Quaker Public Educators.** Friends Center, Philadelphia. The keynote speaker is Penny Colgan Davis, principal of Russell Byers Charter School and a member of Germantown Meeting. For more information, call 215-241-7223.

**January 22 — FRIENDS Transition Support Services Program.** 10 AM to 12 noon at Rutgers University Law School, Camden, Room 207. See article on page 4.

**January 23 — New Members and Attenders Meeting.** 7 PM at the Meeting House. See article on page 4.

**January 29 — Treasurers Workshop.** The Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Treasurers Planning Group will be offering a very interesting workshop for Meeting Treasurers and Finance Committee members. For more information, please contact Connie Brookes of Friends Fiduciary Corporation at 215-241-7272 or [cabfidcorp@aol.com](mailto:cabfidcorp@aol.com) or PYM Director of Finance Kathy Reilly at 215-241-7205 or [kathyr@pym.org](mailto:kathyr@pym.org).

## Looking Ahead

**February 4–6 — Middle School Gathering.** Swarthmore Meeting (PA). A weekend of fellowship and fun for kids 11–14 years old along with parent and high school chaperones. For information, visit the website, [www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSchool/index.htm](http://www.pym.org/youngfriends/MiddleSchool/index.htm).

**February 5 — Meetinghouse Maintenance Workshop.** 9 AM–12 noon at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House. This is a follow-up workshop about meetinghouse repair, maintenance, and adaptation sponsored by the Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Working Group of PYM. The first workshop was held in May.

**February 26 — The Renovation Celebration Dinner.** Plans for the program is not complete, but expect music and a presentation about the Meeting House. The committee is making this a fund raiser to complete the furnishing of the windows. More details will be coming in next month's newsletter.

## December Monthly Meeting for Business — December 12, 2004

The meeting opened with a period of open worship. The clerk read Query #12 from *Faith & Practice* — Simplicity and Integrity.

Sal Scafidi presented the annual report from the Library Committee (*see page 3*). Deedy Roberts presented the annual report of the Memorial and Graveyard Committee.

We discussed the Called Meeting on Stewardship that was held in September. The clerk handed out a draft of five principles of financial stewardship that will be discussed further at January's Meeting for Business (January 9):

1. Friends should endeavor to discuss financial stewardship openly in all aspects of Meeting life.
2. As seekers and attenders move toward membership, in the clearness process, there should be clarity about the community's expectations with respect to service, attendance and financial support.
3. One of the ongoing obligations of membership is regular financial support of the Monthly Meeting, and lack of financial support is a factor in considering whether a Friend has lost interest or no longer values membership.
4. Before the Monthly Meeting decides to support the ministry or leading of a Friend or group of Friends, the Meeting should understand and be in unity that approval means affirmative and adequate financial support.
5. Commitment to service on Monthly Meeting committees, as religious education teachers, on *ad hoc* groups or for similar essential Meeting activities is not a substitute for financial stewardship.

Pam Perry (Finance Committee), Pat Williams (School Committee) and Deb Kost (Head of School) reported on the ongoing audit of the School's finances. Deb gave a background of the investigation into financial irregularities at the School and noted that there is a new business manager at the school, Peter Moss.

The Meeting for Business closed with a period of worship.

## Religious Education

Children's FDS is in development, but it *will* happen. We have teachers for the youngest three groups and will soon have an answer on the 7-8th grade class.

### Adult First Day School

#### January 2 — Celebration of Our Meeting House.

An extended coffee with an informal tour of the Meeting House to admire the renovation work and a talk about the graveyard.

#### January 9 — Meeting for Business (no adult FDS)

**January 16 — Godly Play.** Helen Fields is the PYM Religious Ed coordinator for children. She'll be demonstrating a method of instruction that we may incorporate into our program.

**January 22 — Selective Service & AFSC.** Presentation by Oskar Castro, AFSC staff on Youth and Militarism.

**January 29 — On the Gathered Meeting.** The role of silence; giving messages and consideration of the HMM Guidelines for Vocal Ministry.

Starting in February, the PYM Ad Hoc Group on Racial Justice and Equality (a subcommittee of Peace and Social Concerns Committee) will have four programs on Racial Justice and Equality:

**February 6 — "An Interracial Family and Biracial Children."** Tanya and Tim Hogan will present their experiences.

**February 20 — The Traveling Ministry** by members of the PYM Ad Hoc Group on Racial Justice and Equality. (Inspira Williams, Kitty and Takashi Mizuno [co-clerk]).

**February 27 — The Traveling Ministry** by Vanessa Jule. She is a member of the Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting and has been working on a forthcoming book *Quakers and African-Americans*.

**March 6 — "What can we do as a Meeting."** A discussion facilitated by the members of the group.

## Annual Report of the Library Committee

Currently serving on Library Committee are Irene Bassow, Jayne Stokes, Sal Scafidi & Sheryl Harrison (co-clerks), Mary Berger, Hiltrud Dodge, S.E. Watson, Kathy Donch and Leila Barclay.

The Library Committee conducted a book sale on March 21st, 2004, during covered dish. We made \$112.55. We will use these funds for improvements to the library. We will be contacting Property Committee about physical improvements. Unsold books from the sale were donated to Priscilla Adams and to the Haddonfield Public Library. We are planning to hold another sale on March 20th, 2005. The proceeds from that sale will be used for further improvements to the library and to supplement our annual budget.

It was agreed that donated books would be accepted to the library if they were books that would not be readily be available at the local public library. We decided to limit donations to once a year. The committee would then sort through the donated books and weed out those that were not appropriate and dispose of them to another charitable organization or through a book sale.

The following note was placed in the Summer newsletter:

"The Library Committee is very appreciative of all the books donated to the library throughout the year. However, due to the amount of books we have at this time, we are putting a hold on donations until next year. At that time, we will have a once-a-year book drive. The Library Committee will then sort through the donated books to determine which are suitable for our library and donate the rest to worthy causes. Thank you."

Processing books has been a problem, due to costs. We discussed different ways of organizing the library and changing the way books were checked out. We have abandoned the Dewey Decimal System and have organized the books by category. This was done in October. The card catalog will be maintained. Signing out books will be done on the honor system, with a sign out sheet with space for the name of the book, the borrower and the borrower's phone number. If the book is not returned within three months, the borrower will be called once. After that, gentle reminders will be placed in the newsletter.

In the library is an 1834 *Book of Discipline* that needs some conservation work. Sheryl contacted Swarthmore to see if they were interested. They did not need it, and suggested we keep it.

*Submitted December 12, 2004 by Sal Scafidi (co-clerk)*

## New Members and Attenders

On Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 7 p.m., the Care Committee is sponsoring a meeting for new members and attenders at the Meetinghouse. This is a casual gathering to give a general overview of Quakerism and information about Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. Childcare will be provided if needed.

*Diane Snyder, clerk of Care Committee*

## Absurdity

This excerpt from *The Last September* (a novel about the Irish/English conflict) written by Elizabeth Bowen in 1929, was submitted by Judy Kruger.

“What is it exactly,” she asked, “that they mean by freedom? What does it affect? What is it besides an excuse for war?”

“I suppose,” he said in his faint voice, as at the pit of a yawn, “some kind of final peace — stability.”

“Then to fight’s absurd; the more one keeps on, the further from it one is. It’s a hopeless kind of beginning.”

## Impeccable

Being impeccable means to make the best use of your energy: using your resources to the best of your ability, and perhaps discovering ones you did not know you had. It means to touch the world around you sparingly. Keep your material needs simple: not poverty or in extravagance. Don’t squeeze people. Avoid exhausting yourself and others. And, not to worry. When you worry, you cling to everything out of desperation, exhausting yourself and whoever or whatever you cling to. Use your world with tenderness in whatever you deal. Be intimate with your world, yet not consumed by it.

“Be still and know that I am God.” Go deeper and experience your essence: the spiritual, what you came into this world with. When you begin to experience the calm and quiet of your world, sounds become softer and softer. Notice the softest sound you can find: your breath, your heart beat? Feel the energy around your solar plexus or heart area. This is the energy of your body awakening, the true love inside you, the higher love.

*Harold Heritage*

## IF YOU ARE

- on parole or probation or maxed out or a family member or a friend of someone in prison or on probation or parole
- a social service provider working for or within the criminal justice system
- a college student
- seriously concerned with the issue of social justice and a more peaceful community

## JOIN US

FRIENDS Transition Support Services is sponsoring a highly informative and lively Panel Discussion on

### How to Survive on Parole and Probation

January 22, 2005

10 AM to 12 noon at Rutgers University Law School, Camden, Room 207

### Become involved

Panel members representing diverse points of view will focus on the critical and controversial issue of reentry and its impact on the community.

At the conclusion of the Panel’s presentations, members of the audience will be provided time to respectfully interact in a discussion with the panel members and with other members of the audience

*Panel members:* Lenny Ward, District Parole Supervisor Community Programs; Leah Morris, a South Jersey criminal defense lawyer with 28 years of experience; Dr. Drew Humphries, Professor of Criminology and Sociology, Rutgers University; Thomas Trantino, Program Coordinator, FRIENDS Transition Support Services.

## PYM Annual Sessions

The Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends will take place from Thursday, March 31, to Sunday, April 3, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. All members and attenders are encouraged to attend this gathering for worship, business and community interaction. Look for more information in *PYM News* and at [www.pym.org/pm/ann.php](http://www.pym.org/pm/ann.php).

## **Seek and Find Event Returns to Annual Sessions**

The Seek and Find event was so popular at PYM's 2004 Annual Sessions that we're doing it again in 2005. We're seeking Friends who are peacemakers, community volunteers, artists, teachers — anyone who has a leading to share with other Friends. Last year we had over 40 participants and this year we're expecting more. Bring a small display and share your creative work, spiritual work or witness.

Seek and Find will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2005, from 4:15 to 6 PM in and around the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia.

## **Collecting Memories of PYM's Reunification!**

Were you present at the reunification of the two Philadelphia Yearly Meetings in March 1955? Did you take part in any of the efforts toward reunification that took place in the previous decades? Perhaps you were involved in Young Friends or a United Monthly Meeting or a United Yearly Meeting committee. Maybe you had parents who left accounts or pictures.

The 2005 Annual Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is the 50th anniversary of PYM's Reunification, and that calls for commemoration and celebration! There will be an exhibit of photos and memorabilia, a slide show, and maybe even a video presentation at Annual Sessions. We hope you will share written remembrances, photos and/or other memorabilia with the Annual Sessions Planning Group so they can be made available for Friends to view at Yearly Meeting sessions March 31 to April 3.

## **PYM Seeks Director of Business & Information Services**

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting seeks candidates for the position of Director of Business & Information Services. This position supports staff and key volunteers in most of PYM's administrative and business related operations. Responsibilities include personnel, computing needs, facilities operation, PYM publications, and organization-wide administrative matters such as risk management. (Organization-wide finance, accounting, and office equipment responsibilities fall under the Director of Finance.)

Those interested in applying should send a letter of application, resume and list of possible references to: General Secretary's Office, Attn: Director Search, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102 or they can e-mail materials to [thomj@pym.org](mailto:thomj@pym.org).

To be assured of consideration, applications should be received no later than January 20, 2005.

## **Young Friends Program Assistant, PYM**

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is seeking a new Young Friends Program Assistant for the high-school-age program. The part-time position, to begin February 21, 2005, is on an as-needed basis, mostly at Young Friends events. We expect that the successful candidate will be a high school graduate; a college degree or equivalent experience would be helpful. A driver's license and a good driving record are essential. A child sexual abuse clearance will be required.

For a complete job description see the Young Friends web page [www.pym.org/youngfriends](http://www.pym.org/youngfriends)

Apply by January 20 to Cookie Caldwell, Young Friends Program Coordinator, 215 241 7222 or [cookiec@pym.org](mailto:cookiec@pym.org).

## **Religious Education Coordinator, Wilmington Meeting**

Wilmington Meeting's Religious Education Committee is seeking a Religious Education Coordinator for First Day School. Please send resume or request for job description to [wilmmtg@juno.com](mailto:wilmmtg@juno.com) or write Religious Education Committee, Wilmington Friends Meeting, 401 N West Street, Wilmington DE 19801.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>2</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 FDS	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Committee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> NEW YEARS DAY <b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Monthly Meeting for Business	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>12</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b>  10 am Mtg for Worship 11 am FDS Covered Dish	<b>17</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	<b>20</b>  7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 FDS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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