



Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

Newsletter

Meeting for Worship
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From Worship and Ministry

When the mind is quiet, there is more chance for the light of your power to manifest its intelligence. You have times when your mind is *very quiet*. In those times you will sense a natural joy. There will be an openness and a clarity, and you will feel that the world itself has a stillness about it that will be very profound. You may feel a keen oneness and communion with the world, and an absence of fear, and you will be at peace with yourself.

Power/ Eric Mitchel

Facing Bench for September

Harold and Louise Heritage

Coffee and Covered Dish for September

Worship and Ministry

Upcoming Events

September 4 — AFSC Iraq Program. Rick McDowell and Mary Trotochaud, AFSC representatives in Iraq, will talk about their four months of living in Baghdad and their views on the current situation. Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA. At 6 PM, snacks will be served in the Cherry Street Room, and Rick and Mary will speak at 7 PM in the meeting room.

September 7 — Information Session on Planned Giving. 2–4 PM, in the Meetinghouse. (see article on page 4)

September 11 — Circle of Hope Peace Vigil. 7 PM, Grace Episcopal Church, 19 Kings Highway, Haddonfield. Prayer vigil for peace followed by a reception with a discussion on grief, healing and working for peace.

September 14 — Afghanistan Update. Alice Andrews will report on her recent trip for AFSC. Medford Meeting, 11 AM.

September 18 — Called Session of Interim Meeting. Called session to decide how to respond to the IRS suit against PYM. 6 PM, Arch Street Meetinghouse. (see article on page 5)

September 19–21 — Young Friends Peace Fair Gathering. Buckingham Friends School. Help set up for and enjoy the Peace Fair (see below). For information, contact Cookie Caldwell at 215-241-7222; 1-800-220-0796, ext. 7222; or cookiec@pym.org.

September 20 — Buckingham Meeting Quaker Peace Fair. Buckingham Friends School, Routes 202 & 263 in Lahaska, PA (just south of Peddler's Village). Free admission. Rain or shine. Live music, food, activities for the whole family. Proceeds benefit PeaceTalks, an organization that broadcasts news about peace and nonviolence. For more information, see the website <http://www.geocities.com/quakerpeacefair/index.html>.

September 25 — Interim Meeting. Regular meeting to conduct the business of Yearly Meeting. 6 PM at Arch Street Meetinghouse.

September 27–28 — Gathered in God's Spirit: Haddonfield Meeting's Retreat at Mount Misery. (see article on page 3)

Looking Ahead

October 4 — Quaker College Fair. 1–5 PM. Arch Street Meetinghouse. Representatives from each of the 15 Quaker-affiliated colleges in the United States will be represented, along with an expert on the college financial aid process. Keynote speaker will be Michael Van Hoy, alumnus of Haverford College and former

staff member of PYM. Contact Elke Muller at elkem@pym.org or 215-241-7223.

October 4 — Building Our Village. A workshop on ways to support parents and families in their Meetings, held at Swarthmore Meeting. (see article on page 5)

October 10–13 — Friends General Conference and PYM Young Friends Young Quakes Conference in Tennessee. (see article on page 5)

June Monthly Meeting for Business

The Meeting opened with a period of worship; the Clerk read from the 9th Query in *Faith & Practice*, on the Ministry of Outreach.

What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance?

How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?

Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?

Pam Perry presented the Meeting's preliminary budget for fiscal year 2004. The Meeting approved Stuart Hodges and June Hodges (co-treasurers) and Lisa Boyell (assistant treasurer) be the new signers for the Meeting's accounts and other financial documents.

The Clerk reported for the Nominating Committee: Leila Barclay and Jake McLaughlin will co-clerk the Religious Education Committee.

After a period of worship, the Meeting closed.

August Monthly Meeting for Business

The Meeting opened with a period of worship; the Clerk read from the 7th Query in *Faith & Practice*, on Social Responsibility and Witness.

How does our Meeting work:

- *to overcome social, legal, economic, and political injustices, locally and in the wider world?*

- *for the funding of community services that does not rely on gaming income?*

Does our Meeting serve the community through action on concerns for civic improvement? What actions are we taking to assure everyone equal access to education, health care, legal services, housing, and employment as well as equal opportunities in business and in the professions?

When a member has lifted up a concern, how does our Meeting respond?

Does our Meeting encourage those seeking clearness for their convictions of conscience to hold up such convictions with prayerful openness to the Light?

PYM has sent a list of queries to all Monthly Meetings about topics for Yearly Meeting. It was decided to print the queries in this newsletter, send a copy to all committees and collect and report on the responses at September's Monthly Meeting. The queries will also be discussed at the Meeting's retreat on September 27.

The PYM Queries are:

If Philadelphia Yearly Meeting exists to deepen spiritual experience by supporting monthly meetings, what should the yearly meeting be talking about at Annual Sessions? The following questions are offered to help you explore this further.

1. What topic(s) would strengthen your meeting as a community and strengthen us as a community of Friends?
2. What sharing and discernment would strengthen us spiritually?
3. If you were sitting in a room, surrounded by wise Friends, what would you want to ask them about? What would you want to learn from them?

The Meeting will send a response to PYM by Sept. 30.

Louise Heritage reported for the Nominations Committee: they recommend that Cheryl Harrison be appointed to the Library Committee; the Meeting approved.

The Finance Committee will present the final figures for the Meeting budget for last fiscal year (2002-03) at Meeting for Business next month.

Pat Williams and Ann Miller reported for the School Committee. The committee will revise the budget for the coming school year, due to a sharp drop in enrollment. Diane Snyder reported for the Search

Committee — since David Eldridge is not returning as Head of School, Sandy Trezza is now the Acting Head. The Search Committee hopes to hire a permanent head by the end of the year for a July 1, 2004 start. Ranon Banerji and Steve Berryhill have resigned from the School Committee.

The Care Committee will handle updates to the List of Members and Attenders and will look into posting the list on the members' only section of the Meeting website.

September's Monthly Meeting for Business will be held on September 14 at rise of Meeting. Please make plans to attend.

First Day School

The Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Education Committee met August 17 to firm up planning for the First Day School Program for children and adults for Fall 2003.

The final schedule is still in revision and will be posted on the board in the lobby. To date, the First Day School will start on October 5. This later-than-usual start is intended to allow for preparations for the Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Retreat, scheduled for September 27-28.

For the adults, the months of October and November will focus on two areas. The program will begin with 5 weeks of Bible study, conducted by Haddonfield Meeting member Keith Wallace. November will focus on the life journeys of some of the Meeting's more senior members. In December, we have Simple Gifts, children and adults reading Christmas stories, Christmas breakfast and, on December 28, an extended coffee hour to welcome members' and attenders' children who are home from college.

The roster of teachers for the Children's First Day School program still needs a few good souls to be complete. However, we're pleased to announce that the following have already volunteered their services for the Fall term: Marietta Donovan, Helene Drago, Ty Drago, Susan McDevitt, and Meg Patterson.

The next meeting of the Religious Education Committee is scheduled for September 14, and suggestions, requests or questions may be referred to Leila Barclay or Jake McGlaughlin, co-clerks.

Joined in God's Spirit

For the first time in six years, Haddonfield Friends Meeting will be hosting a retreat at Mt. Misery during the weekend of Sept 27-28. The retreat will start on Saturday at 10 AM and end Sunday at 10:30 AM after Meeting for Worship.

The themes of this retreat will be spirituality and community, with activities that emphasize each theme.

For spirituality, guest speaker Peter Blood will lead a workshop entitled "Joined in God's Spirit." There will also be a silent walk with journaling afterwards, Bible study, a query session, and a program on simplicity.

For those more into the community aspect of Quakerism, we have cooperative games and crafts that the whole family can participate in. And there are plenty of activities for the kids, including a nature treasure hunt and a skit to be performed for the retreat closing.

Nighttime activities include a hayride (yay!) and stargazing, weather permitting. There will also be a campfire, complete with ingredients for s'mores (yum!), so bring your appetites.

—Meg Patterson

My Weekend at Pendle Hill

I recently attended an Inquirers' Weekend at Pendle Hill. What a wonderful experience I had!

I have been a member of Haddonfield Meeting for about 15 years. When I first joined Meeting I really did not give much of myself and my time and I didn't read much about Quakerism.

When I heard someone say that being a Quaker was a major life commitment, it gave me pause. Was I really giving as much of myself to my faith as I could? I knew that the people I met in Meeting were some of the best people I ever met and I wanted to have faith like them.

I decided to stay for First Day School and go to Business Meeting and try to help others when asked or I saw a need. I felt like a newcomer for a lot of years when I first joined Meeting. When I re-dedicated my life to my faith I reaped so much blessing.

I love the Quaker belief of continual revelation because it gives us all a feeling that we can always grow and seek to understand.

When I went to Pendle Hill I learned so much about Quakerism. To be in that environment and among such authentic and caring people was life-changing for me. Everyday was spirit-filled.

I thank Meeting for giving me the opportunity to spend such a great weekend. Whatever your interest, you will find it at Pendle Hill — from the ministry of writing for publication, the healing power of prayer, peacemaking and the life of the spirit, to the poetry of Octavio Paz. If you have never been to Pendle Hill, do go. It will give back so many wonderful memories.

—*Marietta Donovan*

Information Sessions on Planned Giving

Friends Fiduciary will hold an informational session on FFC's Planned Giving program. It will take place on Sunday, September 7 from 2–4 PM in the Meetinghouse. The session is designed to inform members and attenders about the benefits of planned giving for both the donors and their Meeting.

The sessions are open to all Friends and attenders who are interested in encouraging gifts to our Meeting. Interested donors who would like to hear about planned giving firsthand are also welcome. Please call the FFC office at 215-241-7272 to RSVP if you would like to attend.

Friends Journal Offer

Friends Journal is offering a special rate for students. They are offering an eight issue subscription for only \$22. If anyone is interested in taking advantage of this contact me or Bob Brookes. This offer expires Nov. 1.

— *Diane Snyder*

What's New in the Library

Look for these new books in the library:

Reasons for Hope: The Faith and Future of the Friends Church and *Testimony and Tradition: Some Aspects of Quaker Spirituality* by John Punshon

The Lost Religion of Jesus: Simple Living and Nonviolence in Early Christianity by Keith Akers

Dimensions of Prayer: Cultivating a Relationship With God by Douglas Steere

Dealing With Difficult People in Meeting for Worship: Meeting the Needs of Many While Responding to the Needs of a Few

A Quaker Book of Wisdom: Life's Lessons in Simplicity, Service, and Common Sense by Robert Lawrence Smith

Living in Hope: People Challenging Globalization by John Feffer

40 Ways to Raise a Nonracist Child by Barbara Mathias

Dark Night Journey: Inward Repatterning Toward a Life Centered in God by Sandra Cronk

When the Well Runs Dry: Prayer Beyond the Beginnings by Thomas Green

One Explorer's Glossary of Quaker Terms by Warren Smith

Friends and Enemies by Louann Gaeddert

These books will be displayed on the table by the book return box, so that Friends can find them easily. The Library Committee also purchased a number of pamphlets titled *A Quaker Path: A Spiritual Journey from Visitor to Attender to Member*. These pamphlets will be on the table by the guest book in the Meetinghouse.

The Library Committee also requests that any Friends who have "overdue" books to return them as soon as possible.

FCNL September 11th Observance

September 11, 2003, Church of the Reformation on Capitol Hill, Washington, DC. Highlights include: Meeting for Worship, speakers, and a panel discussion on policies for the peaceful prevention of deadly conflict and preservation of full civil liberties in the United States

Please RSVP by September 2, 2003 to field@fcnl.org, or call 800-630-1330, ext. 142. And don't forget to mark your calendars for FCNL's Annual Meeting November 13-16.

AFSC Speaker at Byberry Meeting

Byberry Meeting in Northeast Philadelphia is hosting Mark Lancaster, Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee, on Sunday, September 14th at 9:30 AM. Mark will discuss AFSC programs in this country and abroad. Byberry Meeting member Mary Ellen McNish, General Secretary of AFSC, will be participating as well. Meeting for Worship follows at 11:00 AM, then there will be a covered dish luncheon.

— *David Nepley, Clerk, Byberry Meeting*

“Building Our Village:” A Workshop for Families and Other Friends

Are you a parent? A member of a Meeting committee charged with care of members? Are you eager to help your Meeting become a “village” to nurture children and bring children into the spiritual life of your Meeting?

If so, you’ll be interested in “Building Our Village,” a workshop for families and Monthly Meeting caregivers on Saturday, October 4, from 8:30 AM to 2 PM at Swarthmore Meeting (PA). Its purpose is to show participants various ways to support parents and families in their Meetings and to experience something of what is possible in building Quaker community. Led by Harriet Heath of Radnor Meeting (PA), founder and organizer of PYM’s new Quaker Parenting Project, the workshop will include sessions on how Meetings can support parents, how children can be mentored by other adult Friends, and what PYM offers to support families.

The workshop is co-sponsored by Care and Counsel for Meetings and Members and by Friends Institute (two PYM working groups). The cost is \$10 for each adult participant. Snacks and lunch will be provided, though parents are encouraged to bring their children’s favorite foods.

For more details, contact Steve Gulick at steveg@pym.org or 215-241-7068.

Young Quakes Conference for High School Age Friends

October 10–13, 2003 (Columbus Day Weekend)
Bethany Hills Camp, Kingston Springs, Tennessee

The Young Quakes conference is a YouthQuake-like experience that follows in the unprogrammed Friends tradition to explore our Quaker Biblical roots and the Christian and universalist expressions of our faith.

Visit www.fgcquaker.org/religious-ed/youngquakes-2003.html for more information and to download a registration form. Hurry! Early registration ends September 19.

PYM and the IRS Dispute War Taxes

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s long history of engagement with the Federal government around the issue of war tax resistance has entered another chapter. This July, the U.S. Department of Justice filed a civil law-

suit against PYM. The suit has garnered significant publicity, including coverage in *The New York Times*. The government seeks to collect funds from PYM to cover the income tax bill of Priscilla Adams, a member of Haddonfield Meeting and PYM regional staff member. Priscilla has asked PYM not to withhold federal income tax from her wages, because that money could go for military purposes. In addition to the taxes owed, the government seeks a 50% penalty against PYM because of its refusal to honor an IRS levy to garnish Priscilla’s wages for back taxes. If the IRS wins a judgment, it could collect from PYM approximately \$63,000 including the penalty.

Members of Interim Meeting have been called to a special session at 6 PM, Thursday, September 18, at the Arch Street Meetinghouse to make decisions about whether or not PYM wishes to contest the IRS actions in court, to try to negotiate a settlement, or to meet the IRS demands.

2003 Tri-Quarter Retreat

Tri-Quarter Retreat, a spiritual retreat for members and attenders of Friends Meetings of South Jersey, will be held Friday, October 17th through Sunday, October 19th at Camp Ockanickon in Medford, NJ.

Workshops will be held on topics such as: Discovering our Special Gifts, Welcoming Diversity, Creating Art With Hand and Heart, Healing the Earth, Alternatives to Militarism, and Personal Metaphysics. There will be a Children’s Workshop (with puppets), and activities for teens including a Rope Challenge and Teen Social. Other leisure time activities include hiking, canoeing, intergenerational games, an ice cream social, hayride, bonfire and stargazing.

Accommodations include cabins, meals and hot showers. Attenders can come for the day, or stay the whole weekend. Scholarships and first-time attender credit available.

YouthQuake 2003

YouthQuake is a national conference of Young Friends ages 14-20 held every three years. The next YouthQuake will take place in Estes Park, Colorado, December 27, 2003–January 1, 2004. YouthQuake is the only event of its kind; it brings together a wide variety of Young Friends to talk, play, worship, learn, and celebrate together.

September 15 is the early registration deadline. For those interested in attending YouthQuake, or wishing to assist PYM Young Friends trying to take advantage of this experience, please let us know as soon as possible. Contact Young Friends Program Coordinator Cookie Caldwell at cookiec@pym.org or 215-241-7222.

More PYM Notes

Applications for grants to Friends teaching in public schools are available. The deadline is October 2nd. Contact Elke Muller at elkem@pym.org or 215-241-7223.

September 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY	2	3 School Begins 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship	4	5	6
7 10 am Meeting for Worship	8	9 7:30 pm Committee for Care of Members and Attenders	10 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Committee	11	12	13
14 9 am P&SC Com 10 am Mtg for Worship 11 am Monthly Meeting for Business	15	16	17 9:15 am School Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	18 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	19	20
21 Newsletter deadline 10-10:45 am Mtg for Worship 12:15 covered dish	22	23 7 pm Back to School	24 9:15 am School Meeting for Worship	25	26 ROSH HASHANAH	27 Retreat at Mt. Misery begins 10 am
28 10 am Meeting for Worship Retreat at Mt. Misery ends 10:30 am	29	30				