

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

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Monthly Query:

Do we recognize that we can be perpetrators as well as victims of injustice? How do we deal with this? How can we support one another so that healing may take place?

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Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Watch over one another in love, and stir up that which is pure in one another....
George Fox

Upcoming Forum Schedule

9/7/14 Moral Injury in the U.S. Military - Steve Newsom and Lynn Newsom, co-directors, Quaker House of Fayetteville, NC

Steve and Lynn will talk about soldiers whose souls have been damaged by war and how Quaker House in Fayetteville, NC is responding. Moral injury, one of the signature injuries of our current wars, has been described as "a deep sense of transgression including feelings of shame, grief, meaninglessness, remorse, etc. from having violated core beliefs."

9/14/14 Building and Grounds - Don Hopper and others

In the work to renovate the Meeting a question has been raised - is the current downstairs arrangement the best use? Now is the time to think about it - before we spend money and labor upgrading the heating and air and electricity because they could be very different. Some major changes have been proposed. This will be an introduction - your feedback is wanted!

9/28/14 Listening as Spiritual Hospitality – Jan Hutton and Naveed Moeed

"To "listen" another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another." Quaker Douglas Steere. Offering the spiritual hospitality of listening, unencumbered by our personal needs to advise, fix, or sound wise....

This I Believe, Quaker Style: Coming on Oct 9, Nov 13, Dec 11

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment in the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query, which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, gathering the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Meetingroom, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-768-9870) if you have questions.

News from Friends

Molly Anderson and John Cook sent a message to the Meeting. Molly is now living in Maine, where she teaches at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor. John works at Boston Medical Center. Molly works in Sustainable Food Systems. John works on children's food security. Their contact info will be in the upcoming 2014-2015 directory.

Job Opening at IFC

Client Services Representative: The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service is looking for bilingual/preferably bicultural (English/Spanish) candidates with excellent organizational and interpersonal skills to work collaboratively with other staff, volunteers and interns in providing food, clothing, transportation and emergency financial assistance to clients. Responsible for maintaining program records and participating in program development as part of the community services team. Qualifications: BSW or college degree in a related field, experience with non-profits, working with low-income populations and volunteers. Will consider experience in the field in lieu of stated degrees. Verbal and written fluency in Spanish is required and yes, there will be a test. This is a 30 hour per week position, but could be more from time to time. Monday-Friday hours, no weekends. Pay range is \$14.90 - \$19.24 per hour. Includes a generous benefits package that includes health insurance.

They have started interviewing for this position. Anyone who is interested should contact Kristin Lavergne at servicesdirector@ifcmailbox.org

CFS Event, “50 Years of Friends”

CFS is delighted to announce the 50th Anniversary of Carolina Friends School, which will be celebrated during the 2014-15 school year. 50 YEARS OF FRIENDS will offer a year full of events, alumni gatherings, historical highlights, and reasons to celebrate.

Please join us for the first event, on Saturday, Sept. 13 -- exactly 50 years from the day when school began at CFS in a small building on the Durham Friends Meeting property -- for a meeting for worship at the Durham Friends Meeting. Among those attending will be Barbara Boineau, the first teacher hired at CFS.

The meeting for worship begins at 3 p.m. in the Meeting Room. It will be followed by songs by CFS Early School students, a reception, tours of the Durham Early School and the Historic Durham Meeting House, and live music.

All are welcome to attend and celebrate a half-century of connection between local Quakers and CFS.

Stopping free surplus military equipment transfers to local police Submitted by Ed Bowen

In the wake of the shooting by the Ferguson police department, which received free military equipment from the DOD, The Friends Committee on National Legislation has a web page to help friends write a letter or email in support of the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act. Please take a look at

<http://www.capwiz.com/fconl/issues/alert/?alertid=63298701>

Shaping the Silence: Military Suicide and the Church

Submitted by Curt Torrell

This September 11th marks the 13-year anniversary of the events that led America into the longest military engagement in US history. These extended engagements come at a high cost: currently, more veterans die as a result of suicide than combat. These veterans are in our families, our communities, and our churches, and yet, their stories often go unheard. What will be the Church's response to this rapidly growing population in the coming years?

Join Duke Milites Christi for a panel discussion concerning the Church's response to the rising rate of military suicide in America. Our panel will consist of scholars, pastors, and health care professionals each with a unique perspective on the Church's potential response to this growing trend.

A word of welcome will be offered by Rev. Matt Floding, and panelists will include Dr. Amy Laura-Hall (Theological Ethics), Dr. Warren Kinghorn (Theology and Psychology), Rev. Heather Rodrigues (Pastor, Duke Memorial UMC), and Rev. Dr. John Oliver (Chief of Chaplain Services at the Durham VA).

Lunch will be provided. Q & A will follow. Date: Thursday, September 11, 12:20-1:20pm.

The panel will be held in room 0016 at the bottom floor of the Divinity School's Westbrook building (W0016). The Divinity School is located directly beside Duke Chapel. If you're visiting from off campus, the best place to park is the visitor parking deck next to the Bryan Center. From Erwin Rd take Towerview Dr toward campus and then turn left on Science Dr. The parking deck is at the top of the hill. It's ~ \$2/hour.

Let's Grow Together!

October 11, 2014 Conflict Transformation workshop for CHFMs members and attenders

"Love is the First Motion" is an ongoing initiative that emerged from our meeting this past year. Friends in a healthy community learn how to build bridges to one another's humanity when we experience conflict. To this end, our next step is to bring Heather Cooke and Peter Phillips, members of New York Yearly Meeting's Conflict Transformation Committee to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Members and attenders are encouraged to join us for a one-day experiential workshop on Saturday, October 11, 9 - 5, at Carolina Friends' School. Let's grow together! Registration is free and is required by October 6 in order to receive workshop materials. Please use the sign up sheet on the back of the Meeting House door, or email janhutton1@gmail.com

Lynn Drake, Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed, and Pam Schwingl: "Love is the First Motion" subcommittee

Contemplative Retreat

You are invited to "OPENING TO GRACE," a Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends, Thursday eve, September 18 through Sunday lunch, September 21, 2014 at the Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC.

Fees depend upon room choice (single-small, single-large, or double) and minimum cost or full cost. On-line registrations at: schoolofthespirit.org/retreats/

For more information contact Matt Drake (919-968-0044, matthiascdrake@gmail.com)

Isaac Pennington: "There is a river, a sweet, still flowing river, the streams thereof will make glad thy heart. . . . And learn but in quietness and stillness to retire to God, and wait upon the Spirit; in whom thou shalt feel peace and joy, in the midst of thy troubles from the cruel and vexatious spirits of this world."

Gaza Information

Submitted by Hank Elkins and Wendy Michener

To talk about Palestine-Israel and in particular Gaza, for the single best current source I urge Friends to watch the talk by Miko Paled, the Israeli author of *The General's Son*. Given in Geneva May 14, his talk provides a personal basis for understanding what is happening now in Israel and Gaza. His insights derive from growing up in Jerusalem, the son of a famous general and a courageous mother. Focusing on human rights, he brings a message of hope to end the tragic situation.

Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9_OcCXvT6Y

This graphic report linked below on the current situation in Gaza is just in from UNICEF:

http://www.unicefusa.org/stories/8-things-you-need-know-about-gaza/18886?utm_source=enews_082714&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=usf&spMailingID=21349062&spUserID=NzU2MjExMTk5NjkS1&spJobID=381859617&spReportId=MzgxODU5NjE3S0

Also:

<https://afsc.org/resource/what-quaker-congregations-can-do-help-end-conflict-israelpalestine>

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<https://afsc.org/resource/what-quaker-congregations-can-do-help-end-conflict-israelpalestine>

A Note from Rodney Burrell

I would like to let all my friends know how much I miss them. I also want the meeting to know school is going very well and I'm at 860 hrs of school time. I would like the meeting to post this in the next month's newsletter so not only will the friends of the meeting see that I'm working hard on my dreams. But I also want the guys from to camp to see that dreams can come through if u plan before u leave. Thank You and hope to see you all soon.

On Being a Spiritual Nurturer, 2015 - 2017

Submitted by School of the Spirit

The new core teaching team for the On Being a Spiritual Nurturer program has begun its work! Among our first tasks is seeking five meetings that are willing to host a Testing the Waters Retreat for prospective applicants. These will be scheduled on five Saturdays within the months of February, March, and April.

We are in need of your help and good counsel. Can you help host? Do you have ideas for us? If interested, please contact us! Details and contact links: <http://schoolofthespirit.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/TTW-Overview.pdf>

Reminder: Hillsborough Worship Group

The Hillsborough Worship Group meets on Sundays at 11am at the Hillsborough Yoga Downtown studio at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group is under the care of the Durham Meeting and has a minute of support from our meeting.

Book Review: Chocolate Wars

Submitted by Marilyn Dyer

The book *Chocolate Wars* was well and lengthily reviewed by Martha Grundy in the *Friends Journal*, March 2011. Better late than never, I have just now read this engrossing history of the British Quaker chocolate makers Fry, Roundtree, and Cadbury. (Cadbury received the accolade of cocoa manufacturer from Queen Victoria.) What touched me most is the degree to which these Quaker businessmen held fast to the Quaker testimony of integrity throughout their entire careers and lives.

Note: Marilyn asked that we reprint review by Martha Grundy, next page.

Books

Chocolate Wars: The 150-Year Rivalry Between the World's Greatest Chocolate Makers

By Deborah Cadbury. *PublicAffairs*, 2010. 367 pages. \$27.95/hardback.

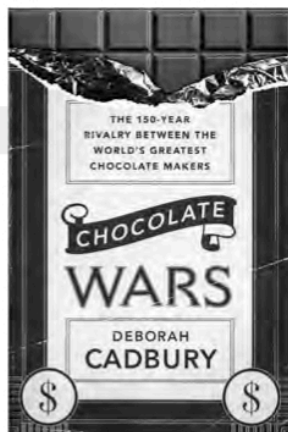
Reviewed by Marty Grundy

Chocolate Wars provides good reading for anyone interested in chocolate, Quakers, or capitalist practice and ethics. Cadbury writes well, narrating the development of chocolate as a confection through the story of the Quaker Cadbury family and their chocolate business.

One ingredient in the book is an exploration of how chocolate was developed from a foaming hot Mayan drink laced with peppers to a ubiquitous sweet sold throughout most of the world. In early 19th-century England and Europe it was a hot drink, touted as a healthful (but much more expensive) alternative to gin. Various starches had to be added to sop up the cocoa fat, and it doesn't sound like a very appealing beverage.

Three chocolate firms dominated the English market, all run by Friends: Fry, Cadbury, and Rowntree. In the Netherlands, Van Houten developed a press that reduced cocoa fat, while in Switzerland Lindt, Suchard, Caillard, Peter, and Nestlé were struggling to perfect their own brands. With limited budgets and long hours of experimentation, recipes were made and machinery developed to prepare first a smooth drink and then a number of delicious confections. Along the way there were innovations in manufacturing and marketing, industrial espionage, and earnest rivalry among all the contenders. Later Hershey and Mars entered the game and dominated the U.S. market. Expansion began around the British Commonwealth, and in the late 20th century markets were opened in Russia, China, and most of the rest of the world.

The families of all three Quaker chocolatiers and their descendants believed that accumulation of wealth for oneself was not a worthy goal. Most of the Cadburys and Rowntrees were involved in social action: promoting temperance, literacy, and abolition while working to counter the Dickensian horrors of child labor, inadequate wages, and squalid housing. The Cadbury brothers built a new factory on the outskirts of Birmingham and surrounded it with well-built cottages (each with space for a vegetable garden) in a range of prices, tree-lined streets, schools, and recreational



facilities. Rowntree and Fry developed similar housing estates. Eventually most of the accumulated wealth was put into trusts to carry on the work of these garden villages rather than passing it on to the next generation. The Cadbury and Rowntree trusts continue to advance the social goals of their founders.

When Milton Hershey visited Bournville he was inspired to create his own much larger utopian town, and to establish a trust for orphan boys. In 1918 Seeborn Rowntree argued at a Conference of Quaker Employers that "every man should be entitled to a Basic Wage" set at a level that would enable him "to marry, live in a decent house, and provide the necessities of physical efficiency for a normal family." He went further, and said that if a business could not afford such wages, management "should very strictly limit" its own pay. These principles guided their own firms, and they urged others to emulate and the government to mandate similar guidelines.

Nestlé chose a different path. It became a multinational corporation that expanded by acquiring other businesses. In 1988 it made a hostile bid for Rowntree, the fourth-largest confectionary company in the world. Cadbury's counter-bid to keep the firm in English (and Quaker) hands was rejected by the Thatcher government. Nestlé was permitted to buy out Rowntree and quietly sideline its management. Employment shrank as manufacturing was moved overseas. Nestlé became the world's largest food conglomerate, pestered with boycotts and bad press over its unethical marketing of infant formula in the developing world.

"War" is perhaps too strong a term until the second half of the 20th century. As family descendants with no connection to the business wanted to cash out their shares, and as the trusts were advised to diversify their holdings, increasing shares of stock were held by strangers who did not subscribe to Quaker business ethics. Cadbury merged with Schweppes, then demerged. Kraft made a hostile bid in 2009 and January 19th of the next year Cadbury ceased to exist as an independent corporation. The book ends with the Quaker busi-

ness ethic overpowered and tossed aside by the unstoppable greed of today's hedge funds and stock manipulators whose only interest is "stockholder value" measured solely in short-term monetary profits.

Appropriate to chocolate, the book is a bittersweet treat. The sweetness is a story well told, interesting information about the development of chocolate into the food we love today, admirable Quaker capitalists, and a good look at an alternate form of capitalism that assumed the goal was value for all stakeholders—employees, customers, and the larger society as well as management and shareholders. It's a reminder that the rapacious form of large-scale corporate capitalism practiced today, as William Greider points out in *The Soul of Capitalism*, is not the only or the inevitable form. The bitterness in the story is that the takeover pirates drowned the good in a sea of greed. The year that Irene Rosenfeld launched her hostile takeover of Cadbury, she received a 40-percent raise in compensation, while many Cadbury workers were given an ultimatum: accept a three-year pay freeze or leave the final salary pension scheme.

Author Deborah Cadbury's father left Friends to fight Hitler, so his Anglican daughter might be excused for a certain ignorance of Quaker history. She incorrectly states that Quakers fled persecution to go to New England and that William Penn gave his name to Pennsylvania. She also assumes the noun "parish" for the area of a Friends meeting. But these are small quibbles.

Greedy is so entrenched in our economic, financial, and political systems that it's difficult to imagine any alternative. However, each of us can buy local and support small entrepreneurs. If we must use products that are obtained only from less-developed countries—and it is hard to imagine Friends voluntarily going without chocolate, coffee, or the rare minerals that make today's consumer electronics possible—then at least we might insist on fair trade and sustainably produced raw materials. If you can boycott all of Kraft's and Nestlé's multitudinous captured subsidiaries, go for it!

Marty Grundy is a Quaker historian who visited Bournville in 1988 with an FWCC tour of British industry with Quaker origins. She is a member of Cleveland (Ohio) Meeting, and sojourns at times with Wellesley (Mass.) Meeting.



Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

August 17, 2014

Minutes

Tom Munk, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk

Worship and query: *Do we find inspiration all around us, in the natural world, in the sciences and arts, in our work and friendships, in our sorrows as well as our joys?*

One Friend spoke of the violence in Ferguson, MO, in Gaza, and in Iraq as all being of one struggle—the struggle to demilitarize, to find a settlement of differences in a non-violent way. Another said she would add “in the Bible and other religious texts” to the query, and recited the 23rd Psalm for us.

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda—Clerk

We welcomed first-time attender Ben Ray.

2. Approval of July minutes—Clerk

Approved.

3. Nomination of new Recorder; Nominations for Transition Support Committee, and for Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee—Jennifer Leeman

Jennifer presented for the Nominations Committee the following recommendations:

Karen Merrey for Library¹⁷

Allie Scales for Recorder

Emilie Condon for TSC¹⁷

Asta Crowe for TSC¹⁵

Maria Darlington for TSC¹⁷

Hank Elkins for TSC¹⁷

Nancy Fisher for TSC¹⁵

Richard Miller for TSC¹⁶

Paul Munk for TSC¹⁶

Dave Schneider for TSC¹⁶

Byron Stevens for TSC¹⁷

Jennifer Leeman for ReCFAC

Nancy Milio for ReCFAC

Gwynne Pomeroy for ReCFAC

Pam Schwingl for ReCFAC

Asta Crowe for ReCFAC (TSC Rep)

Richard Miller for ReCFAC (TSC Rep)

Tom McQuiston for TSC¹⁵

Joyce Munk for TSC¹⁶

Stuart Phillips for TSC¹⁵

Cristian Skinner for TSC¹⁵

Sean Thompson for TSC¹⁷

These nominations were accepted.

4. Ministry and Worship requests \$500 from the Contingency Fund for the “Love is the First Motion” workshop—Lynn Drake

Lynn reminded us of the inspiration for this workshop that came from a *Friends Journal* article about transforming conflict within Quaker meetings. The authors of this article are from New York Yearly Meeting, and M&W has invited facilitators from NYYM to help us conduct the workshop, which will be held on October 11. The cost for this workshop, some of which has already been covered by the Leadership Development Fund and by the M&W budget, includes the cost of bringing the two facilitators to Chapel Hill. Lynn said that unfortunately M&W had not had time to calculate and include this cost in their yearly budget request.

There was discussion about how much money is in the Contingency Fund (\$1000), and what other funds may be available.

Support was expressed for the workshop and the growth opportunity it affords. Finance Committee will find from where the money should best be taken.

Approved.

5. Thank you letter from Peter Malone (ATTACHED)

The clerk read the letter from Peter, which was written in response to the marriage of Jimmy Malone and Zac Lawhon being held under the care of CHFM. Friends found it to be a beautiful letter, and our Meeting to be so enriched by their celebration and their presence among us. Love grows where love is expressed. Jennifer Leeman offered to write a response to the Malone/Condon family (standing in for Emilie Condon who is our Correspondence Clerk) and it was requested that both of these letters be made part of the Meeting's archive.

Approved.

6. Interim Report from Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Consideration Committee—Naveed Moeed (ATTACHED)

Naveed shared with us the queries the committee has been wrestling with and their responses to them. The full set of minutes from their meetings will be forthcoming once they are received and approved by M&W. Another query response is under draft, and the committee plans to meet three more times.

Naveed remarked that the committee has taken all past minutes surrounding the topic of yearly meeting membership into consideration as they make their deliberations. Their overall question has been, "What has changed?" He noted that M&W must also approve anything they decide or recommend as an ad hoc committee. In response to questions, Naveed directed Friends to the PFYM website (piedmontfriendsfellowship.org) to read their theology statement. This topic will be discussed further at the committee's next meeting. He also noted that PFYM would be aligned with FGC, as are all the associated monthly meetings.

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting *will* be established, so the question for us is whether or not we will join. They are holding CHFM in the Light as we explore our leadings. Once the committee has made its discernment, they will look into holding another forum. Members of this ad hoc committee (made up of representatives of various committees and under the care of M&W) are Carolyn Stuart, Marilyn Dyer, Alice Carlton, Maura Murphy, Lloyd Kramer, Wendy Michener, and Jeff Brown, clerked by Naveed Moeed.

Deep appreciation was expressed to the committee for its work.

7. New description of Archives Committee—Robin Harper

Robin read the description of the newly-formed Archives Committee:

The function of the Archives Committee is to collect, record, and store data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, and membership in the Meeting. It keeps a record of such events in the Meeting record book. It also keeps the Memorial Book and Memorial Garden Map. It also defines and stores documents important to Meeting history. The Archives Committee is comprised, at minimum, of representatives from the Library, Publications and Communications, Ministry and Worship, and Care and Counsel Committees, as well as the Recorder and Recording Clerk.

Approved.

8. Announcements

- a. This past Thursday Obama made a promise not to manufacture and send hellfire missiles to Israel. We should express thanks for his taking what will certainly be a controversial stand, a stand that recognizes that this conflict cannot and will not be settled by adding more and more arms to the struggle. The President's comment line is 202.456.1111.
- b. John Hunter of PFYM has heard from all meetings who are inclined to comment on the marriage issue. PFYM will be publishing a statement soon.
- c. Isaac Barbee will be released soon from Johnson Correctional Center, around Dec. 14. He will be going to the IFC Community House. Some other former friends of CHFM will be coming back to OCC; Edward Scott has already returned. There are plans to re-open the camp on Oct. 1. A fundraiser for OCC will be held on Oct. 24 at the Marriot Hotel in downtown Durham. A resource

- center to assist with re-entry into the community will open soon in downtown Durham. Bessie Elmore shared this news with us and offered her thanks to our Meeting.
- d. Amanda Godwin has accepted the position of co-clerk for the FGC Gathering in '15. She usually attends early meeting and has asked to be held in the Light.
 - e. Next week's Forum on Labor will be facilitated by Tom McQuiston and Miriam Thompson.
 - f. Fourth Sixth Day Intergenerational Games Night will be held on Friday, Aug. 22.
 - g. Several Friends shared health information about members and attenders, and we hold them all in the Light.
 - h. Alice Carlton and Dave Curtin announced their engagement.

We closed with worship.

Attending: Naveed Moeed, Lynn Drake, Julia Cleaver, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Jan Hutton, Richard Miller, Byron Stevens, Ken Grogan, Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Carolyn Stuart, Dottie Heninger, Bessie Elmore, Asta Crowe, Curt Torell, Ben Ray, Emilie Condon, Barbara Williamson, James Harper, Marilyn Dyer, Kitty Bergel, Jennifer Leeman, Susan Ingles.

AN OPEN LETTER TO FRIENDS AND FAMILY, AND TO CHAPEL HILL MONTHLY MEETING 18.07.2014

The eighteenth day of seventh month in 1988, was when Emilie Condon and Peter Malone were married under the care of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, with members and attenders gathered.

Being ever grateful to the Meeting, and with the love of all of our (f)Friends, we have made our sojourn so far and see in the winding of our years together, our measure of contentment and fulfillment.

So it is, that now we have found occasion to appreciate the marriage of our Zac and our Jimmy, under the care of the Meeting, on 28 day of sixth month, 2014. They are two loving men who found each other and have begun building their lives together.

For these two young men are much to be admired.

I know that I do admire our son Jimmy, and have for all of his life.

I have come to know him as one who makes deep and lasting friendships that he works to uphold and maintain, who applies himself passionately to his work, but takes care that he not become compelled or driven; with a mind and heart seeking peace and harmony all around. Jimmy stands on the truth that he knows, yet holds an open mind always ready for the truth of others.

(And)

I am so pleased now that he has found Zac, a fine young man whose caring attitude, attentive nature, studiousness and industry show clearly in all of his efforts, and who gives freely of himself to others with open honesty and respect.

They deserve each other, and have given themselves to one another.

I am so grateful, too, that in this time, they are able to openly celebrate their marriage, with the expectation that in a short time coming, marriages like theirs will be celebrated freely and openly across the entire land.

We can hope for, and work toward, that as a right of all people.

I give these words as fruit of prayerful reflection, in heartfelt appreciation for the support and committed efforts of the Marriage Committee, the care and nurturance of the Meeting, and all who came from near and far to join us in witnessing these two fine young men join their lives.

Peace
Peter Malone

CHFM SUB-COMMITTEE ON CONSIDERING IF WE SHOULD ASSIST AND JOIN A NEW PFYM

1. QUERY: What do we gain by joining a yearly meeting? For those who do not have experience with a Yearly Meeting, what do you think we would gain? What gifts does CHFM bring?

a. MINUTE: Community, guidance and care are vital in all walks of Quaker life. For CHFM as a whole this is no different. We are vibrant and loving and care deeply for each other; our evolution to becoming a stronger meeting lends itself to being cared for and guided by the larger Quaker world of which we feel we should be a part. Opening our doors to bring our love and experience to others, to share in the richness of shared experiences (retreats and others from which we have benefited in the past) are some of the gifts we would receive through joining a yearly meeting. The spiritual, emotional and financial commitment of becoming part of something greater provides ample returns: it allows us to seek a collective truth, witness our own truth, join in action and call on the resources, which we gain from such a joining.

2. QUERY: Spiritual energy and level of effort in our meeting to contribute to the creation of a yearly meeting? Should we consider instead joining an existing yearly meeting? Is this also too much effort? How much energy and money do families have to go both to FGC and a Yearly Meeting? Does joining a yearly meeting mean we contribute less to FGC in terms of participation or do we gain by having a more localized yearly meeting where we can meet people within our own state?

a. ADDITIONAL QUERIES FROM CHUCK FAGER: What questions does this answer? What problems does this solve? What new opportunities does it create?

b. MINUTE (30th June): A sense of belonging and wider connection allows us to be more dynamic as a community. In the past the meeting has benefited from the service of individuals to larger Quaker organizations, Membership in a yearly meeting provides not only opportunity to recognize contribution but also draw on energy to support these efforts from a greater group of like-minded Friends. This helps bring continuity in our leadership and guidance and allows newcomers to understand how this meeting is placed in the wider Quaker world. Those familiar with yearly meetings will feel a sense of comfort in the familiarity of our work and process. For CHFM, belonging to PFYM is not merely an affirmation of who we are but of who PFYM is; it is about sharing identity, not relinquishing.

c. MINUTE (7th July): The committees as laid out by the nascent PFYM seem to be in alignment with our own. Many are not yet fully formed and we may have influence on the formation and character of these committees and how they may enrich our lives and the lives of other meetings. Shared learning helps create a shared Quaker framework as a template for smaller and nascent Friends meetings and organizations. As a result we find greater involvement from members of our meeting in not just PFYM but also FGC and other organisations.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 9/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Moral Injury in the U.S. Military
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 9/9	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 9/11	12:20pm	Military Suicide and the Church (see page 4)
Fri. 9/12	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 9/13	3pm	CFS Event (see page 3)

Sun. 9/14 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
 9:45am Forum: Building and Grounds
 11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
 11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
 Tue. 9/16 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
 Thurs. 9/18 - Sun. 9/21 Contemplative Retreat (see page 5)
 Fri. 9/19 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Sun. 9/21 8am Meetinghouse open for worship
 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
 11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
 11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
 Tue. 9/23 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
 Fri. 9/26 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
 Fri. 9/26 7pm Intergenerational Games - Schoolhouse

Sun. 9/28 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
 9:45am Forum: Listening as Spiritual Hospitality
 11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
 11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
 noon Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
 10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
 Thur. 10/2 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
 Fri. 10/3 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
 Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
 First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
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