

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

December, 2014



## Monthly Query:

*Do we walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone?*

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## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

"Where you find no love, put love, and you will find love." John of the Cross

## January Newsletter Announcement

Due to vacation and scheduling complications, the January newsletter will be available on Sunday, January 11 (not January 4). The deadline for submissions will be January 4 (not December 28). We apologize for any inconvenience.

## Upcoming Forum Schedule

**December 7 – “New Quaker Priorities in the New Congress”** Nancy Milio will share on the post-election changes in Congress and the political atmosphere. She will review the new legislative priorities of the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Queries: do we have a responsibility to move the agenda forward? Why; why not? Moderator: Max Drake

**December 14 – “Christmas Giving and Receiving”** Small group sharing: “Tell about a Christmas present you gave and one you received. What Christmas present would you really like to give/receive this year? What giving and receiving experiences bring joy to your Spirit?” Facilitator: Matt Drake

**December 28 – “Singing from Your Center”** Bring your voice; bring your instrument; lend your ear... to the music of Christmas and of other times. Facilitator: Robert Lee

## IFC New Year’s Eve Benefit Concert

This year’s New Year’s Eve concert features The Road Home Band. The show starts at 7pm at United Church of Chapel Hill (1321 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd in Chapel Hill).

"Covering titles by wonderful artist greats as Carrie Newcomer, David Wilcox, Alison Krauss, Bob Dylan, Nickel Creek and others, this ambitious 4 piece band has emerged with a sound all its own – a mix of vocals, mandolin, guitar, bass and drums that is nothing less than acoustic music at its best: at once soulful and earnest, yet full of encouragement and gentle humor.

"Nancy Maeder is a true standout as lead vocalist, with an edgy yet upbeat sound that speaks perfectly to the group’s search for a “road home”. David Langham is a fine counterpoint on lead guitar, lending his smooth melodies, along with a little spice of mandolin and vocals. Brad Kintner provides creative and innovative bass melodies with complimentary vocals. Robert Kintner brings the group together with a strong foundation on drums, drawing on years of experience of playing blues, jazz, gospel and rock music."

## Free Gift Table

Bring those things you don't need for the Free Gift Table, sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Pick up something you do need or want to give away this holiday time. The table will be available in the foyer before the Forum until after the rise of Late Meeting on Sundays, December 7, 14, and 21 and at the potluck dinner on Sunday, January 4. It's another fun way to recycle!

## **Christmas Eve Service**

The Christmas Eve Worship, for all Friends, attenders, and their families, will take place on Wednesday, December 24 at 5:30pm. Come early to enjoy about 30 minutes of holiday music performed by Dirk Kelder and Martha Kelder. We will begin with silent worship with one candle on the table in the center and lights off. As it becomes darker outside, and as the spirit moves us, each of us will light our own candle from the central candle and add our lighted candle to the table in silence and/or give whatever message we may feel led to share, slowly bringing light to the darkness. Bring a candle with a holder. Extra candles will be provided for those who forget to bring their own. Coordinated by the Ministry and Worship Committee.

## **New Year's Eve/Watchnight Celebration**

Join us for our annual New Years' Eve/Watch Night alcohol-free celebration! We'll gather from 7:00 pm until 10:00 for intergenerational games and puzzles.

Don't need that third Chia pet or Claxton fruitcake? Wrap it in newspaper or toss it in a bag and bring it along for the White Elephant Gift Exchange from 10:00 to 11:00. Even items that may seem too small for white elephant are welcome. Bring them unwrapped, and we will collect them in a 'community stocking', through which each child will get to rummage and select a gift.

Lastly, from 11:15 until midnight, we'll celebrate Watchnight with Bill Jenkins. Midnight will be the 153rd celebration of one of the greatest spiritual achievements in the history of our country – the emancipation of the slaves. Many slaves were said to have gathered in churches on New Year's Eve, in 1862, to await news and confirmation of the enactment of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, on January 1, 1863.

## **Potluck to Welcome the Newlyweds**

Save the date! Please join Pat and Pam for a potluck lunch at the rise of Late Meeting, December 28, to meet and celebrate the Newlyweds – our son, Nick Mann and his bride, Cara Strachan. The Food Fairy will also be bringing some lunch hors-d'oeuvres! Please join us to congratulate the new couple!

## **Carol Woods Worship: Location Change**

Beginning Sunday, November 2, the Carol Woods Meeting for Worship will meet in the small conference room (across from the Community Room) on the basement level of the main building. Please feel to join our CW Meeting on first days at 11:00.

## **Obituary: Brendan Andrew Wenberg**

Brendan Andrew Wenberg, age 35, died unexpectedly in Austin, TX on October 24, 2014. He was a professional artist and sculptor and the creator of Strange Child Ink, an art and apparel line. He is survived by his partner Luisa Romero, his parents Rev. John W. Wenberg, Jr of Glade Valley, NC and Ruth Hamilton, Magdalena NM and Durham, NC, his stepmother, Carol T. Wenberg of Glade Valley, NC, his stepfather Dr. Micheal Jokinen, Durham, NC, brothers Jack Wenberg , Chapel Hill, NC, Ethan Wenberg, Albuquerque, NM, stepbrother Brian Whitman, Benson, NC, and stepsister Mackensie Whitman, Saxapahaw, NC. Other survivors include a maternal aunt, Mary Best, Goldsboro, NC, uncles Tom Hamilton and Bill Hamilton, Punta Gorda FLA, and paternal uncle, Bob Godley, Wilmington, NC.



A memorial service was held on November 22, 2014 at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Memorials may be made to The Brendan Wenberg Memorial Fund which will mend the bridge in community through healing art and carry on the legacy of Strange Child art. The fund is with Wells Fargo Bank, account 5135754975. Memorials may also be made to NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

## **From the Finance Committee**

Your support helps our Chapel Hill Friends Meeting thrive. Friends have already contributed or pledged approximately \$52,100 toward our budget goal of \$64,900. Your gift will help the Meeting raise the remaining \$12,800. To contribute to the Meeting before the end of the 2014 tax year, write a check to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and send it to: Treasurer, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, 531 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, 27514. You may also drop your check in the contributions box in the foyer or hand it to a member of the Finance Committee before December 31, 2014 (Kitty Bergel, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Matt Drake (clerk), Bob Durovich, Loren Hintz, Tom Ludlow, Ann Miller, Ric Shepherd, and Maura Murphy (Treasurer and ex officio member). Thank you!

## **Update on Spreading CO Conscientious to Other Meetings**

Over a year ago when Rachel Leeman-Munk read her conscientious objector (CO) letter to the meeting, it was noted that the process our meeting uses to help young people in this conviction needs to be shared with other Friends Meetings. Curt Torell along with Naveed Moeed and Pam Schwingl were asked to explore this need. Since then, Curt and John Hite are videotaping some of our young people who submitted letters in the past and asking them to reread their letters and respond to some questions about that experience. Curt is also work with Quaker House in adapting these videos and prior materials into one

CO curriculum to share with other meetings. Combining Quaker House and the work of CHFM is an ideal way to carry this work forward.

## **Interactive Discussion on Joining a New PFYM**

Saturday January 10th, 9am to 12pm, First Day School

In June of this year Ministry and Worship setup a subcommittee to consider the facts regarding a new Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) and whether we might be led to join such a group. This group has since reported back to Ministry and Worship and the report is available to all on our website. As part of this process, and to hear voices from the whole meeting, we are organizing a Interactive Discussion. During this discussion we will discuss the Vision Statement and Core Elements of the new PFYM (<https://piedmontfriendsfellowship.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/pfym-vision-core-elements-7-20-14.pdf>) and discuss queries concerning how this may benefit Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

All are welcome; refreshments and childcare will be provided.

## **What Are the Kids Up To??**

*Here's an update on First Day School holiday activities from Leslie Rountree, our First Day School Coordinator.*



Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas.  
~Peg Bracken

### **ALTERNATIVE GIFT MART**

#### **Meetinghouse foyer**

The teens will open the Alternative Gift Mart following late Meeting every First Day through Dec. 21 and at the holiday party on Dec. 14.

### **POTLUCK SUNDAY AND OUR ANNUAL ORNAMENT-PALOOZA!**

#### **December 7th**

We will string popcorn and cranberries, make beeswax and origami ornaments, colorful paper chains, ribbon "poinsettias," peace doves, clove apples and more. Adult volunteers are more than welcome to join in the fun. Please let me know if you would like to help that morning.

### **NATIVITY PLAY REHEARSAL**

#### **December 14th**

We will rehearse our Nativity play, presented later that evening. We have roles of all kinds and for all ages: angels, stars, Jesus' family, innkeepers, the shepherds, the wise men and every critter imaginable. It's creative chaos at its best. Adult helpers would be greatly appreciated.

## **ANNUAL CHFM HOLIDAY PARTY!**

### **December 14th, 5:30pm, Multipurpose Room**

Join us for our annual CHFM holiday party! It's a festive evening of finger foods, caroling, and fellowship, not to mention our fabulous "Nativity" play. Please bring canned goods to build a "Christmas tree" for the Interfaith Council. Also, we will have our annual Giving Tree, where people can create a gift "coupon" to hang on the tree which others may choose to take. It may be as simple as loaning a pickup truck, babysitting...the possibilities are limited only by your creativity.

## **CAROLING TRIP**

### **December 21st, 11:00am, Carol Woods**

It's time for our annual caroling trip to Carol Woods Retirement Community. Bring your voices! Bring your guitars! We will assemble at the main entrance at eleven a.m. If you know a resident who would like to be visited, please let me know and I will add them to the list. Hot cider and cookies will be served at the end.

## **CHRISTMAS EVE MEETING FOR WORSHIP**

### **December 24th, 5:30pm, Meetinghouse**

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## **INTERGENERATIONAL BOARD GAME MORNING**

### **December 28th**

Did you get a board game as a gift? Bring it along -- there will be lots of folks to play it with you at the intergenerational board game morning. Tom Munk will bring a selection from his vast collection of groovy and geeky games as well. Thanks, Tom!

## **NEW YEARS' EVE/WATCH NIGHT CELEBRATION**

### **December 31st, 7:00pm, Multipurpose Room**

Join us for our annual New Years' Eve/Watch Night alcohol-free celebration!  
See more details on page 2.

## **POTLUCK SUNDAY**

### **January 4th**

It's the first Potluck Sunday of the new year. Don't forget to bring your own plates, cups, and utensils. The children's job will be to dismantle the holiday tree and make pinecone feeders for the birds and other critters on the property using the unstrung popcorn and cranberries, sun butter, and birdseed. It's a sweet way to start the year!

The First Day School begins their New Testament unit the second week in January.

## ***Happy times ahead!***

*If you have any questions, just ask Leslie. As always, thanks to her and all of the dedicated First Day School teachers for their heroic efforts on behalf of our children!*

## **This I Believe, Quaker Style**

Coming on Dec. 11, Jan. 8

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 (919-606-4574) if you have questions.

## **Quaker House Workshops**

Quaker House is sponsoring Alternatives to Violence Project workshops in 2015 for all three levels:

Basic on January 16-18

Advanced on February 20-22

Training for Facilitators on March 20-22

AVP is an experiential learning model to help individuals manage feelings, deal with conflict and anger, build relationships, and much more. It began in prison in cooperation with several Quakers and is now used in communities, schools, colleges, and conflict situations worldwide.

Each workshop has a nominal fee of \$70 to cover meals and other expenses, but scholarships are available for military personnel, Quakers, and students. Attendance at all three is not necessary. Those who never took this training should start with the Basic Course.

For more information, see the flyer posted in the foyer or contact Curt Torell from our meeting (919-968-2174) or Lynn Newsom, Quaker House co-director ([qpr@quaker.org](mailto:qpr@quaker.org), 910-323-3912).

## **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.

# **IFC for Social Service Support Circles Program**

## **What are Support Circles?**

Support Circle Teams comprise 8-10 volunteers that partner with individuals and families who are experiencing – or at risk of – homelessness and who are transitioning into permanent housing. Teams provide Partners assistance with

- Material support such as furniture and other household goods (often gathered from congregations and family)
- Practical support including taking partners grocery shopping or to appointments, helping them work out budgets, tutoring them for GED classes or other assistance their partners may need
- Financial support: each team contributes \$2,500; \$2,000 goes for their Partner's needs associated with moving in to permanent housing such as security deposit, furnishings, etc., \$100 goes toward program administration, and \$400 is escrowed to pay for a future coordinator
- Relational support: most importantly, team members meet regularly with the individual or family they're partnered with to share information, build relationships, and function as a support system for their Partners.

## **Who are the Support Circle Partners?**

Support Circle "Partners" are individuals or families living in shelters or transitional housing programs or are receiving homelessness case management services from Orange County DSS or other homeless service providers. Clients apply to the Support Circles Program with assistance from their case manager.

## **What is the time commitment?**

Support Circles make a 12- month commitment (which can be extended), meeting at least once per month with their Partners (often considerably more). Phone calls and emails are encouraged; each team member is encouraged to meet with their Partner a minimum of 4 times. All the Support Circle Teams in the program meet together once per month to share successes and challenges and to lend each other advice.

## **How are Support Circle Teams formed and matched with partners?**

Teams can be from one or more faith-based group or be groups of friends and are matched with their partners after considering their respective needs and qualities. Partners and Support Circle Teams sign a contract or covenant at the beginning of their partnership laying out their mutual commitments and obligations.

## **What do Support Circles do with their partners?**

Support Circle Teams and their Partners get to know each other and talk about what support the Partners may need and their activities together vary based on these needs and the relationships that form. Support Circles may gather household items and help partners move, help fill out and submit job applications, provide transportation, tutor, work out a budget, etc. Relationally teams model healthy lifestyles, listen and care, and empower their Partner.



## **Do Support Circles receive training?**

Support Circle Team members receive training so that they have a clear understanding of their role and to learn skills and information that will help them become effective partners. Topics included in the training include life skills, budgeting and finances, parenting, nutrition, time management, goal-setting, stress management, etc. Support Circles will also learn about available resources such as social services, housing, employment, health care, child care, etc.

For information about joining, starting or helping a support circle, please contact Shannon Gigliotti, Program Coordinator at (919) 929-6380 ext. 16 or [supportcircles@ifcmailbox.org](mailto:supportcircles@ifcmailbox.org). Fax: (919)929-3353.

## **“Ready the Ground” Usher Training in Raleigh**

As conditions change throughout our world, people-power actions – like rallies, demonstrations, vigils, and pickets – are increasing. Gain valuable skills to help welcome new participants and help keep our demonstrations peaceful, coordinated, and effective in bringing about positive social change. This in-depth, highly interactive training will prepare you to serve as an usher for demonstrations. Beginners and those with experience are equally welcome.

Ushers welcome people, provide good information, model the tone desired for the event, and handle any trouble (things that interfere with the operation of the event or with the clarity of its message). Ushers function in a welcoming, guidance, hospitality, and diplomacy role. They do not serve as enforcers or bouncers. In recruiting ushers we look for friendly people who have good judgment, who can remain calm and effective in moments of excitement or stress, and who interact respectfully with all kinds of people.

Each training offers six hours of preparation facilitated by experienced trainers and usher leaders. You'll get a bit of theory and lots of experiential learning in an expertly designed workshop format. Plus lunch, childcare, Spanish-English interpretation, and lots of chances to ask questions and learn from facilitators and each other.

The training will be in Raleigh on Saturday, January 24 at Teamsters Union Hall (6317 Angus Dr, Raleigh NC 27617). For more information, please reach out to us at [readytheground@gmail.com](mailto:readytheground@gmail.com) or by phone: 919-834-2693.

Ready the Ground Training Team would like to thank The Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History, Greenpeace North Carolina, NC Justice Center, Raise Up Fast Food Workers Union, Teamsters Local 391, and many movement workers whose wisdom and example we pass on.

## **BYO Plate**

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and we thank the meeting for continued help with potluck cleanup. However, large attendance does create a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

## **Calling for Book Reviews**

Have you read an inspiring book from the Meeting library lately? Or have you read a book we don't have in the library that you feel would be worthwhile to have in the collection? The Library committee would like to invite members and attenders to consider writing brief book reviews for the newsletter. Share the insight or inspiration you received from your readings. Please send a copy of your review to the library committee as well at [library@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:library@chapelhillfriends.org). We are always looking for suggestions for new books to add to our library. Thank you. The Library Committee

## **Directory Updates**

Due to privacy concerns, directory updates will not be included in the newsletter. Directory updates are posted on the bulletin board in the Meetinghouse foyer. If you are unable to get to the Meetinghouse, email [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org) or call Emily Buehler for a copy of current updates.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**November 16, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Tom Munk, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk**

**Worship and query:** *Are we grateful for other people's experiences of the light? Can we give thanks and give freely from what we have gained?*

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

We welcomed first-time attenders Mary and Tad McArdle, and Paul Bruhn.

**2. Approval of October minutes—Clerk**

*Approved.*

**3. Contributions-to-date toward the 2014-15 budget goal of \$64,900—Matt Drake**

Matt described the process of contacting Friends about sharing their giving plans, and thanking those who have done so. So far 64 Friends have provided their giving plans, and our projected gift total is about \$40,000. In addition, 48 gifts, totaling about \$9000, have already come in. This \$49,000 puts at around 70% of our goal for the current fiscal year, July 1, 2014, to June 30, 2015.

*The report was received with thanks to the committee.*

**4. Upgrade of the electrical service entrance into the Meetinghouse and installation of a gas fired whole house "on demand" water heater. Funds requested.—Don Hopper**

Don described the situation with the current breaker box and electrical service entrance (where electricity enters the building). In order to install the new, high efficiency, on demand hot water heater that Building and Grounds is recommending, a breaker box that can carry more amps is needed. In addition, the space between the current hot water heater and the service entrance is not wide enough to be up to code. The new on demand system would cost about \$3000, and will be able to be plumbed into future renovation plans. The cost to upgrade the electrical service entrance is \$5700. The old materials (breaker box and water heater) can be recycled or repurposed. The money to pay for these upgrades would come from the renovation account at BB&T, which is managed by the Finance Committee for purposes such as this and currently has a balance of \$85,000.

One Friend expressed concerns about the system's ability to provide just a small amount of warm water. Don reported that the technology of on demand water heaters has changed significantly, and they are now more sensitive to these kinds of smaller demands.

*Friends approved going ahead with this plan.*

**5. Report from PFF Retreat and Representative Meeting—Jeff Brown (ATTACHED)**

Jeff will follow up with Children's/Youth Religious Ed to pursue CHFM's interest in taking responsibility for children's programming for PFF's annual retreat in March. In response to his remarks on the recent PFF retreat, Tom Munk shared some of the excitement around the important work that Christina Repoley is doing. Margot Stern is the other PFF representative for our Meeting.

*Friends accepted the report with thanks.*

**6. Report from Ministry and Worship Committee on Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting—Naveed Moeed (ATTACHED)**

Naveed began by reminding us that M&W formed a subcommittee in May of this year with representatives from all the major committees within the Meeting, to discern whether or not joining PFYM

would be a good idea. Naveed shared the “core elements,” or characteristics of the yearly meeting, as determined by the PFYM formation committee: spirit, Quaker practice, inclusiveness, community and witness, structure, and transparency and openness. He noted that the subcommittee has met several times, addressed several relevant queries, and united on a minute recommending that CHFYM join PFYM.

The subcommittee is recommending that CHFYM join PFYM. However, on January 10 there will be a retreat for the Meeting as a whole to discuss this with the subcommittee. The assumption is that a final decision will be made at the January or February MWAB. Naveed informed us that the first meeting of the PFYM will be the second week in March, and he reminded us that PFYM will always be a “work in progress.”

Friends remarked on the strong participation of CHFYM at the recent PFF retreat, as an indication of the connection that already exists between us and PFYM. Others requested that M&W’s report include this link to the PFYM formation committee documents: [piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/welcome/piedmont-friends-yearly-meeting/minutes-documents/](http://piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/welcome/piedmont-friends-yearly-meeting/minutes-documents/).

Other members of the subcommittee include: Naveed Moeed (convenor), Lloyd Kramer, Wendy Michener, Marilyn Dyer, Jeff Brown, Alice Carlton, Maura Murphy, and Carolyn Stuart.

*Friends accepted the report with gratitude, and will sit with it prayerfully.*

#### **7. Report from Naming Committee—Naveed Moeed**

Naveed and Susan Inglis discerned many names to serve on the Nominations Committee. Those that came to the fore and are willing to serve are Karen Durovich, Ed Bowen, Sean Chen, and Joyce Munk. If Friends have concerns or questions, they should bring them to Naveed, Susan, or Tom.

*Friends accepted the names with happiness, but they will be held over til next month in keeping with our practice.*

#### **8. Annual Report from Adult Religious Education Committee—Wendy Michener (ATTACHED)**

*Friends accepted the report with gratitude.*

#### **9. Annual Report from Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee—Jan Hutton (ATTACHED)**

Particular appreciation was expressed to the committee for supporting the workshop on conflict transformation.

*Friends accepted the report with gratitude.*

#### **10. Petition to Support Expansion of Medicaid in North Carolina—Naveed Moeed, for Peace & Justice Committee**

Healthcare for All NC, 501(c)(3), has asked us to sign their petition: “We urge the NC General Assembly and the Governor to immediately accept federal funds to expand Medicaid in NC.” Naveed will provide the link [www.healthcareforallnc.org](http://www.healthcareforallnc.org) to the listserv, for background information. He will also provide information on how individuals can support this work.

Friends asked for more information on Healthcare for All NC. Naveed responded that it is composed primarily of physicians in NC, working to assure access to quality healthcare in NC. It is basically a group that lobbies on behalf of physicians, but it is working to garner support outside the physician community.

*Friends expressed strong support for signing the petition.*

#### **11. Mental Health Initiative—Naveed Moeed, for Peace & Justice Committee**

P&J would like to bring together interest groups in and outside of the Meeting who are particularly concerned with mental illness, including Orange County Sherriff Charles Blackwood. There are many different groups of people who are affected by mental illness, including some citizens returning from incarceration, and veterans with PTSD.

Ruth Hamilton was one of the people who started CHFYM’s group “Friends and Family of Those With Mental Health Concerns,” and we noted with sadness the recent death of her son Brendan. Like breast

cancer, mental illness is not something to be hidden with shame, but rather is a concern for the whole community. Many mentally ill people are being kept in prisons, others are not able to find work or treatment due to lack of space. P&J wants to raise the awareness of this and focus more energy on this need. They feel that this is a problem that impacts peace and justice in our community.

Alice Carlton encouraged all to attend the “Friends and Family” potluck meetings, which are held on the fourth Sunday of the month at the rise of meeting. She noted that Medicaid expansion is also a part of the solution to this problem.

*Before moving forward, P&J had desired a sense of the Meeting on this initiative, which is why it has been brought to MWAB. Friends approved P&J adding a mental health initiative to their agenda.*

Hank Elkins modeled his silver ribbon pin, from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. The pin has been made and distributed as an attempt to bring mental illness out of the shadows. P&J would like to order some of these for the Meeting, if there is interest. They are \$2.00 each if we buy in bulk. Friends responded enthusiastically and P&J will order some pins.

## **12. Announcements**

- The Clerk read the following announcements from the listserv:
  - Carolina Friends School will hold an open house today, next Saturday, and Dec. 7
  - Friends and Family of Those with Mental Health Concerns will meet next Sunday after meeting
  - Thanksgiving potluck on Nov. 27
  - “Tend Your Relationship” workshop with Mike and Marsha Green on Dec. 6
  - Celebrate the newlyweds potluck lunch for Nick Mann and Cara Strachan at the rise of meeting, Dec. 28
  - New directories are now available
- Memorial Service for Brendan Wenberg, Nov. 22, 2:00pm at the Meetinghouse. Friends are requested to bring refreshments if they can.
- Next week’s forum is on Friends General Conference, facilitated by Jennifer Leeman
- IFC is providing holiday meals for a donation of \$25.00—see Dottie Heninger
- Richard Miller reported that about half the men are back at OCC, and the next Yokefellows meeting will be Dec. 9. Also, OCC newsletters are now available.
- Orange JUICE has two actions coming up: tomorrow, 7:00pm at Town Hall, a special use permit hearing will be held for low income housing developments to call developers to task. Then on Dec. 5, 10:15am at Grace Church in Chapel Hill, a meeting will be held with Congressman David Price regarding a low income housing development.

## **We closed with worship.**

**Attending:** Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Mary McArdle, Tad McArdle, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Julia Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Donald Hopper, Jan Hutton, Kitty Bergel, Bettie Flash, Ben Ray, Jennifer Leeman, Dottie Heninger, Naveed Moeed, Ken Grogan, Jeff Brown, Bill Schweke, Paul Bruhn, Richard Miller, James Harper, Barbara Willimason, Marilyn A. Dyer, Ruth Zalph, Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Deborah Gibbs, David Curtin, Alice Carlton, Tom Ludlow, Matt Drake, Wendy Michener

## **PFF RETREAT AND REPRESENTATIVE MEETING**

Piedmont Friends Fellowship had a successful retreat on November 1 at Durham Friends Meeting. Christina Repoley conducted an uplifting program on “Prophetic Service as Formation and Transformation” that highlighted the value of service in the “Quaker Way” that engages those being served and the inner change that service can bring. A question and answer period after lunch gave Friends a chance to learn more about Quaker Voluntary Service, an organization founded by Christina and centered in Atlanta.

In the meeting of the PFF Representative Body, Friends reported on the recent meeting of the Friends General Conference Central Committee and expressed excitement about the Annual Gathering coming to Cullowhee North Carolina, July 5-11, 2015. Co-clerks for the Annual Gathering are Joe and Terry Graedon and Amanda Godwin.

PFF Representatives discussed youth activities. Andrew Wright of Durham Meeting who has been active in PFF retreats and is active in NC Yearly Meeting Conservative reported on a cooperative initiative between PFF and NCYM(C) with regard to children's programming. He observed that activities for late elementary and middle school levels are valuable for engaging families and building familiarity between children from regional meetings. In turn, building contacts through children will help build bridges between adults in PFF and NCYM(C) (of which Durham is a member) meetings.

Durham Friends Meeting has enough children to take a lead in organizing shared activities. In addition to shared programs, yearly meetings will be encouraged to invite children from the region to their respective annual meetings. This is a year-long discernment process, clerked by Andrew who will report progress to PFF and NCYM(C).

PFF is planning for the Annual Retreat in March. Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is interested in taking responsibility for children's programming.

The Yearly Meeting Representative Body formed and met on October 4th at New Garden Friends Meeting to consider preparation for the first meeting of the Yearly Meeting in March. Nineteen were in attendance including six meetings/worship groups with minutes of intention to affiliate including Charlotte, Fancy Gap, New Garden, Raleigh, Salem Creek, and Upstate Worship Group. Durham and Chapel Hill, both under discernment regarding affiliation, were also represented. In the meeting, Friends shared visions, reviewed core values, considered ways to carry out the vision, considered priority tasks, and planned for Representative Body meetings leading up to the first Yearly Meeting in March.

The intention is that Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Piedmont Friends Fellowship be distinct but closely related bodies. Important elements are communication and coordination of scheduling meetings.

### **REPORT FROM MINISTRY AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE ON PIEDMONT FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING**

prepared by Naveed Moeed – November 2014

#### **REPORT TO MINISTRY AND WORSHIP (EXECUTIVE SUMMARY) – NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

Convener: Naveed Moeed

Participants: Lloyd Kramer, Wendy Michener, Marilyn Dyer, Jeff Brown, Alice Carlton, Maura Murphy, Carolyn Stuart

#### **a. Our leading**

After weeks of discussion, discernment and reflection we, the subcommittee, have been led to realize that joining a yearly meeting will help enrich and grow Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, bringing us closer to a wider community of Friends. There is a strong desire to unite with Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, because its Vision and Core Elements document expresses our own Quaker values. To become part of this family of meetings will bring us closer to the Light and allow us to benefit from a shared learning experience. We feel it

will also help us take the next steps towards our collective spiritual growth.

### **b.A history**

Piedmont Friends Fellowship began with a meeting in December 1968 of Friends from Chapel Hill, Durham, Raleigh, and Friendship Meetings with a desire for a Quaker forum to discuss the Vietnam War. Friends from other meetings joined the following spring, creating a Quaker fellowship bridging all NC Friends.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship took up the question of forming a yearly meeting twice before the 2012-14 consideration: once in the 1970's and again in the 1990's. A report from an ad hoc committee regarding yearly meeting formation was made at the PFF Annual meeting in March 2013.

Within our meeting we considered joining a Yearly Meeting (in general) and PFYM in particular in 2005, 2008 and 2011 respectively, but there was no general enthusiasm within our meeting each time this idea was raised.

### **c.What has changed?**

- The core group bringing together PFYM seems to be highly organized and cognizant of why things have not "taken off previously"
- The discernment from the PFYM Formation committee seems highly reasoned and structured in the manner of careful Quaker process
- Our meeting (CHFM) is becoming more outwardly focussed on the wider community of Quakers. We are reaching out to other communities and finding great benefit in our spiritual and social action as we work with others.
- Moral Mondays have widened our sense of connection with diverse NC communities
- Youth interactions with yearly meetings (SAYF/SAYMA) have enriched the lives of our young people
- Connections with FCNL have deepened our understanding of national Quaker programs
- PFF have long contributed to the spiritual growth of our meeting members

### **d.Queries considered:**

1.QUERY: What do we gain by joining a yearly meeting? What gifts does CHFM bring?

SUMMARY OF MINUTE: Opening our doors to bring our love and experience to others, to share in the richness of shared experiences. Joining a yearly meeting 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: What questions does this answer? What problems does this solve? What new opportunities does it create?

SUMMARY OF MINUTE (30<sup>th</sup> June): A sense of belonging and wider connection allows us to be more dynamic as a community. 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.

3.QUERY: What is the Spiritual energy and level of effort in our meeting to contribute to 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?

SUMMARY OF MINUTE (7<sup>th</sup> July): The proposed structure of PFYM, which grows out of current practices in PFF, addresses needs and concerns of our meeting. Shared learning helps create a shared Quaker framework as a template for smaller and nascent Friends meetings and organizations. We anticipate greater involvement from members of our meeting in not just PFYM but also FGC and other organizations.

4.QUERY: Yearly Meeting vision: does the vision of a future PFYM meet with our own in CHFM?

SUMMARY OF MINUTE (18<sup>th</sup> August): The spirit in which this PFYM is formed captures multiple ways of approaching the Light. The embracing of diversity and openness marries with that

of Chapel Hill Friends' Meeting. Joining a group with such a sense of direction could make our meeting more vital.

5.QUERY: Think about Quaker Process and opportunities for education and youth. A yearly meeting would bring continuity and a fresh pair of eyes to Chapel Hill's concerns. How Do Friends feel about this? How do our youth grow and experience joy in relating to other Quakers? How would we accomplish that, with or without a yearly meeting?

SUMMARY OF MINUTE (3 November): Interaction with Quakers outside of our meeting provides opportunities for growth, and brings us together a vibrant spectrum of approaches to the Light. A successful PFYM relies not only on bringing all ages together but also good governance. We are hopeful that a nascent PFYM will adhere to good accountability, providing the strong framework for a nurturing environment.

#### **e.Other considerations**

**Upcoming Forum?:** Are we ready for the spiritual adventure? The PFYM Formation (now Representatives) committee has provided guidance in its' previous minutes on how we should discern the core values and vision statement. They have shown great openness to spiritual engagement that resembles own adventure with "This I Believe (Quaker Style)". Continuing this line of thought is encouraged and we agree that more of the meeting should be engaged in this process.

Following discussion, the subcommittee are united in the following:

- The decision to join or not join PFYM should be open to wider discussion and reflection, before being taken to Meeting For Worship with Attention to Business
- It is the strong feeling of the whole subcommittee that this topic speaks to the spiritual state of the Meeting
- The medium of a single forum may be limiting; so a special retreat may be better
- The minutes we have discerned and the PFYM Vision and Core Elements document should provide the basis for future discussion. The latter is the message of the PFYM Formation/Representative's committee to all who seek to know and understand PFYM and the former is our own deep reflection on what this means for CHFM

**How other meetings have responded following discernment:** The following have said YES to joining PFYM.

Two are still in discernment:

- Charlotte Friends Meeting – *“is in unity with the Vision and Core Elements of PFYM”*
- Fancy Gap Friends Meeting – *“approved with clear hearts and minds to join in fellowship with PFYM”*
- New Garden Friends Meeting – *“discussed the proposed vision statement and core elements of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and find resonance with its stated purpose”*
- Salem Creek Friends Meeting – *“finding ourselves in spiritual alignment with the new Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting”*
- Upstate Friends Worship Group (under the care of Charlotte Friends) – *“there will be both substantive and spiritual value in said yearly meeting affiliation and a mutual benefit for PFYM”*
- Durham – Still in Discernment
- CHFM – Still in Discernment

**The future work, including how we could get involved (in italics, areas of interest to some members of CHFM):**

- *a structural framework for the yearly meeting, softly assembled*
- *the offices of the yearly meeting to be filled, and recommended persons for those offices*
- the role of the yearly meeting representative body in relation to the yearly meeting, e.g., any decision-making authority
- the relationships among the yearly meeting, PFF and FGC



- how we will relate to other NC yearly meetings, and to other Friends' bodies
- regarding recording ministries, whether recording by the yearly meeting or allowing for accommodation by a monthly meeting
- *process for monthly meeting membership in the yearly meeting, including consideration of the relationship of worship groups to yearly meeting*
- *assumptions about membership in the yearly meeting by monthly meeting or by individuals*
- consideration of regular reports from monthly meetings to yearly meeting, e.g., statistical reports, spiritual condition reports
- *consideration of young adult friends in leadership roles*

PFYM PROPOSED VISION STATEMENT AND CORE ELEMENTS  
*as revised at the Yearly Meeting Formation Committee Meeting  
 held at New Garden Friends Meeting 20 July, 2014*

**Purpose/Summary**

The Vision Statement and Core Elements are intended to clarify the guiding principles of the new Yearly Meeting and its affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups. This document launches us on a new spiritual adventure. We seek to be guided by spirit, through continuing study and prayer, to broaden our understanding of Quaker history and principles; to deepen our experience of Quaker worship, faith, and practice; to foster a loving and inclusive fellowship; to provide opportunity to connect with the wider Quaker community; and to strengthen our service and witness in the broader world.

**Vision Statement**

As a Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to foster a loving community of affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups by increasing and strengthening connections among members, attenders, and seekers and with other Friends' organizations. Our primary goals are to nurture monthly meetings and worship groups by supporting spiritual growth and to witness to our collective truth in the wider world.

**Core Elements**

**SPIRIT** – *The Yearly Meeting is led by the inward experience of the spirit regardless of the metaphor or descriptive language that is used to express it.*

Quakerism began in the 17th century as a Christian movement; Friends often referred to spirit as “Christ within” or “the inward light.” While Christian expressions of spirit continue to be central for many Friends, in the 21st century other Friends feel led to describe their experiences in a variety of ways. Being led by the spirit means that we strive to cultivate that sense that moves us to interact with each other in a loving way, that guides our decisions with openness to change and seeking a larger truth. We worship with an expectation of being “in the spirit,” which allows us personally and corporately to recognize both higher truths and connectedness. Cultivation of spirit compels us to work in the world with compassion and care for all of creation.

**QUAKER PRACTICE** – *The Yearly Meeting's practice is guided by the spirit, based on historical traditions and continuing revelation tested through corporate discernment.*

Quaker faith and practice has identifiable though not dogmatic characteristics. A long-standing tenet of the Quaker faith is that the revelation of truth has not been completed in the past and that new understandings arise. Discernment of clarity and truth is arrived at through worship and is based on a tradition of testimonies and queries and on living this faith as an outward expression of the inward experience. Our decision-making practice is characterized by discernment through listening, waiting for way to open, openness to multiple solutions, and fearless attention to

truth as revealed in the present in order to arrive at a sense of the meeting.

**INCLUSIVENESS** – *Recognizing that inclusiveness enriches our spiritual lives, the Yearly Meeting welcomes and affirms individuals, monthly meetings, and worship groups from a wide variety of social and theological backgrounds and experiences.*

Rather than prescribing any creed, the Yearly Meeting encourages individuals to become part of the corporate experience of Quaker faith and practice. The authenticity of the experience is based on inclusiveness, which in the 21st century, welcomes individuals and families from a wide range of religious traditions and practices and is affirming of diverse genders, ethnicities, racial identification, sexual orientations, ages, and beliefs. The Yearly Meeting is composed of monthly meetings with various modes of Quaker worship, understanding that there are multiple legitimate ways to seek and experience the spirit.

**COMMUNITY & WITNESS** – *The Yearly Meeting fosters community within and between monthly meetings and worship groups, strengthens relationships with other Quaker organizations, and witnesses our truth to the wider world.*

The Yearly Meeting intends to create a community that honors all who seek both individual and corporate spiritual truth; where there is a supportive environment for individuals and monthly meetings and worship groups to take on challenges; where we follow in the footsteps of George Fox as we “walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one.” The community provides the support that allows individuals to test leadings and to witness to the wider world. Belonging to the Yearly Meeting strengthens monthly meetings and worship groups in local, regional, national, and international recognition both within and outside the Quaker community. The Yearly Meeting also provides individuals opportunity for service and for witness through strengthened engagement with issues of concern.

**STRUCTURE** – *The Yearly Meeting has a simple and sufficient structure to serve the evolving vision of the Yearly Meeting constituents.*

The Yearly Meeting's establishment arises from the need of monthly meetings and worship groups for the benefits provided by a broader organization. The monthly meetings and worship groups are the source of both the people needed to do the work, and the group that determines what work needs to be done in support of Quaker practice. Its structure is designed to serve the needs of constituent monthly meetings and worship groups in growth and engagement with other Friends' organizations. The Yearly Meeting actively invites all to participate in decision-making and action, remaining flexible and acknowledging that all individuals carry truth and a responsibility for discerning and speaking their truth.

**TRANSPARENCY & OPENNESS** – *Both in practice and in appearance, the Yearly Meeting will demonstrate transparency and openness.*

The Yearly Meeting serves the needs of the monthly meetings effectively when all are made aware of the activities and actions of the Yearly Meeting and when activities and actions are undertaken in response to needs of the monthly meetings and worship groups. The Yearly Meeting facilitates open communication in a variety of modes and styles, being mindful that individuals differ in technological abilities and inclination, and learning styles, as well as familiarity with Friends' acronyms. While the Yearly Meeting encourages the use of various media for communication, it also recognizes that personal and corporate relationships are strengthened by face-to-face gatherings.

**ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**ANNUAL REPORT (August 2013 - June 2014), 11/16/14**

The Adult Religious Education Committee is responsible for the Forums between early and late Meeting. We must balance requests from our members for particular forums with the real need to create a diverse forum schedule that is representative of the wide interests of our Meeting. We have also kept the schedule flexible enough that we could respond to breaking events with timely Forums.

Forums in 2013-2014 fell into roughly five types, two of which were more numerous. The largest group consisted of reports from service groups that our Meeting supports or members of our Meeting are active in. Next were forums where Friends shared a special talent or event such as teaching non-Friends Quaker process, working with Hospice, or sharing the Quaker Pilgrimage. There were forums where Friends were invited to participate in a discussion or performance, the study of *Faith and Practice*, singing, or talking about holiday memories. Fourth were Forums from our Meeting committees offering instruction from Publications, opportunities for building community from Ministry and Worship, and sharing renovation plans from Building and Grounds. And as before, we sought out four members of Meeting to give personal sharings.

One Forum was led by the teens, where they presented a video of their interviews with several Meeting members. Our traditional forum on graduation for our youth transitioning from high school honored one teen, Carl Hintz. And at the end of June, ARE held a Forum on what Friends thought of the year's Forums. This was a lively and encouraging experience. People liked the job we had done and had much to say. Notes were taken and they have been studied by the current ARE committee to good effect.

Friends are reminded that most Forums are recorded, and many have been downloaded to CDs which are available in the Library. Friends are encouraged to borrow them for hours of audio entertainment. Expand your knowledge and appreciation for the amazing people who are part of our Meeting and the excellent service work being done by individual Friends and by local and national service organizations that Friends are connected to.

Members were Barbara Williamson, Dirk Kelder, Max Drake, Wendy Michener and Dan Darnell, convener.

**SCHEDULE AND SUMMARIES OF ARE FORUMS 2013 – 2014**

- Aug 25: "Pilgrimage to 1652 Country in England" Friends who went on the pilgrimage in the summer of 2013 shared their experiences.
- Sept 1: "Sharing Our Travel Stories" We stayed in one group to share with one another our very best travel stories.
- Sept 8: "Teen Video-Interviews" The teens put together a video of their interviews with members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. They worked for almost a year interviewing and editing and presented their final product.
- Sept 22: "Report about the FGC Gathering in Colorado" Ruth Zalph and Wendy Michener shared their pictures and experiences from this year's Gathering.
- Sept 29: "Developing a Rational and Compassionate Drug Policy" A panel of knowledgeable people joined Paul Munk in leading a discussion about what we can do locally to dismantle the "drug war."
- October 6: "North Carolina's Unique Role in the Climate Crisis and Clean Energy" Jim Warren of NC WARN updated us on changes in electricity generation, developments in solar power, and the statewide campaign to encourage Duke Energy to either become a climate game-changer or stop impeding progress toward clean energy.
- October 13: "Personal Sharing" by Nancy Elkins
- October 27: "Glimmers of Light in Government Gridlock" Nancy Milio identified positive movements toward Quaker priorities and presented the new 10 year FCNL Policy Statement.

- Nov. 3: “Sharing Quaker Process” Pam Schwingel shared her experience of introducing and sharing Quaker process with her Co-Housing group. We discussed where we might be called upon to do the same with other groups.
- Nov. 10: “Social Media” Emily Buehler and James Harper, Publications & Communications, discussed possible uses of social media by the Meeting, in particular in regards to engaging young Friends, as well as potential pitfalls.
- Nov. 24: “Personal Sharing” Naveed Moeed shared his spiritual journey
- December 1: “How Did Your Parents Influence Your Present Spirituality?” How did they convey their beliefs and how did you respond? We shared our stories in small groups.
- December 8: Part II of "Glimmers of Light" Nancy Milio continued with Part II of her report on FCNL, Congress, and the Body Politic.
- December 22: “Sharing Holiday Memories” Dirk Kelder led part 1, "Light out of Darkness," and Barbara Williamson led Part 2, "Favorite Memories."
- December 29: “Music Forum” We celebrated the holidays with music! There was instrumental music as well as singing of familiar songs of the season, accompanied by piano.
- January 5: “Worker Rights” Hank Elkins and Miriam Thompson spoke about conditions faced by workers in NC and efforts to improve them.
- January 12: “Community Building Through Small Groups” Ministry & Worship members reported on the value of small groups, invited topics of interest, and encouraged Friends to sign up for a group of their choosing.
- January 26: “Proposed Renovations to the Lower Floor of the Meetinghouse” Don Hopper, Clerk of Building and Grounds, presented the issues and the renovation ideas being considered by B&G. This presentation took the entire Forum time, so a second Forum was announced at the end, see March 2.
- February 2: “Genetic Engineering of Plants” Ann Matthyse shared with us the discovery, in which she participated, that genetic engineering in plants is possible. We discussed the good and bad aspects of its current uses.
- February 9: “Interfaith Council: Home Start” Volunteers Carolyn Stuart and Karen Merry joined Judy Klimcheck, Director of IFC Residential Services, in a discussion about the program for homeless women and children.
- February 23: “Learning about ‘Focusing’,” Robert Lee presented his approach to “Focusing,” which he defined as a partnership in an egalitarian exchange emphasizing praising in silence, looking within, seeing yourself and others nonjudgmentally, and looking for a carrying forward, a shift, in complicated situations.
- March 2: “Building and Grounds” This was a continuation of the previous month's presentation about renovation of the first floor of the Meetinghouse. This forum was devoted to answering questions about the renovations.
- March 9: “Quaker EarthCare Witness” Mary Gilbert from Quaker EarthCare Witness visited the Triangle and gave us a report on Quaker EarthCare Witness activities at the UN and elsewhere.
- March 23: “Personal Sharing” Bonnie Rafael
- March 30: “Yokefellows” Richard Miller and Paul Munk facilitated a discussion of the Tuesday evening meetings held with the inmates at Orange Correctional Center, some of whom were present.
- April 6: “IFC: The Food Pantry” Karen Merrey and IFC staff were present to answer questions about this mission of the Interfaith Council.
- April 13: “A Private Path to Higher Education for Undocumented Students” Nancy Milio introduced the founding head of The Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students who described how she came to start the Fund and what has been done for students and their families.
- April 27: “Love is the First Motion” Ministry and Worship led a discussion about how we handle conflicts.

- May 4: “Amazon Conservation and Crafts” Campbell Plowden, a conservation activist working in the Amazon, spoke to us about his work. As part of his work, he imports artisan crafts, which were available for purchase.
- May 11: “*Faith and Practice*” Max Drake led a discussion about the ways we can utilize this resource from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting
- May 25: “Friends and Hospice,” Madelyn Ashley shared with us her work with the sick and dying.
- June 1: “Graduation of Carl Hintz from High School” Carl shared his experience of growing up in Meeting and his expectations for the future.
- June 8: “What About the Children?” Melissa Radcliff, Executive Director of Our Children's Place, spoke to us about Parents' Day at Orange County Correctional and about the state wide issue of children of incarcerated parents.
- June 22:
- June 28: “How Have We Done?” Members of ARE led a discussion about the year’s Forums and invited suggestions for future topics.

**SHOTTS MEMORIAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE  
ANNUAL REPORT, 2013-2014**

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends.

The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund, established in 1973, provides financial assistance to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Grants from this fund are distributed from the interest earned on principal.

The Leadership Development Fund, established in 1982, provides financial aid to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. Grants from this fund are distributed from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the monthly meeting.

The beginning balance in July, 2013, for the Leadership Development Fund was \$813.49. The beginning balance for the Shotts Memorial Fund in July, 2013 was \$3,401.40 and our ending balance as of last statement was \$2,344.59. Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, which had a market value of \$31,555.92 as of June 30, 2014. From this fund, we get about \$1200 a year in interest to give out. As of the last statement in 2014 our ending balance in the Leadership Development Fund was \$829.09.

Eight Leadership Development grants were given from July 2013 to November 2014. Among these, in FY 2013- 2014: Wendy Richesin-Dodd, (course at Pendle Hill); Tom Munk (Pendle Hill Clerking workshop); Jan Hutton and Pam Schwingl, members of the "Love is the First Motion" Subcommittee (FWCC Conflict Transformation Workshop); Ruth Zalph (trip to Palestine/Israel); Amanda Godwin, (FGC Gathering)

In the new FY of 2014-2015, two Leadership Development grants have been given: Pam Schwingl (School of the Spirit silent retreat); CHFM – Ministry and Worship Committee \$700 in support of the Conflict Transformation Workshop

Several Shotts Memorial Fund grants were given in FY 2013-2014. Among them were: Madeline Smith-Gibbs, (for Quaker Voluntary Service); Robin Harper, (Pendle Hill Recording Clerk workshop)

In FY 2014-2015, one Shotts Memorial grant has been given: Kathy Davis (service trip to Guatemala.)

To stem some possible confusion about which grants flow from which fund, we would like to explain. Our funds in the Shotts Memorial Fund are replenished in June and in December. We cashed in half of our CD at Sun Trust when it matured in April and so replenished the Leadership Development Fund then. Since we get requests any time and want to be able to respond quickly so that those requesting assistance can make their plans accordingly, we make the grants from whichever fund has sufficient capital to cover the grant with some money remaining in that fund.

Our committee anticipates applications from CHFM's youth for a service trip and possibly from those who will be making the Quaker Pilgrimage, both scheduled for Summer, 2015. Additionally, the FGC Gathering will be in Cullowhee, NC in 2015, with Parker Palmer as one of the keynote speakers. Thus, we have kept a low profile in expectation of possibly sizeable requests.

Respectfully submitted by the Shotts/Leadership Committee:  
Jan Hutton, Clerk; Lynn Drake (Treasurer), Stuart Phillips,  
Gwynne Pomeroy, and Roberto Quercia

# Calendar

*(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)*

- Sun. 12/7** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
Free Gift Table (in foyer, see page 2)  
9:45am Forum: New Quaker Priorities in the New Congress  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations  
Tue. 12/9 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Thurs. 12/11 7-8:30pm This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 7)  
Fri. 12/12 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 12/14** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
Free Gift Table (in foyer, see page 2)  
9:45am Forum: Christmas Giving and Receiving  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
5:30pm Holiday Party - Schoolhouse (see page 6)  
Tue. 12/16 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Fri. 12/19 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 12/21** 8am Meetinghouse open for worship  
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
Free Gift Table (in foyer, see page 2)  
**9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business**  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
11am Caroling at Carol Woods (see page 6)  
Tue. 12/23 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Wed. 12/24 5:30 Christmas Eve Service (see page 3)  
Fri. 12/26 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 12/28** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: Singing From Your Center  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)  
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods  
noon Potluck to Welcome the Newlyweds (see page 3)  
Intergenerational Games Morning (see page 6)  
Wed. 12/31 7pm New Year's Eve/Watchnight Celebration (see page 3)  
Thur. 1/1 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter  
Fri. 1/2 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 1/4** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)  
9:45am Forum: tba  
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)

	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter! (see page 2)
Tue. 1/6	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 1/8	7-8:30pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 7)
Fri. 1/9	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 1/10	9am-noon	PFYM Discussion (see page 5)
<b>Sun. 1/11</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tba
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 1/13	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/16	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

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  
Clerk of the Meeting: Tom Munk (919) 537-9203  
Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- **Newsletter.** This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Communications Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, [www.chapelhillfriends.org](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org). The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.

- **Listserv.** To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). Please include “listserv” or “in the light” in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at [www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html).

- **Website.** To get items posted on our website, send them to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).