

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Fifth Month, 2018

Monthly Query:

How do I present a loving example to others when faced with conflict?



Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.

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Upcoming Forum Schedule –

May 6 - "Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals."

The Animal Welfare Subcommittee will lead a Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals and invites sharings on the many ways animals enrich our lives--as part of nature, as pets, as helpers, as research subjects, as food. This will be a time to give thanks and to acknowledge related joys and sufferings. It will also be a time to question and see where individuals may be lead to improve the lives of the animals they encounter. Well-mannered pets/animals (or photos) are welcome. Location: outside on the playground. If the weather is stormy, please leave animals at home and we will meet in the Meeting room. Moderator: TBD

May 13 - Mother's Day and UNC Graduation – *no forum*

May 20 – No Forum; Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

May 27 – The Protestant Reformation and why it matters to Quakerism – Lloyd Kramer will share historical perspectives and hope to generate a conversation

June 3 – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduation, led by Finn James, CHFM teens and John Hite

First Day School Upcoming Events

Kathleen McNeil, the First Day School Coordinator shares with Friends some events happening in First Day School:

May 19th: Family Potluck

June 3rd: Forum with attention to Graduation

Membership Welcoming for Sean and Matilda

Friday May 11 5p

Please join us at the Schneider/Rountree household for an evening of great potluck food and board games on Friday, May 11, to welcome our new members, Sean Chen and his daughter, Matilda. Come anytime after 5 pm for board games and fellowship (snacks will be provided). The potluck begins at six. David and Leslie live at **216 Maple Avenue** in **Carrboro**. Directions are below.

From Carr Mill Mall:

Take GREENSBORO St. south past Carr Mill Mall and the Century Center, crossing both Weaver and Main Streets. Once you are through the intersection by Wendy's, take your SECOND LEFT onto EAST CARR St. Continue on Carr Street for about a block, then TURN RIGHT on MAPLE AVENUE, just before you reach the gates for the Carr Mill Mall employees parking lot. Maple Avenue is a dead end street. We are the very last house on the right, just beyond the big yellow farmhouse with the stone wall in front. Our phone number is **919-932-7308**. Call us if you get lost! Leslie Rountree lesroutree@fastmail.com

Reading from Dirk Spruyt's Earth Day ceremony of commitment

Matt Drake read the following at the spreading of Dirk Spruyt's ashes in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting memorial garden on Sunday, April 22, 2018 (Earth Day).

"Dear Gift of Life" by Bradford Smith, Pendle Hill Pamphlet No. 142 (1965) p. 15

"And so comes the next opening – the sense of being part of a universe, of a personal relatedness to all life, all growth, all creativity. Suddenly one senses that his life is not just his own little individual existence, but that he is bound in fact to all of life, from the first splitting off of the planets through the beginning of animate life and on through the slow evolution of man. It is all in him and he is but one channel of it. What has flowed through him flows on, through children, through works accomplished, through services rendered; it is not lost. Once given the vision of one's true place in the life stream, death is no longer complete or final, but an incident. Death is the way – the only way – life renews itself. When the individual has served his purpose as a channel, the flow transfers itself to other channels, but life goes on. And in this great drama of life renewed, one sees and feels the divine presence, and feels himself one with it.

From FAITH AND PRACTICE, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1955, revised 1972, pg 112:

"BRADFORD SMITH (1909-1964) lived a full life as a college professor, writer, and peacemaker. At 54 he reached a point where he could plan his life without reference to earning more money. 'What is worth doing?' he asked himself. A few months later he found the answer when he discovered that he had cancer. Dear Gift of Life was his poignant final statement."

Quakers and Business

The 5th Quakers and Business Pre-FGC Gathering retreat will take place on June 29-July 1. Quakers and Business is a group of Friends who seek to bring business skills to the Quaker world and Quaker values to the business world. We seek to support each other in living fully integrated lives, spiritually and in our work. This year our discussions will focus on capital – human, spiritual, social and financial - and how we build and invest these resources.

Join us by registering through the FGC Gathering website: FGCgathering.org. Attendance at the FGC Gathering is not required to participate in the Quakers and Business retreat. For more information, contact Chiyo Moriuchi (ncmoriuchi@yahoo.com or 267-566-7287)

Support Rosa in Sanctuary in Chapel Hill: Volunteer, Sign the petition, Read the news, Donate a mattress

The Church of Reconciliation in Chapel Hill is the newest congregation to accept an individual into Sanctuary. Rosa del Carmen Ortez-Cruz came to the U.S. from Honduras in 2002, fleeing extreme domestic violence – she was stabbed multiple times by a former partner, spending over a month in the hospital at age 19. She is the mother of four children, three of whom are U.S. citizens. Not only is Honduras one of the most dangerous countries in the world, but Rosa cannot return because her abuser has threatened her life. Despite the fact that immigration courts recognized that Rosa fled Honduras to save her life, the courts ultimately denied her case, effectively sentencing her to the hands of her abuser if she were deported to Honduras.

The Church of Reconciliation (Presbyterian Church USA) and Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship (Mennonite Church USA) have offered sanctuary to Rosa while her attorney fights for her life in court, with support from the American Friends Service Committee and AFSC's grassroots immigrant group Siembra NC. Join your voice to ours as we together call upon ICE to allow Rosa to stay in the United States, where she can live without fear of further abuse.

It takes a whole community to support an individual in Sanctuary- more than just one or two congregations. Volunteers are needed to be present at the church at all times (including overnight stays), help with meals, help reduce boredom, and doing household tasks that Rosa is no longer able to do, since she cannot leave the church grounds, like laundry, grocery shopping, etc. Also- if anyone has an extra, good quality full-sized mattress, Rosa could definitely use it. Contact Lori Khamala, lkhamala@afsc.org.

Volunteer Sign up: <https://churchrec.us17.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=2c039fb34ec4b04a1a6d2f00e&id=0eecf86d2e>

Support Rosa's case by signing her petition.

Petition link: <https://action.mijente.net/petitions/rosa-is-a-surviver-let-s-keep-her-safe-here-with-her-community>

Learn more by reading local articles:

<http://chapelboro.com/news/safety/greensboro-resident-facing-deportation-takes-sanctuary-at-chapel-hill-church>

<http://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/orange-county/article208997494.html>

<https://rewire.news/article/2017/06/30/north-carolina-woman-facing-deportation-takes-sanctuary-ices-silent-raids-continue/>

<https://themennonite.org/daily-news/honduran-woman-fleeing-violence-takes-sanctuary-chapel-hill-church/>

<http://www.heraldsun.com/news/local/counties/orange-county/article208997494.html>

Claire Bates Celebrates with Friends:

Claire Bates has recently been awarded a grant from the Clarence and Lilly Pickett Endowment for Quaker Leadership (<http://quaker.org/legacy/pickettendowment/>) to support the research, development, and piloting of a peace-focused project during 2018. She will develop a method for connecting war-impacted people (refugees, military veterans and families, concerned community members, and peace activists) to learn from one another's experiences and to work toward a more informed and engaged activism addressing U.S. militarism. Claire was nominated for this award by Jan Hutton, and January's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business approved a minute putting her project under the care of CHFM. Additional thanks to the Finance Committee and particularly Tom Ludlow who will coordinate the grant's administration. Claire will be assisted by a Support Committee including Jan, Curt Torrell, Alice Carlton, Tom Ludlow, and her sister Liz Bates (a Quaker in Sarasota, FL). Please hold Claire in the Light as she begins developing this project and also caregives for an ill family member in Michigan currently. Claire appreciates this Meeting having encouraged her to pursue this grant!

Claire Bates clairebates87@gmail.com 248.910.2406

CROP Walk Success

The CROP WALK was a great success but we wish we'd had more walkers. Thanks to those who did walk -- Gwynne Pomeroy and Kyle Kramer, Max and Ann Drake, Dave Curtin, Annalee Harkins, Monteze Snyder and Asta Crowe. Total raised to date on line was \$1,771 (PLEASE NOTE: YOU CAN STILL DONATE ON LINE IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO). Thanks to Dave Curtin for maintaining the web site. We sold 15 t-shirts for a total of \$150 which all goes directly to the IFC. Other donations by check were gratefully received and handed in. We had perfect weather. Thank you to all who made this possible and helped out in various ways.

Carpool to FGC in July ??

Ruth Zalph shares with Friends:

I would like to carpool to FGC in July. If you or someone you know is driving please contact me. Ruth Zalph, 919-918-3424 or 919-758-5517.

Father Taken by ICE for Deportation

Nancy Milio shares with Friends:

On the weekend, as many know, dozens of undocumented people were taken by ICE and sent to Georgia detention for deportation. One of the men was the father of a young woman who is a scholarship recipient of the Tomorrow Fund for Hispanic Students, an organization which I've worked with for the last nine years, helping raise \$1mil. for undocumented and DACA youth. Her family life has been turned unsidedown. Maria Peralta is a DACA person and will continue on, but now must spend her time trying to save her father. AFSC is supporting her and helping to raise funds for legal counsel. Anyone who is led to contribute in the hope of saving this family may do so at:

<https://www.youcaring.com/mariaperalta-1165901>

Free 4 Session E-Course on Anti-Racist Practice and Accompaniment

Lucy Duncan, Director of Friends Relationship at AFSC shares with Friends:

“Without community, there is no liberation.” —Audre Lorde, poet

Do you want to join people of faith and conscience from across the U.S. in taking action and practicing reflection? Are you seeking ways to offer grounded solidarity without reproducing oppressive practices? Have you ever gone to an immigration (ICE) check-in or court to support a person at risk of deportation? Is your congregation part of the New Sanctuary Movement, or talking about joining?

If you answered yes to any of those questions, you may wish to join our new e-course, Changing systems, changing ourselves: Anti-racist practice for sanctuary, accompaniment, and resistance. This free interactive e-course will meet monthly and support groups in learning, reflecting, and acting for social change.

In four sessions, we will explore:

- Undoing racism in the context of immigrant rights solidarity.
- The U.S. immigration system's history of racial exclusion and how it plays out today.
- The theology and practice of accompaniment.
- Real life examples through case-studies.

- Practical skills in three streams: ICE/court accompaniment, congregational sanctuary, and immigration detention/prison visitation.

We especially encourage small groups working together locally to join our interactive program. If you don't have a group we can help match you up, along with connecting you with partner groups seeking volunteers where possible. There will be homework between sessions, and attendees are expected to participate in the full course.

Read the frequently asked questions:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1X7CDDMitCUcfZ46hV4a1AUjIGWqSLkh2ISINcnbMPkc/edit>

The e-course begins May 1st and continues through August.

We hope you will join us to help enact what Alice Walker talked about when she said, "I think we have to own the fears that we have of each other, and then, in some practical way, some daily way, figure out how to see people differently than the way we were brought up to." Learn more and register here:

<https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/yuODHuxzoUysAZFTN6Y4tg2>

This program is a collaboration of the American Friends Service Committee's Sanctuary Everywhere initiative and the UUA and UUSC's Love Resists campaign in partnership with Church World Service and Community Initiatives for Visiting Immigrants in Confinement (CIVIC).

In peace,

Lucy Duncan (actioncenter@afsc.org)
Director of Friends Relations

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB)

Minutes for April 15, 2018, Matt Drake, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk

Perry Martin, Hank Elkins, Barbara Williamson, Robin Harper, Julia Cleaver, Leslie Rountree, Karen Hurka-Richardson, Kurt Hein, Gwyn Hein, Ben Ray, Faye Stanley, Chris Stanley, John Hite, Dottie Heninger, Maura Murphy, Ken Grogan, Richard Miller, Monteze Snyder, Tim Fogarty, Hart Pillow, Lloyd Kramer, Gwynne Pomeroy, Carolyn Stuart, Winifred Simmons, Bob Simmons, Asta Crowe, Karen Porter, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Lynn Drake, Tom Ludlow, Don Hopper, Jennifer Leeman, Matt Drake

1. We opened with worship and the query "How do I welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?"
2. **Minutes of the March 18, 2018 MWAB were approved as printed in the newsletter.**
3. Matt Drake, Clerk, reported that the letter protesting US support of the war in Yemen that was approved at the March MWAB was printed in the *News and Observer* on March 26 and sent to our US Senators Burr and Tillis. Hank Elkins reported that when voted on in the senate, 44 senators voted to end involvement in the Yemen war, and appears that FCNL likely had a positive impact. Matt reported that our March 18 MWAB-approved letter in support of the new UN Nuclear Weapons Ban Treaty was also sent to local papers.
4. Richard Miller, Clerk of the Transition and Support Committee, read the committee's annual report **We accepted the Transition and Support Committee's annual report with great appreciation for the work of the Committee and the blessing our Meeting experiences through the depth of our engagement with the men at Orange County Correctional Center.**
5. Robin Harper, Clerk of the Animal Welfare Subcommittee of Peace & Justice Committee, read the subcommittee's annual report, and invited other Friends to join the subcommittee. The co-clerk of the Children's Religious Education Committee expressed appreciation for the subcommittee's work with the children because it links Quaker testimonies to things they can directly relate to in their lives. Another Friend reminded the Meeting of the upcoming Farm Tour as a way to identify farmers who treat their animals well. **We accepted the annual report from the subcommittee with gratitude.**

6. Maura Murphy, Meeting Treasurer, presented the third quarter report of the Meeting's finances. She noted that we are only at 74% of contributions and therefore projects that we will fall short of our annual goal unless Friends give more. Friends have, in fact, given more in the past 4th quarters. Maura hoped that will occur again this year. **Friends accepted the Treasurer's nine-month 2017-2018 financial report with appreciation.**

7. Tom Munk, Co-clerk of the Peace and Justice Committee, presented the Committee's recommendations for Meeting benevolences for 2017-2018. Tom reviewed the process used to select benevolences, which began with the creation of a subcommittee that proposed the new process used this year. Following the new process, an adhoc committee was created that included Lloyd Kramer, Asta Crowe, Hank Elkins, and Tom Munk. The adhoc committee asked the Meeting to nominate new benevolences. The subcommittee reviewed last years' benevolences and newly recommended benevolences using the following criteria: Quaker-affiliated or local organizations that reflect our Meeting's values and with which members of the Meeting are closely involved. An initial proposed list of benevolences was presented to a forum for Meeting input. Richard Miller offered to expand the report to include additional information about each organization to be placed in the Meeting library. Friends expressed appreciation for the hard work of Peace and Justice and the subcommittee. **Approval of the benevolence proposal will be held over for final consideration in the May MWAB.**

8. Gwynne Pomeroy, Co-clerk of Nominations Committee, presented the following proposal for a new description of the Nominations Committee.

"The Nominations Committee seeks to identify and call forth the gifts and talents of attenders and members for service within the Meeting and in the larger community. Throughout the year, the Committee works with other Meeting committees to identify the interests and skills needed for committees to fulfill their missions. The Committee initiates the search for nominees, often asking other committees and individual members of the Meeting community to help identify likely candidates. Nominations Committee seeks to align the gifts and interests of individuals with the work of Meeting committees and of the organizations receiving Meeting appointees.

The Committee brings nominations for vacancies in Meeting committees and appointees for the next program year (July-June) to the May MWAB for review. Nominations Committee presents a final report to the June MWAB. Nominations also finds appropriate members and attenders to fill position vacancies as they occur. The Committee reviews the Recording Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder, Correspondence Clerk, and Trustee positions as the terms are due to be completed. The Committee also organizes a discernment process to identify a new Meeting Clerk every three years prior to completion of the clerk's term. Vacancies on the Nominations Committee are nominated each fall by a Naming Committee, identified by the Clerk and approved by the MWAB."

Friends approved the proposed description of the Nominations Committee.

9. Leslie Rountree, member of Sean Chen and Lori Khamala's Wedding Oversight Committee, reported on April 7, 2018 wedding at the Durham Friends Meeting. Sean and Lori were married under the care of our Meeting. The wedding was lovely, joyous, and rich and was attended by about 180 people, which is why it was held at the Durham Friends Meeting. **We accepted the report with appreciation for the Wedding Oversight Committee (Leslie Rountree, Julia Cleaver, Andrea Wuerth) and with loving congratulations to Sean and Lori.**

10. Carolyn Stuart, Meeting Appointee to InterFaith Council (IFC), and clerk of the Meeting IFC Committee, presented the annual report on IFC. A Friend noted that IFC is our largest benevolence and we have added a proposal to provide additional benevolences funding for their IFC Food First Capital Budget. **We accepted the report with gratitude.**

11. Don Hopper, Clerk of Buildings and Grounds Committee, presented the Committee's recommendation to remove carpet, repair subfloor, remove corner air duct, and lay down a new floor in the Meeting room this summer. This will be paid for with remaining money in the renovation fund. During the renovations, we will need to move our benches and our Meeting for Worship over to the early school. A final decision on the type of floor to be installed is pending. **Approval was postponed until next month so that the Meeting can consider a proposal that will include the type of floor to be installed.**

12. Don Hopper, Clerk of Building and Grounds, presented a recommendation for parking lot improvements this summer. The recommendation has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, who recommended paying the \$12,000 costs from the Meeting's funds at Friends Fiduciary Corporation. The proposal would include creation of a dedicated ADA compliant parking space (recommended by the town) and a wheelchair appropriate sidewalk from that space to the meetinghouse. We also would partner with Carolina Friends School to re-surface the parking lot and the school

who, per our contract with them, would cover 50% of the costs. A Friend raised the question of whether the new parking lot could be created using an environmentally sound surface. **Consideration was postponed until the May MWAB.**

13. Tom Ludlow, member of Care & Counsel and Finance Committee, announced the award of a Clarence and Lilly Pickett Endowment for Quaker Leadership grant to Claire Bates. Approval of a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOA) between CHFM and Claire Bates regarding administration of the grant was held over to the May MWAB.

14. We closed with worship.

Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals

Sunday, May 6, 9:45am (during Forum time)

Jesus said, "Whatsoever you have done unto the least of these my brethren, you have done unto me."

All Friends are invited to attend Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's annual Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals. The Animal Welfare Subcommittee is happy to again be able to offer this time to celebrate together! This will be a time for Friends to gather to give thanks for the ways animals support us and enrich our lives – as part of nature, as pets, as helpers, as research subjects, as food. It will also be a time to acknowledge the welfare of animals – so many are victims of neglect, abuse, and endangerment. All well-mannered animals and their humans are invited to this special worship sharing meeting. Feel free to bring photos if bringing your animal companion is not practical.

This is not only a time to celebrate pets--in fact, we hope that EVERYONE will come, whether or not you have pets, because EVERYONE benefits from animals in some way. We hope Friends will give thought to the kinds of creatures that affect their lives. We especially hope children will attend and share their messages. We will be seated on chairs in the playground, and will begin with silent worship. Friends, as they are moved, will speak to the blessings of the animals in their lives, and to the ways we might bless them. We will have treats and water available, as well as baggies for animal "business."

Some guidelines:

- Please do not bring aggressive animals.
- Please be considerate of other people and their animals by curbing your animal with a leash, harness, or appropriate carrier.
- Please ask before allowing your pet to interact with someone else's pet.
- Make sure your animal is up-to-date on all appropriate vaccines.
- Be prepared to clean up after your animal.
- Remember to ask before petting or giving food to any animals unknown to you.
- Remember that animals must FEEL safe, not just BE safe, in order to be comfortable.

Pet-sitting will be available after the worship sharing for those who would like to participate but would also like to attend meeting for worship afterward. To take advantage of this service, please let Robin Harper know ahead of time, if possible. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Robin.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Budget v. Actuals July 2017 through March 2018

	Jul '17 - Mar 18	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Rental	774.00	300.00	258.0%
Contributions	52,522.00	70,600.00	74.4%
Parking space rental	6,058.50	5,100.00	118.8%
Total Income	59,354.50	76,000.00	78.1%
Gross Profit	59,354.50	76,000.00	78.1%
Expense			
Benevolences			
Archives Benevolences	0.00	150.00	0.0%
M&W Benevolences	0.00	1,400.00	0.0%
P&J Benevolences	0.00	24,420.00	0.0%
Total Benevolences	0.00	25,970.00	0.0%
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Archives	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	9,149.06	11,000.00	83.2%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	110.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	100.00	200.00	50.0%
Total Care and Counsel	100.00	310.00	32.3%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed			
Southern Appl. Young Friends	600.00	0.00	100.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed - Other	203.23	2,500.00	8.1%
Total Children's/Youth Religious Ed	803.23	2,500.00	32.1%
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Finance - Other	84.90	350.00	24.3%
Total Finance	84.90	1,350.00	6.3%
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	938.86	1,700.00	55.2%
Hospitality	298.59	300.00	99.5%
IFC	125.00	200.00	62.5%
Library	48.00	400.00	12.0%
Ministry and Worship	221.48	800.00	27.7%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	974.10	2,000.00	48.7%
Peace and Justice - Other	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Total Peace and Justice	974.10	2,300.00	42.4%
Publications and Communications	342.77	1,750.00	19.6%
Total Committees	13,085.99	22,820.00	57.3%
Obligations			
Bank Fee	0.00	50.00	0.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	3,940.30	6,000.00	65.7%
Insurance	350.00	5,400.00	6.5%
Software License Fee	348.50	860.00	40.5%
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,342.55	1,100.00	122.1%
Utilities	2,996.52	6,000.00	49.9%
Total Obligations	8,977.87	19,410.00	46.3%

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Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2018

	<u>Mar 31, 18</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	57,282.72
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	1,204.97
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	1,515.37
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	43,611.85
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	2,385.43
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	3,539.30
BB&T-8085 Refugee Fund	1,128.11
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	18,927.16
Friends Fiduciary	
Bequest Fund	1,397.60
General Fund	15,848.53
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	19,891.34
Shotts Endowment	34,624.57
Total Friends Fiduciary	<u>71,762.04</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>201,356.95</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>201,356.95</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>201,356.95</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	91.82
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>91.82</u>
Total Liabilities	91.82
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	215,808.72
Net Income	-148,919.62
Total Equity	<u>201,265.13</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>201,356.95</u></u>

Inter-Faith Council Committee Annual Report

April 15, 2018

The vision of the Inter-Faith Council (IFC) is to create “a community where everyone’s basic needs are met, including dignified and affordable housing, an abundance of healthy food and meaningful social interaction” (IFC website: <http://www.ifcweb.org>) The meeting’s Inter-Faith Council committee helps Friends fulfill this mission in a variety of ways, which will be described in this report. The following Friends are members of the committee: James Bartow, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Dottie Heninger, Marie Hopper and Carolyn Stuart (clerk). The committee meets quarterly and works throughout the year to support the IFC.

Committee members volunteer regularly in IFC programs. Asta completes data entry at the Main Street office. Asta, Carolyn, Dottie, Ann and Max cook on first Thursdays at the Community Kitchen. Ann and Carolyn attend IFC Liaison Committee meetings, providing them with opportunities to interact with area congregations who support the IFC.

Ongoing activities - Friends are asked to contribute food for the IFC Pantry and to support the IFC through financial contributions. Asta, Carolyn and Max check the food and financial contributions in the foyer weekly. Food is taken to the pantry and checks are delivered to the Main Street office.

The meeting is responsible for cooking lunch on the first Thursday of each month. Friends enjoy this opportunity to create healthy meals from the kitchen’s larder, to fellowship with each other, and to converse and eat with those we serve. Friends who regularly cook at the first Thursday lunches are Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Dottie Heninger, Nancy Martin, Paul Munk, Bonnie Raphael, Carolyn Stuart and Carolyn White. We are particularly grateful to Paul Munk who brings men from Orange Correctional Center. We invite others to join us from 9:00 until 12:30, or for any portion of that time.

In November and December of each year, the committee publicizes and encourages Friends to donate money for Holiday meals. Friends are also encouraged to participate in RSVVP program (this year on November 14, 2017) — a program in which many local restaurants donate 10 percent of proceeds on that day to the IFC. Friends have been generous in both supporting Holiday meals and the RSVVP program.

We are particularly grateful for the assistance the IFC offers returning citizens from Orange Correctional Center by providing shelter and transitional programming at the Community House (men’s residential shelter). Approximately 30 men from OCC have been served by IFC over the past few years.

Special Events - The committee is hard at work organizing the meeting’s participation in the Crop Walk on April 22, 2018. Friends are asked to donate online, walk, sponsor a walker and order t-shirts. Ann and Max Drake led the organizational efforts for the 2017 walk. Carolyn attended the Crop walk organization meeting this year, and committee members are staffing the table in the foyer.

Jackie Jenks, Executive Director of the IFC since April 2017 presented a forum on November 5, in which she gave an overview of IFC programs, described her vision for the organization and suggested ways for Friends to volunteers. She discussed changes in the Homestart program, which now admits men who are part of families. She updated the meeting on the Food First program, which will combine programs meeting food needs (the Pantry and Community Kitchen) in one location on the renovated Main Street location.

Our meetings are open and we invite interested Friends to join us.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bartow, Asta Crowe, Emilie Condon, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Dottie Heninger, Marie Hopper and Carolyn Stuart (clerk)

Transition and Support Committee Annual Report

April 2017 to April 2018

Timothy Fogarty, Bonnie Raphael and Monteze Snyder joined our committee in the past year to join these existing members: Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller (clerk), Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, David Schneider, Ann Shy and Byron Stevens.

We provided snacks at three Yokefellows meetings and hosted the birthday party for men whose birthdays fall in September. We expect to host another birthday party on September 25th of this year and all are invited.

We had two meetings for worship last year at Orange Correctional Center and have meetings for worship scheduled for August 12th and October 28th this year. We hope to have many Friends join us.

The book group led by Tom McQuiston continues with several Friends from meeting and up to a dozen men at the prison participating. The book group offers another opportunity for Friends to get to know the men from OCC. The book group meets on the last Sunday of each month at rise of second meeting and the first Tuesdays at Yokefellows.

We continue to take several men who plan to live this area to a Narcotics Anonymous meeting downtown. Several former inmates also attend this Monday night meeting.

As well as a more conventional committee meeting on the last Tuesday of the month, we have an open meeting in the school house after potluck which includes men we've brought from OCC to meeting for worship, committee members and interested Friends from the meeting at large.

Through the work of Nancy Fisher and others we've developed a relationship with the Inter-Faith Council Community House that has facilitated the admission of men directly from OCC. Five men released in 2017 are now at the Community House. They as well as former inmates living elsewhere are assisted by support circles of two to four Friends.

These are all continuing activities of our committee. One of the highlights of 2017, however, was something new that we hope will be a recurring annual event — the Reunion Picnic. On September 9, we rented a picnic shelter at Homestead Park and tried to contact and invite as many as possible of the men we've worked with over the last several years. There were many we couldn't locate, but men we hadn't seen in years showed up with wives, children and grandchildren. About 30 men who had been at OCC attended. A former chaplain at OCC also came. It was wonderful. There was lots of hugging. Group pictures were taken. We expect even more next time as we told everyone to spread the word that it would be an annual event on the second Saturday in September.

As always the greater part of our time and energy was spent as individuals, one-on-one, with men from OCC. These activities are too numerous to list.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Miller (clerk), Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Tim Fogarty, Kuldip Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Bonnie Raphael, David Schneider, Ann Shy, Monteze Snyder and Byron Stevens.

Peace & Justice Report on Benevolences for 2017-2018

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Benevolences achieved unity on the following criteria for financial support.

Meeting benevolences MUST be for either

(a) Quaker-affiliated organizations, or

(b) local organizations that reflect our Meeting's values and with which members of the Meeting are closely involved.

Benevolences Budgeted for 2017-2018

- Alamance Orange Prison Ministry
- American Friends Service Committee
- American Friends Service Committee of the Carolinas
- Bolivian Quaker Education Fund
- Carolina Friends School
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- Friends House Moscow
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service
- Inter-Faith Council for Social Service: Food First Capital Campaign
- NC WARN
- Orange County Justice United
- Orange County Peace Coalition
- Quaker Earthcare Witness
- Quaker House
- Snow Camp Historical Drama

Total \$24,420

The complete 21-page report can be viewed at the referring link below:

http://chapelhillfriends.org/PDF/benevolences_2017-18.pdf

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Meetings for Worship on First Days at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM

First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM

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