

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Seventh Month, 2020

Monthly Query: *How do my lifestyle choices affect the causes of justice and peace in our world?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

When one is moved by the Light to speak, such ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a "heart pounding weakness," from which our name Quaker is derived.



NOTICE

All CHFM Quaker-related activities at the meetinghouse and in the school house have been canceled until later notice, pending reassessment.

The Building and Grounds committee has requested that those who rent on the premises find alternate options until we reopen.

Virtual Meetings

Meetings for Worship; Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business; and Weekly Forums:

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has been using Zoom software as an online platform to hold Meetings for Worship; including meetings with attention to business, forums, social hours, and committee meetings. Friends are doing our best to sustain spiritual connections and support the life of the Meeting during the pandemic.

Ministry and Worship and the Zoom ad-hoc committee (zoom@chapelhillfriends.org) wish to make this experience as rich as possible. Even apart, we wish to come together in the Light. To aid this, we advise those attending of the following:

- On entering the Meeting for Worship via Zoom, everyone's microphone will be muted (you do not need to mute yourself on entry). We suggest remaining muted when not speaking to avoid background noise.
- If led to share vocal ministry, the "Unmute" button on the bottom left of the Zoom screen is pressed. When finished speaking, the "Mute" button may be pressed in the same location.
- We recognize you may need to move around and settle. If doing so Friends are asked to use the "Stop Video" option (bottom of screen next to Mute) – your name or profile picture will display until pressing "Start Video" again. This will minimize visual distraction for others,
- There is an option on the upper right of your Zoom screen to select "Speaker View" for a large window for the current speaker or "Gallery View" that shows small windows for all participants.

The Ministry & Worship Committee reminds Friends that our traditional Quaker practice in Meeting for Worship, in-person or online, is to refrain from sharing vocal ministry more than once in the hour to give others space for messages. Though it may be more challenging online, we strive to listen deeply in the silence and be open to the leadings of the Spirit that may move us to speak.

More information about Zoom is available on the Meeting's website:

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom.html>

The link to Zoom for the Forum and Meeting for Worship is sent weekly via the listserv. If you wish to visit with us for the first time or are a regular attender but do not have access to the listserv please contact us at zoom@chapelhillfriends.org. Comments are warmly appreciated at the same email address. See you online!

Upcoming Zoom Forums

Online Social Event, Thursdays, 7pm

Chris Stanley shares with Friends:

As we have been doing recently, we will have a time to gather and touch base to see how everyone is doing. Last week, we looked at Catherine Alguire's garden during the call. Feel free to bring pictures of your garden or current project to share. There is no agenda and it is just a time to see a friendly face and say hello. Join us, if you are interested. - Chris

QuakerCraft Online Game, Sundays

Sam Leeman-Munk shares with Friends:

Hi everybody,

This email is about a Minecraft server that Finn and Henry have set up for us.

It is a peaceful server with no player versus player and no monsters, so it is appropriate for young Quakers. The server is available 24/7, but we particularly encourage people to log in at the same time so we can play together. This event started April 19 and happens every Sunday between 1:30 and 3:30.

We are playing Minecraft: Java Edition

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/store/minecraft-java-edition>

An account costs about \$27, but anyone who identifies as a child may reach out to Finn James, Tom Munk and me to get an account. For best results, include all three of us on the email so we can work together.

Finn James runs the server, and once you have a screenname you can give it to him and he will give you access. For how to access the server, [click here](#).

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraft.htm>

DISCORD SERVER

We may be Quakers, but what fun is playing with friends if it's all in silence? I have set up a discord server for chatting while we play. This server will be your first lifeline when navigating the vibrant, potentially overwhelming world of MineCraft, so be sure to join!

<https://discord.gg/F2Jf9MQ>

For more detailed discord instructions, [click here](#) :

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/hospitality/quakercraftDiscord.htm>

Sloth Radio Goes Online, Tuesdays and Thursdays

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:

Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level.

The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

[Zoom meeting link available]

Please spread the word if you have any friends that you think would like to join us!

(Virtual) Community Prayer - From Your Own Home, Wednesdays

JOIN US IN A TIME OF (VIRTUAL) COMMUNITY PRAYER - FROM YOUR OWN HOME- on Wednesday evenings from 7 PM-9PM. Join us any time between 7 PM and 9 PM, and stay as long - or as briefly - as you wish. Ministry and Worship Committee is sponsoring this time of prayer together. We view it as an opportunity to nurture our spiritual community while we are unable to gather in our usual Meetings for Worship.

Lynn and Matt Drake have volunteered to "clerk" the virtual gathering for prayer and healing. Let them know if you plan to participate, if you have questions, if you have names of people to pray for, suggested prayers, etc. Email: matthiascdrake@gmail.com or linda.drake100@gmail.com

Pendle Hill Daily Worship via Zoom, Daily

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesday evenings. Join us when you can for as long as you wish-from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers?

If so, please send to Lynn (linda.drake100@gmail.com) or Matt (matthiascdrake@gmail.com). We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, July 24-26

We will meet virtually for the first time. Please note the schedule:

- Friday July 24, from 7-8:30 pm for opening sharing.
- Saturday morning July 25, from 10-11:30 am with a speaker and worship sharing on the topic of "What opportunities do Quakers find in the pandemic and the current social unrest for creating the world we seek?"
- Saturday afternoon beginning at 1:30 pm: Annual sessions with a program by Friends Committee on NC Legislation (FCNCL) included.
- Sunday morning July 26 from 9-10 am: Meeting for Worship.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information and the Zoom link. Questions? contact your CHFM reps: Alice Carlton (amberalice47@gmail.com), Leslie Rountree (lesroutree@fastmail.com) and Naveed Moeed (naveedmoeed@gmail.com). Thanks to our Zoom committee for providing technical support.

Food Delivery to IFC while Meetinghouse is Closed

The meeting's IFC committee has devised a plan to make Friends' donations of food items to the IfC more convenient. You can find a [list of recommended food items](#) on the IFC website (and you can purchase food online). <http://www.ifcweb.org/features/321-response-to-covid-19-pandemic-and-current-needs>

1. Please bring food items to the meetinghouse porch on first and third Wednesdays of each month. Canned goods are to be placed in cardboard boxes labeled "IFC." Place bags of food in the

plastic bin with a secure top. Members of the IFC committee will pick up the donations at 3:00 pm on first and third Wednesdays and deliver them to the Rosemary parking lot. This system will eliminate the need for individual Friends to drive to Rosemary street with food contributions, though you are still welcome to do that. The first day of food delivery to IFC from our meetinghouse porch will be Wednesday, June 17th.

2. Please do not leave food on the meetinghouse porch on days other than the designated delivery days - first and third Wednesdays. Bring your food donations prior to pick-up time of 3:00 pm.
3. From the IFC website, requested food contributions include pasta, spaghetti or pasta sauce, canned tuna or other meats, macaroni and cheese mixes, canned fruit, oatmeal, baking mixes (cornbread, muffins) and crackers (saltines and others). Other items would be welcomed as well. Link for pantry needs: <http://www.ifcweb.org/needs#pantry>

Questions? Contact Carolyn Stuart (919.929.2287 or stuartc@elon.edu)

News and ACTION ALERTS from FCNCL

Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) continues to grow in strength and numbers as we work to promote state legislation and practices that are consistent with Quaker values and testimonies. With racial, social, and economic inequities intensified by COVID-19 and disturbing incidents of police violence and racism, there has never been a more compelling time to take action in NC!

FCNCL was founded in Spring 2019 and advocates for policies that support people of all cultural, religious and racial backgrounds; marriage and gender equality; violence prevention; civil and voting rights for all citizens; access to quality education opportunities; quality healthcare for all; an equitable and humane criminal justice system; environmental stewardship; and opposition to all forms of torture and extreme rendition.*

We have issued three ACTION ALERTS this spring urging friends to speak out on Medicaid Expansion, and Improving Mail in Ballot Procedures. Currently, we are urging friends to write letters to the editor and/or advocate to their municipal governments regarding Action against police violence - PLEASE SEE www.fcnc.org for more details.

If you're not receiving our alerts, please join us by going to FCNCL.org and clicking on the SIGN UP link. You will find the alerts posted there along with lots of other information. Please LIKE us on Facebook and follow us to see alerts and other pertinent resources. We welcome your feedback, so please let us know what you think!

FCNCL has issued a minute on anti-racism which undergirds all of our work:

“Because FCNCL recognizes that systemic racism is a long standing and continuing problem, it has committed to continually work towards becoming an anti-racist faith organization. The FCNCL Minute on Anti-Racism includes the following statement: “We recognize that as individuals and Quakers we have too often been blind to our own failings and to the part we play in perpetuating structural and institutional racism. In committing to the work of becoming anti-racist, we know that confronting our failures will be difficult and painful. Guided by faith and grace, we are willing to accept this challenge and to do the necessary work. We see this work as essential if we are truly to live our Quaker testimonies and recognize that of God in everyone.”

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
9 am, Sunday, June 21, 2020 via Zoom
Chris Stanley, Clerk; Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

Attendance: Kitty Bergel, Buzz Borchardt, Betsy Brinson, Jeff Brown, Alice Carlton, Sean Chen, Julia Cleaver, Emilie Condon, David Curtin, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Max Drake, Bob Durovich, Hank Elkins, Tim Fogarty, Deborah Gibbs, Rich Godfrey, Ken Grogan, Gwyn Hein, Kurt Hein, Dottie Heninger, Lois Ann Hobbs, Carolyn Jokinen, Michael Jokinen, Lori Khamla, Lloyd Kramer, Jennifer Leeman, Bonnie Ludlow, Tom Ludlow, Jasmine McKewen, Wendy Michener, Nancy Milio, Ann Miller, Richard Miller, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Tom Munk, Maura Murphy, Gwynne Pomeroy, Ben Ray, Leslie Rountree, David Schneider, Ric Shepherd, Monteze Snyder, Chris Stanley, Faye Stanley, Carolyn Stuart, Carolyn White.

1. Opening worship and query

Query: How am I open to seeking clearness on matters of conscience, and how do I assist others in doing so?

2. Welcome and review of agenda.

3. The minutes from the May 17, 2020 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were approved as written.

4. Gwynne Pomeroy, Co-clerk of the Nominations Committee, presented the annual report for review in May. The final list of committee appointments was presented. Openings which remain include one for the Ministry & Worship (M&W) Committee, two for Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), and one for the Carolina Friends School Board. We approved the committee roster with gratitude for the hard work of the Nominations Committee. See Appendix 1.

5. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the final budget, noting that in these unusual times we lack the usual contributions. The only change from last month is that we added \$200 to the Publications & Communications (P&C) Committee to cover the cost of printing a new directory. A question arose about the funding for the Care & Counsel (C&C) Committee during these difficult times. We were assured that there is extra funding available if needed. In the Quaker tradition of being fiscally responsible, the finance committee has been conservative in drafting this budget. We approved the budget as presented. See appendix 2.

6. Carolyn Stuart, Co-clerk of C&C, presented a proposed Friend of the Court letter from our Meeting on behalf of a 35 year old African-American man connected to our Meeting community charged as an accomplice with heroin trafficking. The letter asserts he was unaware of the presence of heroin at the scene. Although he uses marijuana, he does not deal drugs for profit. We believe he was entrapped and unjustly imprisoned. We ask he be released from jail and court ordered to the Victory Program drug treatment program of the Durham Rescue Mission. Another treatment option would be TROSSA. He has learning disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD). He has been treated for mental health problems his entire life and is on anti-depression medications. He is currently being seen by a psychiatrist at Freedom House. He is a homeless, destitute, and mentally ill African-American. His grandparents are well-loved members of our Meeting where he has visited many times. Our involvement in the Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation Program has given us understanding of the problems of mass incarceration of African-American men. This letter will go to his lawyer who will decide how best to use it. We approved the letter with great gratitude.

7. Jeff Brown presented the revised response to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) regarding how the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) opposes racism. After adding a few minor edits, we approved this response with gratitude. See appendix 3.

8. Sean Chen, Clerk of the Publications and Communications (P&C) Committee, presented the annual report. We discussed internet security, which has been improved, and how to access reports through our

web site in advance of MWAB. An upcoming project is to publish a new directory. As our web site is the “public face” of the Meeting, we do not post our directory on it. We accepted the report with gratitude. See appendix 4.

9. Monteze Snyder, Clerk of the Transition and Support Committee, presented the annual report. There have been limits on the activities during the quarantine but some support has been able to be offered to inmates at Orange Correctional Center. There is a new warden who is more supportive of volunteers as well as a new chaplain who has already reached out to the meeting. We accepted the report with gratitude. See appendix 5.

10. InterFaith Council (IFC) report will be postponed.

11. Next MWAB will be 9 am, Sunday, July 19, 2020 via Zoom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. To send items for the weekly eNews, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put “for eNews” in the subject line. Deadline is each Wednesday at Midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email news@chapelhillfriends.org. Put “for Newsletter” in the subject line. Deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

B. PFYM will hold Annual Sessions July 24-26 via Zoom.

C. The collection of food donations from the porch of the Meetinghouse for IFC was a big success.

12. Closing worship

APPENDICES

Appendix 1

Nominations Committee Report on Givers of Time and Service, 2020-2021
Gray highlights signify a new person accepting that position or a vacancy
A name in bold indicates that person will serve another term
The number after a name signifies which term they are serving
An asterisk (*) indicates a clerk or co-clerk

Position	Friend	Term End
Clerk	Chris Stanley	2022
Recording Clerk	Alice Carlton--2	2021
Treasurer	Maura Murphy--2	2021
Meeting Trustees	Marie Hopper--1	2023
	Matt Drake--1	2023
	Lloyd Kramer --1	2021
Recorder	Carolyn White--2	2022
Corresponding Clerk	Dottie Heninger--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Carolina Friends School Board Meets 4-5 times per year at CFS	John Bell--1	2022
	Pat Mann--3	2021
	Julia Cleaver--2	2023

Committee	Friend	Term End
Quaker House Board Meets quarterly: irregularly on Saturdays 10-2pm in various locations within NC	Pam Schwingl--1 (begins Jan.2021)	2023
	Betsy Brinson--1	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting	Leslie Rountree--1	2022
	Ann Miller--1	2023
	Alice Carlton--2	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Fellowship		
	Jasmine McKewen--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Adult Religious Education Fourth Sunday at the rise of Meeting	Jennifer Leeman--1	2022
	Naveed Moeed--1	2022
	Tom Munk --1	2023
	Mark Toles--1	2023
	Max Drake--3	2021
	Perry Martin--2	2021
	Lori Fernald-Kamala--1	2023
	Deborah Gibbs*--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Buildings and Grounds Second Sunday at 8:15am in Schoolhouse	Wendy Michener--2	2022
	Tom Ludlow--1	2023
	Richard Miller*--2	2021
	Tom Smith--2	2021
	Bob Duravich*--1	2022
	Bill Cleaver--3	2023
	Dottie Heninger--3	2023
	Brad Kershner--1	2021
	David Schneider--2	2021
	Kurt Hein--1	2021
	John Hite	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Care and Counsel 8AM second Sunday of month	Jasmine McKewen--2	2022
	Julia Cleaver--1	2022
	Ann Miller--2	2022
	Lynn Drake--1	2021
	Jim Palmer--1	2023
	Pat Mann--2	2023
	Carolyn Stuart--1	2022
	Bonnie Raphael *--2	2021
	Leslie Rountree--1	2023
	Clerk of Meeting-Chris Ex Officio	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
Children & Youth Religious Education Fourth Thurs. of month at Kathleen's house	Stacey Seawell--2	2020
	Jason James--1	2023
	Simone Kerschner--1	2021
	Julie Feickert--1	2023
	Jasmine McKewen*--2	2021
	Laura Young--2	2021
	FDS Coordinator-Kathleen McNeil	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Finance Second Wed. of month at 7:00pm in the Meetinghouse	Tom Ludlow--2	2021
	Monteze Snyder*--2	2023
	Rich Godfrey-1	2023
	Mike Jokinen*--2	2021
	Geoff Medcalf--1	2021
	Bob Durovich--1	2022
	Gwynne Pomeroy--1	2022
	Treasurer-Maura Murphy	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Friends Committee on NC Legislation	Pam Schwingl--1	2023

Committee	Friend	Term End
Hospitality Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	Betsy Fenhagen--1	2023
	Jennifer Leeman--1	2022
	Quaker Harmon--1	2022
	Evelyn Lee--1	2023
	Nancy Dosset--1	2023
	Gordon Davies--1	2022
	Annette Broadwell--2	2021
	Hart Pillow--1	2021
	Buzz Borchardt *-2	2022
	Ben Ray--1	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
InterFaith Council Meets quarterly but no set date	Asta Crowe--3	2022
	Ronald Carnes--1	2022
	Gwyn Hein--1	2021
	Carolyn White--1	2023
	James Bartow--3	2022
	Emilie Condon--5	2023
	Ann Drake--5	2023
	Max Drake--4	2023
	Dottie Heninger --5	2023
	Carolyn Stuart*--3	2023

Committee	Friend	Term End
Library Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	Lloyd Kramer--2	2022
	Allie Scales--2	2022
	David Curtin *-2	2021
	Annalee Harkins--1	2022
	Bobbie Ackley-1	2023
	John Hite--1	2023
	Eloise Grathwohl--1	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
Ministry and Worship First Monday at 7:00pm in the library	Alice Carlton--2	2022
	Matt Drake--1	2023
	Jeff Brown*--1	2021
	Madelyn Ashley--2	2022
	Kitty Bergel--1	2021
	Carolyn White--1	2023
Clerk of Meeting-Chris Ex Officio	2022	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Nominations Monthly as needed January-May	Gwynne Pomeroy *--2	2022
	Mike Jokinen--2	2022
	Carolyn White--2	2023
	Leslie Rountree--2	2023
	Annette Broadwell--2	2023
	Deborah Gibbs--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Publications and Communications Meets every other month on the 4th Sunday	Sean Chen *--3	2022
	Jason James--2	2023
	Peter Malone--2	2023
	Finn James--1	2022
	David Curtin--4	2023
	Buzz Borchardt--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Schotts/Leadership Fund Rarely meets	Asta Crowe *--1	2021
	Lynn Drake *--1	2021
	Ken Grogan--1	2021
	Jan Hutton--1	2023
	Susan Inglis--1	2021
	Catherine Alquire--3	2023
	Roberto Quercia--3	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Coalition of Clergy	Carolyn Stuart--2	2022
	Dottie Heninger--2	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
Peace and Justice Second Sunday at the rise of late Meeting	Naveed Moeed*--2	2022
	Faye Stanley--1	2023
	Wendy Michener--2	2022
	Tom Munk* --2	2022
	Ellen O'Brien--1	2022
	Hank Elkins--2	2021
	Joe Groves--1	2022
	Joyce Sandy--1	2022
	Tim Fogarty--1	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Returning Citizens Financial Assistance (ReCFAC) Much work done by email	Asta Crowe*--2	2023
	Nancy Milio--2	2021
	Richard Miller--2	2022
	David Schneider--1	2023
	Gwynne Pomeroy--2	2021

Committee	Friend	Term End
Transition & Support First Sunday after Potluck Meets again the last Tuesday of each month	Tom McQuiston--3	2022
	Richard Miller--3	2022
	Marya Plotkin--1	2023
	David Schneider--3	2022
	Asta Crowe--2	2022
	Hank Elkins--3	2023
	Byron Stevens--2	2023
	Nancy Fisher--3	2021
	JT (James Taylor)--1	2022
	Monteze Snyder * --1	2021
	Tim Fogarty--1	2021
	Bonnie Raphael--1	2021

	First Day School Teachers	Spring 2020
Nursery & Pre-kindergarten	Stacey Sewall	
Lower pod	Carolyn Stuart	
	Jasmine McKewen	
	Laura Young	
	Allie Scales	
	Bennett Kirkpatrick	
	Julie Feickert	
Middle Pod	Kathleen McNeil	
	Mark Hulbert	
	Andrea Wuerth	
Upper Pod	Leslie Rountree	
	John Hite	
	Herbert Struemper	
	Simone Kirschner	

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget Proposal v.1
2020-2021**

Appendix 2

	Current Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021
Income	800.00	
Building Rental	300.00	
Contributions	67,935.00	53,550.00
Parking space rental (6 home games)	4,800.00	
Total Income	<u>73,835.00</u>	<u>53,550.00</u>
Expense		
Total Benevolences	26,175.00	20,000.00
Committees		
Adult Religious Ed	100.00	60.00
Building and Grounds	13,000.00	6,600.00
Care and Counsel		
Meeting for Suffering	110.00	110.00
Care and Counsel - Other	200.00	120.00
Total Care and Counsel	310.00	230.00
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	1,000.00	600.00
Communications Technology		500.00
Finance		
Contingency	350.00	210.00
Finance - Other	1,000.00	600.00
Total Finance	1,350.00	810.00
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	1,700.00	500.00
Hospitality	400.00	240.00
IFC	200.00	120.00
Library	450.00	270.00
Ministry and Worship	900.00	540.00
Nominations	10.00	10.00
Peace and Justice		
National Quaker Service	1,500.00	900.00
Peace and Justice - Other	500.00	300.00
Total Peace and Justice	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>1,200.00</u>
Publications and Communications	1,750.00	1,250.00
Total Committees	<u>23,170.00</u>	<u>12,930.00</u>
Obligations		
Bank Fee	50.00	50.00
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,800.00	6,800.00
Insurance	5,900.00	5,900.00
Software License Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,240.00	800.00
Utilities	5,000.00	5,300.00
Total Obligations	<u>19,990.00</u>	<u>19,850.00</u>
Sub total expense	69,335.00	52,780.00
Transfers		
Care and Counsel	500.00	-
Leadership Development	200.00	-
Physical Plant	2,000.00	-
Returning Citizens Financial Assistance	1,000.00	770.00
Youth Service Learning Fund	800.00	-
Total Transfers	<u>4,500.00</u>	<u>770.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>73,835.00</u>	<u>53,550.00</u>
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Appendix 3

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Summary of Anti-racist Activities

In response to the Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting and the Friends General Conference on the topic of activities concerning anti-racism in Monthly Meetings, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) would like to share the following about the Meeting as of June 19, 2020.

CHFM is becoming more diverse in terms of race and ethnicity. The 11:00 AM worship usually attracts 70-80 participants. Of this number, often 10 to 15 are people of color. Included are regularly attending individuals, and inter-racial couples and families as well as visitors from the university and community. We are blessed to have diverse participation in the life of the Meeting. At each Meeting for Worship, a member of the Ministry and Worship Committee reads the following statement: "We joyfully embrace the full spectrum of the Light within, made visible through the participation of all people, no exceptions."

Due to many years of work with the Orange Correctional Center, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's worship experience is much more diverse, racially and socioeconomically, than ever before. The spiritual benefits are incredible. Members of the CHFM community participate in the Yoke Fellows program to be directly involved with the Orange Correctional Center (OCC) in Hillsborough, including sponsoring inmates to attend Meeting for Worship. The majority of inmates welcomed to our Meeting are African American. Chapel Hill Friends are grateful for regular opportunities to worship with current OCC inmates as well as former inmates who have become regular attenders.

CHFM's Transition and Support Committee has a mission to serve and support men at OCC as they transition from incarceration to the community. Also, the Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee accepts and disburses funds to help men coming out of OCC and joining our community. The committee works with the Transition and Support Committee, which serves as a clearinghouse for information for resources within the community to which the men can be referred for help.

Other activities include the participation of CHFM members in workshops on racial equity conducted by the Racial Equity Institute. Participants learned about research findings on racial inequity and how to be a catalyst for change.

In education, ongoing Meeting support of Carolina Friends School, including annual financial donations, four CHFM members serving on the Board of Trustees, and shared facilities, honors the school's founding mission to be inclusive and diverse. Trustees have received training from the Racial Equity Institute.

A member of CHFM initiated and sustains a local group of "Coming to the Table," an organization "Working together to create a just and truthful society that acknowledges and seeks to heal from the racial wounds of the past, from slavery and the many forms of racism it spawned."

Members of CHFM have participated as individuals in numerous other community efforts to promote racial equity:

- The Hate-Free Schools Coalition's work with the Orange County School Board resulted in a ban on the confederate flag as well as other symbols of hate and derision.
- Orange County Justice United is working with the Orange County School Board and Orange County Schools to add African American and Hispanic staff and teachers. The School Board has augmented recruiting efforts among African Americans both for teachers and teaching assistants.
- Orange County Justice United organized five public actions and raised funds to launch a new affordable housing pilot project, involving master leasing.
- Successful organizing that banned the "check-box" in Orange County, Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough in 2012 whereby application forms for public jobs no longer ask applicants to indicate if they have been convicted.
- Friends support efforts to reduce the large racial and ethnic disparity in incarceration in North Carolina.
- Friends are involved with community organizing against mass deportation of immigrants.
- CHFM members regularly participate in peaceful counter-demonstrations at Ku Klux Klan and other white supremacist rallies in Orange County.
- Friends are active with county and municipal NAACP chapters.

Racism remains a challenge in North Carolina. Months before the heightened awareness of and demonstrations against nationwide systemic racism in June 2020, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting members and attenders expressed their desire to do more in support of anti-racism and racial equity within and outside of the Meeting community. A focal point for Meeting efforts continues to be the Peace and Justice Committee.

Approved by Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, June 21, 2020

Appendix 4

Publications & Communications Committee Annual Report, June 2020

The P&C Committee establishes and oversees communication modes within the Meeting and beyond. The Meeting's website, <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org>, is the "public face" of the Meeting. It provides extensive information about the faith and practice of our Meeting in particular and the Religious Society of Friends in general. The weekly E-News bulletin, emailed to all who request it, contains news of Meeting activities. The printed monthly newsletter contains announcements and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business minutes. The committee also publishes an annual Directory of Meeting members and attenders, committee members, and appointees. It also establishes and oversees email addresses for all the Meeting's clerks.

Highlights

- The format for the weekly email (*eNews*) has been substantially improved for usability and access for readers using mobile devices and email software.
- A weekly email *eNews* is assembled by Buzz Borchardt and is distributed to members and attenders through a Google Group email list. Submissions continue to be accepted through news@chapelhillfriends.org .
- With the COVID 19 crisis there has been a surge in timely messages through *In the Light* alerts to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting - News Google group.
- The Meeting's website was completely redesigned in early 2019 and went live in April 2019. Features for the new website include: secure access through https, version control of the content through GitHub, a new publishing platform using GitHub Pages, and updated an analytics configuration using Google Analytics.
 - From May 2019 to April 2020 there were over 11,970 page visits from 3,247 unique visitors.
 - The most popular pages beyond the home page include the glossary, forums, visit and learn, and the newsletter.
 - A feature using the Twitter platform allows CHFM users to post updates to the website easily.
- A monthly *Newsletter* is published in print under the guidance of Peter Malone. The deadline for the *Newsletter* is the evening of the last First Day of the month. Many thanks to Peter for his diligence and skill in putting the newsletter together. This task requires a great number of communications points including working with the Clerk of Meeting, Recording Clerk, members of the Publications and Communications committee, and all of the members and attenders who submit items to the *Newsletter* and to the *eNews* .
- The directory was not published in 2019, work on an updated directory is being discussed. Please contact news@chapelhillfriends.org for the latest version.
- We continue to post Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business agendas and supporting documents as needed by the Clerk of the Meeting.
- Adding new subscribers to the weekly *eNews* .

Looking Ahead

- We'd like to thank the *Zoom Working Group* for getting the Meeting's life and activities online. As communications needs change the committee looks forward to doing what is necessary in order to make sure the work and community of the Meeting continues.
- Working on the next version of the Meeting Directory.
- Setting up more regular meetings and work sessions.

Reminders & Contact information

- Newsletter, e-news, and In the Light announcements should be sent to: news@chapelhillfriends.org
- The Newsletter deadline is the last Sunday of the month.
- The eNews deadline is midnight on Wednesday .
- In addition any updates to the *Directory* go to: news@chapelhillfriends.org
- Requests for electronic copies *Directory* go to: news@chapelhillfriends.org
- Correspondence to the committee and anything else can go to: publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org

Submissions

- Please verify willingness to disclose before submitting personal information about another person.
- Specify “for eNews” and/or “for Newsletter” in the subject line when you submit.
- The *Newsletter* is posted online and therefore public.
- The *eNews* goes to 493 recipients, many of whom are not Meeting members.
- The *eNews* is mailed once a week by Friday.

Submitted by Publications and Communications: Sean Chen (Clerk)

Appendix 5

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Transition and Support Committee

Annual Report

April 2019 to April 2020

Presented April 19, 2020 MWAB

This report covers our activities as we continue to serve men in Orange Correctional Center (OCC) as well as those whom we support when they return to the Chapel Hill community. Most of these activities have included volunteers from the Meeting in addition to the Transitions and Support Committee. *Note that this report was written before all our activities with the men in OCC were suspended in March due to the coronavirus pandemic. Support teams have maintained contact with men who have been released or who are anticipating release by the summer.*

Yokefellows at OCC: Along with other volunteers we attended Tuesday night meetings of Yokefellows at the Peace Center three times per month. Seated at round tables of two volunteers and four men, we got to know some of the men; these conversations also facilitated finding out who wanted to attend Meeting for Worship, the book club, and possibly requesting a support team when they are released. Paul Munk took several men to addiction recovery meetings in town. Last year Bonnie Raphael assisted one of the men in getting his life sentence reviewed by the Innocence Project at Wake Forest Law School; a change in his sentence is still pending.

Financial Support of Alamance Orange Prison Ministry: As many in our Meeting are aware, we conducted an annual fundraiser to support the chaplain and the ministry’s activities at OCC. Richard Miller continued to coordinate the sale of walnuts this December, which generated \$1,290, the highest volume of sales among congregations participating in Yokefellows. We note that our youth supported the Ministry in the holiday Alternative Gift Market, resulting in an additional contribution of more than \$800.

Meeting for Worship at OCC: We had two meetings for worship last year at OCC and have meetings for worship scheduled this year for Sunday, August 9 and Sunday, October 4. Let us know if you would like to join us.

Current and former OCC residents in Meeting for Worship and other events at CHFM: Men from Meeting served as sponsors to bring one to three eligible men to Meeting for Worship, forums, and potluck. Returned citizens have also joined us for worship. Following potluck each month we gathered with current OCC residents, returned citizens and members of the committee and other interested volunteers from the Meeting at large for discussion of issues of interest and concern for the group. We have considered some of these issues for discussion with prison administration when feasible. These conversations have been useful helping men plan their housing, employment, transportation and other details of their next steps after release and for us in our support. We understand that these gatherings and the

Tuesday night Yokefellow meetings have helped the men break barriers among them in the prison.

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Other support to friends at OCC: We participated in various events at OCC such as Parents Day, Black History celebration (now an annual event), and special meals prepared by the Cooking Class for Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. We hosted a birthday party on August 27 for men whose birthdays fell in that month. As volunteers through the Orange County Literacy Council, Maria Darlington, Bonnie Raphael, Paul and Joyce Munk also tutor men who are taking classes. With a new warden at OCC and recent additions in staffing in the Programs area, we hope for possible improvements in work release.

Crossing the Fenceline Book Club: Initiated by Tom McQuiston the book discussion group met on the fourth First Day of the month following Meeting for Worship at Fly Leaf Book Store. Six to nine men from the prison and others from the Meeting and T&S Committee participated in the discussion and shared pizzas. Multiple copies of the books were provided by local libraries. Travis Mason and then Nathaniel Picard have served as the OCC coordinator this past year, making sure the books are shared; Nathaniel has recently initiated at a Thursday 2 pm discussion group at OCC prior to the last Sunday meeting at Fly Leaf. This permits more men to participate who may not be able to attend on First Day.

Support Teams and Returning Citizens: Since March 2016 TSC teams have provided support for 21 returning citizens, and we continue to enjoy friendship with and support of a number of these men. This year we have supported 3 men in their returns to the area: *[names for our use only: Michael Conway (re-release this year and now Relapse and reincarcerated), Aaron Hayes (re-released this year) and Ira Jackson. Last year: Anthony Clark, Michael Conway, Aaron Haynes, Ed Harris]* and reinitiated assistance to two men {James Bony and David McDonald} who have returned to IFC Community House.

When returning citizens were released, our support circles of 2-3 people assisted them in obtaining necessary clothing from socks to winter coats, transportation to Social Security and government agencies, medical appointments, and job interviews. Finding employment and housing were sometimes recurring challenges for an individual and for our teams in supporting them. When more permanent housing was located, we assisted in locating and providing furnishings; on rare occasion, members have assisted with loans for rent deposits and facilitated referrals to the Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee.

Beyond this logistical support, relationship building is the greater part of our effort. Most of our time and energy goes to building friendships and offering support over coffee or meals.

Occasionally, we continue to support returned citizens when they re-enter the criminal justice system, attending court hearings, speaking to attorneys on their behalf, and visiting them in jail and prison, and writing those who are at a distance. Please let us know you if have contacts for possible housing or employment.

Annual Picnic: This year we held our third annual Reunion Picnic at Southern Community Park in September, inviting 80 men with whom we have worked over the past several years. About 30 attended, including some family members, attended. We sponsor the picnic for returned citizens and Friends to renew old friendships and share about their successful re-entry strategies. While attendance was lower than last year, we decided to repeat this event in the fall of 2020. Friends are invited.

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Returned Citizen Support Groups: In addition, two groups of the returned citizens are have been meeting in friendship and support of each other. Tom McQuiston has Wounded Healers for returned citizens who also work with young people in the community and a friend who returned recently also hosts a group. To advance the development of these groups, Tom obtained at large grant to train peer mentors.

Transition and Support Committee: Finally, our Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month to coordinate team support for individuals and to coordinate our interaction with other organizations and programs. When policies and operations at IFC Community House changed this year, we researched other recovery and transitional housing for former inmates in Orange and Durham Counties. We shared our list with OCC program staff and other re-entry personnel, who said it was much appreciated. Nancy Fisher is working with a newly created nonprofit that seeks to establish a house for returning men in Hillsborough. Asta Crowe and Richard Miller are

members of the Local Reentry Council and the Citizens Resource Council. Hank Elkins is involved with Justice United and other initiatives related to appropriate housing and for mental health for returning citizens.

Our committee membership this year included Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Timothy Fogarty, Nancy Fisher, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Bonnie Raphael, David Schneider, Monteze Snyder (current clerk), Byron Stevens, and James Taylor (JT). We anticipate several vacancies in July as long-term members rotate off of the committee while remaining active in other work. Please let us know if you are interested in possible nomination.

Respectfully submitted,

The Transition and Support Committee

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