

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Ninth Month, 2020

**Monthly Query:** *In what ways do we support each other in our spiritual journeys?*

#### Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

*When taking in another's vocal ministry, take a moment to test your own reactions. Where do they come from? Are you listening through to the Light behind the message? If you find yourself struggling with another's words, search for the Love behind them.*



#### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

### **Parallel Meeting at Home, Sunday, 11am-12**

Many of us on First Day are doing what one Friend called "simultaneous sitting" and could be called \*ethereal\* worship - that is, we are sitting in our own homes having worship between 11 and 12, calling to mind other Friends, but not taking part in any techno forum. We miss the benefit of wider ministry, but can add that angle in our own way. It can be quite magical.

### **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]

### **(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](mailto:matthiascdrake@gmail.com) or [linda.drake100@gmail.com](mailto: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&bbejrld=1408822779>

### **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](http://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.”

## **Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid**

*Building and Grounds shares with Friends:*

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

## **Meeting with Rep. David Price**

*Tom Munk shares with Friends:*

Our Advocacy Team met with Rep. Price to talk about Palestinian sovereignty, AUMF repeal, and humanitarian aid for Iran and Yemen. The call was very fruitful. We will continue to work closely with Hassan from FCNL on these issues. Rep. Price is open to working with us.

How can you help? Contact Rep. Price and his chief of staff Justin Wein to thank him for meeting with us, for leading a letter signed by 191 members of Congress opposing annexation of the West Bank, and for his recent letter condemning the Trump Administration for invoking a deal he unilaterally left to propose snapback sanctions on Iran. Contact Senator Tillis emphasizing the importance of targeted sanction relief for Iran. <https://www.fcnl.org/documents/1367>

## **Supportive Visitation Needed**

*Tom Munk shares with Friends:*

Will Wyland has returned home after his heart attack and hospital stay. Dave Schroeder and his team have completely cleaned and refurbished that abode. Quaker Harmon donated a couch. Dave, his family, and Julia Jewett are providing for professional care for Will on weekdays. We are hoping that Friends will volunteer to visit him on weekends, straightening up a bit, chatting, and providing some food. If you can offer an hour or two a month, please contact Tom. ([munk.tom@gmail.com](mailto:munk.tom@gmail.com)) We will follow covid safety protocols.

Contact Dave ([119dillard@gmail.com](mailto:119dillard@gmail.com)) if you can help.

## **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).

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](mailto:stuartc@elon.edu))

## GI Rights New Counselor Training Fall 2020—Sign Up Now

Betsy Brinson shares with Friends:

One of the ways individuals support the GI Rights Network is by becoming volunteer GI Rights Counselors with one of our member groups and helping to staff the GI Rights Hotline. Becoming a GI Rights counselor takes a significant amount of training in order to be a helpful resource to the people calling the hotline for services.

We are currently planning an online training this fall to bring in new counselors. This virtual training will take place over nine weeks and will be broken down into weekly zoom “classroom” sessions covering commonly sought topics. Following completion of this first phase, trainees who want to continue on and take calls with the GI rights hotline will have the option to begin the second phase of training, which includes working one-on-one with experienced counselors using three-way calling, both listening to and practicing taking hotline calls.

We are planning a one-hour online information session to go over what’s involved in GI Rights counseling, the kind of calls that come into the hotline, and the different things counselors do to support callers and connect them to resources. There will be plenty of time for questions during and after the initial information session, which will be offered at two different times: Sunday, Aug 30 at 3pm ET and Tuesday, Sept 1 at 8pm ET. People who are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a counselor and who want to understand the commitment involved are invited to come to one of these information sessions.

There is no fee for the information session, however there will be a fee for those who decide to take the online training. If this training is something you are interested in, please email Lenore or Steve at [co2000now@gmail.com](mailto:co2000now@gmail.com) with “counselor training” in the subject line and indicate the information session you would like to attend. We will send you a Zoom link to join the meeting.

For contact info for GI Rights Hotline training. contact Steve or Lenore at [co2000now@gmail.com](mailto:co2000now@gmail.com).

Also, include the following in your email:

Name

Phone

Address

Experience you or family members have had with the military (none required).

Feel free to share this invitation with people you know who may be interested in this opportunity.

### Encourage All Citizens To Register And To Go Vote

The Peace and Justice Committee urges Friends to encourage all citizens to register and vote.

The Brennan Center has documented that since the dismantling of Federal oversight in 2013, in 90 out of 100 NC counties, the Boards of Election have disproportionately removed minorities from voter registration rolls. Therefore, the Committee recommends that Friends particularly encourage Black, and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) to register, and to go vote.

The process to register is easier than ever.

- **To check current registration:**
- Go to <https://www.vote.org/am-i-registered-to-vote/>.
- **To register to vote if not registered:**
  - **Use the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV):** At DMV, anyone with a NC driver’s license or DMV-issued ID, may now register to vote, update one’s voter registration address or party affiliation, and check registration status [online](#). It is not possible to change one’s name

online. <https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/offices-services/online/Pages/voter-registration-application.aspx>

- **OR:**
- **Get a voter registration application and mail it to :**
  - *Get a form:* Anyone without a valid NC Driver's License or DMV-issued ID, or needing to make a name change, can download a voter registration application [here. https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter\\_Registration/NCVoterRegForm\\_06W.pdf](https://s3.amazonaws.com/dl.ncsbe.gov/Voter_Registration/NCVoterRegForm_06W.pdf)
  - *Mail it to:* Print, fill out, sign and mail the form to the Board of Elections: In Orange County: Board of Elections P.O. Box 220. Hillsborough, NC 27278
- **If no response:** If a potential registrant does not receive a voter registration card in two weeks, they can check online to see if the application was processed [here ttps://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/RegLkup/)
- **Vote by Mail:** Once registered, it is now easier to vote by mail. No reason is necessary.
  - Download the request at <https://www.orangecountync.gov/1104/Absentee-Voting-By-Mail>.
  - **Or**
  - Call the Orange County Board of Elections (919) 245-2350) to ask the Board to mail a form to the voter.

Fill out the form and mail it in to one's county Board of Elections.

- **For any questions:** Call or contact one's county Board of Elections [here. https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo](https://vt.ncsbe.gov/BOEInfo)
- **Register to vote by October 9, 2020.**

## Still Here

*I been scared and shattered*

*My hopes the wind done scattered*

*Snow has friz me*

*Sun has baked me*

*Looks like between 'em they done*

*Tried to make me*

*Stop laughin', stop lovin', stop livin',*

*But I don't care!*

*I'm still here!*

Langston Hughes

Shared by Joyce Sandy at Monthly Meeting with Attention to Business August 16, 2020

**Letter to Brummana (Lebanon) Monthly Meeting From Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting:**

21 eighth month 2020

Meeting Clerk  
Brummana Monthly Meeting  
Brummana, Lebanon  
[sami.cortas@gmail.com](mailto:sami.cortas@gmail.com)

Dear Friends of Brummana,

We of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting reach out to you, despairing at the devastating loss of lives, despairing at the vast destruction of properties in the aftermath of the August 4<sup>th</sup> explosions in Beirut's port.

How the traumatic, painful deaths of children, of individuals of all ages must feel achingly tragic for these cataclysmic explosions were knowingly preventable: Cause of this unfathomable trauma, pain and losses is the long-unheeded warnings by authorities. May solace be felt by the many recent resignations of leaders.

May love be around you, including ours, as you bear the shocks and seek to find your way of healing and repair from this injurious calamity. We are reminded of Khalil Gibran's words, "Out of suffering have emerged the strongest souls; the most massive characters are seared with scars."

Sally Freeman and Paul Klever  
Co-Clerks, Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting  
[pfymclerk@gmail.com](mailto:pfymclerk@gmail.com)

Representing: Abingdon Friends Meeting VA, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting NC, Charlotte Friends Meeting NC, Eno Friends Meeting NC, Fancy Gap Friends Meeting VA, New Garden Friends Meeting NC, Raleigh Friends Meeting NC, Salem Creek Friends Meeting NC and Upstate Worship Group SC.

Nine Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia, United States of America

## Reply From Friends in Beirut

Sami Cortas

Aug 23, 2020, 11:47 AM

Dear Piedmont YM Friends

Thank you for reaching out, and for your sincere expression of support and the comforting and inspiring words. The explosion in Beirut was devastating. Many families lost loved ones and many more lost their homes. It was a sad event indeed.

What is ironic is that this region of the world manufactures no weapons or explosives, yet weapons and explosives seem to find most of their deployment in this region and its people have suffered the most from their use. Also, this region gave the religions of peace to the world, yet in the last hundred years, itself knew not peace. Oh, how we long for peace and justice.

The reason for our plight may lie partly in ourselves, may be partly in our stars, but sadly mostly in the winds that blow in our direction from the West and East. We call on all our friends and the Friends of the world to use their power of persuasion and their love for peace and justice to convince their governments and the powers that be to help us bring a just peace to the Middle East, to stop sending weapons our way, and to end sanctions and blockades that mostly impoverish the people.

Dear friends, your heartfelt message of love and support is greatly appreciated.

In friendship,

Sami Cortas

Clerk, Brummana Friends Meeting

Brummana, Lebanon

## Learning the History of Our Racism

*(Ed Note: Jeffrey Robinson, criminal defense lawyer and ACLU leader, has offered that the one thing all people in American society owe to themselves and to any the conversation on race matters, is to learn more about the history of racism. The following links will take those interested to YouTube videos on the topic.)*

Jeffrey Robinson, Deputy Legal Director of National ACLU speaks on:

*Racial Bias in America – How Did We Get Here; Why Are We Stuck?*

History of Racism in America, Part I <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0-AxOROms0A&feature=youtu.be>

History of Racism in America, Part II [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie\\_kdQJSxQY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ie_kdQJSxQY)

History of Racism in America, Part III <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n17YkhLWybY>

**A New Meeting Directory** will be available soon! Has any of your contact information changed? If you are not listed in the current Meeting Directory but want to be included in the next edition, send your name, address, email, and phone number(s) to Dave Curtin ([dfcurtin@gmail.com](mailto:dfcurtin@gmail.com)). If you are listed in the current Meeting Directory but your contact information has changed, email your changes to Dave Curtin.

NOTE: The Meeting Directory is for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting use only and is not to be shared with or distributed to those not participating in the life of the Meeting. This information is not on the Web. Copies of the Directory will be printed or available as a pdf upon request.

**From Chris Stanley:**

Friends –

At our last Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, we approved a statement of support for recent work at the Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools. I thought you might be interested to see the response to the minute we approved and sent to them. The email exchange is provided below:

**Message to School Board Members**

In response to the recent public forum discussing relationships within our local schools and communities, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (Quakers) approved the following statement of support:

**The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting applauds the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools efforts to build a healthy relationship among students, teachers, parents and community. We particularly support the idea of transforming the approach to school discipline through the use of concepts such as restorative justice, peace circles, and peace centers**

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Chris,

On behalf of the Board, thank you very much for sharing your perspective with us. It is very helpful.

Mary Ann

*Mary Ann Wolf, PhD*

*CHCCS Board of Education*

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
9:00am Sunday August 16, 2020  
Chris Stanley, Clerk; Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk  
via Zoom video conferencing

Attendance: Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Chris Stanley, Tom Ludlow, Buzz Borchardt, Annette Broadwell, Monteze Snyder, Tim Fogarty, Kitty Bergel, Naveed Moeed, Betsy Brinson, Tom Munk, Jeff Brown, Maura Murphy, Wendy Michener, Carolyn Jokinen, Michael Jokinen, Carolyn White, Carolyn Stuart, Dottie Heninger, Faye Stanley, Henry Schneider, Jan Hutton, Jennifer Leeman, Joyce Sandy, Julia Cleaver, Kennis Grogan, Kurt Hein, Gwyn Hein, Leedon Lefferts, Lloyd Kramer, Lois Ann Hobbs, Hank Elkins, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Simone Kershner, Ellen O'Brian, Emilie Condon, Joe Groves, Ben Ray.

1. Opening worship and query

Query: How do I treat personal conflict as an opportunity for growth?

2. Welcome, review of agenda

3. We approved the minutes from our July 19 meeting as written.

4. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the end-of-year fiscal report. Despite the pandemic, we have been able to come closer than expected to meeting our budget due to the generosity of Friends. We exceeded our income goal for the year. We exceeded our budget for obligations. As usual, our committees under spend their allocations. We exceeded the expense budget by \$21,311.42. Overall we came out ahead by \$29,161.87 this fiscal year. Questions arose about National Quaker Service. This line item covers expenses for Friends who attend various Quaker organizations. The Finance Committee operates conservatively to have sufficient funds for a possible future time when contributions decline. We accepted this report with gratitude. (Appendix 1.)

5. Monteze Snyder, Co-Clerk of the Finance Committee, reported on placement of excess income over expenses from the prior fiscal year. After careful discernment and due to the great uncertainties of the coming year, the Finance Committee decided that the surplus should be held in the Money Rate Savings Account. We accepted the report with gratitude. (Appendix 2.)

6. Naveed Moeed, Co-Clerk of the Peace and Justice Committee (P&J), presented documents related to our stance against racism that the committee proposes to represent our position on our website and possibly in other locations.

Henry Schneider presented the minute on police in the schools. Hank Elkins added that school resource officers have authority to arrest and suspend students and target black students far more often than white students. The second paragraph is not part of the minute, only the first. A long discussion ensued. The first paragraph will be altered to be from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and to say Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools. We approved the first paragraph to send to the school board. Both paragraphs are included in the minutes. (Appendix 3.)

Naveed presented a resource sheet for anti-racism work called "How Can I Help?" including Informing Ourselves, Reflection Points and Action, and Resources. P&J would like to post this on our web site. We approved this request. (Appendix 4.)

Joyce Sandy presented the statement on anti-racism. Wendy Michener explains that this statement is directed to those who are not Friends. It is a response to current events and does not include every kind of racism that exists. Joyce read a poem by Langston Hughes. Joyce then read the statement. Comments were mostly positive with some concern about the recommendation to "disassemble the police departments." Joyce reminded Friends that her experience with any police department is different from that of a white

person. Pat Mann thanks the committee for the discomfort that their statement is bringing out as it leads each of us to consider what we want to do. Naveed shared that P&J is forming a working group to consider what comes next. We approved the statement with appreciation for the hard work of P&J in crafting it. (Appendix 5.)

7. Next MWAB will be 9 am Sept 20, 2020.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

We will hold the annual Clerk's Retreat on Saturday, September 26, 2020 from 10am-Noon via Zoom. It will focus on the function of committees in the life of the meeting. All are welcome, not just committee clerks.

8. We closed with worship.

**APPENDICES**

**FOLLOW**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2020

|  | <u>Jun 30, 20</u>        |
|--|--------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                          |                          |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                  |                          |
| <b>Checking/Savings</b>                |                          |
| BB&T-2699 Community Checking           | 43,565.02                |
| BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)          | 2,460.21                 |
| BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip           | 3,115.93                 |
| BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund        | 13,361.40                |
| BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel             | 8,386.71                 |
| BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership            | 2,239.34                 |
| BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings           | 35,033.76                |
| <b>Total Checking/Savings</b>          | 108,162.37               |
| <b>Other Current Assets</b>            |                          |
| FF- General Fund                       | 24,793.08                |
| FF- Physical Plant Reserve Fund        | 21,890.22                |
| <b>Total Other Current Assets</b>      | 46,683.30                |
| <b>Total Current Assets</b>            | 154,845.67               |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                    |                          |
| FF- Shotts Endowment                   | 35,993.47                |
| <b>Total Other Assets</b>              | 35,993.47                |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                    | <b><u>190,839.14</u></b> |
| <b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>        |                          |
| <b>Liabilities</b>                     |                          |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>             |                          |
| <b>Other Current Liabilities</b>       |                          |
| Payroll Liabilities                    | 687.27                   |
| <b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b> | 687.27                   |
| <b>Total Current Liabilities</b>       | 687.27                   |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>               | 687.27                   |
| <b>Equity</b>                          |                          |
| FF Unrealized Gain/Loss                | 14,929.99                |
| Opening Balance Equity                 | 134,376.03               |
| Unrestricted Net Assets                | 11,683.91                |
| Net Income                             | 29,161.94                |
| <b>Total Equity</b>                    | 190,151.87               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>  | <b><u>190,839.14</u></b> |

## Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Budget v. Actuals July 2019 through June 2020

|  | Jul '19 - Jun 20 | Budget           | % of Budget   |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>             |                  |                  |               |
| <b>Income</b>                              |                  |                  |               |
| Building Rental                            | 888.22           | 300.00           | 296.1%        |
| Contributions                              | 76,450.50        | 67,935.00        | 112.5%        |
| Parking space rental                       | 4,570.00         | 4,800.00         | 95.2%         |
| <b>Total Income</b>                        | <b>81,908.72</b> | <b>73,035.00</b> | <b>112.1%</b> |
| <b>Gross Profit</b>                        | <b>81,908.72</b> | <b>73,035.00</b> | <b>112.1%</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                             |                  |                  |               |
| <b>A-Obligations</b>                       |                  |                  |               |
| Bank Fee                                   | 0.00             | 50.00            | 0.0%          |
| FDS Coordinator/Childcare                  | 8,031.45         | 6,000.00         | 133.9%        |
| Insurance                                  | 5,717.00         | 5,900.00         | 96.9%         |
| Software License Fee                       | 658.88           | 1,000.00         | 65.9%         |
| UBIT, Storm Fees                           | 1,390.49         | 1,240.00         | 112.1%        |
| Utilities                                  | 5,334.38         | 5,000.00         | 106.7%        |
| <b>Total A-Obligations</b>                 | <b>21,132.20</b> | <b>19,190.00</b> | <b>110.1%</b> |
| <b>B-Committees</b>                        |                  |                  |               |
| Adult Religious Ed                         | 0.00             | 100.00           | 0.0%          |
| Building and Grounds                       | 11,078.68        | 13,000.00        | 85.2%         |
| Care and Counsel                           |                  |                  |               |
| Meeting for Suffering                      | 0.00             | 110.00           | 0.0%          |
| Care and Counsel - Other                   | 100.00           | 200.00           | 50.0%         |
| <b>Total Care and Counsel</b>              | <b>100.00</b>    | <b>310.00</b>    | <b>32.3%</b>  |
| Children's/Youth Religious Ed              | 160.59           | 1,000.00         | 16.1%         |
| Finance                                    |                  |                  |               |
| Contingency Fund                           | 0.00             | 350.00           | 0.0%          |
| Finance - Other                            | 353.44           | 1,000.00         | 35.3%         |
| <b>Total Finance</b>                       | <b>353.44</b>    | <b>1,350.00</b>  | <b>26.2%</b>  |
| Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke            | 490.10           | 1,700.00         | 28.8%         |
| Hospitality                                | 176.06           | 400.00           | 44.0%         |
| IFC  | 125.00           | 200.00           | 62.5%         |
| Library                                    | 42.83            | 450.00           | 9.5%          |
| Ministry and Worship                       | 589.05           | 900.00           | 65.5%         |
| Nominations                                | 0.00             | 10.00            | 0.0%          |
| Peace and Justice                          |                  |                  |               |
| National Quaker Service                    | 1,109.93         | 1,500.00         | 74.0%         |
| Peace and Justice - Other                  | 0.00             | 500.00           | 0.0%          |
| <b>Total Peace and Justice</b>             | <b>1,109.93</b>  | <b>2,000.00</b>  | <b>55.5%</b>  |
| Publications and Communications            | 259.42           | 1,750.00         | 14.8%         |
| <b>Total B-Committees</b>                  | <b>14,485.10</b> | <b>23,170.00</b> | <b>62.5%</b>  |
| <b>C-Transfers to other accounts</b>       |                  |                  |               |
| Care and Counsel                           | 0.00             | 500.00           | 0.0%          |
| Leadership Development                     | 0.00             | 200.00           | 0.0%          |
| Physical Plant Fund                        | 0.00             | 2,000.00         | 0.0%          |
| Returning Citizens                         | 0.00             | 1,000.00         | 0.0%          |
| Youth Service Trip                         | 0.00             | 800.00           | 0.0%          |
| <b>Total C-Transfers to other accounts</b> | <b>0.00</b>      | <b>4,500.00</b>  | <b>0.0%</b>   |

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Budget v. Actuals**  
 July 2019 through June 2020

|                                  | Jul '19 - Jun 20        | Budget             | % of Budget          |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| <b>D-Benevolences</b>            |                         |                    |                      |
| Archives Benevolences            | 150.00                  | 150.00             | 100.0%               |
| Legacy Benevolences              | 19,454.00               | 19,454.00          | 100.0%               |
| Other benevolence                | 250.00                  |                    |                      |
| P&J Benevolences                 | 5,126.00                | 6,571.00           | 78.0%                |
| <b>Total D-Benevolences</b>      | <u>24,980.00</u>        | <u>26,175.00</u>   | <u>95.4%</u>         |
| <b>Total Expense</b>             | <u>60,597.30</u>        | <u>73,035.00</u>   | <u>83.0%</u>         |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>       | 21,311.42               | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| <b>Other Income/Expense</b>      |                         |                    |                      |
| <b>Other Income</b>              |                         |                    |                      |
| <b>Misc Income</b>               |                         |                    |                      |
| Building Renovation Donation     | 13,719.96               | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| Interest income                  | 6.36                    | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| Shotts payout                    | 1,336.46                |                    |                      |
| Misc Income - Other              | 10,457.81               | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| <b>Total Misc Income</b>         | <u>25,520.59</u>        | <u>0.00</u>        | <u>100.0%</u>        |
| <b>Total Other Income</b>        | 25,520.59               | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| <b>Other Expense</b>             |                         |                    |                      |
| Building Renovation              |                         |                    |                      |
| Upstairs renovation              | 6,417.13                |                    |                      |
| <b>Total Building Renovation</b> | 6,417.13                |                    |                      |
| Capital expense                  | 8,650.00                |                    |                      |
| Credit Card Fee                  | 213.29                  |                    |                      |
| Returning Citizens (ReFac)       | 1,274.72                |                    |                      |
| Shotts Leadership                | 1,115.00                | 0.00               | 100.0%               |
| <b>Total Other Expense</b>       | <u>17,670.14</u>        | <u>0.00</u>        | <u>100.0%</u>        |
| <b>Net Other Income</b>          | <u>7,850.45</u>         | <u>0.00</u>        | <u>100.0%</u>        |
| <b>Net Income</b>                | <u><u>29,161.87</u></u> | <u><u>0.00</u></u> | <u><u>100.0%</u></u> |

## Appendix 2

### **Allocation of surplus income from FY July 2019- June 2020:**

Regarding allocating the balance of \$29,161.87, we discussed several options (the Care & Counsel, Returning Citizens, Building Renovation Funds plus potential purchases of video/audio equipment and a solar energy system). Aware of the great uncertainties in the upcoming year, at this time, **we decided that the surplus should be held in the Money Rate Savings Account.**

## Appendix 3

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting applauds the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools efforts to build a healthy relationship among students, teachers, parents and community. We particularly support the idea of transforming the approach to school discipline through the use of concepts such as restorative justice, peace circles, and peace centers.

The change we approved is fundamental because the Committee and the Black Lives Matter Movement are united in wanting to build a healthy environment in the schools without the police and certainly without the larger set of institutions implied by the term "law enforcement" (FBI, ICE, judicial system, prisons, Homeland Security, etc.). The four components "students, teachers, parents and community" are precisely the four entities explicitly cited for healthy schools by the Black Lives Matter Movement and approved by our Committee.

## Statement on Anti-Racism

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (Quakers) affirms that racism in the United States of America, North Carolina and Chapel Hill (to be specific) is real, harsh and damaging to all people of every race, ethnicity, color, nationality or immigration status. Friends affirm that the greatest, lasting harm has been to people of color, both born here and immigrant.

We acknowledge that we are racist, collectively and individually. We, the Society of Friends, are descended from people who, while they learned to abhor slavery, relegated people of color to a back bench in our Worship and mostly refused to allow them to become Members of the Society. It is still uncommon for people of color to join our Society. It is incumbent on the white members of our faith to address the truth that a person can be racist and abhor racism at the same time.

We are grateful to each and every person who has come out onto the streets to peacefully speak out against racism. We urge people to learn about all the harm that has been done to people of color down through our country's history, and continuing today. Our attention needs to be focused on repairing the damage done by racism itself to people of color and to our country.

We regret the vandalism and destruction that has happened. While we understand the righteous anger that may lie under some of it, we firmly believe violence will not help or further the just cause of ending racism.

Chapel Hill Friends applaud the removal of statues honoring specific or representative persons who supported or fought for slavery, white supremacy or segregation. We support the removal of symbols that represent these ugly ideals. It is our hope that new statues will be chosen for the pedestals that will honor people who championed or worked for freedom in any form – race, labor, sex, gender, disability, poverty – whatever characteristic is now or has ever been used to demean a person or hold them back from finding happiness, prosperity and justice.

Chapel Hill Friends agree and affirm that the structure of our police force and our justice system, in their

present form, will not support the needed changes. Because much of both structures still reflect and manifest racist beliefs, they must be carefully disassembled and rebuilt from the ground up. We affirm that many of the current functions of the police – dealing with domestic disputes, mental health, child protection, prostitution, drug addiction, angry teens and civil protests being some of them – are not appropriately handled by an armed cadre but need to be handled by people who are primarily compassionate by their professional training.

It is a deep hole our ancestors laid our country down into when they established slavery and supported it with racism. We, the people of the United States of America, are not done clawing ourselves back out. Emerging from it will be long, messy and painful. It will bring us joy, laughter, good friends, great peace and a wider experience of life. Chapel Hill Friends know this; emphatically know this, from our lived experience.

Chapel Hill Friends affirm our pledge to work for the destruction of racism and to promote the healing and change needed in our country, in our community, in our service work and in our Meeting.

## Appendix 4

### How Can I Help?

#### **Informing ourselves**

Informing ourselves the origins and effects of racism helps. A good reading list: <https://time.com/5846732/books-to-read-about-anti-racism/> and a comprehensive syllabus of material to read, listen and watch online can be seen here: <http://bit.ly/justice-in-june>

#### **Reflection points and action**

- Be more than “not racist”; be antiracist. <https://bit.ly/what-is-antiracist>
- Have difficult conversations. Do you know someone who: Feels angry when people tell them that they benefit from white privilege? Says “Not all white people” or similar phrases? Tries convincing you that you are wrong by pointing out people of color who agree with their views? Talks about when they immigrated, or explains their own hardships when a PoC talks about being oppressed? Feels the need to state that they have friends/family who are people of color? **These comments may seem well-meaning but help build an uncritical defense of racism – engage and challenge these views.** Talking with friends and family: <https://bit.ly/hard-to-talk> & [https://bit.ly/better\\_talk](https://bit.ly/better_talk)
- Support programs that support racial justice: <http://eji.org>
- Support black business <https://bit.ly/bob-ch> & <https://bit.ly/bob-durham>
- Become a legal observer. The NLG provides training: <http://nlg.org>
- Donate to the national bail fund network to help protesters: <https://www.communityjusticeexchange.org/nbn-directory>

#### **Resources**

- A comprehensive list of allyship resources can be found at <http://bit.ly/allyship-resources>. If this is overwhelming, DC public schools created a document to talk about racism in the classroom. Educator or not you can start here: <https://bit.ly/dcps-classroom-racial-violence>

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