

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

Twelfth Month, 2021

- **Monthly Query:** *How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?*
- **Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *Turn attention inward and listen in the silence for what the Spirit may reveal.*



## Upcoming Zoom Forums

**December 12: The Open Hand: Personal sharing by Kuldip Kuwahara.** Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

**December 19: Meeting for Business** (no forum this date)

**December 26: Winter Solstice Forum** (Carolyn and Peter White) Moderator: Mark Toles

Solstice Forum: Finding resilience in nature and ourselves. COVID has seemed like a long, bleak winter. But when we look at nature, we see its resilience in the face of not only seasons but disruptions such as hurricanes, fires and floods. Through worship sharing, we will explore ways we see resilience in nature, others and ourselves.

**January 2: New Years' Forum.** Moderators: Jennifer Leeman & Mark Toles

**January 9: Quaker Practice Series:** Meeting for Business and Quaker Decision-Making. Moderator: Tom Munk

## Small Group Worship at the Meetinghouse

After listening carefully to our community and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our community, the Ministry & Worship Committee received permission from the Meeting to begin offering responsible opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate options for small group worship over the coming weeks. In this unprecedented time, the committee is not pursuing the perfect answer to how to worship together, and we do not know the lowest risk way to proceed.

**Note:** To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of **vaccination protocol** and the **wearing of masks** around others on meeting property is lovingly expected.

A risk assessment tool is available as well (<https://www.microcovid.org/paper/5-activity-risk>).

The options do not yet include "hybrid" meetings, using the Zoom platform blended with in-person attendance for worship and religious education. The committee will request time for a discussion about hybrid meetings at a future Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

To keep the trial simple, there will be no refreshments available (bring your own water), indoor participants will be urged to go outside at the rise of meeting to limit time in the building, and the building will be closed between early and late meetings. Friends are asked to not go downstairs (except for the nursery), for simplicity in preparation and maintenance of safe spaces.

**Children older than 3** are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship and will be led down to the playground for First Day School, which is on the playground during Covid. However, there will be at least one adult on the playground starting at 11:00 for those who are nervous about indoors. For children under 3, the nursery open downstairs if needed.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Historic Eno Quaker Cemetery Volunteer Clean Up, Dec 4, 10am**

*John Bell shares with Friends and friends,*

Some of us are gathering **Saturday Dec 4 at 10:00 am** to remove fallen debris and to gently trim back undergrowth from the historic **Eno Friends Cemetery**. Please join us if you are able.

The adjoining landowner - presently our only legal access to the cemetery - has kindly agreed to this schedule. Please use the second (going north) driveway entrance and park in the field to the north. The address is 1700 NC Highway 57.

It is most helpful to bring your own clippers, pruners and small hand saws.  
Also, do share this announcement with others. Contact me if you have questions.

Warmly, John Bell

For questions or directions:

email: [johnbellnc@gmail.com](mailto:johnbellnc@gmail.com) or

cell # 919-619-6490

### **Engage with the American Friends Service Committee, Dec. 9, 7:30 - 9:00 pm**

*Naveed Moeed shares with Friends:*

Join Lucy Duncan and Sofia Di Pietro, Friends Relations staff, to learn the many ways Friends can engage and work with the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). From supporting the No Way to Treat a Child campaign to taking the Radical Acting in Faith for White People e-course to inviting AFSC staff to present a workshop at your meeting (online or in person) to attending the annual AFSC meeting to adopting the Quaker social change ministry model of small group social change work, learn ways to join with ASFC in creating a more just world. We will also make time for you to share your experiences of meaningfully engaging with AFSC work over the years and how we can support you in your role as meeting liaison or social change agent in your Quaker meeting or church. Click here<<https://www.afsc.org/action/quaker-opportunities-engage-afsc>> to register.

### **Quaker Earthcare Witness Tree Planting Project, Dec 12**

CHFM Quaker Earthcare Witness is a small group but we have big ideas. We need more Friends to join us for our Tree Planting Project, a practical hands-on way to do something about climate change. We are pondering how and where and need your input. We meet on the second Sunday of the month via Zoom at 4 pm, which will be Dec.12. If you want to attend our next meeting, email Alice Carlton at [amberalice47@gmail.com](mailto:amberalice47@gmail.com) and I'll send you the Zoom link.

## **Pulling Back the Curtain, Webinar Series, Sept 17 - Dec 14**

Hart Pillow shares with Friends:

“Pulling Back the Curtain” is a new 6-part webinar series this fall that explores the little-known state agency setting energy and climate policy for North Carolina, and the role we can play in building a clean energy future. We are proud to note that the classes will be taught by NC WARN’s former energy analyst Nancy LaPlaca.

How does North Carolina incentivize clean energy production and infrastructure? What are the rules governing household electricity rates? How are we helping families adopt rooftop solar and electric vehicles? Learn in plain language how the current regulatory system works, and how advocates like you can get involved to move North Carolina toward a clean energy future.

Sign up today: <https://cleanairenc.org/cleanaire-events/nc-energy-webinar-series>

Select Tuesdays through Fall 2021: Noon or 5:30 pm (choose your time)

Tuesday, September 21 - Tuesday, December 14

Courses:

- Utilities in the US: The Big Picture – TUESDAY, September 21
- The Regulatory Process in NC – TUESDAY, October 12
- Why Has Energy Justice Taken So Long? – TUESDAY, October 26
- Communities on the Frontline – TUESDAY, November 9
- Power Generation: Cost vs Benefit – TUESDAY, November 23
- Building a Clean Energy Future – TUESDAY, December 14

## **Friends General Conference Gathering, July 3 - 9**

The Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering 2022 is being hosted by Piedmont Friends and will be held in-person nearby – at Radford University, Radford, Virginia.

The Gathering is a week of Quaker worship, workshops, and community for all ages. Friends come together from across the US and Canada (and sometimes further) to deepen our connection to one another and the Spirit.

The dates are July 3 through July 9. The theme for 2022 is “...and follow me.”

Given the proximity, the hosting by our yearly meeting, and the first in-person sessions since 2019, this is a rare opportunity to participate.

The week of the Gathering is packed with programs and events, from small group workshops to evening plenaries, and programs for children, teens, and young adults. You can register to attend the full event, or just the parts that fit with your schedule.

Registration will be open early in 2022. A reminder—if you need financial assistance to attend the Gathering, Chapel Hill Friends through the Shotts Leadership Development Fund and Piedmont Friends can contribute for part of the cost.

We have opportunities to participate in planning the event. Piedmont Friends have a Hosting Committee. The FGC Gathering Committee has subcommittees for the following aspects of the event: Adult Young Friends (18-35), Local Arrangements, High School, Junior Gathering, Evening Programs, Workshops, Worship, and Communication.

For more information, visit the FGC website (<https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>) and see a 6-minute video about the Gathering. Or contact our Piedmont Friends representatives: Ann Miller and Leslie Rountree (PFYM) and Jasmine McKewen and Brad Schultz (PFF).

## Recurring Events

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 PM. 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: [prayers@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:prayers@chapelhillfriends.org). The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee and each week, a volunteer will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service. You can be one of these volunteers! Please contact the Ministry and Worship Committee ([mw@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:mw@chapelhillfriends.org)) or Chris Stanley ([clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org)) to join the volunteers supporting this ongoing ministry.

**Pendle Hill Worship** via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am

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>

**Note:** The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

**Sloth Radio Is On the Air**, Tues, Thursdays, 8pm

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: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/9194488892>

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

## **Announcements**

### **Please Volunteer!**

Friends, each Sunday a small number of volunteers have been installing fans in the meeting room windows before early meeting. More volunteers are needed - two per week- to continue this. Volunteers should be able to stand on benches and hold a fan against the top frame of the window while another volunteer pushes up the sash. Add your name to the Doodle poll (link is below) and select the Sundays when you can help.

Installation takes 20 mins and we start at 7:45 except at 7:30 on 3rd Sundays of the month. Guidance will be provided.

For Sundays with no or one volunteer, there will be no fans or just fans in the lower sash openings exhausting air from the meeting room (i.e. no forced fresh air).

Thank you.

[https://doodle.com/poll/2xkf9aqr5g8q6sxr?utm\\_source=poll&utm\\_medium=link](https://doodle.com/poll/2xkf9aqr5g8q6sxr?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link)

### **The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items**

Dottie Henniger shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions. For attenders who worship on Zoom, plastic bins will be put on the front porch on the last Wednesday of each month for your donations. Please also remember that financial gifts are always welcome. You can make your contributions online at the IFC website, [ifcweb.org](http://ifcweb.org). Thank you!

Dottie

### **Help Support Planning the 2022 FGC Gathering**

Ann Miller shares with Friends:

Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting is excited to be hosting the 2022 FGC Gathering in Southwestern Virginia at Radford University. We are reaching out to Monthly Meetings in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee to ask them to help us find members to support the Planning of the FGC Gathering.

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We are hoping you may be willing to help us with two things:

- Recommendations to people who might serve on these committee's who we could send individual invites to.
- Share the link committee volunteer interest form with your members and attenders.

([www.tinyurl.com/PlanGathering2022](http://www.tinyurl.com/PlanGathering2022))

Interested Friends could also ask Leslie Rountree or Ann Miller about getting involved in planning and we will be happy to connect you with the planning process.

## Newsletter & eNews Reminder

**Note:** If you think that you haven't received your weekly enews or monthly newsletter, it helps to add [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) to your contacts. Otherwise it might go to your Spam folder (and likewise for other [chapelhillfriends.org](http://chapelhillfriends.org) mailing lists such as [pfym@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:pfym@chapelhillfriends.org)).

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). **Note:** The eNews is formatted using Google Docs, so submissions in that format are most welcome!

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *midnight on Wednesday*. Please put "**for eNews**" in the subject line.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last Sunday of the month*. Please put "**for Newsletter**" in the subject line.

To unsubscribe, email to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) with the subject line, Unsubscribe.

## Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays, 7-9pm

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## 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.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**Minutes**

**9 am Sunday November 21, 2021**

**Online via Zoom**

**Chris Stanley, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk**

In attendance:

Chris Stanley, Lois Ann Hobbs, Dave Curtin, Jeff Brown, Joyce Munk, Jo Ellen Gabbert, Nancy Fisher, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Jan Hutton, Monteze Snyder, Hank Elkins, Betsy Brinson, John Pilgrim, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Rob Jones, Buzz Borchardt, Dottie Henninger, Julia Cleaver, Asta Crowe, Ken Grogan, Carolyn White, Astra Titus, Ben Ray, Deborah Gibbs, John Hite, Tom Munk, Bob Durovich, Catherine Alguire, Nancy Milio, Jennifer Leeman, Hart Pillow, Max Drake, Leslie Bassinger, Susan Inglis

- Opening worship and query – Chris Stanley, Meeting Clerk, opened the Meeting with worship centered on the Query: How does participation in Meeting for Worship contribute to my life long spiritual journey?
- Chris welcomed the meeting. There were no first-time attenders.
- Susan had sent the Minutes of the October Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). The minutes were approved with the correction of Kindra Bradley's name.
- Pam Schwingl, our representative to the Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation, presented the annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends Accepted the report with appreciation.
- Lynn Drake, Co-clerk of the Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial /Leadership Development Fund Committee, presented their annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends accepted the report with appreciation.
- Monteze Snyder presented the Treasurer's quarterly report. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends accepted the report and expressed appreciation of Monteze's presentation.
- Jeff Brown, Clerk of The Ministry and Worship Committee, provided a report on the Spiritual State of the Meeting that was held recently. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Friends accepted the report for submittal to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, and expressed their gratitude.
- Dottie Henninger presented the Land acknowledgement for CHFM, which she and Betsy Brinson prepared in April. It is attached here as Appendix 5. The acknowledgement will be presented again every November.
- The Peace and Justice Committee prepared and sent a letter to Rep. David Price advising him to co-sponsor Congresswoman McCollum's resolution (HR 751) opposing terrorist designation for six groups active in the Middle East. The letter was publicized in an In the Light this week and the committee asks Friends to join them in urging Rep. Price to co-sponsor this bill. Tom Munk commented and elaborated that Israel has designated six human rights groups as terrorist groups, which is yet another major step that we feel called to speak out on. Friends are invited to sign in. Attached here as Appendix 6.
- Directory Description Revisions. Jeff Brown, Clerk of The Ministry and Worship Committee, presented a proposed description of the Zoom Subcommittee for inclusion in the coming Meeting Directory. The Zoom Subcommittee is under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee. The description is attached in Appendix 7. With discussion, it was accepted with appreciation. A revised description of the Transition and Support Committee was also presented. Friends were not in unity to accept it. The accepted description is included here in Appendix 7. and Friends anticipate a more thorough discussion of the committee's work soon.

- Jeff Brown provided an update for Ministry & Worship on how we are dealing with airflow to minimize COVID spread. Jan Hutton shared an announcement on upcoming blended meeting trials, which is attached here as Appendix 8.
- Our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on December 19th, 2021.
- Chris closed Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business with a brief period of worship.

## Appendix 1

### **Annual Report of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation Representatives to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting November 21, 2021**

FCNCL was formed under the care of the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting in the Spring of 2019 and began functioning in October of that year. The work of the organization is guided by a General Committee, an Executive Committee, and committees on Policy, Communication, Strategic Advocacy and Engagement, and Nominating.

The mission of FCNCL is to help NC Quakers and allies advocate for NC legislation that is consistent with Quaker values. That “help” includes informing and educating them, as well as championing the notion that advocacy work matters, there is strength in numbers, and that Quaker faith in action is urgently needed to voice our values in solidarity with others who share them.

**Anti-Racism.** Starting In January 2021, at the request of the General Committee, the clerk of FCNCL assembled a 10-member Antiracism Working Group tasked with guiding the sustainability and continuous improvement of FCNCL’s commitment to and actions around antiracism. Working group members reviewed current processes and the existing antiracism minute and settled on three priority actions. A revised minute on social justice and antiracism was crafted and approved by the General Committee this past October. In addition, a glossary of terms was drafted which was designed to accompany the minute or serve as a stand-alone resource. The Anti-racism Working Group also recommended that a working list of allied organizations be created to offer FCNCL more diverse views and leadership; this list has been created and is currently being used by the Policy Committee.

**Policy Priorities and Actions.** FCNCL’s priorities for the current two-year legislative session, begun in January of 2021 and ending in the fall of 2022 are: (i) electoral reform; (ii) access to quality healthcare; (iii) environmental protection measures; and (iv) criminal justice reform. Starting in March 2022, the Policy Committee will begin a new discernment process to set priorities for the following two-year legislative session which will begin in January 2023, asking member meetings to outline their priorities for legislative action.

The Policy Committee issued nine Action Alerts since October 2020, asking participants to lobby for targeted legislation. As education is key to FCNCL’s policy work, the Policy committee created numerous Fact Sheets to accompany the action alerts which are posted on the FCNCL website.

The Policy Committee also drafted a letter to Governor Cooper thanking him for vetoing several bills which were directly in opposition to FCNCL’s policy priorities and its anti-racism stance. The Committee also submitted a statement supporting a fair process for redrawing legislative districts. And, FCNCL, as part of its concern with criminal Justice reform, is co-sponsoring the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting forum on the Racial Equity Task Force in Criminal Justice on December 5, 2021.

The Policy Committee summarized its experience this past year working as a lobbying organization in the current NC General Assembly environment. Given the lack of transparency about the progress of any particular bill and the fast pace at which bills can be moved forward with little or no warning, FCNCL found itself in a reactive position, scrambling for information.



To move into a more proactive stance, the Policy Committee will instead focus on:

- Developing Fact Sheets based on the policy priorities in order to educate the broader membership
- Learning who is following issues aligned with our priorities, and engage with them
- Encouraging the membership to engage their legislators regarding FCNCL's policy priorities together with others in their district
- Researching NCGA committees likely to have a role in generating legislation related to our policy concerns and consider contacting specific committee members who may not be in our legislative district.

**Communications and engagement.** FCNCL disseminated action alerts and fact sheets *via Mailchimp* software, posting on the [www.fcnc.org](http://www.fcnc.org) website and on the FCNCL Facebook group. In addition, meeting representatives from individual Meetings helped to disseminate information in email broadcasts. An estimated 600 people were reached by these alerts and fact sheets. General Committee members also helped distribute quarterly newsletters to their Meetings, and Piedmont Friends Fellowship/Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFF/PFYM) promotes this work through their own communications and meetings.

FCNCL's Strategic Advocacy and Engagement Committee (SAE) is key to the process of educating members. This group organized workshop themes, identified guest speakers, and contributed promotional materials. The committee conducted a survey of all General Committee members to build and strengthen their connections with one another and investment in the policy work. The results will be used to customize our communications and build our social capital with those we are serving.

Workshops coordinated by the SAE committee focused on (i) how the NC legislative process works; (ii) what its priorities will likely be; and (iii) how to build relationships with one's representatives. FCNCL was a featured program at the 2020 Annual Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting.

For an upcoming workshop on January 20, 2022, participants will be aggregated either by legislative district or priority area in order to begin planning group lobby visits.

**OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS:** The leadership of FCNCL has spent time this year addressing several process needs – i.e., creation of a budget process, completing a set of bylaws for approval by the general committee, and creating a strategic plan to guide month-to-month deliberations.

**Contributions and expenses.** The organization has no paid staff but is powered by volunteers from meetings across the state of North Carolina, with 22 individuals currently engaged in committee work.

The FCNCL fiscal year runs from January through December, but only contributions received from January 1 through August 31 are reported at the October Annual meeting. The total reported contributions to FCNCL amounted to \$1900, with a balance of approximately \$3000. However, CHFM P&J committee and the Benevolence Subcommittee made a contribution of \$1400 to FCNCL for the 2020-21 fiscal year ending in June 2021, but due to a problem with the address, our contribution was not included in this report, but has recently been sent to the correct address.

While expenses have been very low during these early years of the organization, it is expected that when travel opens up, hybrid Annual meetings as well as attendance at Friends Meetings will begin and will entail expenses. In addition, prior to the 2023 long session of the NC General Assembly, there is a desire to have a statewide lobby day in Raleigh for which there will be a need for these funds.

Pam Schwingl and Lori Fernald Khamala are the FCNCL representatives from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. A third representative would be warmly welcomed, as meetings are allowed to have 3 representatives to FCNCL. Meeting members and attenders should be aware of the upcoming policy discernment process for the 2023-24 legislative session that will begin in March. FCNCL welcomes any who are committed to Quaker advocacy in NC to visit a committee meeting; craft policy Alerts and fact sheets; help the Communications group develop and issue announcements; send friends to FCNCL's website to grow our membership; and most importantly -- respond to Alerts and build relationships with your representatives!

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Schwingl

## Appendix 2

### **Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Funds Committee Annual Report 2020-2021**

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends. The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund provides financial support to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. The Leadership Development Fund provides grants to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, and the current principal balance is \$43,888.03. From this fund, we received \$1,375.38 in interest income for the 2020-2021 fiscal year (\$681.20 paid in December, 2020, and \$694.18 paid in June, 2021). Grants from the Leadership Development Fund are given from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the Meeting for Worship with attention to business. Both of these funds are in a single account at BB&T. This fiscal year (2020-2021) we dispersed \$597.00 for grants to 8 individuals. Our fund balance in our BB&T account at the end of the fiscal year 2020-2021 was \$3264.96, carried forward to FY2021-22. Like other committees reporting this year, we have felt the effects of the pandemic. Most notably is in the requests for assistance to participate in the annual FGC Gathering. Since most in-person events were available only as Zoom presentations, the Committee was pleased to offer support to members of our community for participation in a Zoom workshop offered by the North Carolina Botanical Garden on the resilient landscape with consideration of native plant options, and several workshops that focused on effects of the pandemic on Quaker Meetings: what we have learned: Spirit and Community, and steps in preparing to return to in person or blended worship. We also supported on-going research of another member of our faith community in the purchase of some needed books. The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee encourages all Friends to continue to look for opportunities to expand their spiritual and leadership development skills. Funding is also available to support Meeting standing committees that are considering special programming or training opportunities. The process to apply for financial support from the Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Funds is on our committee page on the Meeting's website.

The current members of the Committee are Catherine Alguire, Asta Crowe (co-clerk), Lynn Drake (co-clerk), Ken Grogan, Jan Hutton, Susan Inglis, and Roberto Quercia.

## Treasurer's Quarterly Report

10:44 PM  
11/07/21  
Cash Basis

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Budget v. Actuals**  
**July through September 2021**

	<u>Jul - Sep 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Contributions	12,085.05	56,050.00	21.6%
Parking space rental	1,700.00	2,100.00	81.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>13,785.05</u>	<u>58,150.00</u>	<u>23.7%</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	13,785.05	58,150.00	23.7%
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>A-Obligations</b>			
Bank Fee	50.00	50.00	100.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	1,704.93	7,000.00	24.4%
Insurance	0.00	5,900.00	0.0%
Software License Fee	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
UBIT, Storm Fees	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Utilities	1,292.83	5,300.00	24.4%
<b>Total A-Obligations</b>	<u>3,047.76</u>	<u>20,250.00</u>	<u>15.1%</u>
<b>B-Committees</b>			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	150.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	2,157.75	8,500.00	25.4%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	0.00	110.00	0.0%
<b>Total Care and Counsel</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	0.00	400.00	0.0%
Communication Technology	299.80	500.00	60.0%
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Credit Card Fee	22.20	400.00	5.6%
Finance - Other	253.75	1,000.00	25.4%
<b>Total Finance</b>	<u>275.95</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>16.2%</u>
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Hospitality	0.00	420.00	0.0%
IFC	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Library	0.00	370.00	0.0%
Ministry and Worship	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Nominations	0.00	40.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	0.00	900.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice - Other	0.00	150.00	0.0%
<b>Total Peace and Justice</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Publications and Communications	0.00	10.00	0.0%
<b>Total B-Committees</b>	<u>2,733.50</u>	<u>14,500.00</u>	<u>18.9%</u>
<b>D-Benevolences</b>			
Legacy Benevolences	0.00	17,380.00	0.0%
M&W Benevolences	0.00	1,400.00	0.0%
P&J Benevolences	0.00	4,820.00	0.0%
<b>Total D-Benevolences</b>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,400.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>5,781.26</u>	<u>58,150.00</u>	<u>9.9%</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	8,003.79	0.00	100.0%

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
**Budget v. Actuals**  
July through September 2021

	<u>Jul - Sep 21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Interest Income	2.47		
Total Misc Income	<u>2.47</u>		
Total Other Income	2.47		
Other Expense			
Building Renovation	322.02		
Total Other Expense	<u>322.02</u>		
Net Other Income	-319.55		
Net Income	<u>7,684.24</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Balance Sheet**  
 As of September 30, 2021

	Sep 30, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
1-Checking BB&T-2699	28,252.17
2-Savings BB&T-9737	56,840.53
3-Designated Renovat BB&T-4039	26,106.92
4-Designated Funds BB&T-4593	
Care and Counsel Support Funds	7,887.39
ReFac Support Funds	2,323.22
Shotts Leadership Support Funds	3,264.93
Youth Service Support Funds	3,116.25
4-Designated Funds BB&T-4593 - Other	0.42
<b>Total 4-Designated Funds BB&amp;T-4593</b>	<b>16,592.21</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>127,791.83</b>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>	
FF- General Fund Designated	30,907.01
FF- Physical Plant Resrv Fund-D	39,544.61
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>70,451.62</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>198,243.45</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
FF- Shotts Endowment Rst	43,434.80
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>43,434.80</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>241,678.25</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	26.09
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>26.09</b>
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>	
Payroll Liabilities	770.74
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>770.74</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>796.83</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>796.83</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	33,486.06
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	65,335.09
Net Income	7,684.24
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>240,881.42</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>241,678.25</b>

## **Spiritual State of the Meeting**

**October 30, 2021**

### **Report to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

The annual Spiritual State of the Meeting took place online via Zoom in the context of the persistent COVID-19 pandemic. Twenty-one Friends gathered to consider seven queries received from the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting as guides for discernment of our Spiritual condition.

Friends formed four small groups for worship sharing based on the queries. This summary is intended to be shared with the Chapel Hill Friends Monthly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting. The first query was considered by all four small groups, queries 2-5 by one group each, and queries 6-7 by all participants.

#### **Query 1: How have you experienced the working of the Spirit this year?**

Friends experienced the Spirit moving among us this year. “Winks from higher realms” seemed evident in meeting people or hearing from people at opportune times. Some Friends experienced a sense of peace, a sense of aging and slowing down, or a sense of awe outdoors in natural areas. Some Friends experienced the Spirit in community with family and friends. Presence of the Spirit was experienced in weekly Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, or daily meditation, even as sharing deeply with others was challenging in the context of the pandemic. Friends sensed a lessening of the need to control, with much out of control. Some stepped back from work to take time to listen to the Spirit, to seek direction. Some have found more time to focus on a relationship with God/Spirit. Friends have missed interactions with members of our community and wish to find ways to reach out. In-person community is an important part of the spiritual life of the Meeting. There is a sense of gratitude that the Meeting has carried on a spiritual life despite the challenges. Spirit is manifest in many ways, including spirit-led committee work. The Zoom platform has been helpful in supporting a sense of community and providing a safe way to connect from near and far. In addition, Pendle Hill webinars have been spiritually enriching for those who took advantage of offerings.

#### **Query 2: What challenges has CHFM faced this past year?**

Friends observed that one of the main challenges has been keeping, supporting and working with families with small children. It was challenging to find unity about requiring masks and proof of vaccination to attend MFW in person. While missing worshiping collectively, Friends recognized the need to offer many different opportunities to worship. Testing of audio equipment for a forthcoming trial of a blended meeting (with the meeting room as a Zoom participant) to inform discernment by the Meeting has been challenging to the Zoom subcommittee. It is a challenge to find unity in Meeting for Business via Zoom. It is challenging to keep and renew friendships when we don't gather weekly. It is also challenging to the Nominations committee which often relies on casual conversations to learn about individual gifts and leadings. Despite the challenges, Friends expressed hope in the coming year.

#### **Query 3. Tell us about any leadings in CHFM that you are excited about, ambivalent about, or challenged by.**

Friends were grateful for weekly Prayers for Healing/Holding the Light, initiated last year and continued this year, as a way to deepen prayer life. Individual leadings include reading the daily meditations and taking daily walks as ways to contemplate, act, and maintain a sense of gratitude.

**Query 4: At the PFYM Interim Meeting held August 21, 2021, both Climate Change and Racial Justice were deemed to be ongoing concerns held by both PFYM and FCNCL. How has your Meeting responded to these concerns?**

With anti-racism, Friends have had some well-intentioned and energetic responses, but have had difficulty finding a path ahead. Shared goals and intentions have not led to agreement on actions. Forums have kept these issues before us, even if it is hard to come together on action. Friends observed that meeting via Zoom is a limiting factor in reaching unity. There is some concern that the CHFM anti-racism statement was not threshed by the entire meeting.

There is interest in the CHFM Quaker Earthcare Witness group as a focal point for concerns about climate change. Friends remind us all that the pandemic has been traumatic and tiring while we are concerned with these important and potentially overwhelming issues. We need to be gentle with each other.

**Query 5: How has our Meeting fared during the pandemic?**

CHFM has offered options for worship and religious education each First Day since July 4, 2021. Worship via Zoom continues at 11:00 AM with attendance around 25 in recent weeks. Simultaneously, outdoor worship under the large Magnolia tree takes place at 11:00 with about 10 in attendance, and in-person indoor worship in the meeting room with windows open and fans exchanging air is attended by around 25. An early indoor meeting attracts about 6 people at 8:15 AM, Forum takes place at 9:30 via Zoom, and First Day School convenes at 11:00 outside of the school building on the porch and playground with remote access included.

Friends shared gratitude for the options to meet various levels of comfort and accessibility, and for the Zoom subcommittee's consistent support of Zoom access for worship and committee work. Compared to 2020, this year the First Day School is benefiting from an in-person option, gaining attendance by families with children. Also, newcomers are taking advantage of the worship options depending on their preference for online or in-person visits to CHFM. Those Friends who were comfortable worshipping in the meeting room expressed joy about gathering in person. There is appreciation, also, for online worship attendance by Friends far away and by some of our elders. Friends expressed gratitude for the care and problem solving by the Building & Grounds, Children and Youth Religious Education, and Hospitality committees and for the quality of communications by the Publications & Records Committee.

Unfortunately, the ongoing pandemic has prevented worship attendance by inmates from Orange Correctional Center. Friends miss what had been regular participation of inmates. Some returned citizens have been able to join a worship option to sustain our connections, for which we are grateful.

**Query 6: What kind of support would the Meeting like to see from PFYM?**

Friends expressed interest in opportunities to learn how other Monthly Meetings are dealing with common issues. The Zoom calls for PFYM member Meeting Clerks have been excellent opportunities to share information and learn about common themes and differences. As one of the larger Monthly Meetings in PFYM, CHFM appreciates the perspective of smaller member Meetings. As a larger meeting, CHFM may have experience in pastoral care to offer smaller meetings. Also, CHFM encourages the Adult Young Friends group as an excellent opportunity for all member meetings of PFYM.

Friends see that PFYM offers opportunities to have wider discussion and participation across the region. Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation is an example of a way to inform members of the Monthly Meetings of peace and justice concerns and actions.

Ideas surfaced about member meetings inviting other member meetings to online events, for example, in adult religious education. CHFYM has an active committee that offers one-hour programs at 9:30 AM via Zoom three First Days a month.

Friends acknowledge that the persistence of the pandemic and its challenges calls for careful consideration of expectations for PFYM support at this time.

**Query 7: Share any additional information that you would like PFYM to know about CHFYM.**

Many CHFYM members are committed to resuming connections with inmates at Orange Correctional Center as soon as conditions allow the contact by Yoke Fellows and sponsored attendance in Meeting for Worship. This was a vital part of the CHFYM community that has been dearly missed during the pandemic.

With gratitude to the participants: Madelyn Ashley, Buzz Borchardt, Annette Broadwell, Jeff Brown, Alice Carlton, Emilie Condon, David Curtin, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Tim Fogarty, Ken Grogan, Quaker Harmon, Dottie Heninger, Jan Hutton, Ann Miller, Tom Munk, Allie Scales, Monteze Snyder, Chris Stanley, Carolyn Stuart, and Carolyn White.

Appendix 5

**Land Acknowledgement for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting sits on unceded Indigenous land where Occaneechi, Sissipahaw, Shakori, and Eno peoples lived. As Quakers, we acknowledge the genocide and continued displacement of Indigenous peoples during the colonial period and beyond.

In 1672, George Fox visited Carolina and publicly preached that Indigenous community members shared the Light within as, we believe, all humans do. We affirm Fox's teaching, and we recognize that injustices done to the Indigenous population continue in the present.

Site Heritage:

Artifacts found at Morgan Farm indicate that this area was inhabited almost continuously for the past 10,000 years. A 2004 archaeological exploration in Chapel Hill revealed spear points and potsherds, evidence that hunters as well as settlers lived along Franklin Street from 500 BC to 500 AD. Archaeological digs on Finley Golf Course showed similar proof that these communities hunted, built houses, and grew crops. The earliest recorded presence in our area of Indigenous peoples dates to 1701 when explorer John Lawson wrote "by the time the first settlers arrived, there were no more Indians left in the region." (Vickers, p. 7-8). Other historians assert that a greatly reduced number of Indigenous remained. Most had migrated north towards Hillsborough and the more active trading paths.

John Lord Carteret, the first Earl of Granville, received his land charter from King Charles II. By the 1730's colonial settlers began trickling into Granville's district, including Orange County. They came down the Great Wagon Road connecting modern Petersburg, Virginia and Mobile, Alabama. Mark Morgan was one who settled on the Finley Golf Course land. In 1747, Morgan's children bought surrounding land to encompass most of Chapel Hill plus territory in present day Durham County and south across Morgan Creek. About 1790, his descendant Hardy Morgan gave 205 acres, including areas now occupied by Carmichael Auditorium, grounds to the east, the cemetery, and Gimghoul Road, to help establish the University of North Carolina. This is the land where Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is located. The University retained ownership until Chapel Hill Friends Meeting bought the land in the 1950's.



This is a living document, and we will continue to revise and strengthen it in collaboration with community members and as new research evolves.

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*April 2021*

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Chapel Hill and the University of North Carolina

Light on the Hill

Orange County Land Registry

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NC State Archives, call number SSLG 96-J

## Appendix 6

### **Letter to David Price on Israeli Terrorist Designations**

Dear Congressman Price,

We appreciate your knowledge of and deep concern about the ongoing conflict between Israel and Palestine. We hope you share our concern about the Israeli government’s declaration of six Palestinian NGOs as terrorist organizations. They include Al-Haq (the leading Palestinian human rights organization, which has won numerous international awards), Addameer (the leading prisoners’ rights organization), Defense of Children International--Palestine (the leading children’s rights organization), the Union of Palestinian Women’s Committees, the Union of Agricultural Work Committees, and the Bisan Center for Research & Development.

The terrorist designation threatens the organizations with arrest of its staff, confiscation of funds and property, and jeopardizes their international funding. The organizations have been accused of channeling funds to PFLP-affiliated organizations, although no proof has been provided. All of the organizations have been repeatedly audited by international funders and the audits have shown no such funding.

The Center for Constitutional Rights has sent a letter from 288 U.S. organizations to Secretary of State Blinken asking him to condemn the designation ([Letter to Secretary Blinken from U.S. Orgs & Leaders in Solidarity with Palestinian Civil Society](#)). Numerous international human rights groups, including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, have condemned Israel's action. J Street and other Israeli and American Jewish organizations have condemned the action.

We think it is important for the U.S. Congress to take action as well. We ask that you sign on as a cosponsor for Congresswoman McCollum's resolution (HR 751) condemning the action (<https://mccollum.house.gov/media/press-releases/mccollum-resolution-calls-us-house-condemn-israel-s-repressive-decision>). Congresswoman McCollum has worked closely with Defense of Children International—Palestine for a number of years on children's rights and knows the work of the other three organizations well. Her press release provides background on the six organizations and lists some of the statements from organizations opposing the Israeli government's action.

Thank you for your consideration of our request,

Peace and Justice Committee,

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

November 14, 2021

## Appendix 7

### Committee Descriptions for the New CHFM Directory

#### **Zoom Subcommittee complete description**

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's meetinghouse was closed in the middle of March 2020, in response to the rampant spread of the COVID-19 virus and to the Governor's order of March 14, 2020 banning gatherings of more than 100 people in an enclosed space. At the same time, the Meeting opened the doors to meeting virtually, on every level. Zoom, a video conferencing service, was chosen as the platform for continuing as many of the CHFM community's activities as possible - worship, forums, committee meetings, first day school, etc. Even with an abatement of the virus, the Zoom platform continues to support the life of our meeting on a number of different levels. Under the care of the Ministry & Worship Committee, the Zoom subcommittee:

1. Provides Zoom support for Meetings for Worship, Forums, Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business, CHFM community-wide events, Committees, PFYM twice-yearly retreats, Friends and Attenders.
2. Does ongoing training and scheduling of Tech Hosts to help support Zoom use in the meeting.
3. Learns about, experiments with, and troubleshoots technology equipment for CHFM blended meeting trials.

4. Maintains contact with Quaker Meetings across the country as we share information about our collective Zoom journeys.

Buzz Borchardt, Jeff Brown, Dave Curtin, Quaker Harmon, John Hite, and Jan Hutton (clerk).

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### **Transitions and Support Committee Description**

This committee's mission is to serve and support men at Orange Correctional Center and other prisons as they transition back into the community.

## Appendix 8

### Announcement on Blended Meeting

Friends,

The Zoom subcommittee wishes to share a bit of information prior to our CHFM blended meeting trials. In numerous consultations with nation-wide Quaker Meetings, we've learned that the process of setting up a blended meeting, or blended meeting trials, is a continually evolving one. This has been a common journey in the Quaker world. In that light, the Zoom Friends are still learning and will use these trials to further modify the system.

The Tech Friend, supporting the Zoom operation, will sit inside the meeting room, near the door to the library. There will be considerable space in the meeting room for those who choose not to be on camera. A monitor, showing Friends on Zoom, will be in the same location. As currently positioned, Friends will only be able to see this monitor if they are sitting on the street side of the meetingroom. (This, too, can be modified.)

In our Zoom evolution, we were challenged to overcome the noise generated by the window fans. None of the stationary microphones we tried provided clear audio for those on Zoom. Several "dry runs" in the Meetingroom, with feedback offered by a number CHFM Friends, led us to unity in regard to using a portable microphone for vocal ministry which will be passed around by a member of M&W. A small speaker will amplify the voices of those on Zoom, but will not amplify the voices of those in the meeting room.

- Please share your name before sharing vocal ministry - both in the meetingroom and online;
- In the meetingroom, please stand and wait for the microphone before sharing ministry;
- The microphone will be on so you can speak without pushing any buttons;
- The microphone works best held slightly away from the face;
- Your mask should stay on when using the microphone-

If you have other questions, please don't hesitate to contact us: [zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org).

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