

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Second Month, 2022

#### Monthly Query:

*Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement?*

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

*Waiting in silent expectation and prayer for guidance from the Light Within is the basis for our Meeting for Worship.*



#### Upcoming Zoom Fora -

**February 6: Quakers and personal financial concerns** - Reflections and hard questions about socially responsible investing with Mark Hulbert, columnist for MarketWatch. John Bell, moderator.

**February 13: NC Warn** - We'll hear the latest from NC Warn. Hank Elkins is organizing. Tom Munk will moderate.

**February 20: Meeting for Business**

#### 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 - inside the meetinghouse, outside, and online via Zoom. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate those options. 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.

What is the risk of in-person worship? A risk assessment tool is available to help inform your decision about participation in worship options at <https://www.microcovid.org/tracker>.

Worship options include a second trial run of a “blended” meeting, to be scheduled, using the Zoom platform blended with in-person attendance for worship. After that, the committee will request time for a listening session about blended meetings, to be scheduled. A blended meeting combines in-person worship and participation via Zoom.

To keep the trial of small group worship 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 attendance indoors. For children under 3, the nursery will be open downstairs if needed.

## Upcoming Events

### **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&bbejrid=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

### Transcript of Forum on Quaker Decision Making Now Available

The transcript of Matt's presentation at the forum of January 9 on Quaker Decision Making In the Meeting For Worship With Attention to Business is now available on our website:

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/forums.html> (click “Transcript”)

## FCNL Action Alert Regarding Yemen

Tom Munk shares with Friends:

From the Peace and Justice Committee, quoting Emma Hulbert of the Friends Committee on National Legislation

The United States is complicit in the Saudi-led coalition's war and blockade in Yemen, which has created the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today. After seven years of war, roughly 16 million Yemenis are at risk of famine, and over two million children under the age of five are severely malnourished.

The United States remains complicit through continued intelligence sharing on airstrikes and by enforcing the air and sea blockade of Yemen—despite President Biden's promise in early 2021 to end U.S. support for

the Saudi-led coalition. This month, we ask you to urge your members of Congress [in our case, David Price] to reintroduce and pass a Yemen War Powers Resolution!

Over the last few years, bipartisan majorities in both chambers of Congress have supported ending U.S. support for this war. Act now: [Urge your members of Congress to introduce and pass a Yemen War Powers Resolution to end U.S. participation in the Saudi-led war on Yemen.](#)

## **Update on Afghan Refugees**

Joe Groves shares with Friends:

An estimated 700 out of 1200 refugees have arrived in NC, mostly in the last month and mostly in the Triangle, the Triad, and Charlotte. 9 different agencies are involved in resettling them, with loose coordination. The agencies are struggling to cope because of the number of refugees, the staff cuts they experienced during the Trump administration, and the shortage of local sponsors. Agencies "officially" are given 24 hours notice by the government, but sometimes the agencies are told "the refugees are on the plane and will be there in 2 hours."

The agencies coordinate with local sponsors (congregations and organizations) who arrange for housing and help refugee families with basic needs. Because of the shortage of local sponsors and housing, many families are in temporary housing, with limited support.

If you want to get involved, there are several options:

[https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/mwab/afghan\\_update.pdf](https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/assets/mwab/afghan_update.pdf)

## **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.

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](mailto: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.

## 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 January 16, 2022

Online via Zoom

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

In Attendance:

Carolyn White, Cecilia King, Ann Miller, Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Jeff Brown, Tom Munk, Jennifer Leeman, Karen Jesse, John Hite, Paul Munk, Betsy Brinson, Hank Elkins, Jan Hutton Joe Groves, Emily Condon, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Buzz Borchardt, Maura Murphey, Carolyn Stuart, Satrina King, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Ken Grogan, Kate Vinita Finch, Lloyd Kramer, Gwynne Pomeroy, Bob Durovich, Deborah Gibbs, Madelyn Ashley, Lois Ann Hobbs, Julia Cleaver, Curt Torrell, Wendy Mitchener, Dottie Henninger, Nancy Milio, Max Drake, Jasmine McKeuen, John Pilgrim, Hart Pillow, Catherine Alguire, Pam Schwingl, Richard Miller, Chris Stanley, Susan Inglis

1. Chris Stanley, Meeting Clerk, opened the meeting with worship centered on the Query: How do I strive to maintain the integrity of my inner and outer lives: in my spiritual journey, my work, and my family responsibilities?
  2. Chris welcomed the Meeting and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders.
  3. Minutes of the December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) had been sent in advance. They were considered and approved.
4. Ann Miller, one of our representatives to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, presented a proposal to change the organizational structure. The proposal presents a way forward for PFF and PFYM as a unified body of "Piedmont Friends —Yearly Meeting and Fellowship." It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends commented:
- A Friend who has been involved since PFYM was formed noted that it will be a more efficient structure and this efficiency will be welcome in a time when we are all stretched thin.
  - Another Friend who has served as a delegate spoke in agreement, noting it will be not only efficient but also more effective.
  - Responding to a question about whether "the reasons that lead to the initial split" had been resolved, several Friends spoke to clarify that there has never been a split, rather there were separate meetings in fellowship and the formation of a yearly meeting was undertaken to deepen the relationships between Meetings. The formal organization of the Fellowship was maintained to accommodate Meetings that did not want to join the Yearly Meeting, usually because they do not have enough people to send representatives to both bodies. Another Friend explained that the 2 groups, PFF and PFYM, were a transitional model, and it is no longer needed. In principle the formation was to be inclusive and collaborative. Sensing unity in support of the proposal, the Clerk asked if there were concerns and none emerged. Friends were united in supporting the acceptance of the proposal.
1. Joe Groves, a member of the Peace and Justice Committee, provided an update on opportunities to support refugees from Afghanistan who are currently arriving in our area. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends are urged to look at the update in detail, consider their leadings, and help as they can.
2. Maura Murphy, Meeting Treasurer, presented the Treasurer's quarterly budget report for January. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Maura responded to Friends' questions:
1. Since we have plenty of cash now, committees were urged to spend their allotted funds sooner rather than later.
  2. Since there may be overages this fiscal year, the Finance Committee is thinking about what to do in that case, and invites ideas to be shared at a future Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.
  3. We have only one endowment, The Schotts Fund. Though endowments can be appropriate to maintain for unforeseen future challenges, it may not be appropriate for us to establish another endowment. Our funds held at BB&T/Truist are in Savings Accounts, which only pay a tiny bit of interest.
  4. To the question of how does BB&T, now Truist invest, Maura does not know, and points out concerned Friends can look online. But to the recurring question of whether we should move our money to a more proactively socially conscious institution, Maura pointed out that Truist provides the customer service and geographic convenience that we need. The Finance Committee thinks that we should only look at moving our money if a more socially conscious competitor could provide the same level of service. Each time we have looked, they cannot.
  5. Parking is such a significant revenue producer because of our geographic proximity to the football stadium. It looks especially good this year because we had not assumed in budgeting that we would be back to "normal" in fall 2021. Usually there are 6-7 games per season, in 2020 there were 0, so we budgeted conservatively and the numbers look especially good since it was a normal season.
  6. At some point we should revisit the issue of renovations in the library space--which we were beginning to discuss as the pandemic hit. The library committee has discussed this, but not recently. As committees prepare their next budgets they will be trying to figure out the way through the pandemic era.

Friends accepted the report with gratitude, especially for the excellent clarity of the report.

3. Sutton King presented her letter requesting CO status, noting that though women are not required to register, she wants to stand with peers in registering her conscientious objection to war. The letter is attached here as Appendix 4.

Friends commented:

- This is a great letter, and we hope you will not have to use it, but understand that we all have your back if you do.
- This is a beautiful letter. The paragraph about the environment that shows how war destroys not only people but also the natural world we live in and depend upon, and this is a striking addition to what is usually covered in a CO letter.
- Another Friend said, "When I knew you would write a letter, I knew it would be eloquent. But this is remarkable because it goes beyond the human cost of war and encapsulates a focus on our place as a part of nature. Thank you from the bottom of my heart – for the wonderful letter and wonderful you."
- Another Friend commented that having done all this beautiful soul searching, Sutton may want to join the Religious Society of Friends and become a Member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. She said she will consider the invitation.
- Another Friend, with the habit of including a quote at the bottom of his emails asked permission to quote from the letter. "... along with becoming an adult, the country in which I live sees not only a new member of its society, but another well-bodied soldier to use in order to "protect" a country with violence. I am here to state that I am not one of those soldiers."
- Another Friend thanked Sutton for the example she sets, the inspiration, and the nudge to make sure her son considers writing his letter.

Friends accepted the letter with appreciation.

4. Hank Elkins, Treasurer of the Peace and Justice Committee, presented the annual report for Alamance Orange Prison Ministry, a benevolence that is under the care of the committee. It is attached here as Appendix 5. Hank responded to Friends' questions:

Our benevolence does help pay Josh's salary, and we are not clear which Meeting in the Triad area he comes from.

In normal times we are doing a long list of things, but what can we do now in covid era? Donating hygiene items, helping with integration on release, especially with housing, employment continue to be crucial. Moreover the personal relationships we have with prisoners must continue on release. Society makes it so hard even for the well-supported and motivated to re-enter, so our relationships are crucial. It is also very important now to help returning citizens register and vote.

A Friend suggested that more of us should write letters to prisoners. Even though it is not an effort that the Ministry has organized, we know it is so important for prisoners to receive letters.

Friends accepted the report with gratitude for such important work.

5. Jeff Brown provided The Ministry and Worship Committee's update on the experiment with returning to face-to-face worship. It is attached here as Appendix 6. Friends accepted the report with gratitude.
6. Chris clarified that though usually the Quaker House annual report is presented in January, this year it will be presented in February by our representative Rufus King and our past representative Betsy Brinson, both of whom are busy with the rest of the Board looking for the next Quaker House Executive Director.
7. Our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on February 20th, 2022.

8. Friends shared announcements that are also in the newsletter and joined in closing worship in a virtual circle, in preparation for 11:00 AM Meeting for Worship

## Appendix 1

### PIEDMONT FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP and PIEDMONT FRIENDS YEARLY MEETING

#### 2022—An Organizational Review

Dear Piedmont Friends,

After more than 50 years of Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) and six years since the founding of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM), we invite you to participate in the discernment for an organizational way forward for Piedmont Friends.

#### HISTORY

Friends Meetings throughout the region were drawn together in 1968 out of concern for peace and social justice, particularly in response to the Vietnam War. PFF was created to offer fellowship and support, and for the founding of Quaker House in Fayetteville as an expression of the Friends Peace Testimony.

The current meetings of PFF:

- Abingdon
- Boone
- Chapel Hill
- Charlotte
  - o Upstate Worship Group
- Davidson
- Durham
- Eno Friends (Hillsborough)
- Fancy Gap
- Fayetteville
- Friendship
- New Garden
- Raleigh
- Salem Creek
- Spring
- Wilkes County

- Winston-Salem

In 2015, the meetings of PFF supported the formation of a yearly meeting (PFYM) for meetings which were wanting an affiliation with a yearly meeting. The meetings that have become part of PFYM:

- Abingdon (VA)
- Chapel Hill
- Charlotte o Upstate (SC) Worship Group
- Eno Friends
- Fancy Gap (VA)
- New Garden
- Raleigh
- Salem Creek

Together, PFF & PFYM have offered opportunities for fellowship, education, sharing concerns and information, as well as maintaining a connection to the larger world of Friends, including

- Friends General Conference
- Friends Committee on National Legislation
- American Friends Service Committee
- Friends World Committee for Consultation

Further, PFF & PFYM were foundational in the creation of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL). Most recently, Piedmont Friends have come together to form the 2022 FGC Gathering Host Committee.

#### CURRENT SITUATION

For the past six years, PFF and PFYM have functioned as collaborating, but separate, organizations.

Jointly, PFF and PFYM plan the annual spring and fall retreats; share a website, information and listserv groups for peace and social concerns; hold FCNCL and the 2022 Gathering in our spiritual care. While there is unity in the work of Piedmont Friends, the two organizations are often duplicating efforts.

Member meetings are finding it difficult to recruit representatives to serve on the two representative bodies. Sometimes the distinctions and structure of the two organizations are confusing and difficult to interpret. Meetings are being challenged to fill their leadership positions and PFF/PFYM are similarly challenged. Friends are feeling “stretched thin” by the many needs for clerkships and committee work in our home meetings and in our larger Friends organizations. Some of our meetings have become less active in PFF over the past few years.

Given the current situation, we want to test member meetings' connection to Piedmont Friends— what is working, what are the challenges, what are Friends' desires for Piedmont Friends? — and to consider an alternative way forward.

## PROPOSAL

Friends are asked to consider moving the work of PFF and PFYM into a unified body of "Piedmont Friends—Yearly Meeting and Fellowship," combining organizational functions and leadership.

Those meetings which are currently members of PFYM will be designated as a "Yearly Meeting member; the PFF meetings not currently members of PFYM will be designated as a "Fellowship member" of "Piedmont Friends—Yearly Meeting and Fellowship."

Regardless of affiliation, all meetings are invited into the unified work of "Piedmont Friends," including representation to larger Quaker organizations; appointing representative(s) to quarterly/interim meeting; annual spiritual condition reporting; participating in various workshops, presentations and meeting clerks calls; participating in the annual retreat and annual sessions; holding the work of Piedmont Friends in the Light, etc.

Functionally, Piedmont Friends would have one representative body, one annual meeting/sessions, one leadership group (clerks, recording clerk, treasurer, executive committee, etc.), one set of representatives to Friends organizations, etc. The unified body would continue to plan the spring and fall retreats for fellowship and support, offer opportunities for member meetings and individual Friends to share information and concerns, maintain the shared website, as well as opportunities to participate in the wider work of Friends.

The shared budgetary function held by PFF will continue as part of the unified body, to support the work, outreach and mission of all Piedmont Friends.

The hope for a unified body of "Piedmont Friends" is that meetings will continue to find meaning and spiritual deepening in affiliation, that Piedmont Friends will be an inclusive collaboration of meetings—large and small—in carrying out the work of the Spirit among Friends in the piedmont region and beyond.

## QUERIES

1. What is your meeting's experience with PFF/PFYm in its current structure—benefits, challenges?
2. How do you see the proposal of a unified "Piedmont Friends—Yearly Meeting and Fellowship" affecting (strengthening and/or challenging) your meeting?
3. What concerns does your meeting have about the proposal for a unified body of Piedmont Friends?

We are asking for your meeting's response to the queries, additional feedback, questions and thoughts by the end of February, to be shared in a called joint meeting of the PFF and PFYM representative bodies March 5th for discernment for moving forward with this proposal. Please respond via email to:

PFF Clerk, Bill Moore— [bill@nzmoore.com](mailto:bill@nzmoore.com)

PFYM Co-clerks, Sally Freeman & Paul Klever— [pfymclerk@gmail.com](mailto:pfymclerk@gmail.com)

In Peace, On behalf of the representative bodies of PFF and PFYM,

Bill Moore, Clerk, PFF

Sally Freeman & Paul Klever, Co-clerks, PFYM

Marian Beane (Charlotte), Jeff Brown (Chapel Hill), Nancy Riemer (Raleigh)

To: Clerks, PFF (&PFYM) Meetings

## Appendix 2

### UPDATE ON AFGHAN REFUGEES

Joe Groves

1.11.2022

An estimated 700 out of 1200 refugees have arrived in NC, mostly in the last month and mostly in the Triangle, the Triad, and Charlotte. 9 different agencies are involved in resettling them, with loose coordination. The agencies are struggling to cope because of the number of refugees, the staff cuts they experienced during the Trump administration, and the shortage of local sponsors. Agencies “officially” are given 24 hours’ notice by the government, but sometimes the agencies are told “the refugees are on the plane and will be there in 2 hours.”

The agencies coordinate with local sponsors (congregations and organizations) who arrange for housing and help refugee families with basic needs. Because of the shortage of local sponsors and housing, many families are in temporary housing, with limited support.

If you want to get involved, there are several options: donating money to one of the agencies; donating money or needed goods to a local congregation that is sponsoring families; helping a local congregation in their active support of a family; contacting an agency to volunteer to help with an unsponsored family.

If you want to work directly with a family (for example, visiting with them, driving, helping with teaching them English, etc.), you will need to have a 2-hour orientation session via Zoom with one of the agencies and work with a local sponsoring organization.

Every agency and sponsor has different needs (monetary, donations, and active assistance) and criteria, so if you want to be involved, you need to contact an agency or sponsor directly. I’ve compiled a partial list of contacts below.

#### Contact information:

#### Agencies:

3 Agencies are working in Chapel Hill & Durham: Church World Services, Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services, and World Relief. The local contact for Church World Services has been very helpful to sponsors and individuals. I do not have local staff info for the other agencies.

- Church World Services: Anne Louise Pass, [apass@cwsglobal.org](mailto:apass@cwsglobal.org), 919-432-9472
- Lutheran Immigration and Relief Services: <https://www.lirs.org/>
- World Relief: <https://worldrelief.org/>

#### Sponsors:

These congregations and organizations either already have families they are sponsoring or soon will. There are other congregations as well that I don't have information for.

1. Church of Reconciliation: Stu Cameron, stucameroniii@gmail.com 928.202.7975. The church welcomes both donations and direct involvement. They are sponsoring 4 families and the first family will arrive around Jan. 19 (a family of 9!).
2. Eno River Unitarian-Universalist: Peggy Schaeffer, heypeggy99@gmail.com. Peggy is very involved and is happy to talk to people about ways to be involved. She says that ERUUF does not need any volunteers or donations for their refugee families. They've got it covered!
3. Binkley Baptist Church: Linda Textoris, lktextoris@gmail.com
4. Guilford College: Kathleen Herbst, Program Coordinator -- text at 864-363-1051; [herbstk@guilford.edu](mailto:herbstk@guilford.edu)

### Appendix 3 – Treasurer's Quarterly Report

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

	Jul - Dec 21	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Contributions	52,577.37	56,050.00	93.8%
Parking space rental	6,780.00	2,100.00	321.9%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>59,357.37</b>	<b>58,150.00</b>	<b>102.0%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>59,357.37</b>	<b>58,150.00</b>	<b>102.0%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>A-Obligations</b>			
Bank Fee	50.00	50.00	100.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	3,409.87	7,000.00	48.7%
Insurance	350.00	5,900.00	5.9%
Software License Fee	299.00	1,000.00	29.9%
UBIT, Storm Fees	736.49	1,000.00	73.6%
Utilities	2,682.65	5,300.00	50.6%
<b>Total A-Obligations</b>	<b>7,528.01</b>	<b>20,250.00</b>	<b>37.2%</b>
<b>B-Committees</b>			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	150.00	0.0%
Building and Grounds	2,975.09	8,500.00	35.0%
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>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>310.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Children's/Youth Religious Ed</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>400.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Communication Technology</b>	<b>299.80</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>60.0%</b>
<b>Finance</b>			
Contingency Fund	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Credit Card Fee	89.21	400.00	22.3%
Finance - Other	478.20	1,000.00	47.8%
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>567.41</b>	<b>1,700.00</b>	<b>33.4%</b>
<b>Friends Transition &amp; Suppt-Yoke</b>	<b>250.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>50.0%</b>
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%
<b>Peace and Justice</b>			
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>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,050.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Publications and Communications</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total B-Committees</b>	<b>4,092.30</b>	<b>14,500.00</b>	<b>28.2%</b>
<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	4,620.00	0.0%
<b>Total D-Benevolences</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>23,400.00</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>11,620.31</b>	<b>58,150.00</b>	<b>20.0%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>47,717.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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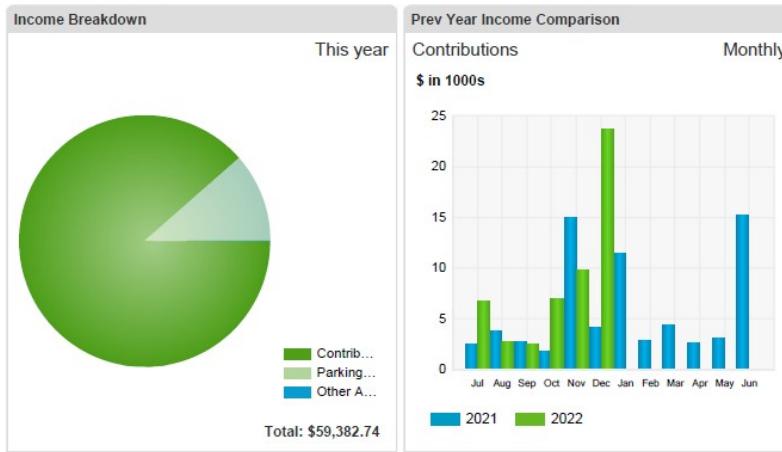
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
Budget v. Actuals  
July through December 2021

	Jul - Dec 21	Budget	% of Budget
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Building Renovation Donation	40.40		
Interest income	4.97		
Total Misc Income	45.37		
Total Other Income	45.37		
Other Expense			
Building Renovation	322.02		
Total Other Expense	322.02		
Net Other Income	-276.65		
Net Income	<u><u>47,440.41</u></u>	<u><u>0.00</u></u>	<u><u>100.0%</u></u>

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2021

	Dec 31, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1-Checking BB&T-2599	66,839.97
2-Savings BB&T-9737	56,841.96
3-Designated Renovat BB&T-4039	26,137.87
4-Designated Funds BB&T-4533	
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-4533 - Other	0.84
Total 4-Designated Funds BB&T-4533	16,592.63
Total Checking/Savings	166,412.43
Other Current Assets	
FF- General Fund Designated	30,907.01
FF- Physical Plant Resrv Fund-D	39,544.61
Total Other Current Assets	70,451.62
Total Current Assets	236,864.05
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment Rst	43,434.80
Total Other Assets	43,434.80
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>280,298.85</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	26.09
Total Accounts Payable	26.09
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,021.17
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,021.17
Total Current Liabilities	1,047.26
Total Liabilities	1,047.26
<b>Equity</b>	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	33,486.06
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	63,949.09
Net Income	47,440.41
Total Equity	279,251.59
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>280,298.85</b>



## Appendix 4

### CO letter from Sutton King

To the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting,

On Dec 9th 2021, I crossed the threshold into adulthood, and a new chapter of my life. I am aware that I am about to be thrust into adventures I can't start to guess, and am excited to take each one head on. However, along with becoming an adult, the country in which I live sees not only a new member of its society, but another well-bodied soldier to use in order to "protect" a country with violence. I am here to state that I am not one of those soldiers.

Since I was a child I have been raised with a deep rooted sense of morality, and a will to protect the sacred life within us all. My family instilled values of equality, forgiveness, and empathy that taught me ideas of non-violent conflict resolution, and the intrinsic worth of every human. These ideas were reinforced through my connections with the Religious Society of Friends. And while I will protect those I hold dear, I will not do so with guns on my hip, or death upon my fingers. I will not partake in any action that will steal another's life. War goes against every aspect of the beliefs I have been taught. To even support a conquest to rid another of life is, in my beliefs, despicable.

War does more harm than just destroying human life. Building and sustaining military force consumes vast quantities of resources, not only during war, but in preparation for unknown conflict. The CO2 emissions of the largest militaries are greater than many of the world's countries combined. Military training disrupts terrestrial and marine habitats and creates pollutants. I hold the natural world as my divinity and a conquest that so blatantly disregards that spiritual belief will never be one to which I offer my services.

War is an ink stain on what makes us human, it is what removes us from our neighbor and what pushes us from the peace I hold so dear. In conclusion, war contradicts my moral and ethical beliefs—I will not partake in any and all war. I ask that the meeting accept and hold my letter as documentation of my conscientious objection beliefs.

Sutton, 1/16/2022

## Appendix 5

### ALAMANCE ORANGE PRISON MINISTRY

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### DESCRIPTION OF THE ALAMANCE ORANGE PRISON MINISTRY (AOPM) AT ORANGE CORRECTIONAL CENTER (OCC)

**Mission Statement:** "The Ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release and, where possible, provide support and encouragement to those receiving them. This is to be accomplished by connecting all concerned to available resources to be found at OCC and the surrounding community."

To accomplish the above mission, the Ministry employs a full-time chaplain, Josh LeRoy. The Ministry receives no money from the state and is supported entirely by the community. The specific tasks of the Ministry include:

- ① Pastoral counseling of the OCC residents and families
- ① Distribution of clothing and hygiene Items: The Ministry administers a clothing closet for residents and distributes both clothing and hygiene items donated by local groups.
- ① The Chaplain administers the Peace Center and allocates space for meetings of religious groups.

**Diversity and Racial Justice:** The Alamance Orange Prison Ministry serves all residents and staff of Orange Correctional Center regardless of race, color, ethnic origin, or sexual orientation. The resident population is predominantly African American or Black and reflects the statewide NC prison population. The population of all NC prisons is approximately 62% African American or Black versus North Carolina's overall population of only 22% African American or Black. The statewide prison population of 8% Hispanics approximates the percentage of North Carolina's Hispanic population of 10%. The single employee of the Ministry is Josh LeRoy, who is white and a Quaker.

Except for fund raising and the contribution of hygiene items such as tooth brushes and tooth paste, Chapel Hill Friends are not directly involved in the tasks of the Alamance-Orange Ministry (AOPM). However, Chapel Hill Friends do support prisoners in ways that complement the AOPM mission and in those ways are indirectly involved with AOPM.

## **FINANCES**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Full time employees</b>
January – December 2019	\$58,988	1
January – December 2020	\$58,365	1

## **THE SUPPORT OF CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS**

Members of Chapel Hill Friends indirectly support the Alamance Orange Prison Ministry.

⌚ Yoke Fellows: Founded by the Quaker Elton Trueblood, Yoke Fellows meets Tuesday evenings in the Peace Center for fellowship with residents and volunteers. Both the Chaplain and Chapel Hill Friends support Yoke Fellows.

⌚ Worship First Day: Chapel Hill Friends take residents on passes for worship at Chapel Hill Friends.

⌚ Work-Release: Chapel Hill Friends help residents apply and interview for jobs.

⌚ Book Group: Chapel Hill Friends and prisoners read and discuss books of mutual interest. Prisoners play a large part in selecting the books, while Chapel Hill Friends help in obtaining the books.

⌚ Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Alcoholics Anonymous (AA): Friends take OCC residents to meetings in the community.

⌚ Pre-Release Course: Designed by Friends and other members of the Pre-release Committee, the course offers sessions on topics vital for transition to community living.

⌚ Distribution of Clothing and Hygiene Items: The Ministry administers a clothing closet for residents and distributes both clothing and hygiene items donated by local religious groups.

⌚ Worship Services at OCC: Twice during the year CHFM has sponsored well-attended worship services in the Peace Center.

⌚ Fathers' Day: The Pre-release Committee sponsors a day for resident fathers and their children. The program involves crafts, games, reading, and lunch prepared by the residents.

⌚ CHFM Transition and Support Committee: The Committee supports the AOPM indirectly by supporting both current residents of Orange Correctional Center and those returning to the community.

⌚ CHFM Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee: This committee works closely with the Transition and Support Committee to accept and to disburse funds to help men coming out of Orange Correctional Center and joining our community.

At the time of this writing, Orange Correctional Center is currently closed to visitors because of the COVID 19 epidemic, and many of the activities mentioned above are restricted.

**Chapel Hill Friends involved:** *Bobby Ackley, Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Tim Fogarty, Rita Kaur Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, Paul and Joyce Munk, Bonnie Raphael, David Schneider, Monteze Snyder, Carolyn Stuart, and Byron Stevens participate in this prison ministry.*

## Appendix 6

### **January 2022 Report from Ministry and Worship Committee (M&W) on the Status of Worship to the January 16th Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Opportunities continue for small group worship in a variety of settings (inside the meetinghouse at 8:15 and 11:00 AM, by Zoom at 11:00 AM, and at Carol Woods at 11:00 AM.) Friends decide for themselves what First Day option best meets their needs for safety and wellbeing.

At the meetinghouse, Friends wear masks indoors and outside including children who are under age for vaccination.

M&W recently purchased dozens of the most effective commercially available masks (N95 and KN95) for distribution at the meetinghouse, and we urge Friends to wear them on Meeting property.

M&W continues to consult with the Zoom subcommittee, with gratitude for their attention to detail and patient persistence. The subcommittee provided a trial run of a “blended” meeting for worship on November 28 during which the meeting room was a Zoom participant. A second trial will be scheduled when health and comfort levels are favorable. M&W will follow with a Meeting listening session, open to all, to share experiences of the combination of Zoom and in-person worship. M&W will then consider a recommendation to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

M&W is making a slight change in meetings for worship. A committee member opens and closes each meeting for worship. This month and next, the closer will read a monthly query at the start of the first and second First Days only. On the third, fourth, and fifth First Days, the closer will not read the query. Why this trial?

General queries have been used since the time of George Fox “as a guide for self-examination, as a framework for periodically examining, clarifying and prayerfully considering the direction of our individual lives and the life of the meeting community.” (Faith and Practice, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, p. 205). M&W offers monthly queries, read near the beginning of worship, with the intention of

deepening our spiritual experience. Friends may use a query for personal reflection during worship or set it aside for later contemplation.

The Ministry & Worship Committee has observed from time to time that reading a query during meeting for worship may evoke responses that focus on the query almost exclusively. This can evolve into “worship sharing,” whereby Friends share responses to a specific question. In the Friends General Conference definition, “Worship sharing focuses on a particular question and helps us to explore our own experience and share with each other more deeply than we would in normal conversation.” While there is value in this type of sharing, it is very different from Meeting for Worship where we open ourselves to the divine/the Spirit/God and offer vocal ministry – as we feel led - from that source. Limiting the number of times in a month when a query is read at the start of worship provides more opportunities for Friends to open themselves to the divine/the Spirit/God.

As always, the committee values and invites your comments this morning or anytime via [ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org).

January 16, 2022

Ministry & Worship Committee

Jeff Brown, clerk, Madelyn Ashley, Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn White and Chris Stanley, ex officio

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