

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

Sixth Month, 2022

**Monthly Query:** *How do I faithfully attend Meeting with heart and mind prepared for worship, clear of any predetermination to speak or not to speak, and expecting that worship will be a source of strength and guidance?*

**Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:**  
*Be sure to allow adequate time between spoken messages in meeting for worship, so that they may settle in the silence and be truly absorbed. In general, Friends counsel against speaking more than once in a meeting.*



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### Upcoming Zoom Fora -

**June 5: No forum.** Friends are encouraged to join with Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting as they conclude their Spring Retreat with a virtual Meeting for Worship from 9:00 to 9:45.

<https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/piedmont-friends-fellowship-and-yearly-meeting/events/2022-piedmont-friends-retreat-annual>

**June 12: Celebrating graduates:** Sutton King (Jennifer, CYRE)

### 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/tracker>). To keep the 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 indoors. For children under 3, the nursery is open downstairs if needed.

## Upcoming Events

### **Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting, June 4**

Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting will gather in person for annual sessions on Saturday, June 4 at Guilford College in Greensboro. For those unable to travel, there will be webcasting via Zoom that day. The theme is “Radical Hospitality – Welcoming the Light in Others.” Activities include Friday evening fellowship via Zoom, a Saturday morning program on the theme, a young Friends art gathering in the morning, lunch, an optional walk in Guilford Woods led by Quaker historian Max Carter, afternoon annual sessions of Piedmont Friends and on Sunday morning via Zoom, closing Meeting for Worship. For details, a flyer, and registration, see the webpage for the retreat: <https://www.quakercloud.org/cloud/piedmont-friends-fellowship-and-yearly-meeting/events/2022-piedmont-friends-retreat-annual>

### **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).

## Announcements

New Garden Friends Seeking Office Manager  
Chris Stanley shares with Friends:

New Garden Friends Meeting is seeking a full-time Office Manager. The Office Manager will function as a receptionist, provide administrative support to the Meeting, and manage payroll and accounts. Familiarity with accounting software is desirable.

The position is for 40 hours a week and offers individual health insurance, paid vacation, paid personal and family leave. Salary will be commensurate with experience but will not exceed 24 dollars an hour. The Office Manager reports to the Pastoral Minister and to the Clerk of the Stewardship and Finance Committee. The Meeting hopes to fill this position by June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please send resume including contacts for three recommenders to Clint Corcoran, Clerk of Meeting.  
[ccorcora@highpoint.edu](mailto:ccorcora@highpoint.edu)

New Garden Friends Meeting  
A Religious Society of Friends | Established in 1754  
801 New Garden Road, Greensboro, NC 27410  
T: 336/292-5487 E: [office@ngfm.org](mailto:office@ngfm.org)

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

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.

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## **Pray for Peace**

From Friends House Moscow:

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805

The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry.

Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

## **Diplomacy is the Only Solution**

As the Russian invasion and assault on Ukraine continues, we stand in solidarity and sympathy with the people of Ukraine, the people of Russia, and all those in the region whose lives are being torn apart by war. We grieve the loss of life and destruction that war inevitably brings.

We are deeply concerned that new massive and broad sanctions imposed on Russia will not just impact Russian leadership, but further harshen the lives of ordinary people in Ukraine, Russia, and the region. The only solution is diplomacy—not further violence.

Act Now! [Tell your lawmakers that diplomacy is the best way to protect human lives and avoid further suffering.](#)

## **Friends Seeking Clearness on Abortion**

The release of the Supreme Court draft on Roe vs. Wade has vaulted abortion to a highly salient issue. Historically Friends have not had unity on the matter of abortion. Most Friends would like to prevent unwanted pregnancies, reduce the number of abortions, and minimize the occasion of abortion. This Quaker Earthcare Witness pamphlet attempts to bring Friends together to seek clearness on abortion.

<https://quakerearthcare.org/friends-seeking-clearness-on-abortion/>

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## 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!

## Personals

### Our Housing Search

Dirk and Martha Kelder want to share with Friends:

Dear Community,

We are a quiet, responsible, retired couple (artist, chaplain - calligraphers), searching for a quiet, 2 to 3 bedroom duplex, separate apartment, or house to rent (or buy), (@1,000 sq. ft.). Washer/dryer preferred, some storage and walking paths nearby would be ideal, (in Orange, Chatham or Durham counties).

Thanks so much for any leads!

[martha.kelder@yahoo.com](mailto:martha.kelder@yahoo.com)

(919) 942-2112

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## **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

### **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

#### **Minutes**

**9 am Sunday May 15, 2022**

**Online via Zoom**

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

In attendance: Kate Vinita Fitch, Jan Hutton, Carolyn Stuart, Tom Munk, Buzz Borchardt, Allie Scales, Hank Elkins, Betsy Brinson, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Dottie Henninger, Ann Miller, Deborah Gibbs, Julia Cleaver, Sean Chen, Asta Crowe, Ken Grogan, Wendy Michener, Maura Murphy, Pam Schwingl, Annette Broadwell, Tom Ludlow, John Hite, Tom Fogarty, Monteze Snyder, Paul Munk, Ric Shepherd, Madelyn Ashley, Nancy Milio, Alice Carlton, Jasmine, McKewen, Emilie Condon, Susan Inglis, Chris Stanley

1. Opening worship and query – Chris Stanley, Meeting Clerk.

Query: What does the testimony of simplicity mean to me?

2. Chris welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders.

3. Susan had sent the Minutes of the April Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). They were considered and approved.

4. Carolyn Stuart, Clerk of the InterFaith Council Committee, presented the annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends accepted the report with appreciation for its excellence as well as for the committee's work.

5. Sean Chen, Clerk of the Publications and Communications Committee, presented the annual report. It is included here as Appendix 2. Friends accepted the report with gratitude for all that the committee provides.

6. Deborah Gibbs presented the Nominations Committee annual report, including the proposed 2022-2023 roster of committee members and others who serve the Meeting. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends accepted the report with gratitude for the hard work. We will return to the proposed roster in June, hoping to find it more thoroughly filled, and to accept it then. Friends moved to volunteer for committee service should email [nominations@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:nominations@chapelhillfriends.org).

7. Monteze Snyder, Clerk of the Finance Committee, presented a draft budget for the next fiscal year. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Finance, based on direction from the May MWAB, prepares the final budget for the next fiscal year and presents it for approval at the June MWAB. Friends expressed appreciation.

8. Ann Miller and Leslie Rountree, our Representatives to the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, asked to delay the PFYM report until June so it can include coverage for the upcoming retreat and annual sessions.

9. Jasmine McKewen, our Representative to the Piedmont Friends Fellowship, asked to delay the PFF report until June.

10. Pam Schwingl, our Representative to Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation, presented the FCNCL report on CHFM priorities for the coming legislative session, that the meeting participated in in April. It is attached here as Appendix 5. There is a May 31 deadline for submittal of our priorities. Friends considered and approved the report.

11. Dottie Heninger from the Ministry and Worship Committee provided an update on the status of blended worship and returning to face-to-face worship. It is attached here as Appendix 6. She also read a proposed Minute of

appreciation for Chris Stanley's superb service as Clerk. It is included in the report and was accepted by the Meeting with enthusiasm.

12. Tom Munk proposed a revision to the Peace and Justice Committee annual report that was accepted during the April Business Meeting. Friends considered and accepted the revision. The revised report is attached here as Appendix 7.

13. Chris noted that the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on June 19th, 2022. Carolyn Stuart has agreed to act as Clerk during that Meeting.

#### . ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- To send items for the weekly eNews email [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). Put "for eNews" in the subject line. Deadline is each Wednesday at midnight. For the monthly print newsletter, email [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). Put "for Newsletter" in the subject line. Deadline is the last Sunday of the month.
- From Hospitality Committee - Newcomers and old timers alike are invited to a newcomers tea outdoors in the playground behind the meeting house today following the 11 o'clock meeting for worship. Families with children are most welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.
- Other announcements included. The memorial service for our Friend Wade Barber will take place on Monday, May 16, at 2:00 pm. Due to the number of friends and family who are likely to attend, the service will be held under the care of the Meeting at the United Church of Christ, 1321 MLK Jr., Blvd., Chapel Hill, and not in the meetinghouse. Please plan to attend this meeting for worship to honor and celebrate Wade's life.

14. Closing worship, virtual circle, preparation for 11:00 AM Meeting for Worship.

## Appendix 1

### Inter-Faith Council Committee Annual Report, May 2021 to May 2022

The Inter-Faith Council continued to meet the needs of low-income and vulnerable members of our community for housing, food, emergency financial support and social connection as the pandemic continued over the past year. This Annual Report describes changes in IFC programs in the past year, the Meeting's involvement with IFC, financial data requested in the Meeting's benevolence process, and the IFC's efforts to address issues of racial/ethnic diversity and equity.

The following Friends served on the IFC committee during the past year: Ronald Carnes, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Gwyn Hein, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn Stuart (clerk), Tori Toles and Carolyn White. Tori is new to our committee this year, and we welcome her energy and enthusiasm. We meet on a quarterly basis. Tori attends bimonthly meetings of the IFC liaison committee, comprised of members of area congregations supporting the work of IFC. We've not been able to serve as in-person volunteers this year, and we look forward to such opportunities opening up on a limited basis in the current year. More information regarding in-person volunteer opportunities are included in the report.

#### **Program changes in past year**

##### Community Navigation:

This new program assists community members in obtaining information regarding housing, transportation, employment and other services. Community members are assisted in using computers available at the IFC Commons to obtain this critical information. The new director of this program,

Crystell Hinton, will begin to offer services as soon as IFC Commons is open to more residents being inside the building.

#### The Community Kitchen:

Much-loved and respected Community Kitchen manager, Bill Culton, retired this year, and a new Community Kitchen manager, Lance Dixon, was hired. Meals are served daily, with approximately 50 to 70 individuals served at lunch and 30 to 40 for dinner. No meals were served in the IFC Commons during the past year. Community members picked up to-go boxes and either took food home or ate in a socially distanced manner outside.

The IFC is beginning to offer volunteer opportunities in the Community Kitchen. Ten members of our Meeting toured the IFC Commons and were informed of these opportunities. Teams of no more than three volunteers may serve during a specific lunch or dinner period. Carolyn White is currently organizing us to volunteer at two meals monthly — lunches on second Thursdays and dinners on fourth Wednesdays. We're excited about actually working with staff, though at this point no community residents are being served inside the IFC Commons.

**The Community Market:** The Community Market remained fully operational during the past year. The Market provides community residents with fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, canned goods and hygiene products. Approximately thirteen hundred bags of groceries were distributed monthly. On April 4, the Community Market invited residents into the Market to select groceries. Limited numbers of shoppers are allowed in the Market at any one time. For those unable to shop in the Market, the IFC continues to fill grocery requests, which are picked up by community residents.

**Homestart:** Homestart, the shelter for women and families, provided housing throughout the past year. Fourteen single women and ten families are housed in this program. Funds from FEMA and other agencies are no longer being used to house single women in a nearby hotel. Since families have their own rooms, they've been housed at Homestart throughout the pandemic.

**Community House:** This residential program for men houses 52 men. As is the case with single women at Homestart, men are no longer being housed in a hotel. The IFC has not been able to continuously offer shelter for new men, however, due to Covid out-breaks. As a congregant living environment, IFC is required to have 28 days of no new cases after a positive case has been detected. This stipulation is required the Health Department to clear an outbreak status and accept new residents. This has created significant disruption in services at the Community House.

**Emergency Financial Assistance:** This program continued, as members had increased need for rent and utilities assistance and other funds for crises (emergency medicine, etc.). Staff and volunteers conducted telephone interviews with members to assist with distribution of funds.

**Housing Support:** IFC continued to advocate for affordable housing for members. through town governments of Chapel Hill and Carrboro and the Orange County Affordable Housing Coalition. The IFC organized a "House Us Now!" rally on April 9 and continues to advocate strongly for dignified, safe, affordable housing.

**REAL (Race, Equity, Action & Leadership):** REAL includes three programs: Activate IFC!, Meeting of the Minds, and the REAL Transformation Team. Through the work of REAL, the IFC hosted a book discussion with William Elmore and Susan Simone of *Prison from the Inside Out*, documenting Will's experience as an incarcerated man and his transition to life in our community. REAL, along with Justice United and other organizations hosted a candidates forum for the two candidates for district attorney, Jeff Nie-man and Kayley Taber. Quinton Harper, in his new position at Activate! IFC manager is intent on providing community residents with skills needed to advocate successfully for their needs.

#### **Meeting Support of the IFC**

We have supported the IFC in the following ways:

CROP Walk: The Church World Service and IFC annually sponsors a walk to raise money to address hunger worldwide (75 percent of funds go to global hunger relief agencies) and in our community (25 percent goes to IFC to be used locally.) There was an in-person walk this year on April 3. Two Friends, Dave Curtin and Wendy Michener, walked. We had 20 on-line contributions, with total contributions of \$1,830. Thank you, Friends, and thank you to Dave Curtin who set up our meeting link for easy online donations.

Donation of Food & Hygiene Items: Since the meetinghouse opened for in-person worship in July 2021, Friends have brought contributions of food and hygiene items to the foyer on First Days. To provide an opportunity for Friends not worshipping in-person, the IFC Committee picks up donations brought to the meetinghouse porch on the last Wednesday of each month. Members of the IFC committee take all food and hygiene contributions to the IFC Commons.

Holiday Meals and RSVVP: The IFC Committee continued to encourage Meeting support for holiday meals and RSVVP. There were fewer restaurants participating in the RSVVP, a program in which ten percent of proceeds from meals eaten in their establishments on RSVVP day go to the IFC.

Forum with Jackie Jenks: The IFC Committee arranged for Jackie Jenks, President and CEO, to present a forum on March 27. The forum was well attended and Friends asked Jackie numerous questions regarding the challenges now facing IFC. We learned about the dedicated and resilient manner in which the IFC continues its work during these challenging times.

## **Financial Data**

As requested in the revised benevolence process, the committee collected the following financial data. The 2020-2021 Annual Report states that general contributions were \$5,536,019. The general contributions for 2021-2022 is \$5,245,809.

The 2020-2021 Annual Report states that twenty-five staff members are employed by the IFC, which includes full time and part time positions. A request was made regarding the number of employees for the past year, but that number was not made available prior to writing this report. However, as is the case with many employers, the IFC has faced challenges in maintaining the staff they would like to have. There are several new staff members over the past year: Mar'lisha Wooten, Community engagement Manager; Asia Fowler, Finance and Operations Director; Quinton Harper, Activate IFC! Director, Lance Dixon, Community Kitchen Manager. The IFC is seeking to fill additional positions: Shelter Team Lead (full-time); Community Kitchen Staff (part-time); Resident Advocates (substitute); Facilities Staff (substitutes). Staffing changes and the low number of volunteers who have been able to be inside IFC Commons are challenges, which the IFC staff is doing its best to address.

## **Racial Equity and Inclusion**

At Jackie Jenks' forum, she stated that transforming the focus of IFC from a "charity model to a justice based model" continues to be a focus. REAL (Race, Equity, Activism and Leadership) includes three programs: Activate IFC!, which works to increase the political engagement of low-income members; Meeting of the Minds, a group of community leaders and IFC members focuses on issues of affordable housing and racial equity; and REAL Transformation, which focuses on issues of racism and equity within the IFC. The IFC seeks applicants for employment from Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), people with the lived experience of poverty or homelessness, LGBTQIA people and those with disabilities. The IFC Board is representative of the diverse community it serves. In closing, we are proud of the hard work being done by IFC during these difficult times and committed to continuing our support.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald Carnes, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Gwyn Hein, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn Stuart (clerk), Tori Toles and Carolyn White.

# Publications & Communications Committee Annual Report, May 2022

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

## Highlights

- David Curtin worked with an ad hoc group including Monteze Snyder, Lynn Drake, Carolyn Stuart, and Buzz Borchardt to build and distribute the 2022 edition of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Directory. This was available both in print and electronically, and was distributed by post to members and attenders. The electronic version was also distributed widely on demand.
- As part of the update to the directory, work was done to update contact and other data about members and attenders in the "Servant Keeper" contact management application. The Committee would like to thank Monteze Snyder for her work, incorporating all information changes received from members and attenders into Servant Keeper, enabling this year's directory to be produced. David Curtin and Buzz Borchardt will work in the future to make sure that Servant Keeper continues to be an accurate reflection of our community, and will work to update and maintain the data within it as part of the future directory production process.
- Website updates could be characterized as mostly ordinary updates, with no major features added. Content to support the work of the Anti-Racism Committee was added over the year at: <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/arc-anecdotes.html>. Updates to the website continue to be managed by Sean Chen and Buzz Borchardt, who welcome any feedback, input and content changes.
- Email lists continue to be updated and maintained through our service provider's platform. Distribution lists for committees are maintained with both working group email addresses and more limited contact email addresses being provisioned for the work and communications needs of committees. Updated contact lists are available on request from the Publications & Communications committee.
- A weekly eNews mailing is distributed electronically to members and attenders through Google Groups. Buzz Borchardt continues to edit and distribute the eNews, and has shown great dedication and skill in getting it out on time. The actual eNews has gone through some evolutions with improved formatting being incorporated into its design.
- The monthly newsletter is assembled by Peter Malone, in collaboration with Buzz and Sean, built with content from eNews and individual submissions; the newsletter is distributed electronically. It continues to culminate on the monthly basis the items that have been distributed in the weekly eNews, along with the record of our Meetings for Worship With Attention to Business, and other items of interest for the meeting as a whole. The monthly newsletter continues to be posted electronically in PDF format on the website at: <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/newsletter>

## Looking Ahead

- Printing the monthly newsletter as the Meeting returns to in-person worship attendance at the building is an item that the Committee needs to take up and consider with feedback and input from the meeting as a whole.
- In order to streamline the production of any updated directories the committee will

support the development of a customized export template from Servant Keeper which will be in alignment with the format of the Meeting's membership directory.

- There is an ongoing need to address social media properties. Currently we use Twitter to manage temporary content on the home page of <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/>. Other platforms, such as Facebook, need to be claimed, and our Google Business profile could use a review to reflect our current worship schedule and activities.

## Reminders & Contact information

- Newsletter, e-news, and In the Light announcements should be sent to:

[news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)

- Updates to email lists should be sent to

[publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org)

- The Newsletter deadline is the last Sunday of the month.

- The eNews deadline is midnight on Wednesday.

- In addition any updates to the *Directory* go to: [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org)

- Requests for electronic copies *Directory* go to: [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org)

- Correspondence to the committee and anything else can go to:

[publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org)

## Submissions

- Please verify willingness to disclose before submitting personal information about another person.

- Specify "for eNews" and/or "for Newsletter" in the subject line when you submit.

- The *Newsletter* is posted online and therefore public.

- The *eNews* goes to 523 recipients, many of whom are not Meeting members.

- The *eNews* is mailed once a week by Friday.

Submitted by Publications and Communications: Sean Chen (Clerk), Buzz Borchardt, David Curtin, Finn James, Jason James, and Peter Malone.

## Appendix 3

### Nominations Committee Annual Report, May 2022

As we began the third year of restrictions and adaptations related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Nominations Committee met from February through April via Zoom to discern committee needs. The committee was very grateful to the Care and Counsel and Publications and Records committees for their work compiling, printing and distributing the 2022 directory. We are also grateful to Monteze Snyder who manipulated data from Servant Keeper to create lists of members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and people who are currently serving on one or more committees.

Committees form the structure of the Meeting and do the Meeting's work. The Meeting's work includes caring for the Meeting's members and their spiritual development, its Meeting for worship, its property and finances, its religious education, outreach and social action. Committees serve the Meeting by studying issues and making seasoned recommendations to the monthly Meeting for business. Members and attenders are encouraged to be actively engaged with the Meeting through committee work.

The role of the Nominations committee is to discern the needs of the committees and to identify members and attenders whose gifts fit with each committee's role and responsibilities.

This year, the Nominations committee had the added task of discerning a new clerk of the Meeting to replace Chris Stanley. The subcommittee was made up of Pat Mann (Nominations), Ann Miller (Care and Counsel), Matt Drake and Alice Carlton (Ministry and Worship). The subcommittee contacted all the committee clerks for their suggestions and then met together to discern the personal qualities needed in a clerk of the Meeting. One name that rose through the discernment process was that of Ann Miller. We are pleased to report that Ann has agreed to serve as our next Meeting clerk.

In the past, most committees consisted of up to 9 members, three members rotating on or off each year. The last few years, we have been challenged to find 9 people to serve on committees. In fact, the Ministry and Worship committee only had 6 members last year, and other committees are working with fewer members than usual, and fewer than requested by their clerks. This year, we have tried to find at least 6 members for essential committees. We hope that in the future as members and attenders become more comfortable meeting in person, more people will choose to become active members of a committee. For the short term, we hope that committees will be able to adjust their activities so as to not overburden any committee member.

We are very grateful to Gwynne Pomeroy for her participation and leadership for the last 6 years. In August, we ask that the clerk of the Meeting appoint a "Naming committee" of two people who will discern two new members for the Nominations committee. Those names should be approved at the December Meeting for Worship as Nominations will begin its work again in January 2023.

Respectfully submitted by Annette Broadwell, Emilie Condon, Deborah Gibbs, Susan Inglis, Pat Mann, Gwynne Pomeroy (co-clerk), Leslie Rountree, Carolyn White (co-clerk)

### ***Nominations Committee Report on Givers of Time and Service, 2022-2023***

**Gray highlights signify a new person accepting that position or a vacancy**  
**A name in bold indicates that person will serve another term**  
**The number after a name signifies which term they are serving**  
**An asterisk (\*) indicates a clerk or co-clerk**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Clerk	<b>Ann Miller</b>	<b>2025</b>
Recording Clerk	Susan Inglis--1	2024
Treasurer	Maura Murphy--3	2024
Meeting Trustees	Marie Hopper--1p	2023
	Matt Drake--1	2023
	Lloyd Kramer --2	2024
Recorder	<b>Carolyn White--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
Corresponding Clerk	Dottie Heninger--2	2024

<b>Appointees</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Carolina Friends School Board Meets 4-5 times per year at CFS	<b>John Bell--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Laura Young	2024
	Eric Graves	2024
	Julia Cleaver--2	2023

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Quaker House Board Meets quarterly: irregularly on Saturdays 10-2pm in various locations within NC	Rufus King-1	2024
	<b>Tom McQuiston-1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Curt Torell-1</b>	<b>2025</b>

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship	Brad Schultz-1	2024

Meets quarterly	<b>Leslie Rountree--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Jasmine McKewen--2	2024

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
<b>Coalition of Clergy</b>	Lynn Drake-1	2024
	<b>Dottie Heninger--2</b>	<b>2025</b>

<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Friends Committee on NC Legislation	Pam Schwingl--1	2023

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
Friends Committee on National Legislation	Nancy Milio (Clerk appoints)	

<b>Representative</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
American Friends Service Committee	Naveed Moeed (Clerk appoints)	

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
<b>Adult Religious Education</b>  Fourth Sunday at the rise of Meeting	John Bell-1	2024
	Tom Munk --1	2023
	Mark Toles--1	2023
	Kate Fitch—1	2024
	Lori Fernald-Kamala--1	2023
	Deborah Gibbs*--2	2024

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
<b>Buildings and Grounds</b>	<b>Wendy Michener--3</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Tom Ludlow--1	2023
Second Sunday at 8:15am in	Kurt Hein--2	2024

Schoolhouse	Peter Malone--1	2024
	<b>Bob Duravich*--2</b>	<b>2023</b>
	Bill Cleaver--3	2023
	Caroline Carmen, CFES head teacher	Ex-officio
	John Hite, Resident	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Care and Counsel First Sunday 1:30-3pm	Lynn Drake--2	2024
	Gwynne Pomeroy-1	2024
	Bonnie Ludlow--1	2024
	<b>Carolyn Stuart *--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Leslie Rountree--1	2023
	<b>Bonnie Raphael--1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Alice Carlton--1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Tom Munk--1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Clerk of Meeting-Ann Ex Officio	2022

Committee	Friend	Term End
Children & Youth Religious Education Fourth Wednesday 7:30 PM	Stacey Seawell--2	2023
	Jennifer Leeman-1	2024
	Leslie Rountree-1	2024
	Rob Jones--1	2024
	Julie Feickert--1	2023
	Jasmine McKewen*--3	2024
	Laura Young--3	2024
	FDS Coordinator-Kathleen McNeil	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Finance Second Wed. of month at 7:00pm in the Meetinghouse	Monteze Snyder*--2	2023
	<b>Gwynne Pomeroy--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Mansir Petrie--1	2024
	<b>Julia Cleaver-1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Tom Ludlow--1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Treasurer-Maura Murphy	Ex-Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Hospitality</b> Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	<b>Jennifer Leeman--1</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Quaker Harmon*--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Evelyn Lee--1	2023
	<b>Hart Pillow--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Buzz Borchardt --2</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Pam Schwingl--1</b>	<b>2025</b>

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>InterFaith Council</b> Meets quarterly but no set date	<b>Ronald Carnes--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Gwyn Hein--2	2024
	Carolyn White--1	2023
	Tori Toles-1	2024
	Emilie Condon--5	2023
	Ann Drake--5	2023
	Max Drake--4	2023
	Dottie Heninger --5	2023
	Carolyn Stuart*--3	2023

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Library</b> Second Sunday, at rise of late Meeting	<b>Lloyd Kramer--3</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Allie Scales--3</b>	<b>2025</b>
	David Curtin *--3	2024
	<b>Annalee Harkins--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Bobbie Ackley-1	2023
	John Hite--1	2023
	<b>Eloise Grathwohl--2</b>	<b>2025</b>

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Ministry and Worship</b> First Monday at 7:00pm in the library	Dottie Heninger--1	2024
	Matt Drake--1	2023
	Jeff Brown*--2	2024
	Carolyn White--1	2023
	<b>Jennifer Leeman--1</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Jasmine McKewen--1</b>	<b>2025</b>

	Clerk of Meeting-Ann Ex Officio	2025

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Nominations</b>  Monthly as needed January-May	Emilie Condon-1	2023
	Susan Inglis-1	2023
	Carolyn White*--2	2023
	Leslie Rountree--2	2023
	Annette Broadwell--2	2023
	Deborah Gibbs--2	2024
	Pat Mann--1	2025

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Publications and Communications</b>  Meets every other month on the 4th Sunday	<b>Sean Chen *--4</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Jason James--2	2023
	Peter Malone--2	2023
	<b>Finn James--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	David Curtin--4	2023
	Buzz Borchardt--2	2024

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Shotts/Leadership Fund</b>  Rarely meets	Asta Crowe *--2	2024
	Lynn Drake *--2	2024
	Ken Grogan--2	2024
	Jan Hutton--1	2023
	Susan Inglis--2	2024
	Catherine Alquire--3	2023
	Roberto Quercia--4	2023

Committee	Friend	Term End
<b>Peace and Justice</b>  Second Sunday at the rise of late Meeting	Leslie Bassinger -1	2024
	<b>Wendy Michener*--3</b>	<b>2025</b>

	<b>Ellen O'Brien--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Hank Elkins--3	2024
	<b>Joe Groves--2</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>Astra Titus-1</b>	<b>2025</b>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Friend</b>	
<b>Returning Citizens Financial Assistance (ReCFAC)</b>  Much work done by email	Asta Crowe--2	2023
	Ann Shy*-1	2024
	<b>Nancy Milio--3</b>	<b>2024</b>
	David Schneider--1	2023
	Gwynne Pomeroy--3	2024

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Friend</b>	<b>Term End</b>
<b>Transition &amp; Support</b>  First Sunday after Potluck  Meets again the last Tuesday of each month	<b>Tom McQuiston*--4</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Annette Broadwell	2024
	<b>Richard Miller--4</b>	<b>2025</b>
	<b>David Schneider--4</b>	<b>2025</b>
	Hank Elkins--3	2023
	Byron Stevens--2	2023
	Nancy Fisher*--4	2024
	Bonnie Raphael--2	2024
	<b>John Pilgrim-1</b>	<b>2025</b>

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Friend</b>	
<b>Zoom</b>	Buzz Borhardt	
	Jeff Brown	
	Quaker Harmon	
	<b>Jan Hutton</b>	
	Dave Curtin	
	John Hite	

	<b>First Day School Teachers</b>	<b>Spring 2022</b>	
<b>FDS teachers and assistants</b>	Stacey Sewall		
	Carolyn Stuart		
	Jasmine McKewen		
	Lily Struemper		
	Allie Scales		
	Tom Munk		
	Julie Feickert		
	Kathleen McNeil		
	<b>Full group playground</b>	Mark Hulbert	
		Andrea Wuerth	
		Jennifer Leeman	
		Leslie Rountree	
		John Hite	
		Herbert Struemper	

Appendix 4  
Proposed budget

	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>	
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	actual 3/31/22
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Building Rental</b>	0.00	0.00	300	
<b>Contributions</b>	67,436.00	56,050.00	67,935.00	
<b>Parking space rental</b>	4,734.00	2,100.00	4,800.00	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>72,170.00</b>	<b>58,150.00</b>	<b>73,035.00</b>	70,249
<b>Expense</b>				

<b>A-Obligations</b>			
Bank Fee	50.00	50.00	50
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	7,500.00	7,000.00	6,000.00
Zoom operator	2,400.00	N/A	N/A
Insurance with Workers' comp	6,110.00	5,900.00	5,900.00
Software License Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
UBIT, Storm Fees	2,000.00	1,000.00	1,240.00
Utilities	5,300.00	5,300.00	5,000.00
	<u>24,360.0</u>	<u>20,250.0</u>	
<b>Total A-Obligations</b>	0	0	19,190.00
<b>B-Committees</b>			
Adult Religious Ed	150.00	150.00	100.00
			13,000.0
Building and Grounds	8,500.00	8,500.00	0
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	200.00	200.00	200.00
Care and Counsel - Other	110.00	110.00	110.00
	<u>310.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>	<u>310.00</u>
<b>Total Care and Counsel</b>			
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	500.00	400.00	1,000.00
Communication Technology	5,400.00	500.00	N/A
Finance			
Contingency Fund	300.00	300.00	350.00
Credit Card Fee	450.00	400.00	
Finance - Other	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>1,750.00</u>	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>1,350.00</u>
<b>Total Finance</b>			
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	600.00	500.00	1,700.00
Hospitality	415.00	420.00	400.00
IFC	50.00	50.00	200.00
Library	370.00	370.00	450.00
Ministry and Worship	1,000.00	500.00	900.00
Nominations	40.00	40.00	10.00
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	900.00	900.00	1,500.00
Peace and Justice - Other	500.00	150.00	500.00
	<u>1,400.00</u>	<u>1,050.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
<b>Total Peace and Justice</b>			
Publications and Communications	100.00	10.00	1,750.00
	<u>20,585.0</u>	<u>14,500.0</u>	<u>23,320.0</u>
<b>Total B-Committees</b>	0	0	0
<b>C-Benevolences</b>			
	19,454.0	17,380.0	19,454.0
Legacy Benevolences	0	0	0
M&W Benevolences	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
P&J Benevolences	5,171.00	4,620.00	5,171.00

	26,025.0	23,400.0	26,025.0
<b>Total C-Benevolences</b>	0	0	0
<b>Subtotal expenses</b>	70,970.0	58,150.0	68,535.0
	0	0	0
<b>Supplements to designated Funds</b>			
<b>Youth Service Trip</b>	1,000.00 *		
<b>Refac</b>	200.00		
<b>Subtotal supplements to reserves</b>	1,200.00	0	4,500
<b>TOTAL Expenses</b>	<b>72,170.0</b>	58,150	<b>73,035</b>
	<b>0</b>		

Designated Funds	(March 30, 2022)			
	current reserves	2022-2023	2021-2022	2019-2020
Care and Counsel	7,887		0	500
Shotts Leadership Fund*	3,678		0	200
Physical Plant Fund	39,544		0	2,000
Returning Citizens	2,323	200	770	1,000
Youth Service Trip	3,116	1,000	0	800
<b>TOTAL</b>		1,200	770	4,500

\* additional \$1200 from endowment yearly

#### Appendix 5

### CHFM FCNCL Priority Priorities

Submitted by Pam Schwingl, Liaison for FCNCL for approval at the May 2022 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

FCNCL invited Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to engage in the bi-annual process of discerning our policy priorities for the 2023-2024 legislative session. We asked the meeting to suggest five priorities on which we might focus. On April 10, after an open period of waiting and listening worship, the gathering began with a brief description of FCNCL, the priorities process, and the purpose of the gathering. In worship-sharing, participants shared their concerns related to North Carolina state issues and policies. Based on this recorded discussion a list of five priorities was summarized by Pam Schwingl and Lori Khamala. We request that the list be approved for release to FCNCL.

1. **Public education.** There is a crisis in public education and it is being systematically weakened and attacked. Legislation is needed to strengthen public schools, provide equitable funding for schools across the state including support for high quality preschools for young children, support the Leandro recommendations and increase teacher pay. Legislation that promotes racial equity, LGBTQ+ rights in the schools, and In-state tuition for undocumented immigrants is important.

2. **Climate Change and Energy policy.** Legislation is needed to strengthen the movement towards renewables, as opposed to programs which reduce investment, for example, in rooftop solar. The hearts and minds of legislators need to be changed to support efforts to address climate change.

3. **Economic issues.** Legislation that supports living wage, and young families with children. Medicaid expansion would be included here as an economic issue.

4. **Criminal justice reform.** There is a need for more attention to criminal justice reform, including legislation that ends solitary confinement for prisoners with mental health issues, and allowing undocumented immigrants the ability to obtain drivers licenses to avoid criminal justice involvement.

5. **Voting rights.** Legislation that supports expanded voting rights, fairness in redistricting (e.g., independent redistricting commission); opposition to legislation that restricts voting rights (e.g., restricting early voting)

#### Appendix 6

### **May 2022 Report from Ministry and Worship Committee (M&W) on the Status of Worship to the May 15 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

Small group worship continues in a variety of settings—inside the meetinghouse at 8:15 and 11:00 AM, outside around the right side of the school building at 11:00, by Zoom at 11:00, and at Carol Woods at 11:00. Friends decide for themselves what First Day option best meets their needs for safety and well-being.

According to the CDC, Covid community transmission in Orange County remains high. M&W recommends continuation of enhanced ventilation in the meeting room and masking on the Meeting property. Reminder: N95 or KN95 masks are available at the meetinghouse.

The next blended meeting trial will take place on May 22 at 11:00 AM.

In the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) description of committees, the Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) “supports the spiritual life of the Meeting. It also fosters understanding of Friends’ principles and practices, working collaboratively with other committees...(and it) nurtures other committees that do the Meeting’s work.”

M&W is concerned that committees’ respective Quaker practices are in need of common understanding and clarification to best support the spiritual life of the Meeting. The work of the Meeting depends on committees and their generous givers of time and service. We all strive to be worshipful and spirit-led in our work, yet doing the work can lead to misunderstanding and tension at times with the Meeting. M&W is also concerned that the pandemic and related issues have prevented us from all being together as a Quaker community and made common understandings more difficult. After discussing, exploring, sitting with concerns, and consulting with committee clerks, M&W reached unity on holding a listening session, guided by queries, open to all in the Meeting.

The session will be held via Zoom on June 1 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to listen and share understandings of ways to do the work of the Meeting, and ways to love one another in the context of Quaker faith and practice, with respect, trust, sharing and deep listening. The queries will be communicated later this month.

The Ministry & Worship Committee proposes the following minute:

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is deeply grateful for the leadership of Chris Stanley as Clerk of Meeting over the last three years. Chris not only fulfilled our usual - and many - expectations of the Meeting Clerk, he guided us through all the COVID pandemic challenges to our Meeting community. Chris' engagement with committees and his tireless attention to timely communication provided the "glue" that kept us working together.

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

May 15, 2022

Ministry & Worship Committee

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

Appendix 7

### **Peace and Justice Committee Annual Report 2022**

**Revised May, 2022**

Since our last report, in April of 2021, the Peace & Justice Committee has been busy. We conduct open meetings each month at the rise of late Meeting on second Sundays. All Friends are invited to join us! Use the regular Meeting link, used for Forums and MfW, at 1pm. We conduct informative, and at times spirited discussions of the many peace and justice activities of the Meeting and of individual Friends. This report highlights only some of these activities, which are too numerous to report in full.

#### **We used the listserv, the newsletter, and announcements to educate and encourage Friends about**

- ways to support refugees from Afghanistan
- activities and opportunities with the Orange County Bail Bond Project
- the needs and activities of Re-entry House in Hillsborough
- action items provided by our own Emma Hulbert, currently working for FCNL
- a letter sent by the committee to Representative David Price, asking him to co-sponsor HR 751, condemning Israel's designation of six Palestinian NGOs as terrorist organizations
- contacting Senators Burr and Tillis this Friday, asking them to vote for SJ Res 10, to repeal the 2002 Authorization for the Use of Military Force. (under the auspices of the FCNL North Carolina Advocacy Teams)

#### **We supported FCNL and educated Meeting members by**

- Sponsoring a Forum to allow Meeting members to share their leadings regarding the best directions for FCNL lobbying efforts in Washington, gathering those leadings, seasoning them in committee, bringing them for approval at the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, and sending them on to FCNL.

With the Transition & Support (T&S) Committee, we recommended that **CHFM partner with the Orange County Bail Bond Project**. Volunteers will be welcome to be court observers, provide transportation to court, and perform other tasks once training resumes. Financial contributions from individuals are welcome.

**Anti-Racism (sub) Committee.** Our Anti-Racism (sub)Committee (ARC) consists of several members of the Peace and Justice Committee and several other Meeting members and attenders. ARC took several actions this year:

1. Shared several dozen anti-racism anecdotes from Meeting members in the Meeting listserv and newsletter. The complete set can be found at our CHFM website - go to Committees in the left Menu, find P&J and click on documents.
2. Published lists of books, YouTube and movie reviews relevant to the subject of antiracism which lists can be found at the CHFM website at P&J documents.
3. Seasoned Joyce Sandy's Change the Name Project (CtN), which was approved by Peace and Justice and by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. When major changes were subsequently requested by ARC, CtN was removed from the care of the Meeting by Joyce. Joyce and Faye Stanley continue to move CtN forward, with Tom Munk and Naveed Moeed serving on its board. P&J minuted support for the continued work by these and other Meeting members and attenders. The website for CtN can be found at **ctn.8hcollective.com**
4. Presented, in a Forum, three of the leading voices in anti-racism work and took reflections from the people who attended. The notes from that Forum will be posted on our CHFM website among the P&J documents.

#### **Benevolences.**

1. We reported out to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business about the activities of two of our benevolences: the Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry, and NC Warn. We sponsored a Forum on NC Warn. FCNCL is the third benevolence and they will report on themselves.
2. We confirmed that all of last years' benevolences were received in the correct amounts by their recipients: Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry, Friends Committee on NC Legislation, and NC WARN.
3. Recommended an equal distribution this year to the same three beneficiary organizations, with expectation to return to a more robust process next year. These recommendations were approved by the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.
4. The committee will present a forum about Re-Entry House + in 2022, with the goal of raising \$1000 for it and considering it for a benevolence next year.

We are particularly grateful for the services of Faye Stanley, who was recording clerk of the committee for the first half of this year. In response to Faye's criticism of our committee's embrace of corporate action, we have suggested to M&W that they sponsor a Threshing Session (two hours or three) on the balance of inward worship and outward service in our Meeting with the purpose of airing feelings and opinions and bringing us, by virtue of listening to each other, to greater unity and understanding of ourselves and our Meeting's place in God's work.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bassinger, Hank Elkins, Joe Groves, Wendy Michener (co-clerk), Tom Munk (co-clerk), Ellen O'Brien, Joyce Sandy

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