

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

Twelfth Month, 2022

**Monthly Query:** *How do we look at the world around us and find the Light and find the joy?*

**Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *Turn attention inward and listen in the silence for what the Spirit may reveal.*



**Upcoming Zoom Fora - 09:30 am** <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom/online.html>

**December 4:** The Climate Crisis from Z to A. Steve Laning. Presented by the Chapel Hill Quaker Earthcare Witness. Moderator: Kate

**December 11:** Karen Porter on Friends Center of Moscow. Moderator: Tom Munk. *Confirmed by Hank, 10/23.*

Karen Porter, member of the Friends House Moscow international board, last spoke to the meeting (pre-Ukraine War) about the history and programs of Friends House Moscow. This time, she will present slides and discussion of how Friends House is coping in this time of war in Ukraine. The slides, prepared by an American art historian on the board, will give a glimpse into how many in the country are voicing their desire for peace in creative ways.

**December 18:** MFB

**December 25:** (Christmas day) Encourage Friends instead to attend the Christmas Eve service

**January 1:** Solstice Forum with Peter and Carolyn. Moderator Mark Toles.

**January 8 :** Ronald Carnes personal sharing. Moderator: Deborah

**January 15:** MFB

**January 22:** Benjamin Lay, Tom McQuiston *Deborah following up*

**January 29:** Wayne Finegar, Quaker House director

**February 5:** Josh Leroy, OCC chaplain. *DG following*

**February 12:** Nicole Nettleton Forum

## 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

**Celebrate CHFM's 85th Anniversary! Sunday, Dec. 4** Our meeting is turning 85 this year! Please join us for birthday cake under the magnolia at the rise of meeting on December 4th!

## Announcements

### Alternative Gift Mart 2022

**Happy Holidays!**

For complete information about the Alternative Gift Mart, 2022, please visit our website at <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/alternativegiftmart>.

If you are making donations electronically, please fill in [this Google doc form](#) so the teens will know how much they have raised on behalf of each charity. If you would prefer, you may write out checks to each charity and send them all together to

Attn: Alternative Gift Mart

c/o Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

531 Raleigh Road

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

and the teens will take care of forwarding them to the organizations. Lastly, if you would like any handmade cards that we've provided in year's past, please email [altgiftmart@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:altgiftmart@chapelhillfriends.org) with your request.

Our CHFM youth group recommends:

## **Interfaith Council for Social Service**

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service meets basic needs and helps individuals and families in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community achieve their goals. Want to learn more about the Interfaith Council? Click here: <https://www.ifcweb.org>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://ifcweb.z2systems.com/np/clients/ifcweb/survey.jsp?surveyId=2&>

### **Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry**

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry provides and promotes spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time community funded Chaplain. Want to learn more about Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry? Click here: <https://aoprisonministry.org>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://aoprisonministry.org/give>

## **Quaker House**

Quaker House is a manifestation of the Friends' Peace Testimony. Based in Fayetteville, NC, home of Ft. Bragg, Quaker House provides counseling and support to service members who are questioning their role in the military; educates them, their families, and the public about military issues; and advocates for a more peaceful world. Want to learn more about Quaker House? Click here: <https://quakerhouse.org>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://quakerhouse.org/donate>

## **American Friends Service Committee**

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) envisions a world in which lasting peace with justice is achieved through active nonviolence and the transforming power of love. Want to learn more about American Friends Service Committee? Click here: <https://www.afsc.org/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://secure.afsc.org/onlineactions/XWqQkbUoVEiujw3q9Ok3LQ2?ms=WEB21NV>

## **PORCH**

PORCH programs distribute fresh and non-perishable food to families, pantries and schools. Want to learn more about PORCH? Click here: <https://chapelhill.porchcommunities.org/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E353731&id=1>

## **Activate Good**

ActivateGood is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all people across the Triangle area. Want to learn more about Activate Good? Click here: <https://activategood.org/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://activategood.org/donate/>

## **Saving Grace**

Since 2004, Saving Grace has been a nonprofit organization dedicated to giving dogs in NC a new life after their old ones were lost to natural disasters or unhealthy situations. Want to learn more about Saving Grace? Click here: <https://savinggracenc.org/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://savinggracenc.org/give/donate-now/>

## **Washed Ashore**

Washed Ashore collects plastic from the oceans and makes art out of it. Want to learn more about Washed Ashore? Click here: <https://www.washedashore.org/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://www.washedashore.org/donate-page/>

## **Refugee Support Center (Carrboro)**

The Refugee Support Center (RSC) is a volunteer-based organization established to facilitate the transition of local refugees to a new life in our community by providing them services, helping them access resources, and developing their skills to promote self-sufficiency. Want to learn more about the Refugee Support Center? Click here: <https://refugeesupportcenter.org>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://refugeesupportcenter.org/donate>

## **Haw River Assembly**

The Haw River Assembly is a 501(c)(3) non-profit citizens' group founded in 1982 to restore and protect the Haw River and Jordan Lake, and to build a watershed community that shares this vision. Want to learn more about Haw River Assembly? Click here: <https://hawriver.org/about-the-river-2/about-us/>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://hawriver.org/join-hra/>

## **Equal Justice Initiative**

The Equal Justice Initiative is an organization committed to ending mass incarceration and the use of excessive punishment in the United States. Want to learn more about the Equal Justice Initiative? Click here: <https://eji.org>

Ready to donate? Click here: <https://support.eji.org/give/153413/#!/donation/checkout>

## **Quaker House Update and Upcoming January Visit**

In January, date to be announced, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting will host Wayne Finegar, Quaker House's new Executive Director, when he presents our forum then worships with us afterwards. After a busy summer and fall visiting SAYMA, SEYM, NCYM-C, Piedmont Friends, NC Fellowship, Baltimore YM, NCYM-C Representative Body, and monthly meetings in Vermont and South Carolina, Wayne is now visiting local monthly meetings, particularly those from Quaker House's founding.

While not on the job even a year, Wayne quickly understood to expect the unexpected for Quaker House. This year's unexpected was the war in Ukraine, the talk of using tactical nuclear weapons, and the Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade. The attack on Ukraine brought surprising reactions by lifelong pacifists about war, and the SCOTUS decision threatened the ability of some women in the military, depending upon the state where stationed, to seek an abortion if they choose.

Beyond these unanticipated events, Quaker House continued to meet the expected demands of counseling military personnel who have a change in conscience or rights denied, who may be struggling with moral injury or other invisible wound of war, or who need support as a victim of domestic violence within the military. One recent example of this work is:

Our GI Rights counselors were working with a marine seeking conscientious objector discharge, a long and arduous process. The Marine was approved at every level until reaching the General to sign the final endorsement. The General recommended a "general discharge under honorable conditions" instead of an "honorable discharge." The difference in characterization is eligibility for the GI Bill, meaning tens of thousands of dollars in education benefits that this Marine already earned.

The General wrote that the Marine had no other disciplinary issues. It bothered the Marine that somebody was saying he did something that wasn't honorable. Our counselors pointed out that by military regulations the General is supposed to share his reasoning and obviously didn't. They helped the Marine file a rebuttal to the General's recommendation including the fact that his record showed no decline in performance.

The case continues as well as our counselors' support and affirmation of this Marine.

We look forward to seeing Wayne on January 29 at Forum, online with Zoom, and hope to hear more stories about the work of Quaker House.

### **It's Time to Sign Up for the Small Groups You Want to Join!**

Are you interested in joining a small group of Friends for four once-a-month gatherings? More than a dozen small groups have been offered to begin in January. NOW is the time to sign up for the group you want to join. Online sign ups are now available here: <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/small-groups.html>. There is also a link from the homepage of the meeting's website. Please read the information about each group and decide what interests you. There are descriptions of each group, facilitator for each group, meeting dates and times, where the group will meet, and the ideal number of participants. Several groups are flexible and a couple are open to all and on-going. Many groups are meeting by Zoom while others are meeting in-person with masks. Your contact information MUST be included so that the facilitator of the group may contact you to confirm your participation. Sign ups end at the end of November. Sign up sheets are also available in the foyer of the meeting house and at Carol Woods.

Questions? Contact Lynn Drake ([linda.drake100@gmail.com](mailto:linda.drake100@gmail.com)) or Dottie Heninger ([dottieheninger@gmail.com](mailto:dottieheninger@gmail.com))

### **Nominate a Benevolence – Dear Friends,**

We are asking members and attenders to nominate one or more Quaker organizations and/or groups with whom CHFM people are involved, to receive benevolence contributions from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

We will take nominations through December, closing on the last First Day of December (Christmas Day).

Please tell us in a few sentences why you think we should support your nomination.

Please include contact information for the organization: phone numbers, email addresses, their website and snail mail.

Please send your nominations to [CHFM-PJ-Benevolences@googlegroups.com](mailto:CHFM-PJ-Benevolences@googlegroups.com)

We are seeking organizations other than those which receive our Legacy Benevolences: Inter-Faith Council for Social Service (IFC), Quaker House, Carolina Friends School (CFS), American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) and Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Our Legacy organizations receive approximately 75% of what we give, and we want your input on other organizations for the remaining 25%.

Benevolence Committee for CHFM Peace and Justice

### **Holiday Meals Provided by the Interfaith Council (IFC)**

As we gather with family and friends this season to share festive meals, please consider those in our community who are in need. For \$30, the IFC provides food items for a nutritious Holiday family meal.

You may contribute online on the IFC's website (<https://www.ifcweb.org/>) by clicking on the Donate button (upper right hand side of webpage) and indicating an amount you'd like to contribute. Then in the Gift Description, the drop-down menu allows you to choose "Holiday meals." Or you may write a check with "Holiday meals" on the memo line to IFC, 110 West Main St., Carrboro, NC, 27510. Or you may leave a check with "Holiday meals" on the memo line in the meetinghouse foyer. An IFC member will take the checks to the IFC.

Thank you for your generosity.

## **Work Morning ~ 'tis the Season! December 10**

Come and join the fun! Help us spruce up the grounds at the CHFM Meetinghouse

Saturday, December 10th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

We can use everyone's help. Please bring your rakes, loppers, shovels, gloves, garden tools, etc.

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

Carolyn Stuart 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 on First Days. We are no longer offering last-Wednesday food donation pickups, as Friends tend now to either support the IFC through financial contributions or bring food items to the foyer on First Days.

Thank you.

## **Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid**

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.

## **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 ([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](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.”

**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.

~ **Personals** ~

**Home for sale** - Perry Martin shares with Friends: I am offering my house in Arcadia for sale . I am hoping for a family who wants to live and participate in a co-housing community. Our HOA makes decisions by consensus and has adopted values consistent with Quaker values, Contact Becky Laskody at 919 - 906-4283

**One-Button Alzheimers Radio for Sale** - Cecilia King shares with Friends:

I bought this one-button retro radio for my mother-in-law in September and she did not want it. We had thirty days to return it. It's brand new and costs \$135. If anyone can purchase it and put it to use that would help me recoup the loss - even at least a good chunk of my expense would be wonderful.



## **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

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

#### **Minutes**

**9 am Sunday November 20, 2022**

**Online via Zoom**

**Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk**

In attendance: Jeff Brown, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Hart Pillow, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Hank Elkins, Monteze Snyder, Dave Curtin, Buzz Borchardt, Jan Hutton, Peter Malone, Emily Condon, Susan Peterson, Kate Vinita Fitch, Dottie Henninger, Tom Munk, Jennifer Leeman, John Hite, Julia Cleaver, Carolyn White, Gwynne Pomeroy, Lloyd Kramer, Campo Larrick, Quaker Harmon, Curt Torell, Wendy Michener, Naveed Moeed, Paul Munk, Deborah Gibbs, Ken Grogan, Joyce Munk, Betsy Brinson, Max Drake, Colleen Fey, Teri Edwards, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis

1. Opening worship and query –

Query: How do I strive to achieve harmony and balance between my inner and outer commitments?

2. After opening worship, the Clerk welcomed Friends and recognized first-time attenders, Campo Larrick and Susan Peterson. She also reviewed the agenda.

3. Minutes of the October Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) were considered and approved.

4. Jeff Brown presented the Ministry and Worship committee annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends expressed appreciation, especially for the ways in which the committee has kept the meeting together in the last couple of years, then accepted the report.

5. Dottie Heninger presented the Memorial minute for Lois Ann Hobbs. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends commented on the beauty of the minute. One Friend recalled a moment when Lois Ann looked around and said, "This is what I want our meeting to look like." The same Friend also appreciated the Friends who organized her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. Friends expressed and made minute of their appreciation of Dottie for composing our excellent Memorial Minutes, which not only memorialize Friends, but also serve as a history of our Meeting. Friends accepted the memorial minute and also the minute of appreciation.

6. Dave Curtin presented the Library committee annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends noted that the library collection is especially useful for newcomers and noted that younger newcomers have been delighted to see the check-out card system that we use. One Friends raised the question of whether Memorial Minutes might be sent to Friends Journal as well as being deposited in the library. As the Memorial Book is under Care & Counsel, that committee will consider. Friends accepted the report with appreciation for the resource that the library is as well as of the committee's report itself.

7. John Hite provided a Buildings & Grounds committee update. The Porch repair is progressing, with a contractor in place, and work expected to be done after Thanksgiving. The HVAC project has been delayed due to illness. The next step is to complete load calculations, then we will call for design proposals. Fortunately, the current system is sufficient for the added load coming with new design that will improve ventilation. The committee also expressed appreciation of Susan Inglis and Jeff Brown's attendance at committee meetings as John and Peter took over clerking.



December 10 will be a work day, 9-12, and Friends are encouraged to bring rakes and loppers. Friends expressed appreciation of the committee's ongoing work as well as of the update.

8. Lynn Drake provided the Mary & Claude Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Fund annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Friends expressed great appreciation for the committee's support of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship. It was also noted that Pendel Hill is again offering workshops live as well as online. Friends are encouraged to take advantage, as our doing so enriches the life of our meeting as a whole. Friends accepted the report.

9. Susan Peterson made a request for a clearness committee for membership, which the Clerk read from. The request will be referred to Ministry and Worship for formation of a clearness committee.

10. Gwynne Pomeroy presented the Naming Committee report. She and Jan Hutton were charged by the Clerk with finding new members for the Nominations Committee. Alice Carlton and Matt Drake are willing to join the Nominations Committee, so their names are brought forward to serve. Friends were in unity to accept Alice and Matt as members of the Nominations Committee.

11. Dottie Heninger presented the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Land Acknowledgement. It is attached here at Appendix 5. It was originally presented in April 2021, and is a living document that will be updated as more information emerges. Dottie noted a caveat that there was much blending of tribes; it was not as clear cut as the first paragraph of our current acknowledgement might imply. Friends were moved by the acknowledgement, one noting that she learned a recent trip in Canada that Canadians introduce every talk with a land acknowledgement, which was incredibly powerful and changed her perspective. Friends remembered the Native American Center at UNC, noting it could be enriching to engage with that community and hear contemporary perspectives on the history we have just been talking about. The Adult Religious Education Committee will reach out to arrange a Forum. Friends were in unity to accept the current acknowledgement, with appreciation that it is a living document.

12. Monteze Snyder presented the revised Bequests policy for the Finance committee. It is attached here as Appendix 6. With discussion Friends approved the new policy to be posted asap on our website.

13. The Clerk called for other concerns of members, seeking unseasoned concerns that arise, if any, to be identified only and simply heard or referred. On behalf of Ministry & Worship, a Friend expressed appreciation for John Hite and Ken Grogan for facilitating the early worship, and to Jan Hutton for making sure we always have tech hosts. Dottie Heninger noted that Kitty Bergel's ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Wendy Michener reminded us that Colleen will not look much different from Ben. We will need time to get used to her different name and gender. We should be forgiving of ourselves as we make mistakes, and simply correct them.

14. Announcements:

Our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 12/18/2022.

Small groups are forming – sign up in progress now, online and at the Meeting House.

December 4 we will celebrate Chape Hill Friends Meeting's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the rise of 11am Meeting for Worship, with cake under the magnolia tree.

December 10 will be a work day on the grounds, 9am-noon.

Alternative Gift mart is on now.

Meeting closed with worship and a virtual circle.

## Appendix 1

### Ministry and Worship Committee Annual Report

The Ministry and Worship Committee (M&W), made up of members of the Religious Society of Friends, supports the spiritual life of the Meeting. It also fosters understanding of Friends' principles and practices, in collaboration with other committees.

Since our last annual report in December 2021, COVID-19 variants transmitted in Orange County have continued to constrain our ability to gather in person for worship and fellowship. In consultation with Buildings & Grounds, Hospitality, and Children and Youth Education committees, the Ministry & Worship Committee continues to offer options for worship and religious education on First Days: early meeting for worship in the meeting room at 8:15, Forum via Zoom at 9:30, late meeting for worship in the meeting room at 11:00 with window fans enhancing ventilation, worship outside when weather permits at 11:00, worship online at 11:00 via Zoom, worship at Carol Woods at 11:00, and First Day School at 11:15 on the school building porch and playground. Masks are lovingly requested on Meeting property and social distancing has been practiced. Friends attended the meeting offerings with which they were comfortable, with health, safety and well-being in mind.

Meanwhile, the Zoom subcommittee, under the care of M&W, has consistently supported online meetings for worship on First Days, committee meetings, and events on the Zoom platform. Their service to the Meeting has been invaluable.

The Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) carefully considered ways to enable all of us to worship together, understanding that many Friends are not able to attend meetings for worship in person. M&W has heard members and attenders lift up visions, values, opportunities, and concerns about worship and community.

The Zoom subcommittee has regularly informed M&W about evolving opportunities for blending online and in-person worship, informed by experiences of other Friends Meetings across the country. The Zoom subcommittee tested equipment and held four trial meetings for worship that successfully blended Zoom participation with in-person attendance in the meeting room. The subcommittee applied borrowed equipment to achieve blended worship, and identified the best technical components to recommend for purchase by Chapel Hill Friends Meeting: computer, web camera, monitor (TV), microphones, and tablet. Those components were purchased in September.

M&W sat with the blending opportunity for months, with attention to the quality of worship and the quality of our Meeting as a welcoming community. In August, M&W reached unity to recommend that the Meeting purchase the equipment recommended by the Zoom subcommittee to enable blended worship. M&W recommended starting in September by holding blended meetings once a month for four months, with technical support from the Zoom committee. After four months, M&W plans to revisit the recommendation regarding the frequency of blended meetings and requirements for a technician to operate the equipment in the meeting room. This recommendation was approved by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in August.

For ongoing responsibilities, the M&W Committee:

- Oversees the quality of Meeting for Worship and Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB), mindful of the living silence and vocal ministry.
- Opens and closes each Meeting for Worship and organizes announcements.
- Stimulates reflection through queries, with one read each month at MWAB, during Meeting for Worship once a month, and printed monthly in the newsletter.
- Arranges activities (with other committees) to enhance the spiritual life of the Meeting, including small discussion groups, worship groups, retreats, and workshops.

- Supports Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings a month, with gratitude to the Care & Counsel Committee for assuming responsibility for this ministry.
- Provides responses to questions about the Religious Society of Friends and arranges clearness committees as requested by individuals seeking clearness on spiritual issues.
- Receives letters requesting membership, convenes the related clearness committees and reports recommendations to MWAB. This year we led a clearness committee for Karen Jessee and recommended membership, approved MWAB.
- Attends to the needs of visitors and new attenders in collaboration with the Hospitality Committee.
- Participates in clearness committees organized by the Care and Counsel Committee leading to the marriage of couples under the care of the Meeting.
- Nurtures other committees as they do the Meeting's work; examples in 2022 were outreach to Peace & Justice and Buildings & Grounds Committees.
- Plans (with other committees) celebrations of significant events in the spiritual life of the Meeting. These include our annual Christmas Eve Worship, Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals; Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduating Seniors (Sutton King in 2022).
- Holds the annual Clerks' Retreat, attended in person on the school house porch in September. The retreat's agenda is created in collaboration with the Clerk of the Meeting with ideas from Committee Clerks on topics of interest. Focus is on helping old and new clerks renew or gain skills in the process of discernment and clerking a spirit-led meetings.
- Organizes the annual Spiritual State of the Meeting gathering, attended virtually by 15 in October. This is an opportunity to reflect on issues while sharing deeply with others on queries selected by M&W and from the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship (Piedmont Friends). The committee reports the results to MWAB and PFYM. The report to Piedmont Friends includes a count of the overall number of Friends and attenders in attendance at Meetings for Worship, Forum, and First Day School throughout one month. This October we averaged 6 inside at early meeting, 40 inside at late meeting, 25 on Zoom, 8 at Carol Woods retirement center, and 6 in First Day School. We note, sadly, the absence from worship of attenders from Orange Correctional Center, though we are heartened by attendance by returned citizens.
- Consults with the Zoom subcommittee, formed in April 2020, under the care of M&W.
- Oversees some of the meeting's annual expenditures on affiliations, services, and benevolences. This year M&W recommended expenditures of \$200 to Friends Journal for listing CHFM among monthly meetings in North America and support of QuakerSpeak video production, \$350 to the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Fellowship (not including leadership development support for attendance at in-person events), and \$600 to Friends General Conference as a monthly meeting affiliation contribution. For benevolences related to ministry, M&W recommended gifts to two organizations:
  - \$150 to the School of the Spirit, with which CHFM has a longstanding relationship ([schoolofthespirit.org](http://schoolofthespirit.org)). The School of the Spirit Ministry serves all those who wish to be more faithful listeners and responders to the work of the Inward Teacher.
  - \$100 to Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns (FLGBTQC, <https://flgbtqc.herokuapp.com/>), the North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people, draws sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for work and life in the world, and learns that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life. CHFM has supported FLGBTQC for years, affirming CHFM's practice of joyfully embracing the Light within all, made visible through the participation of all people, no exceptions.

M&W expresses gratitude to Publications and Communications Committee for the ongoing maintenance of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting website, weekly e-news, and In the Light messages.

With great appreciation, we thank Madelyn Ashley and Alice Carlton for their faithful service on M&W. We are grateful for new members Susan Inglis, Jennifer Leeman, and Jasmine McKewen who began serving in July.

Jeff Brown, clerk for the Ministry and Worship Committee, Matt Drake, Dottie Heninger, Susan Inglis, Jennifer Leeman, Jasmine McKewen, Carolyn White, and Ann Miller, *ex-officio*

## Lois Ann Hobbs

**April 19, 1922 – October 2, 2022**

Lois Ann Hobbs was a force of nature! Her energy, curiosity, and conviction were part of all she did. *Audace semper audace* (be daring, always be daring) was her motto. And she lived up to it!

Lois Ann joined the Society of Friends and became a member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting with her husband Grimsley. They were among the founding members of our Meeting. She embraced Quakerism with enthusiasm and lived the testimonies throughout her 100 years. Her concern for social justice included life-long work to be anti-racist and a supporter of women's rights. Indeed, she was still demonstrating for peace in her hundredth year as she held up signs on Weaver Dairy Road, calling for peace in Ukraine.

She also had a passion for friendship. She loved nothing more than an intense conversation with good friends. She was always ready to discuss ideas and was never shy about sharing her well-informed perspective. She embraced causes of social justice, but she cared equally about the individuals in her life. She invariably wanted to know about the lives and cares of her F/friends.

Lois Ann lived her faith as she helped to develop Arcadia using Quaker process to make decisions as this community was started. She could elder and provide counsel to others in effective ways, always deepening the love between them. Often, she could intervene and re-establish the beloved community among our Meeting members.

She is revered in our Meeting and will continue to influence us for years to come. Lois Ann and her family will not be forgotten. She served on all the committees in Meeting at one time or another. She was on Buildings and Grounds as the legendary carpet was chosen for the meeting room. She loved the current renovation and was glad that the carpet was now gone, thirty-plus years later.

We're reminded that love never dies. We will love Lois Ann as she continues to influence our Meeting life.

## Appendix 3

### Library Committee Annual Report (2021-2022)

The Library Committee maintains and improves the Meeting's collection of library books, periodicals, pamphlets, and other resources to further the life of the Meeting and its participants. It annually reviews the collection and purchases new materials on its own initiative as well as considering requests from committees and individuals. It works particularly closely with the Ministry and Worship Committee, the Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee, and the Adult Religious Education Committee. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

We have not met regularly, as ventilation in the Library is not optimal.

Highlights from the last year.

1. The library committee has continued to maintain the collection in Library Thing, our online guide accessible through the link on our web site, and we are working on ways to enter pamphlets and other publications that are not from Pendle Hill.
2. We did not purchase any new books.
3. A large number of books have been donated to the Library, but many of them do not seem to involve Quakers or Quakerism, so we will be giving them to other local libraries after evaluating the ones that we might be able to use.
4. We are printing copies of the newsletter on archival paper for the next volume.

Goals for the coming year.

1. Find a safe way for people to once again get into the Library and check out books, pamphlets, CDs, and videos/DVDs. Ventilation is not adequate for multiple people to be in the room for long periods of time. We understand and appreciate that Building and Grounds is looking into the ventilation problem.
2. We hope to start putting out books that are duplicates for members and attenders to take if they are wanted. Books that are not taken will be donated to other meetings or libraries.

Please email [library@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:library@chapelhillfriends.org) if you have suggestions for purchases, subscriptions and the like.

Submitted respectfully by Allie Scales, Annalee Harkins, Bobbie Ackley Dave Curtin (clerk), Eloise Grathwohl, John Hite, and Lloyd Kramer

## Appendix 4

### **Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Fund Committee**

#### **Annual Report for FY 2021-2022**

**November 20, 2022**

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends. The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund provides financial support to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. The Leadership Development Fund provides grants to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. It should be noted that these funds are available to standing committees in the Meeting to support honoraria awarded to outside speakers who may be here for special events and programs open to the Meeting community.

Friends Fiduciary manages the investments for the Shotts Memorial Fund, and the current principal balance is \$37,050.95 which is a reduction from last fiscal year's balance of \$43,888.03. This indicates the volatility of the stock market. From this fund, we received \$1,459.72 in interest income for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Grants from the Leadership Development Fund are given from money carried over from prior years (\$3,264.96) and, if requested, from annual allocations approved by the Meeting for Worship with attention to business. Both of these funds are in a single account at Truist, previously known as BB&T. For the fiscal year covered by this report (2021-2022) we dispersed \$700 for two individual grants. The proposed \$500 grant to Piedmont Yearly Meeting and Fellowship to cover the cost of Chapel Hill Friends to attend the Annual Gathering that was held at Guilford College was not made, due to technical errors, and will be made in the 2022-23 fiscal year. The balance in our Truist account at the end of the fiscal year 2021-2022 was \$4,024.68, carried forward to FY2022-2023.

The restrictions resulting from on-going concerns with COVID have impacted the availability of leadership development programming as well as the interest of Friends in participating. We encourage Friends to stay alert to online opportunities, including those with fees charged, that may be of interest to you. Financial support is NOT need-based but is the Meeting's opportunity to support the spiritual and leadership development of our Meeting family.

Lynn Drake and Asta Crowe, co-clerks of the Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Fund Committee on behalf of members Catherine Alguire, Ken Grogan, Jan Hutton, Susan Inglis, and Roberto Quercia.

## Land Acknowledgement for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

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

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

### Site Heritage:

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

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

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

*Prepared by Betsy Brinson and Dottie Heninger*

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## THE CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING ENCOURAGES YOU TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR WILL AND ESTATE PLANS

As you consider including the Meeting in your will and estate plans, we encourage you to discuss your intentions with someone on the Finance Committee or someone else who knows you well. You might consider requesting a clearness committee to aid your decision-making. Consulting with an attorney and/or a financial advisor will also be helpful.

### TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR WILL, HERE ARE SUGGESTED CHOICES FOR WORDING:

"I give to the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Chapel Hill, North Carolina: (choose one of the alternatives below)

- A. the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_."
- B. \_\_\_\_\_% percent of my estate."
- C. the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate."

*Note: A fourth bequest alternative exists. It consists of giving property to the Meeting. However, since the Meeting is not equipped to evaluate property, we suggest that you give the property indirectly. That is, in your bequest of property to the Meeting, instruct your executor/executrix to sell the property first and then give the proceeds to the Meeting.*

Observations about the above choices: A specific amount of money, Alternative "A," may be your first thought. However, "B. percent of my estate," may actually be a better decision for you and your heirs. With "B" the amount you bequeath will change as your assets change, either increasing or decreasing over time. In other words, a specific amount isn't "locked in." Alternative "C" offers another way of gaining flexibility with the amount of your bequest.

### THREE OPTIONS FOR BEQUESTS

There are three options for you to contemplate as you prepare your will and begin to consider your bequest with your family and your executors.

1. Make an undesignated gift. The needs of our Meeting will surely change over time. Accordingly, we encourage you to leave a gift in your will for the general use of the Meeting, rather than for a specific designated purpose. In that instance, use this phrase: "This is an undesignated bequest. The use of my bequest is to be determined by the Chapel Hill Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business."

2. Alternatively, you may wish to donate to one of our Meeting's already-designated purpose accounts:

- ⌚ Building Renovation;
- ⌚ Care and Counsel;
- ⌚ Returning Citizens;
- ⌚ Shotts Leadership; or
- ⌚ Youth Service.

In this case, use the phrase "This bequest is to go to the \_\_\_\_\_ Fund."

FOLLOW YOUR DESIGNATED BEQUEST STATEMENT, WHATEVER IT MAY BE, WITH THIS STATEMENT: "The Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business may alter or remove this designation due to changed conditions that make it impossible, impractical or undesirable to fulfill."

3. Donate for a specific purpose or project for which the Meeting has not yet established a designated purpose account. This option will require approval by the Finance Committee to assure consistency with

current activities of the Meeting. It is important to note that according to IRS rules, the Meeting may only accept funds whose designated purpose intends to benefit the Meeting, and not individuals.

Regardless of the option that you choose, you can be confident that your gift will be used to make a real difference to the life of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Our Meeting will acknowledge gifts in whatever way you feel is most appropriate, or we can make sure that your gift remains anonymous.

**NOTE: YOUR WILL IS NOT THE ONLY WAY TO INCLUDE THE MEETING IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS.**

You can also name the Meeting as a primary or contingent beneficiary of a life insurance policy, a retirement plan (e.g. IRA, SEP, 401 K, 403 (b), ESOP, etc.), and/or a trust.

If you have questions about including the Meeting in your estate plans, please contact the clerk of the Finance Committee. Based on your question, s/he will suggest ways for you to gain the answers you seek.

Approved by the Finance Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

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