

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter: Fifth Month, 2025



Monthly Query: *How do I experience the Quaker testimony of continuing revelation?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee: *If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.*

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## Monthly Calendar

First Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>• 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li> <li>• 11:00 am - 12:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• After meeting - <b>Potluck in the schoolhouse</b></li> </ul>
Second Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:15 - 9:15 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>• 9:30 - 10:30 am - <b>Forum via Zoom</b></li> <li>• 11:00 am - 12:00 - <b>Blended Meeting in the meeting room and via Zoom</b></li> </ul>
Third Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8:00 - 9:00 am - <b>Early worship in the meeting room</b> (reverts to 8:15 the following week)</li> <li>• 9:00 - 10:30 am - <b>Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business via Zoom</b></li> <li>• 11:00 am - 12:00 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>Worship in the meeting room</b></li> <li>◦ <b>Online worship via Zoom</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Fourth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as Second Sunday - <b>Blended Meeting</b></li> </ul>
Fifth Sunday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Same as First Sunday, but without potluck</li> </ul>



## Upcoming Zoom Fora

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/forums.html>

### **May 4:** Our CHFM Peace and Justice Committee

We will have queries and breakout rooms for small groups to discuss them.

Here are the Queries:

1. Should Chapel Hill Friends Meeting have a Peace and Justice Committee?
2. Do we need such a committee when Chapel Hill Friends give expression to Quaker Testimonies by involvement on existing CHFM committees which are dealing with social justice and peace issues?
3. What would it be like if CHFM didn't have a Peace and Justice Committee?

### **May 11:** Voltaire's writings on Quakers by Calaway Rohloff

### **May 18:** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (no forum)

### **May 25:** Trans readings of Ruth and the rise of Lazarus by Campo Larrick

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## Upcoming Events

### Join Us for Community Workday & Celebration - RSVP!, Sun. May 4, 10-3

Lori Fernald Khamala shares with Friends:

Hi F/friends,

I'm involved in a farmworker labor organizing effort in Eastern North Carolina ([El Futuro Es Nuestro / It's Our Future](#), or IOF), doing amazing and inspiring work training worker leaders and fighting injustices in the fields. In an exciting new venture, the group has acquired a 25 acre tract of farmable land near Spring Hope in Nash County. The hope is to eventually create an agricultural cooperative owned by worker-members, and to also create emergency housing units on the premises for workers who are injured or unfairly fired.

We're holding a volunteer workday and blessing of the land on Sunday, May 4 (Sunday is farmworkers' only day off), and we're in need of helpers on the ground as well as supplies. It should be a wonderful time, with a delicious meal provided by women who were fired from a packing shed after speaking out against labor abuses. I hope you can join us!

SUNDAY, MAY 4

10am-3pm, Nash County, NC

[5947 W Old Spring Hope Rd, Spring Hope, NC 27882](#)

RSVP and more details:

<http://tiny.cc/may4rsvp>

Thank you!

In solidarity,

Lori Fernald Khamala



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## Friends Association for Higher Education Annual Gathering, June 16-19

Walter Sullivan shares with Friends:

SCIENCE, SUSTAINABILITY, STEWARDSHIP

This year's conference invites presenters from the natural sciences and across the curriculum to share the research, and work they do with students, to study the natural world and learn to live in harmony and unity with it.

We will also invite conference participants to gather together in community at a special session to talk about some of the challenges we are presently facing at our respective institutions as we seek to live out our shared Quaker values in these troubled times.

<https://quakerfahe.com/>

June 16-19, 2025

Guilford College ~ Greensboro, North Carolina

Registration Link:

<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/quakerfahe/fahe-annual-conference>

Members and attenders of CHFM wishing to attend can apply to the Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Funds for reimbursement of some or all of the registration fee. The Shotts Funds provide financial support to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities. Go to <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/committees.html> and scroll down to Shotts and Leadership Funds for information about applying, or email [shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org).

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## Quakers in the World

We are starting a new occasional section for our e-news and newsletter. It's called Quakers in the World and provides opportunities for Friends to support other Friends engaged in Spirit-led activities such as musical, theatrical, dance, or athletic performances, celebrations, protests, lobby visits, or spiritual gatherings. If you are participating in such an event and would like other Friends to join you, send a description our way: [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)!

## Fearrington Village Singers, May 2 and 3

Come hear Tom Ludlow and Linda Patterson as they perform And So We Sing with the Fearrington Village Singers on May 2 and 3. <https://www.fearringtonvillagesingers.org/>

Friday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m., at the Chapel in the Pines or Saturday, May 3, at 3:00 p.m., at Chapin Auditorium, Galloway Ridge. Tickets are \$17 in advance or \$20 at the door.

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## Celia in Sweeney Todd, May 9, 7pm and May 10, 2pm and 7pm

Mansir Petrie shares with Friends:



We're excited to share that Celia Petrie will be performing in Carolina Friends School's upcoming production of Sweeney Todd! She'll take the stage as Adolfo Pirelli, the flamboyant Italian barber, in this musical filled with dramatic twists and a bit of dark humor.

The show is appropriate for most ages (especially older children and up), and admission is free. Performances will be held at the Performing Arts Center on the main CFS campus, with plenty of parking available.

Come out and support Celia and the cast in what promises to be a fantastic production!

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## Announcements

### Haitian Refugee Family Needs Our Financial Support

Whitney Fry shares with Friends:

A small group of friends is partnering with [Welcome NST](#) to support the relocation of a Haitian refugee family (a single mom and three girls) to Durham. The family is currently in a shelter in Boston, waiting to relocate before the girls can enter the education system. Would you consider donating to their relocation fund? We need \$10,000 (or \$2,500/family member) to support with housing, employment, English classes, transportation, food, etc.. For more information about their situation and how to donate, please visit [this](#) site. Thank you!

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## Recurring Announcements

### InterFath Council Committee Is Seeking Volunteers

We invite anyone interested in becoming, or knowing more about being an IFC Committee Member to please contact Carolyn White.

We welcome volunteers to help with food preparation and service at ICF every second Thursday for lunch: 10a - 1p, and/or every second Friday for dinner 4p-6:30p. Volunteers are welcome for part of the shift, or the full shift.

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## Zoom Tech Hosts Wanted

Support Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's Zoom worship and forums by becoming a tech host. The role is much more simple than you would imagine. Trust us! We need your help and will train you. Please contact the Zoom Subcommittee if interested, or have questions:

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

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## Inter-Faith Council Pantry Needs Donated Food Items

Please consider IFC's needs when doing your shopping. There is a basket in the meetinghouse foyer for food donations. IFC has requested the following food items: coffee, hot chocolate, canned protein, canned pork and beans, canned soup (not vegetable), boxed cereal, cake mixes, instant foods, ramen noodles. Thank you!

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## FRIENDS, PLEASE LIMIT YOUR WEEKDAY MEETINGHOUSE VISITS.

The CFS Early School teachers, parents and guests have priority use of the meetinghouse parking lot from 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM Monday through Friday throughout the calendar year. If you must visit the meetinghouse during weekday hours, please alert John Hite, the Meetinghouse Resident, at least one day ahead. Email: [johnthequaker@gmail.com](mailto:johnthequaker@gmail.com) or call: 919-929-5377.

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## Newsletter & eNews Reminder

Please send items for the weekly eNews email and the monthly print Newsletter to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).

- The deadline for weekly eNews is *Wednesday* 5 pm.
- The deadline for the monthly print Newsletter is on the *last day of the month*.

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

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

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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 Care and Counsel Committee and each week, a committee member will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service.

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### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine. Thursdays, 5:30pm

You are invited to join Meeting for Worship with Attention to Peace in Palestine and Israel at 5:30 p.m. ET / 2:30 p.m. PT.

Join on Zoom:

<https://afsc-org.zoom.us/j/85831333364?pwd=VEtPTUZuYk5hTHV2OGs1VzRkY0ZKUT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3133 3364

Passcode: 759311

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### 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.”

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## Pray for Peace - From Friends House Moscow, Daily

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.

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## Business Meeting Minutes

Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, April 20, 2025

Present: Jeff Brown, Jennifer Leeman, Tom McQuiston, Ann Miller, Hank Elkins, Tony Hicky, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Margaret Vimmerstedt, David Waterman, Sean Chen, Wendy Mitchener, Betsy Brinson, Tom Ludlow, John Pilgrim, Buzz Borchardt, Herb Derby, Julia Cleaver, Tori Toles, Monteze Snyder, Susan Newcomer, Hart Pillow, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Susan Peterson, Carolyn White, Lloyd Kramer, Carolyn Stuart, Marion Schoenbach, Curt Torell,

Deborah Gibbs, Dottie Heninger, Naveed Moeed, Nancy Fisher, Tom Munk, Kate Fitch, Nancy Milio, Walter Hjelt Sullivan, Andrew Bohn, Gwynne Pomeroy

1. We opened with worship and the query: How do I affirm and support the presence of God/Spirit in the discernment of my personal decisions and in the decisions of our Meeting?

2. The minutes of the March 2025 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were accepted as written.

3. Tom McQuiston presented the Transitions and Support committee annual report (Appendix A). A Friend offered an addendum to the report noting that, in addition to the activities listed in the report, Carolyn Stuart leads a writing group at OCC. The writing group is popular and now has a waiting list. Carolyn will write a paragraph about the writing group to add to the report. One Friend noted that the activity of this committee is the most remarkable feature of this Meeting. Friends accepted the report.

4. Carolyn White, co-clerk of Ministry & Worship committee, reported that the committee has come to unity about removing the window fans so that attenders are better able to hear vocal ministries. We will continue to have masks available should attenders want them. Naveed Moeed reported that Buildings & Grounds will soon be turning on the new HVAC system, which will increase air circulation. Ministry & Worship is also discussing the possibility of increasing the number of blended meeting Sundays, when technical issues with the audio system are resolved. For example, we are exploring audio possibilities that do not involve handheld microphones. Blended Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business may also be possible once we have a new audio system. Friends were encouraged to contact [ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org) with any questions or concerns.

5. Carolyn White, co-clerk of Ministry & Worship committee, reported that the committee met and approved a letter supporting Curt Torrel's traveling ministry as part of a grant that the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative is submitting (Appendix B). In this ministry, Curt will continue to support young Friends with conscientious objector letters, support he has provided for many young people in our meeting. The Meeting minuted their enthusiastic support for Curt's ministry and endorsed the letter.

6. Sean Chen, clerk of Publications and Communications committee, presented the committee's annual report (Appendix C). Friends accepted the report with appreciation for the work of the committee.

7. Ann Miller, Clerk, provided an update on actions taken since the last meeting. A minute of was sent to Friends General Conference in support of their litigation to oppose the rescission of the ICE sensitive location policy. Letters were sent to Senator Tillis and Rep. Foushee encouraging restoring funding for UNRWA.

8. Dottie Heninger represents our meeting at the local Coalition of Clergy. She shared a letter that was written by rabbis in the Triangle about the importance of working toward and protecting justice for all and their concern that the fight against antisemitism is threatening justice and constitutional rights (Appendix D). In light of the tight deadline for signing the letter, Ann Miller sought input from Ministry & Worship and, with their approval, signed on to the letter as clerk of our Meeting. Friends approved of Ann Miller signing the letter. The suggestion was

made that we provide feedback to the rabbis on the importance of addressing what Israel is doing in Gaza. No clarity was achieved on doing so.

9. Ann Miller, Clerk, reported on her participation in a session with Carolina Friends School 4<sup>th</sup> year students about Quakers and indigenous boarding schools. Together with Margie Dingman she shared about Quakers and their relationship with American Indians and indigenous boarding schools. Ann recommended we plan a forum where Margie can present to us on the topic.

9. Monteze Snyder, Clerk of Finance, presented the Treasurer's Quarterly report (Appendix E). She noted that we are in good shape with our savings and with our income for the year. Friends accepted the report with appreciation.

11. The Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on May 18, 2025.

- Ann Miller, Clerk, and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk

## Appendix A.

### Transition and Support Committee Annual Report April 2023 to April 2024

This report covers our activities as we continue to serve men in Orange Correctional Center (OCC) as well the previously incarcerated men whom we support when they return to the Chapel Hill community. Most of these activities have included volunteers from the Meeting, the community, in addition to the Transition and Support Committee.

YOKEFELLOWS at OCC: Along with other volunteers, four TSC members attended Tuesday evening meetings of Yokefellows at the Peace Center. Seated at round tables of two volunteers and four men, we got to know some of the men; these conversations also facilitated finding out who wanted to attend Meeting for Worship, the book club, and possibly requesting a support team when they are released.

The Tuesday meetings are attended by fewer OCC residents as per recent OCC policy. In addition, fewer residents are eligible for monthly community visits. Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (CHFM) sponsors are similarly limited.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT: TSC provided personal items (pants, shirts, and toiletries) for indigent residents. In addition, TSC conducted an annual fundraiser to support the chaplain and the ministry's activities at OCC.

MEETING for WORSHIP at OCC: CHFM and Eno Friends Meeting held one meeting for worship in January. We hope to schedule additional meetings in the upcoming year.

WRITING GROUP at OCC: Four Yokefellows, including CH Friends as well as others, lead a writing group at OCC twice monthly. There are currently nine men who attend regularly, along with two men presently on work release who attend when their schedules allow. All of those attending (volunteers and residents) write, and listen and comment on the work of others. Writing includes memoir, personal essays, poetry and fiction. A trusting environment allows those gathered to express themselves freely. This is a meaningful experience for all involved. We are pleased that residents' writing has been shared publicly in local art galleries. We are also pleased that local artists, such as the novelist Jill McCorkle and spoken-word poet, Dasan Ahanu, have visited to share their expertise.

ATTENDANCE of CURRENT and FORMER OCC RESIDENTS in MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Men from CHFM served as sponsors to bring eligible men to Meeting for Worship, forums, and potluck. Five men periodically attend and one is a regular attendee.

MEETING for WORSHIP with ATTENTION to HEALING: CHFM has joined with Eno Friends Meeting to hold monthly meetings at the Peace Center attended by 15 - 20

OCC residents.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT TEAMS and RETURNING CITIZENS: After an extended COVID interruption, the TSC has begun providing support teams for returned citizens. These support teams have recently included non-CHFM members. This year, teams have supported 3 recently incarcerated men. Support circles of 2-3 people assisted them in transportation to government agencies, medical appointments, drivers education, visits to the gym, and job interviews. Finding employment and housing remain as challenges for an individual and for our team in supporting them. In addition, individual TSC members continue to provide support to various formerly incarcerated men.

OTHER SUPPORT:

- TSC members participated in various events at OCC.
- monthly book club initiated by CHFM volunteer has continued for the past 8 years.
- TSC members contacted formerly incarcerated men to encourage voter registration and voting.
- Friday morning meetings, initiated by Tom McQuiston and Josh Leroy, continued throughout this past year. These meetings, attended by TSC members and community residents, are held at Weaver Street Market in Hillsborough. The focus of the meetings was community building between previously incarcerated persons and community persons who support them.
- Annual Reunion Picnic: About 20 men with whom we have worked over the past years, attended the event at Blackwood Farm Park in November. We sponsor the picnic for returned citizens and Friends to renew old friendships and share their successful re-entry strategies.
- Community Resources: TSC members have engaged with community transition programs, including two site visits.

TRANSITION and SUPPORT COMMITTEE : From March 2024 to March 2025, the TSC met via zoom on the first Monday of the month to coordinate team support for individuals and to coordinate our interaction with other organizations and programs.

Our committee membership this year included Asta Crowe, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Sally Fisher, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, Bonnie Raphael, Ronnie Harris, Annette Broadwell, Buzz Borchardt, John Pilgrim, and Byron Stevens. Several of the long-term members have rotated off of the committee while remaining active in other work.

Respectfully submitted,

The Transition and Support Committee

## Appendix B.

To the Shoemaker Foundation and Visited Meetings:

We endorse Curt Torell's travel in ministry work through the Quaker Religious Education Collaborative (QREC) in his education to others about conscientious objection and specifically for teens to help them discern, decide, and document how they became conscientious objectors.

Curt has been doing this work in our Meeting since the summer of 2001, when his oldest son turned 18 and offered a "CO letter" to our Meeting's Worship with Attention to Business. To this process, he brought his experience as a draft counselor during his years as a seminary student in the early 1970's, when conscription still existed. Soon, other teens from the meeting, both young men and women, wrote similar CO letters, which led to our Meeting forming a Conscientious Objection Guidance committee (COG) to give extra support. Drawing on the work of that committee, Alice Carlton, also from our Meeting, and Curt co-authored a six-lesson FGC curriculum, Raising Conscientious Objector Consciousness among Our Youth, and published articles on this curriculum in Friends Journal and on a Quaker Speak You-tube. Eventually, COG expanded to NC Choices for Youth, which included truth-in-recruitment materials as well as an emphasis on CO for teens. This process is thus well-embedded in our Meeting, and we have received letters from a large number of our teens over the years.

Curt also has been one of our Meeting's board representatives to Quaker House, a witness for peace in Fayetteville, NC, which is the home of Ft. Bragg. Quaker House supports service members questioning their role in the armed forces, provides education for them and the wider public, and advocates for a more peaceful world. The CO for teens project that began in our meeting is now a resource at Quaker House, so it reaches a wider community of Friends and other faith and support groups. It is through Quaker House that Curt published in 2016 a teacher's resource guide entitled Conscientious Objection: Is This for You? Discerning a Claim and Documenting It with Selective Service. Curt has also taught in our Meeting's First Day School, co-presented Quakerism 101, and served on our Meeting's Children's Religious Education and Adult Religious Education Committees as well as the FGC's Religious Education Committee.

The work of educating our teens about conscientious objection, and particularly helping our young adults write a CO letter affirming their CO beliefs, has had a profound impact not just on our teens but on the whole meeting. When these letters are read at our Business Meeting, everyone is moved by their sincerity and depth of conviction. During these presentations, Friends realize that nurturing the testimony of peace in these teens did not suddenly happen when they turned 18. The nurturing

began from the moment they walked (or were carried) into the meetinghouse, attended First Day School, and found they were held in love by the Meeting community.

In endorsing Curt's proposal and describing his work, we hope this travel ministry will have a similar impact on other Meetings. We are grateful to the Shoemaker Fund for any assistance they can provide to carry this work forward.

Sincerely,

Chapel Hill, NC, Friends Meeting

Ministry and Worship Committee

In Unity, April 7, 2025

## Appendix C.

### Publications & Communications Committee Annual Report, April 2025

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 minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. The committee also publishes an annual Directory of Meeting members and attenders, committee members, and appointees. The committee 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 meeting officers, committees and for all the Meeting's clerks.

#### Highlights

In January 2025 the committee worked on transitioning the email lists of the Meeting to the Google Workspace platform from trueband.net. This work was successful with all committee emails moved to Google's Groups for Business. The Meeting's distribution list for the weekly electronic newsletter continues to be [chfm-news@googlegroups.com](mailto:chfm-news@googlegroups.com). This work was follow-on work to the setup of Google Workspace for Nonprofits for the Meeting's usage. This tier of Google Workspace is free to the Meeting, and includes all the features commonly found in Google Workspace including shared file storage in Google Drive, extended meetings in Google Meetings, email hosting for chapelhillfriends.org addresses, and access to the full suite of Google productivity tools. Many thanks to those who helped get this project over the line including Buzz Borchardt, Monteze Snyder, and Cristobal Palmer.

The Meeting website continues to be an effective portal for the Meeting's work and life on the internet. We had over 7,400 unique users to the website from April 2024 to March 2025, who accessed the site. The most common page accessed over that period was the home page at <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/>, with other important pages the Online Meeting access page and the Forum page. Our website continues to be published using GitHub Pages using the Jekyll framework. Many thanks to Finn James for implementing our website in GitHub Pages and to the entire Committee for their work in maintaining it and updating it.

Other work of the Committee includes the building of the directory this year which was sent out in fall 2024. Buzz Borchardt was responsible for this work and his care of this important publication includes a detailed set of documents outlining the production steps, and data sources used for making the directory. Our source of truth for the directory was shifted over several years ago to the Servant Keeper system which unifies our membership and attender information in a platform that supports the work of the Meeting, and most importantly in maintaining financial information.



Our electronic news and alerts distribution continues to be incredibly robust with the weekly eNews being distributed on Thursdays due to the efforts of Buzz Borchardt. Timely *In the Light* messages are being handled by David Curtin, and are alerts and messages that need quicker distribution than those more appropriate for the weekly eNews. There is also a monthly cumulation distributed in PDF format that includes more permanent information such as our Business Meeting minutes and other content, these newsletters are distributed by attachment to our mailing list, and also posted on the Meeting website.

## Looking Ahead

### Website

Support for the needs of Business Meeting needs to be improved and the Committee hopes to set up features on the website that would enable the Clerks to post documents more easily.

### Directory

In advance of the nominations report the work for the directory is being anticipated and we feel that we can build and distribute an electronic version of the directory easily.

### Social Media

The *Currently* feature of the website's home page previously used a feed from Twitter, but because of changes to that platform, those updates wouldn't appear to most users. We're looking for some sort of way of adding short updates to the website that doesn't require publishing through Github or other extensive text editing.

Other properties such as Facebook, Bluesky, and Instagram remain opportunities for the outreach and engagement, which the Committee hasn't taken up yet.

### Newsletter

We continue to use the chfm-news@googlegroups property to distribute the weekly enews and monthly newsletter. We don't foresee moving this address over to the chapelhillfriends.org workspace, because of user expectations.

### 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 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)
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### 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.
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- The *eNews* goes to 581 recipients, many of whom are not Meeting members.
- The *eNews* is mailed once a week on Thursday.

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

## Appendix D.

### Jewish Safety and Democratic Values - A Passover Message

We write to you today as a diverse group of rabbis from the Triangle joined by other North

Carolina colleagues during a time of great vulnerability for the Jewish people. We are struggling with the rise of antisemitism around our country and around the world. And yet, we must not allow our fear to be used to obscure the very justice that our sacred texts call for, and that is a guiding moral principle of our faith.

As we gather for our Passover Seders this year, we will recount the story of our ancestors'

redemption from slavery to freedom. Our powerful collective story tells of those who suffered and resisted –those who moved forward seeking justice in the face of great oppression and violence. We learn of a God who demands freedom, and that we must fight for freedom in every generation.

In the last month we have witnessed a troubling escalation of arrests and detention of immigrants without due process, revocations of visas, and federal interventions against universities, being justified by the Trump Administration as part of the fight against antisemitism.

We call for Jews and other minorities to be able to learn and live in safety on college campuses, and we oppose targeting and detaining international students without due process. Violating constitutional rights is a deeply flawed strategy for fighting antisemitism. This threatens the very pillars of our democracy and does not make Jewish and Israeli students safer. As the CEO of Hillel International has expressed, funding cuts to universities in the name of fighting antisemitism may actually fuel antisemitism, as the negative effects of these policies could be blamed on the Jewish community.

As Jews, we can look back at our thousands of years of history and know that when a government restricts the rights of any given group, oppression of Jews will follow. Our safety and freedom are intrinsically linked with the safety and freedom of all peoples. We oppose the violation of anyone's constitutional rights under the guise of fighting antisemitism. The safety of the Jewish people and all marginalized communities depends on the flourishing of democracy, the protection of minority rights, and the safeguarding of free expression.

As rabbis from North Carolina, we therefore call upon the administration to stop wrongful

detainments, uphold the pillars of due process, and end policies that threaten the very freedoms that have allowed Jewish communities to thrive in this nation. We have been

deeply moved by the voices of our colleagues across the country, and join them in stating that this assault on democracy and justice cannot be done in our name.

This Passover, when we recount our journey from oppression to freedom, let us be strengthened in our commitment to uphold justice, democracy, and the rights of all peoples.

Rabbi Hannah Bender, Durham  
Rabbi Philip J Bentley, Hendersonville  
Rabbi Geoffrey Claussen, Greensboro  
Rabbi Judy Cohen-Rosenberg, Pittsboro  
Rabbi Robin Damsky, Efland  
Rabbi Lucy Dinner, Raleigh  
Rabbi Andrew Vogel Ettin, Pfafftown  
Rabbi Jen Feldman, Chapel Hill  
Rabbi Jessica Fisher, Greensboro  
Rabbi Grace Gleason, Greensboro  
Rabbi Solomon Hoffman, Chapel Hill  
Rabbi Tracy Guren Klirs, Charlotte  
Rabbi Sandra Lawson, Burlington  
Rabbi Batsheva Meiri, Asheville  
Rabbi Melissa B. Simon, Chapel Hill  
Rabbi Matthew Soffer, Durham  
Rabbi Eric Solomon, Raleigh  
Rabbi Dr. Jenny Solomon, Raleigh

Appendix E.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: FY\_2024\_2025 - FY25 P&L**  
July 2024 - March 2025

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Other Revenue		
Misc Income		
Interest income	1,322.70	
Shotts payout	1,589.47	
Total Misc Income	2,912.17	-
Total Other Revenue	2,912.17	-
Other Expenditures		
Care and Counsel Support	2,090.00	
Special Projects		
HVAC Stage 1	3,999.83	8,427.00
Total Special Projects	3,999.83	8,427.00
Total Other Expenditures	6,089.83	8,427.00
Net Other Revenue	(3,177.66)	(8,427.00)

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Statement of Financial Position

As of March 31, 2025

	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
5/3 CD - Opened March 2025	30,000.00
5/3 CD - Opened May 2024	50,000.00
Checking 5/3 Bank 1611	67,594.74
Designated Building Renovation 5/3 Bank Savings 1678	14,674.01
Designated ReFac, Youth, Care and Counsel 5/3 Savings 1686	0.52
Care and Counsel Designated Account	5,848.03
ReFac Designated Account	1,970.71
Youth ReFac Designated Account	3,494.00
Total Designated ReFac, Youth, Care and Counsel 5/3 Savings 1686	\$ 11,313.26
Designated Shotts Savings 5/3 Bank 1652	2,260.68
Savings 5/3 Bank 1645	71,024.70
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 246,667.39
Other Current Assets	
FF- General Fund Designated	65,597.52
FF- Physical Plant Reesrv Fund-D	42,448.63
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 108,046.15
Total Current Assets	\$ 354,913.54
Other Assets	
FF- Shotts Endowment Ret	41,546.89
Total Other Assets	\$ 41,546.89
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 396,460.43</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	-233.85
Total Other Current Liabilities	-\$ 233.85
Total Current Liabilities	-\$ 233.85
Total Liabilities	-\$ 233.85
Equity	
FF Unrealized Gain/Loss	32,772.21
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	163,660.14
Net Revenue	65,885.90
Total Equity	\$ 396,694.28
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 396,460.43</b>

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Budget vs. Actuals: FY\_2024\_2025 - FY25 P&L**  
July 2024 - March 2025

	Total			
	Actual	Budget	over Budget	% of Budget
Revenue				
Contributions	82,775.05	72,432.00	10,343.05	114.28%
Parking space rental	10,390.00	5,250.00	5,140.00	197.90%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>93,165.05</b>	<b>77,682.00</b>	<b>15,483.05</b>	<b>119.93%</b>
Gross Profit	93,165.05	77,682.00	15,483.05	119.93%
Expenditures				
A-Obligations			-	
Accountant	5,400.00	7,200.00	(1,800.00)	75.00%
Bank Fee		50.00	(50.00)	0.00%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	5,425.56	7,688.00	(2,262.44)	70.57%
Insurance	(1.00)	11,000.00	(11,001.00)	-0.01%
Software License Fee	1,687.00	1,723.00	(36.00)	97.91%
Stormwater Fees	1,096.73	736.00	360.73	149.01%
UBIT	300.75	1,436.00	(1,135.25)	20.94%
Utilities	3,558.58	5,326.00	(1,767.42)	66.82%
Zoom operator		2,400.00	(2,400.00)	0.00%
<b>Total A-Obligations</b>	<b>17,467.62</b>	<b>37,559.00</b>	<b>(20,091.38)</b>	<b>46.51%</b>
B-Committees			-	
Adult Religious Ed		100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
Building and Grounds	4,355.30	6,308.00	(1,952.70)	69.04%
Care and Counsel		100.00	(100.00)	0.00%
Meeting for Suffering		200.00	(200.00)	0.00%
<b>Total Care and Counsel</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>(300.00)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	221.64	200.00	21.64	110.82%
Communication Technology	319.80	800.00	(480.20)	39.98%
Finance	426.65	800.00	(373.35)	53.33%
Contingency Fund		300.00	(300.00)	0.00%
Credit Card Fee	291.82	450.00	(158.18)	64.85%
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>718.47</b>	<b>1,550.00</b>	<b>(831.53)</b>	<b>46.35%</b>
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke		600.00	(600.00)	0.00%
Hospitality		350.00	(350.00)	0.00%
IFC	150.00	150.00	-	100.00%
Library		350.00	(350.00)	0.00%
Ministry and Worship	170.58	600.00	(429.42)	28.43%
Nominations		40.00	(40.00)	0.00%
Peace and Justice		500.00	(500.00)	0.00%
National Quaker Service	698.08	1,500.00	(801.92)	46.54%
<b>Total Peace and Justice</b>	<b>698.08</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>(1,301.92)</b>	<b>34.90%</b>
Publications and Communications		750.00	(750.00)	0.00%
<b>Total B-Committees</b>	<b>6,633.87</b>	<b>14,098.00</b>	<b>(7,464.13)</b>	<b>47.06%</b>
D-Benevolences			-	
Legacy Benevolences		19,454.00	(19,454.00)	0.00%
M&W Benevolences		1,400.00	(1,400.00)	0.00%
P&J Benevolences		5,171.00	(5,171.00)	0.00%
<b>Total D-Benevolences</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,025.00</b>	<b>(26,025.00)</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>24,101.49</b>	<b>77,682.00</b>	<b>(53,580.51)</b>	<b>31.03%</b>
Net Operating Revenue	69,063.56	-	69,063.56	

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