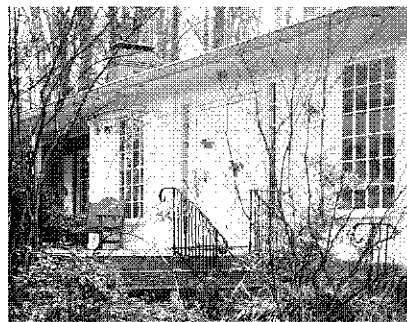


Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



February 2010

Monthly Query:

“Is the Meeting a joyful place where members and attenders feel they belong and willingly share in the work of the meeting community?”

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Upcoming Forums

9:45am in the Meetinghouse

Feb. 7 “A Quaker View of the State of the Union”--Nancy Milio will present on the current political circumstances and issues in our country from the perspective of FCNL and Quaker priorities.

Feb. 14 “Forgiveness: The Amish Story”--Tom McQuiston to present on the Amish experience of reconciling with a violent event impacting their community.

Feb. 28 “Forgiveness, a Spiritual Discipline”--Sue Regen, member of the Rochester yearly meeting, whose ministry has been to present workshops on how forgiveness can be practiced as a spiritual discipline.

Mar. 7 Personal sharing by Renee Prillaman

Stock the IFC Pantry

For the first Sunday in February, the IFC special need is dry cereal. Please bring lots! Great job on January's spaghetti!

Quaker Issues and Insights

Second and Fourth Wednesdays

10:00am-12:00pm at Mariyln Dyer's Home

A small group of Quakers is now meeting on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings of the month to share issues and insights of a spiritual nature. The book individual members are studying on their own, in preparation for the twice-monthly, two-hour sharing sessions is “A New Christianity for a New World,” by Bishop John Shelby Spong. For details, contact Marilyn Dyer at 918.3622.

United Nations Association

Peacekeeping Workshop

Thursday, February 11

5:30pm at the FedEx Global Education Center

The workshop “Peacekeeping: Its History and Effectiveness” will examine the

history of peacekeeping since World War II. The workshop will focus on the effectiveness of the United Nations and other international organizations in coping with international as well as intra-national conflicts such as civil wars. The workshop will be held on Thursday evening, February 11th, at the FedEx Global Education Center, 301 Pittsboro Street, Chapel Hill. Free parking is available at the Center. The catered reception will begin at 5:30 PM in the lobby. The program will run from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the auditorium. No registration necessary. For further information, contact Dr. Charles S. Green, III, 1161 Fearington Post, Pittsboro, NC 27312. 919-545-0941. cgreen17@nc.rr.com.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns Midwinter Gathering

Friday, February 12 to Monday, February 15

Graymoor Spiritual Life Center, New York

All Friends are warmly invited to the 2010 Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in the Hudson Valley of New York State. Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people. Gathering twice yearly for worship and play, we draw sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for our work and life in the world. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.

We intend our theme of “Stitching Our Quilts, Waving Our Banners” to be an opportunity for us to explore the diverse ways we build relationships and communities, how we build and claim pride in that diversity, and how we build mutual support and accountability with our wider communities. We will have a keynote speaker and a panel to speak about the variety of our relationships and how our Meetings support us in that diversity. There will also be a threshing session and time in our Meetings for Worship for Business to consider how to bring to life the FLGBTQC Midwinter Gathering 2009 epistle, which speaks of “bringing Quakers together to help us all understand what is meant by ‘that which God joins together.’”

Historic Thousands on Jones Street

Saturday, February 13

9:30am

Please join our Meeting's dozens of partner organizations in our annual rally to let Raleigh know we want a government that represents our values. Vans and cars will leave from the Dillard's parking lot at University Mall at 8:15 on February 13. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Meeting lobby, or just show up! <http://hkonj.com/>

Exploring Quakerism

Sundays, February 14 & March 14

1:00-2:30pm in the Meetinghouse

Lloyd Kramer's class on the history, spiritual traditions, and current directions of Quakerism continues this month. These discussion meetings will include an introductory overview of key themes and small group conversations, and each session will focus on a chapter in the concise book by Pink Dandelion, "The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction." Contact Lloyd Kramer for more information (lskramer@mindspring.com).

Forgiveness as a Spiritual Practice: A Workshop Facilitated by Sue Regen

**Sponsored by the Chapel Hill Meeting and
the Spiritual Enrichment Committee**

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, February 26, 27, & 28

Life brings to each of us, experiences of anger, fear, hurt, and pain. What we do with these is up to each individual. Choosing to practice forgiveness can bring healing and inner peace. Forgiveness work helps us reconnect with our selves and others in more loving ways. Research shows that it's great for our physical health, too!

Come and join with others who are willing to take some steps along this spiritual path. Focus is on tools and techniques, not on therapy. Workshop will

include presentations, quiet worship, guided meditation, practicing techniques, and group and individual time.

Sue Regen, a member of Rochester Friends Meeting, has been working in the area of forgiveness since 2002. It is part of her personal journey. She has led forgiveness workshops at Attica Prison, Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology (Annville, PA), Friends General Conference Gathering 2005 (Blacksburg, VA), Rochester Friends Meeting, and at Powell House Conference Center (Old Chatham, NY).

Dates:

OPEN TO EVERYONE: Friday, February 26, 2010, 7:00 to 9:00pm

REGISTRATION REQUIRED: Saturday, February 27, 9:00am to 5:00pm

FIRST-DAY FORUM (OPEN): Sunday, February 28, 9:45am to 10:45am

Place:

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Schoolhouse, 531 Raleigh Rd., Chapel Hill, NC

Cost:

Friday: FREE.

Saturday: \$10 (includes materials and food). Make checks payable to "Chapel Hill Friends Meeting." Scholarships available from the Meeting's Leadership Development/Shotts Funds.

Register:

For Saturday only by Sunday, February 21.

Limit:

Saturday workshop is limited to 30 people.

Meals:

Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be provided.

Childcare:

Provided upon request. Please indicate need when you register.

Questions:

Contact Mike Green at (919) 929-2339 or email to mikequaker@gmail.com.

Suggested book:

"A Little Book of Forgiveness" by D. Patrick Miller, Fearless Books

Please give your name and check for Saturday's workshop to Mike Green by February 21, and please indicate your need for childcare when you do so.

One-Day Introductory Compassionate Listening & Peacemaking Training

Saturdays, March 6 or April 17

9:00am to 5:00pm at the Schoolhouse

The Compassionate Listening Project grew out of the work of Gene Knudsen Hoffman, a Quaker and international peacemaker. This work offers practices that strengthen our capacity to connect with the humanity of each person whose path we cross, whether we share the same values and behaviors, or not. As builders of peace, we learn to move beyond a mindset that dehumanizes the 'other', seeking instead to listen, to feel compassion for, and to see ourselves in the 'other', the 'other' in ourselves.

Cost: Suggested Donation, \$25 - \$75, according to ability to pay. No one from CHFM will be turned away for lack of funds. Compassionate Listening is offered under the care of the Care and Counsel Committee. Learn more at chapelhillfriends.org. Contact Jan Hutton for info and registration: janhutton@earthlink.net, 919-967-1959.

THE COMPASSIONATE LISTENING PROJECT

Healing the World from the Inside Out

www.compassionatelistening.org

Piedmont Friends Fellowship 2010 Spring Weekend

Friday, March 12, to Sunday, March 14

Save the date! Piedmont Friends Fellowship 2010 Spring Weekend is March 12 to 14, 2010, at Camp New Hope. The theme is Uncovering Our Wholeness: Learning to Share Faith Journeys. Mark your calendars now for a weekend of fellowship, worship and workshops.

Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting

Saturday, March 20, 2010

9:30am-12:00pm in the Meetinghouse

What is it, really??

WHAT: A gathering which helps assess the Meeting's spiritual condition and needs.

WHO: All Members and Attenders, i.e., YOU!

HOW: Queries, Small groups, Sharing, Food

WHEN: Saturday, March 20, 2010, 9:30 – noon, the Meetinghouse.

NEEDED: Please submit suggested queries for us to use in response to the topic: "Spiritual joys and concerns in the life of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting."

The Spiritual State of the Meeting is a chance to reach deep and examine the heart of the Meeting. It is an annual exercise to take stock of where we are and dream about where would like to be. Make this YOUR Meeting—be a part of our annual self-examination and add to it your vision of a spiritual home.

Childcare is provided. Contact Bonnie Raphael at 969-9555 or Jan Hutton at 967-1959 if you have questions.

2010 Friends General Conference Gathering

July 4-10, Bowling Green, Ohio

The annual FGC Summer Gathering invites you to step toward worship, to step toward community—to step toward a richer Quakerism. Many Friends say that their workshop is the spiritual heart of their Gathering experience. Short descriptions of the 57 workshops offered at the 2010 FGC Gathering are now available. As always, we are blessed with a wide variety of workshop topics and workshop leaders. Start your discernment now about which workshop to take. Long descriptions will be online by March 15, and you are strongly encouraged to read the long descriptions for your favorite workshops before making your final choices.

Browsing the web site (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering>) you will taste

the vibrancy and the variety that is available by immersing yourself in this community of Friends for a week. You can also access the website via chapelhillfriends.org.

Alternative Gift Mart a Success!

The Alternative Gift Mart this year was a success. The High Schoolers and Middle Schoolers who brainstormed about worthy organizations and produced the cards wish to thank you for your support. **We raised a total of \$1,850!**

How much was raised for each?

Inter-Faith Council of Chapel Hill (IFC) (<http://www.ifcweb.org>) ~ \$483

Oxfam America (<http://www.oxfamamerica.org>) ~ \$258

Doctors Without Borders (<http://doctorswithoutborders.org>) ~ \$498

Safe Passage (<http://www.safepassage.org>) ~ \$548

Share Circle (<http://www.sharecircle.org>) ~ \$63

Thank you indeed, from our youth and John “The Quaker” Hite

Opportunity to Direct Funds to Haiti

From Pam Schwingl

Meg McCann, a Chapel Hill resident and friend of mine who is a lay deacon in the Episcopal Church (and NC Choices link to the Episcopal Peace group) spent 6 months last year with her husband, a surgeon from Duke, in Deschapelles, Haiti, at Hopital Albert Schweitzer. When I asked her where to best send money, she suggested this hospital (<http://www.hashaiti.org/>).

From the webpage:

“Hôpital Albert Schweitzer (HAS) is a model for health care facilities in developing countries around the world. An integrated rural health system, HAS provides medical care and community health and development programs for more than 300,000 impoverished people in the Artibonite Valley of central Haiti. Visiting medical professionals from North America and abroad work with a permanent Haitian staff of almost 550. Financial support comes from partner organizations and private individuals around the world.”

Below is a link to the Pittsburgh CBS affiliate about the hospital, which is about 40 miles (a 3-hour trek) from the epicenter of the quake. They are going to

be an important staging center for victims from the city. Doctors without Borders, which lost several sites in the city, is attempting to set up there.

<http://kdka.com/health/Albert.Schweitzer.Hospital.2.1427492.html>

Search for the New FCNL Head

The Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, Joe Volk, confirmed his intention to retire in March 2011 at his normal retirement age. Joe told the Annual Meeting that he sees more opportunity for change today than he has seen at any other point in his 20 years of service with FCNL. The next executive secretary will lead FCNL at an exciting time when our lobbying and education work can make a real difference. The kind of person being sought should be

- * Inspired and inspiring leadership for the organization that fields the largest team of registered lobbyists working for peace;
- * A Quaker who can excite coalitions, constituents and donors;
- * A leader motivated to change national policies and reclaim the people's democracy;
- * A Spirit-led executive secretary with management competence, and more

A Search Committee has been appointed; it would like Friends' help in bringing forward the names of potential candidates. Are you that potential candidate? Do you know of Friends who should be suggested?

Please direct your suggestions to the clerk of the Committee, Gretchen Hall: gretchenhall.search@gmail.com. Include contact information (email, mailing address, telephone) and a brief paragraph of support and description. Applications for the position will be accepted starting March 1, 2010. Applications should include a cover letter and resume, also sent to Gretchen Hall. The position description is posted on FCNL's website; the new executive secretary will begin service in the spring of 2011.

Chapel Hill Islamic Society Seeks Permanent Space

From the Bridging the Faith Divide Committee

The Chapel Hill Islamic Society, whom we hosted for a reception after forum on January 24, has been renting space for their prayers at The Church of Reconciliation. In their search for a permanent space, they asked if we knew of any locations. This would be a wonderful opportunity for us to lend support to this small but eager group. A description and contact person follows. Please share any information with Rose that may be helpful. Contact Curt Torell for questions.

“The Muslim community of Chapel Hill is currently looking to establish the first mosque in our beautiful town. We are looking for a property, either commercial or residential, that is allowed to be used as a place of worship and is on at least one bus line. Any leads would be appreciated! Please contact Rose Aslan at rsaslan@gmail.com.”

“Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life” by Marshall Rosenberg

Book Review by Emily Buehler

Nonviolent Communication presents practical ways to examine and alter your language, with the result of communicating more helpfully and also being more effective at getting what you want. Much of it felt familiar, similar to ideas I’ve found at the Friends Meeting, but a few of the ideas surprised me. The basis of nonviolent communication (NVC) is identifying and clearly communicating our needs and the needs of others. The author views many things (such as anger) as the result of unmet needs.

NVC involves 4 steps or “pieces of information”: observe the actions that affect us, identify how we feel in relation to observations, identify the needs, values, or desires that create our feelings, and request a concrete action to enrich our lives. There are two parts to the NVC process: expressing ourselves honestly

through the 4 steps, and receiving empathically through the 4 steps. I can't briefly summarize all the steps, but a few examples follow. There were many more helpful points that would not fit in this review.

One chapter examined "Communication that blocks compassion." Some were obvious (but still hard to swallow), for example in "moralistic judgments" our analyses of others are actually expressions of our own needs and values. (I practiced replacing "she's wrong" with the nonviolent language "her decision to do this conflicts with my values.") Other communication that blocks compassion was less obvious, for example, denial of responsibility. A teacher might say, "I give grades because I have to," instead of taking responsibility for her actions by saying "I choose to give grades because I want to keep my job."

Another chapter examined "Observing without evaluating." For example, "Hank is a bad player" becomes "Hank has not scored in 20 games." (As an aside, this has interesting ramifications for writing—evaluating and exaggerating make for bland writing, as opposed to concrete examples.) A third chapter pointed out how often we use the word "feel" followed by an opinion or interpretation, rather than an actual feeling word. For example, "I feel ignored" is an interpretation of the actions of another, and the other person will hear criticism. Instead, we might say "I feel lonely and want more emotional contact with you." In NVC, we take responsibility for our feelings, which do not result from the actions of others, but from how we choose to receive their actions. We can recognize speech patterns that mask our accountability and replace them with "I feel ... because I" The book discusses how to request what you need clearly, which will increase your chances of getting it.

The book discusses how to listen empathically. Some of the "common behaviors" that stop us from listening empathically surprised me; I began to notice how often I resort to them: advising, consoling, even sympathizing. One section that stood out is using NVC and empathic listening to defuse violence and to see a threatening person not as a monster. I'd always felt unclear about passivism, and this approach (doing something nonviolent instead of doing nothing) helped me.

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
January 17, 2010
Jennifer Leeman, presiding clerk
Judy Purvis, recording clerk pro tem**

We opened in worship and considered the following query:
Is the Meeting a joyful place where members and attenders feel they belong
and willingly share in the work of the meeting community?

Welcome

Clerk Jennifer Leeman welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda.

Minutes

Minutes for the December 21st Meeting for Worship with Attention to
Business were approved as published in the newsletter.

Care and Counsel Committee

Robin Harper reported for Lynn Drake, clerk of the Care and Counsel
Committee, on their new guidelines for what it means to be “under the care”
of the committee (attached). We noted that several individuals and couples,
such as the Greens’ parenting classes and couple enrichment work, Jan
Hutton’s Compassionate Listening workshops, and John Watts’ music ministry,
are currently being held under the care of various committees. We clarified
that a person’s ministry should first be held under the care of the committee
that best applies to it (e.g., participation in Southern Appalachian Young
Friends should be held under Youth Religious Education). If the work appears
to be expanding so that care of another committee would also be
appropriate, this should be coordinated by the clerks of the two committees.
Jan Hutton, clerk of Ministry and Worship, reported that M&W is considering
similar guidelines for its oversight work. Friends encouraged providing
multiple ways that Meeting participants can learn about having their ministry
held under the care of a committee.

Nominations Committee

Jeff Brown, clerk, reported on their process for discerning gifts and leadings that leads up to nominating new members of Meeting committees and positions. He noted that our committees and boards (e.g., Carolina Friends School) currently include around 140 adult positions (with some Friends serving in more than one position). The committee has asked several members of Care and Counsel and Ministry and Worship to join them in their work as they seek a new clerk of the Meeting, because Jennifer steps down this June at the end of her 3-year term. We noted the importance of having a vital Nominating committee to help ensure the health of the other Meeting committees. The report was accepted with thanks to the committee and its clerk for their hard work.

Peace & Social Concerns Committee

Hank Elkins, clerk, presented the committee's annual report of the various peace and social concerns activities that it and other Meeting members are involved in (attached). Hank noted overlap with other committees, such as Environmental Concerns. We have made important strides in areas such as contact with legislators, prison ministry, and contact with the local Muslim community. The report was accepted with great appreciation. The committee was asked to provide ongoing information (e.g., via the newsletter or website) about the various benevolences that we support, so that we can better understand how our money is being used.

Hank then brought a request from the committee that Chapel Hill Friends Meeting co-sponsor a forum on the topics of war and peace for candidates for the US Senate from North Carolina. This would be similar in format to one carried out in the past with Senate candidates, involving a number of co-sponsor groups and using queries from organizations such as FCNL to guide the discussion. Currently, co-sponsors include Carolina Friends School, Elders for Peace, the Community Church's Committee for Peace and Justice, and the Orange County Peace Coalition. A final site and additional co-sponsors are being sought. We approved co-sponsoring the forum.

Bridging the Faith Divide

Curt Torell reported on progress on this initiative (attached). The committee has made several good personal contacts in the Muslim community and written a letter of support from the Meeting for the Muslim community in Raleigh, among other activities. The committee is looking ahead to developing a Meeting service project, developing resource materials, and expanding contacts. The committee is looking for suggestions for other ways to expand their work. We accepted the report with thanks.

Treasurer's Report

Judy Purvis presented the Treasurer's report (attached). As of December 31st (halfway through our fiscal year), we had collected \$36,858.34 of our \$69,530 budget. Since November, December and January are our main months for donations, we have a ways to go to meet the budget for the year. Friends accepted the report.

Announcements:

*Tom Munk reported the following briefly. More information will be available in the newsletter and In the Light:

- 2/3/10: Peace and Social Concerns will devote 1 hour of its meeting to developing five priorities for FCNL to concentrate on in working with the administration and members of the 112th Congress. The priorities will be brought to Meeting for Business for approval to forward to FCNL. All are encouraged to attend to help develop appropriate priorities.
- JUICE (Justice United in Community Effort), which we joined last month, is bringing two concerns to the 1/25 presentation to the Chapel Hill town council: the need for a living wage and the need to repair/clean up potholes and graffiti in the low income neighborhoods of Chapel Hill. They ask as many as possible to be present to indicate support. Their leadership teams will meet on 2/2/10, and all are invited to participate.
- 2/13/10 is the Historic 1000s on Jones Street (HK on J) annual march to support statewide legislation on a number of issues. We hope that buses will be available for Friends to attend.
- 1/17/10: rally at the Chapel Hill post office, organized by the NAACP, for Martin Luther King, Jr day; other events will occur throughout the day,

including the celebration at CFS at 10:30 AM. All are welcome.

- Friends are encouraged to consider the faith issues involved in healthcare and to visit the website (<http://www.faithfulreform.org/>) to learn more about this issue.

- * Curt Torell reported on the release of Cliff Cornell from Camp Lejeune. He had attempted to gain CO status, went AWOL to Canada, then returned and was confined to the brig for 11 months. He extended his thanks through Curt to our Meeting for all the support he has received during this process.

- * Pam Schwingl announced that the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Association and the Coalition to End Environmental Racism will be meeting at the meeting house on 1/23/10 from 2 to 5 PM to envision next steps in their work. All are invited to attend.

- * The Interfaith Council item for next month is dry cereal.

We closed in worship.

Attending: Jennifer Leeman, Judy Purvis, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Ann Kessemeier, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Wren Hendrickson, Jan Hutton, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn Stuart, Nancy Elkins, Daniel Wright, Ken Grogan, Tom Munk, Kathy Davis, Jeff Brown, Bettie Flash, John Hite, Matt Drake, James Harper, Robin Harper, Anne Smith, Marilyn A. Dyer, Hank Elkins.

Under the Care of Care and Counsel

The Meeting encourages Friends who have leadings to test those leadings and seek further support for them. One way to do so is for Friends to ask that their “ministry” be taken under the care of one of the Meeting’s committees.

This is the process that will be used by the Care and Counsel Committee:

- * The person bringing the proposal is a member or regular attender of the Meeting.

- * The person brings to the committee a written proposal specifying what the activity entails, as well as the manner and duration in which the Meeting facilities will be used (if the activity will take place at the Meeting).

- * The person making the request meets at least once with the whole committee, giving the committee the opportunity to ask questions about the

proposal and the leading of the person making the request.

* Activities are approved initially for no longer than one year. After that interval, the person may return to the committee to ask for a "renewal" of approval. There is no limit to the number of times renewal may be granted.

* The activity is consistent with the purview of Care and Counsel.

* During the time that the activity is under the care of the committee, a subcommittee with at least one Care and Counsel Committee member meets regularly with the person. The purposes of those meetings are (1) to be supportive of the person carrying out the activity, and (2) to ensure that the activity continues to be in harmony with Friends' testimonies.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee Annual Report January 17, 2010

Benevolences:

The Committee studied charitable organizations as potential recipients of Meeting funds, wrote descriptions of those organizations it recommended to the Meeting, and presented a well-considered benevolence budget to the Meeting.

Community Collaborations:

The Committee provides official representation and often, leadership, in many local organizations that support the Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns agenda, including:

- o Orange Justice United In Community Empowerment
- o The Orange County Peace Coalition
- o Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HKonJ)
- o NC Choices for Youth
- o TIMELEAP (Triangle/Triad Middle East Legislative, Education, and Advocacy Project)
- o NC Warn
- o Coalition for Peace and Justice
- o Elders for Peace

Islamic Community:

The committee supported the establishment of an Ad Hoc committee to help

develop our Meeting's relations with the local Islamic Community.

Moncure Plywood Workers:

The Committee brought to the Meeting a resolution, approved by the Meeting, to support the striking Moncure Plywood Workers. Meeting members visited, brought food, and contributed funds to the picketing workers in Moncure, talked with management at the Moncure plant, and telephoned the corporate owners to express support for the striking workers.

Gaza:

- o Friends expressed to Congressman David Price their objections to his vote January 9, 2009 for H.R. 34: because, in part, of the bill's mischaracterization of the breakdown of the ceasefire, the concern for a single Israeli prisoner without mention of the thousands of Palestinian prisoners, and the implicit approval of the killing and injuring of hundreds of people, the destruction of hospitals, schools, water and sewage, and power generating facilities for the presumed reason of defending Israel.
- o The Committee objected to Congressman David Price's vote for H.Res. 867 to disregard the United Nations report on Gaza by Judge Goldstone.
- o The Committee brought to the Meeting a resolution, which the Meeting approved, to thank Congressman David Price for signing a December 17 to the letter to President Obama to ease Gaza suffering, circulated by Reps. Jim McDermott and Keith Ellison.

Afghanistan:

- o The committee sponsored showings of the film "Rethinking Afghanistan"
- o The committee obtained signatures from the Meeting and many others on an ad taken out by Elders for Peace in the News and Observer calling for an exit strategy for Afghanistan.

The coal-fired Duke Energy Cliffside power plant and NC Warn:

- o Two Committee members testified at hearings of the NC Utility Commission against the construction of the Cliffside plant.
- o On April 20, seven from CHFM protested in Charlotte in the NC Warn rally against the Cliffside plant. One was arrested for stepping across the line at the Duke Energy headquarters.

- o The Committee sponsored an October forum in which Prof. John Blackburn, former Chair of the Duke University Economics Department, argued that a new coal-fired plant was not necessary in North Carolina if 1) Duke customers conserved 1% of energy, 2) Duke fostered co-generation, and 3) NC generated more wind and solar energy.

NC Council of Churches:

- o CHFM members participated in the March 31 Legislative Seminar in Raleigh.
- o The Committee recommended to the Meeting, and the Meeting united in a resolution to recommend that Piedmont Friends Fellowship consider affiliation with the North Carolina Council of Churches.
- o A Committee member presented the recommendation for affiliation at the Piedmont Friends Fellowship Retreat May 8-10 and at the Nov. 7 meeting of Piedmont Friends Fellowship representatives.
HKonJ (Historic Thousands on Jones Street)
- o CHFM members participated in the February 14 HKonJ rally in Raleigh.
- o CHFM members participated in the HKonJ lobby day in Raleigh.
- o Committee members played a leadership role in the HKonJ Local assembly.
- o Committee members participated in statewide leadership activities.

National Leadership Fund:

The Committee has administered four requests for funds for leadership in the Friends Committee on National Legislation and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Health Care Reform:

The Committee, with the support and advice of other Meeting members and attenders, established a continuing email dialogue with the staff of Senator Kay Hagan to advocate for strong health care reform. The dialogue included a conference call and a visit to Washington. A less intensive conversation also occurred with the offices of Rep. Price and Sen. Burr.

Prison Ministry:

- o Yoke Fellows: On Tuesday evenings as many as ten CHFM members participated in conversation with prisoners at Orange Correctional Center. CHFM provided healthy refreshments on one of the Tuesday

evenings in October.

- o Faith-based support teams: CHFMs members served on support teams for two prisoners released this year, Bill Rasor on May 12 and LeJhoyn Holland on August 24.
- o Employment: CHFMs members have sought out local employment opportunities and have taken prisoners and ex-offenders for job interviews.
- o Re-Entry Partners: CHFMs members in the bi-monthly networking meetings of prison staff, prisoners, ex-offenders, parole workers and volunteers. Two CHFMs members serve on the planning committee for this program.
- o Community Resource Council: Three CHFMs members serve on this council composed of volunteers and staff at the Orange Correctional Center.
- o Pre-Release Program: Three CHFMs members serve on the planning committee for this new program.
- o Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP): The program seeks to bring AVP to Orange Correctional Center. This is a program which originated with Friends and prisoners in New York and has spread to 35 states and more than 20 countries but has not been implemented in North Carolina prisons.
- o Augmented health services: In collaboration with UNC, the program plans diagnostic testing for infectious diseases, education for food purchase, preparation, and eating patterns.
- o Housing: A Committee member is serving on the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness to advocate for more housing opportunities.
- o Employment: In collaboration with prisoners and the Orange County JobLink Supervisor, Committee members are implementing testing services at Orange Correctional Center and enhancing resources available at the Center for job searches.
- o Education: Committee members are working with Durham Tech Community College to bring more courses to Orange Correctional Center.
- o Editing resource manuals: For the eight counties to which most

Orange Correctional Center prisoners are released, Committee members editing and writing resource manuals.

Bridging the Faith Divide Subcommittee Report to Meeting – Sunday, January 17, 2010

The work of our committee continues to grow. We have two forums scheduled over the next few months:

On January 24, Zeba Syed Khan, from the Chapel Hill Islamic Society (CHIS), will talk at a forum entitled Hajj, Pilgrimage to Mecca about her experiences at the 2009 Hajj. She will also share afterwards with the children in FDS. Hospitality has arranged refreshments for Zeba after meeting, and we have invited other members of CHIS to join us at this time and also for worship.

Abdullah Antepli, Chaplain at Duke's newly formed Islamic Student Center, is scheduled for a forum on March 28. As a Muslim from Turkey and having moved here 17 years ago, he has many insights and experiences to share as a Muslim living in America. A tentative title is Listening to our Muslim Neighbors.

Our youth member of the committee, Graeme Durovich, invited Mona Dakrouri, a speaker at a forum we sponsored last year, to speak at her school, Emerson Waldorf.

Nancy Milio was forwarded an email from Omid Safi, a professor of Islamic studies at UNC, who responded to FCNL's recent epistle for Encouraging Quaker Engagement with American Muslims. Omid is Iranian born and author of a new book addressing a Muslim quest for justice, gender equality, and pluralism. She will meet with him next week and share concerns both from FCNL and our ad hoc committee.

We continue to nurture contacts with local Muslims and Islamic organizations and are attending programs at local Mosques. Our committee is also working closely with TIMELEAP (Triangle Interfaith Middle East Legislative, Education, and Advocacy Project) and Peace and Social Concerns to develop an alliance of interfaith religious leaders.

We welcome all suggestions on how we might develop closer associations with our American Muslim brothers and sisters and how our Meeting can more fully understand and appreciate Islam.

The next meeting of the committee is Sunday, January 17 at the rise of second meeting. Anyone is invited to attend.

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara Conger, Graeme Durovich, Kay Eager, Nancy Milio, Diane Rowley, Miriam Thompson, & Curt Torell

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal YTD through December 31, 2009

Income

	12/1/09– 12/31/09	2009-2010 budget	Cumulative total from 7/1/09	Budgeted funds to be raised
Unrestricted Income				
Unrestricted personal**	\$9238.10		\$35,129.34	
Unrestricted building use	455		\$1,729	
Total Unrestricted Income	\$9693.10	\$69,530.00	\$36,858.34	\$32,491.66
Restricted Income				
Football parking (YRE)*			\$6,915	
ARE Book Sales			\$530.00	
Total Restricted Income				
TOTAL INCOME	\$9693.10		\$43,423.34	

*Total applied to YRE expenses before budget (see Expenses); also includes donations from youth at Durham Friends Meeting.

**This includes a gift of \$518.10 in stock, which was deposited directly into the General Fund, which is held at Friends Fiduciary Corporation.

Expenses

<i>Committee Expenses</i>	<i>12/1/09-12/31/09</i>	<i>2009-2010 budget</i>	<i>Cumulative total from 7/1/09</i>	<i>Budget Remaining</i>
Adult Religious Education		\$300.00		\$300.00
<i>Q 101 books</i>			<i>\$540.80</i>	<i>(offset by sales)</i>
Buildings & Grounds	\$1279.65	\$15,300	\$7231.06	\$8068.94
<i>Insurance</i>	<i>\$902</i>	<i>\$5,550</i>	<i>\$3056</i>	<i>\$2494</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>\$377.65</i>	<i>\$5,500</i>	<i>\$2998.59</i>	<i>\$2501.41</i>
<i>Maintain & Improve</i>		<i>\$3,250</i>	<i>\$1,176.47</i>	<i>\$2073.53</i>
<i>Landscaping</i>		<i>\$1,000</i>		<i>1000</i>
Care & Counsel		\$100		100.00
Children's Religious Educ.	\$120.06	\$5,100	\$915.94	4187.06
Environmental Concerns		\$650		650.00
Finance	51.84	\$300	\$200.90	99.10
Hospitality	22.60	\$450	\$45.60	404.40
Library	186.50	\$400	\$447.92	(-47.92)
Ministry & Worship	115	\$1,300	\$533	767
Nominations		\$25		25.00
Peace & Social Concerns		\$300	\$235.24	64.76
Publications & Records	373	\$1,800	\$911.12	888.79
<i>Youth Religious Educ. *</i>	<i>620.19</i>	<i>\$2,000</i>	<i>\$1,652.86</i>	<i>\$2000.00</i>
Total Committee Expenses*	\$2148.65	\$28,025		
Fund for Quaker Service	1012.10	\$2,550	\$1574.06	\$425.94
Discretionary Fund	486.61	\$2,550	486.61	\$2063.39
External Benevolences		\$32,770		\$32,770.00
Phys. Pl. Repl. Fund		\$1,500		\$1,500.00
Leadership Dev. Fund		\$1750		\$1,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	3647.36			

* YRE expenses subtracted first from fundraising income: \$6915-\$1652.86 = \$5262.14 available over Meeting budget
 Total committee expenses does not include YRE expenses.

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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am
Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm

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Calendar: (All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 2/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "Quaker View/State of Union" --Nancy Milio
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC (dry cereal) - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
Tue. 2/9	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 2/10	10am-12pm	Quaker Issues & Insights - Marilyn Dyer's Home
Thu. 2/11	5:30pm	UN Peacekeeping Workshop - Global Education Center
Fri. 2/12	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
		FLGBTQC Midwinter Gathering - New York
Sat. 2/13	9:30am	Historic Thousands on Jones Street
Sun. 2/14	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "Forgiveness: Amish Story" --Tom McQuiston
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	1-2:30pm	Exploring Quakerism - Lloyd Kramer
Tue. 2/16	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 2/17	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash's Home
Fri. 2/19	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 2/21	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:30am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
		<i>Deadline to Register: 2/27 "Forgiveness as Spiritual Discipline"</i>
Wed. 2/24	10am-12pm	Quaker Issues & Insights - Marilyn Dyer's Home
Fri. 2/26	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
	7-9pm	Forgiveness as a Spiritual Discipline
Sat. 2/27	9am-5pm	Forgiveness as a Spiritual Discipline
Sun. 2/28	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: "Forgive/Spiritual Discipline" --Sue Regen
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 3/2	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 3/3	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash's Home
Thu. 3/4	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 3/5	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Sts.
Sun. 3/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing by Renee Prillaman
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse