

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

August, 2010



Monthly Query:

How do I recognize and lay aside my personal agendas as I enter Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business? Do I consider difficult questions with an informed mind as well as a generous and loving spirit?

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"The environment is God's gifts to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations, and towards humanity as a whole."

Upcoming Forum Schedule

Look for forums to return in the fall!

IFC Needs

The InterFaith Council (IFC) continues to collect donations. Please add to your shopping carts nonperishable items to donate in the green bin in the entry room. Items are delivered after the first Sunday of the month. Thank you!

Student Looking for Summer Work

Grace Stanley, rising Junior at Guilford College and a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, is available for summer work of all kinds beginning immediately. She has experience in child care and transport, pet care and training, gardening, and is a licensed driver with her own car. Grace is involved in a volunteer position over the summer, but is in need of paying work to help with school expenses in the fall. She can be contacted at (919) 605-7610 (cell), (919) 968-1168 (home), or stanleyg@guilford.edu.

Share a ride to Pendle Hill

November 12-14

Lauren Tappan is planning to go to Pendle Hill's 80th anniversary (November 12-14). This weekend will be a highlight in Pendle Hill's history, and well worth the effort. There is a possibility of sharing a room on campus for the weekend. If anyone is interested, please contact Lauren Tappan (919-929-5256).

Accolades for Friends Journal

Submitted by Marsha Green

Friends Journal, an independent magazine of Quaker thought and life today, continues to be recognized as among the very best religious journalism being published. At the Associated Church Press's 2010 "Best of the Christian Press" competition, the Journal was honored with five awards, including an Honorable Mention (3rd Place) for Best in Class among all denominational magazines.

But Friends Journal is much more than just the printed magazine we have grown to love. So many people submit so many good pieces that the Journal has expanded online. Check out their website at www.friendsjournal.org. And if you aren't already a subscriber, consider supporting this wonderful organization by purchasing a print subscription, digital subscription, or by making a donation.

Muslim Glossary Part 2*

Part 1 of the Muslim Glossary was in the June newsletter.

Some non-English words commonly used by Muslims in the US:

Peace be upon you = As-salaam alaykum
and upon you peace = wa alaykum as-salaam.

Hello = a'ha lan

Goodbye = ma'a salama

Thank you = shukran

God willing = in sha allah

Masjid = mosque

Azan = call to prayers

Khatib = preacher

Khutba = sermon given during Friday prayers

Tafsir = interpretation/exegesis of Qur'an

Du'a = supplication/prayers

Halal = permitted [e.g., dietary items]

Haram = forbidden

Iftar = breaking of the fast, during Ramadan or other fast days

Deen = religion, but with a broader meaning. It refers to a complete way of life set forth in Islam. It refers only to Islam when used in the American context, although in Arabic, it can refer to "religion" in general.

Ma sha Allah = What God pleases. This phrase is often used by Muslims; it is a way of staying humble, as everything beautiful, good, and successful comes from God and can only be attributed to Him. So for example, if a Muslim sees a beautiful baby, he/she will say, "mashallah, mashallah, he is so beautiful, mashallah."

Alhamdulillah = all praise is to God, Muslims recognize that God ultimately is the giver of everything, and while they have free will and can choose to do good or bad things, everything comes from God. So pious Muslims will use this phrase as a response for everything good or bad: “Alhamdulillah, I passed my exam today.” Or, “Alhamdulillah, I didn’t pass my exam today, but it is God’s will.”

Bismillah al-rahman al-rahim = in the name of God, the most merciful, the compassionate; these are the first words in the Qur’an. Muslims often use this phrase when beginning anything: beginning to eat, entering a room, getting on a bus, etc.

Hijab = headscarf

Niqab = face veil, referring to the kind of veil Muslim women wear in the West

Burqa = complete face and body veil, mainly found in Afghanistan and South Asia, and for some traditional and specific kinds of face veils in the Arab world. The Burqa is never found in the West and is not the appropriate word to refer to what Muslim women wear in the West

Jilbab/abaya = long, loose robe worn by some Muslim women

Kuffiyeh/kuffi = the headdress worn by Arab men and by some Muslim men in the West

*[I am indebted to Rose Aslan, a Muslim scholar at UNC, for her contribution to this material. She is part of the core group seeking to found a new mosque/center in cooperation with our Meeting.]

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Bridging the Faith Divide Committee, CHFM.

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Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
July 18, 2010**

Query: How do I recognize and lay aside my personal agendas as I enter Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business? Do I consider difficult questions with an informed mind as well as a generous and loving spirit?

1. Carolyn White, clerk, Welcomed Friends and reviewed the agenda.

The agenda noted that the quarterly Meeting with Attention to Business would be used to discuss benevolences. A Friend remarked that this is not the correct use of the term “quarterly meeting.” In Quaker practice, a quarterly meeting is the term applied to an association of monthly meetings within a local region. After some discussion of other more appropriate terms, such as “appointed,” “supplemental,” “supplementary,” “called,” or “evening,” the meeting requests that Ministry and Worship Committee come up with another term for these additional Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business. Furthermore, it was suggested that the committee reconsider the time for our Monthly Meeting. The current time, in between early and later Meeting for Worship, has time restraints, which is one reason appointed or called meetings are needed. The time frame was chosen to increase member participation in Business Meeting, but it doesn’t seem to make a difference. Ministry and Worship committee will visit these items and report back to Business Meeting.

2. Review of Minutes for June 20th Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: One revision was brought to the attention of the meeting: RENA is the acronym for Rogers/Eubanks Road Neighborhood Association. Minutes from the June 20th Meeting were approved with the revision.

3. Anne Smith delivered the annual report for the Library Committee (attached). Friends approved the report with gratitude and complimented the committee on how well organized and user-friendly the library is.

4. Jan Hutton presented a minute from Ministry & Worship Committee in support of Allie Scale's leading to create a Quaker embroidery depicting CHFM history (attached). Friends approved the minute and expressed appreciation for all the possibilities that the project holds for community building as well as for creative expression.

5. Finance report. Matt Drake reported that the Meeting ended the fiscal year "in the black." Contributions were hugely important to this success. Some committees overspent and some under spent. The Finance Committee will meet on July 27 and work on an end-of-fiscal-year report that will present specifics to the above points. The Committee is starting to plan communications with Friends about the 2010-2011 budget. Contributions are welcome starting now.

6. Hank Elkins shared Peace & Social Concerns Committee's joy at having received a letter with photos from Elizabeth Mamani, a nursing student in La Paz, Bolivia who is supported by our meeting through Bolivian Quaker Education Fund. She is among

the first Quakers in Bolivia to go to university and is very appreciative of our support.

7. Nancy Milio shared highlights from the Carolina Friends School Annual report, which will be published shortly. New by-laws have recently been approved, clarifying Board duties, how the Board is composed, separating Business and Audit Committees, adding Quaker Spiritual Life Committee, and inserting new provisions, budgeting process and term limits. The report also describes the tremendous work that has gone into capital improvements. Nancy Milio is happy to discuss the report and the school's priorities with individual Friends.

8. Marilyn Dyer provided an update on the CHFM Memorial Garden and Memorial Book (attached). The Memorial Book is in the Library and memorializes members and attenders who die, whether their ashes are in the Garden or not. Marilyn has recently taken over responsibility for the book and is in need of a source for a similar scrapbook.

Messages and Announcements:

We will skip August Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and hold two in September: On September 9 at 7:00 pm and on September 19 at 9:30 am. Our "evening" or "appointed" Meeting with Attention to Business in September will be used to discuss benevolences.

In attendance: Ann Kessemeyer, Tom Munk, Jan Hutton, Lloyd Kramer, Jennifer Leeman, Wren Hendrickson, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Marilyn Dyer, Anne Smith, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Emily Condon, Nancy Milio, Dottie Henninger, Susan Inglis, Carolyn White

Annual Report—June, 2010
Library Committee
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

The Library Committee maintains and improves the Meeting's collection of books, periodicals, pamphlets, audio/visual materials, etc. to further the life of the Meeting. The committee has spent most of its time processing donated and purchased books, adding them to the catalog and deleting lost and discarded books from the catalog. Meeting members and attenders have generously donated new books and many books from their home libraries. The committee continues to work toward making the catalog available on-line through a link on the Meeting web site. This project has been delayed due to the large number of books which have been deleted from and added to the catalog and to ongoing reclassification of books. Dave Curtin generously donated a desktop computer to the library. Having a computer in the library will eliminate the need for committee members to use their personal laptops and will make it possible for any committee member to update the catalog during committee meetings and work days.

The longstanding problem of missing books continues. Some books are evidently removed from the library without being checked out; some are checked out then not returned; and some are returned but apparently removed from the return box before they are checked back in and re-shelved by Library Committee members. The disappearance of these books is a tremendous loss to the Meeting. Due to budget constraints of the Meeting all of these books cannot possibly be replaced. The Library Committee has been following up monthly on books which are checked out to remind members and attenders to return them.

The Library Committee has received more requests this year than last to buy books, and it has attempted to honor those requests. Due to the limited budget and the increasing cost of books, the committee has decided to try some new strategies, in addition to purchasing the books itself. The committee will suggest that members or attenders consider donating the requested book or if another committee requests a book, asking that committee to purchase the book. The Library Committee will continue to purchase some books and will consider replacing some of the lost books.

The committee continues to clean up and re-organize the library to make it more inviting. Pamphlets have been moved to the counter and shelf under the windows to make them more visible. The new check-out procedure for pamphlets, signing the clipboard nearby, will make taking pamphlets simpler. The Library Committee plans to begin displaying newly acquired books and pamphlets on a shelf over the check-out area and to request reviews of some of those, to be published in the newsletter.

The committee also plans to explore transferring the library's collection of video tapes to DVD's and cassette tapes of forums to CD's to make them more accessible to the Meeting members and attenders. The Library Committee hopes to recruit volunteers to make these transfers. Adult Religious Education Committee has already been putting recent forums on CD's.

Library Committee members: Ann Booth, Kay Eager, Sue Fletcher, Dirk Kelder, Nancy Martin, Ann

A 'Minute' in Support of Allie Scales's Leading

"Allie Scales has requested that Ministry and Worship support her in a leading to begin a project with the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to create an embroidered wall-hanging based on the international Quaker Tapestry. The completed work will illustrate aspects from the life of our meeting, historically and currently, gathered from members of our meeting. It would serve as a focal point to bring together many people from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community, and would be an ongoing project with no specific deadline, although it could be presented as part of the Meeting 75th anniversary celebration in 2012."

"The Ministry and Worship Committee has voiced its desire to take the Quaker this project under its care and is asking Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business for a minute to support this project."

Explanation of the Quaker Tapestry

The Quaker Tapestry is a series of 77 embroidered panels, or wall hangings, telling stories of Quaker thought, ideals, and history. It is now housed in the historic Kendal Meetinghouse, in the heart of Fox country in England. The concept began in a First Day School class. In the making, the project reached inward to Quaker Meetings and friends, to bring together people of all skills and ages, and with its completion, has

reached outward to inform, connect and bring joy to many thousands of Friends and non-Friends. It is an engrossing and beautiful work of art, but essentially, the Quaker Tapestry has been a project for community.

My interest is in working with the CHFM to create a panel in the manner of those of the Tapestry that would contain embroidered illustrations that represent our Meeting both historically and currently. The product would be beautiful, but as in the Quaker Tapestry itself, the emphasis would be on the process – all the different ways that such a project could involve our ‘elders’, midlifers, newcomers, and children: in telling stories, making drawings, and stitching the panel.
www.quaker-tapestry.co.uk

Care and Counsel Committee

**Update on the Hillside Memorial Garden and Memorial Book
by Marilyn Dyer**

The Memorial Hillside Garden was established on the site of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in 1988. This is not a licensed cemetery and there is no guarantee that it will remain in perpetuity. A map (on file) was drawn in 1993 but no guidelines were ever recorded. The following information is from the Memorial Book.

In 1998, an ad hoc committee consisting of Nancy Bless, Elizabeth Cooley, and Lois Ann Hobbs, drew up a preliminary set of guidelines concerning the Memorial Garden and the maintenance of a Memorial Book. This draft then went to the

Overseers Committee, now referred to as the Care and Counsel Committee. This committee then brought it to the October 11, 1998, Monthly Meeting for Business, where it was approved. The following is a summary of what the Meeting approved.

Overseers (now Care and Counsel) works with families to make arrangements when a member or attender dies. If there is a desire to place ashes of the deceased in the Memorial Garden, this same committee is to be contacted, as it maintains a map indicating where remains are deposited therein. This committee is responsible for informing families of the guidelines that govern the use of the Garden. Building and Grounds Committee has responsibility for maintaining the Memorial Garden in order to keep it tidy and attractive.

Care and Counsel also maintains a list of deaths, including dates, of members and attenders as they occur. This information is kept in the large Memorial Book (on the shelf behind the entry to the library). Friends are welcome to contribute obituaries, memorial service programs, or a photograph for entry into this Memorial Book. Marnie Clark maintained this book until her death in 2009. Care and Counsel has since assigned this responsibility to committee member Marilyn Dyer.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends**

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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.)

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| Sun. 8/1 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| | 12:30pm | “Rogue” Potluck & IFC donations |
| | | Environmental Concerns Com. – Schoolhouse |
| Tue. 8/3 | 7:30–8:30pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Wed. 8/4 | 10am–12pm | Quaker Women’s Gathering – Bettie Flash Home |
| Thurs. 8/5 | 9am–1pm | CHFM serves lunch at the InterFaith Shelter |
| Fri. 8/6 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| Sun. 8/8 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | | Refreshments Afterward – Library |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| Tue. 8/10 | 7:30–8:30pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Wed. 8/11 | 10am | Quaker Issues & Insights – Marilyn Dyer Home |
| Fri. 8/13 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| Sun. 8/15 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | Note: there is | no Business Meeting this month. |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | | Refreshments Afterward – Library |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| Tue. 8/17 | 7:30–8:30pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Wed. 8/18 | 10am–12pm | Quaker Women’s Gathering – Bettie Flash Home |
| Fri. 8/20 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| Sun. 8/22 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | | Refreshments Afterward – Library |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| Tue. 8/24 | 7:30–8:30pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Wed. 8/25 | 10am–12pm | Quaker Issues & Insights – Marilyn Dyer Home |
| Fri. 8/27 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |

Sun. 8/29	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
		Refreshments Afterward - Library
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Wed. 9/1	10am-12pm	Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home
Thurs. 9/2	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 9/3	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 9/5	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations - Schoolhouse
		Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
Thurs. 9/9	7pm	As-yet-unnamed Additional Business Meeting
Sun. 9/19	9:30am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business

