

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

March, 2011



Monthly Query:

How does our Meeting recognize, develop, and nurture the gifts of our members and attenders of all ages? In what ways do we support each other to seek divine guidance and act upon our understanding of truth?

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From the ECC:

Seeds fuel our lives, body, mind, and spirit. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43

Read more on page 3.



Upcoming Forum Schedule

March 6 "The Survival of Quaker Priorities in the New Political Environment" - Nancy Milio to present

March 13 "Cherishing CHFM's History: A Documentary" - DVD created by Linda De Lorenzo, discussion facilitated by Jan Hutton and Dan Darnell

March 27 "Using our Past to Build our Future: Reflections on the Spiritual State of the Meeting" - follow up to March 26 Spiritual State of the Meeting for those who attended and those who were unable.

April 3 to be determined

IFC News: Upcoming Public Hearing

Monday, March 21, 7pm, Chapel Hill Town Hall

The public hearing about the IFC's proposed new shelter will be on Monday, March 21 at 7pm at Town Hall. IFC is encouraging supporters to attend. If you wish to speak at the hearing, IFC requests that you talk with Alan Rosen before the meeting so that IFC can coordinate its message. His number is 929-6380, Ext. 27.

Donations: The IFC is currently in need of canned pinto beans, toilet paper, and muffin mix.

EnviroTip From the ECC

March is a good time for the sprouting of seeds. Be it a wildflower or tomato for your garden, it is a thing of beauty to watch them grow. As with most things in life, a healthy seed produces a healthier product, be it pollen for the bees or fruit for your table. Seeds fuel our lives, body, mind, and spirit. "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit." Luke 6:43. In recent times, large seed companies have taken it upon themselves to alter original seeds in extreme ways, like adding pesticides and creating transgenic varieties. Currently, all USDA organic food is supposed to be GMO (genetically modified organism) free, and cross pollination aside, it is. Hopefully this will always be true. Hopefully we as a worldwide community will continue to grow in our understanding of the beauty, truth, and health found in an heirloom seed that has been shaped by nature and farmers, and not by labs.

There are seed activists doing amazing work to preserve original seeds and to eliminate those that cause environmental and health problems. A woman in India named Vandana Shiva, is a leader in this movement and has moved mountains in her efforts to maintain health and wellness in remote farming villages through saving seeds. "We have received the precious gift of biodiversity and seeds from nature and our ancestors and we pledge to protect our rich biological heritage and fundamental freedom to save and exchange seeds." (www.vandanashiva.org) An author and leading spokesman against GMO seeds in the U.S. is Jeffrey Smith; here is a link to his article, "State-of-the Science on the Health Risks of GM Foods": <http://www.seedsofdeception.com/DocumentFiles/145.pdf>

Within our neck of the woods, you can save and share seeds at the Carrboro Farmers Market, and seed preservation classes are sometimes held at Central Carolina Community College. We as the consumers have the power here, every time we purchase an item at the grocery, we are casting a vote. A vote towards what industries we support and what items we choose to bring into our bodies and homes. It is a blessing to be aware of our options, and to ponder the power of a thing so small as a seed.

OCC Garden

The residents at Orange Correctional Center, with whom a number of Friends work in various capacities, grew a beautiful vegetable garden last year and are planning their 2011 garden. The garden provides fresh produce for them to eat and also meaningful activity. They have no funds for this endeavor but rely on donations.

Potting soil has already been donated. Later they will probably request fertilizer. Asta Crowe is coordinating the purchase of seeds. Any donations (even \$2) would be warmly welcomed. See/contact Asta Crowe (astacrowe@gmail.com; 933-4564).

Newcomers' Lunch

April 10, noon - 1:30pm, Schoolhouse

If you are a relative newcomer to our Friends Meeting Community and would like to get to know us better, please come to the Newcomers' Lunch on Sunday, April 10. The Hospitality Committee will provide a light lunch and beverages. All are welcome-- new, old and in-between. Old-timers, feel free to bring along a snack to share!

Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting

Saturday, March 26, 9:30 to noon in the Meetinghouse

Guiding Query:

How have Quaker testimonies shaped our spiritual community for 75 years—and where do we go from here?

9:30 – 12 pm in the Meetinghouse, followed by lunch in the Schoolhouse

Our Meeting is approaching the 75th anniversary of its establishment as a Quaker community in Chapel Hill. This year's gathering to consider the spiritual state of the Meeting will therefore use a historical overview as a way to launch shared reflections on how earlier Chapel Hill Quakers have created a foundation for our Meeting's future. We'll begin with a conversation in which Lois-Ann Hobbs will discuss her memories of the Meeting's founding members and their vision for this community. Lois-Ann's connections with the Meeting go back to the late 1930s. We'll later move into small group sharings to think about how we are called in our own time to act upon Quaker testimonies and to extend the beliefs and actions of earlier Quaker generations.

All members and attenders are invited to join this special gathering on March 26.

Childcare will be provided, but people who will need childcare should sign up on a list that will be posted on the Meeting House door. Contact Dottie Heninger (918-2622) or Lloyd Kramer (968-0829) if you have questions.

Crop Walk

Sunday, March 27

Join us for the 25th annual Crop Walk! Registration is at 1:30; walk starts at 2:30 at the Carrboro Town Commons. There are two routes (2 miles and 4 miles) with refreshments provided after the walk.

Our goal is at least 12 walkers from Meeting, raising \$1,635. We can do it if we get enough walkers and sponsors! If you can't walk, please sponsor a walker. You can sponsor on line by going to

[http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR?
team_id=51390&fr_id=12094&pg=team](http://www.churchworldservice.org/site/TR?team_id=51390&fr_id=12094&pg=team)

where you can sign up as a walker or as a sponsor, using your credit card. If you use Facebook, you can sign for ongoing information at <http://www.facebook.com/chapelhillCROPwalk>.

T-shirts will be on sale for \$10 (Small to XXL) and \$8 (kids 6/12/18 months). We'll try to have a few at Meeting. Some corporations and foundations provide matching gifts, so check to see if yours does.

The list is available at <http://www.churchworldservice.org> under CROP hunger walk-> Participant Resources -> Recruitment Resources.

EXTRA BONUS: You will be entered to win a special limited edition, signed, numbered reproduction of one of Bob Timberlake's paintings if you raise \$100 or more. See the painting at

<https://www.bobtimberlake.com/catalog.cfm?prod=12240>.

There will also be drawings for grocery store gift cards.

Justice United House Meetings

March 26, 27; April 1

Submitted by Tom Munk and Jennifer Leeman

Please Join Us! We are the Meeting's Representatives to Orange JUICE (Justice United in Community Effort). Orange JUICE has asked all its member congregations to hold "house meetings" designed to explore the issues that concern us here in Orange County. We will take what we hear at the house meetings back to Orange JUICE as they prioritize the issues they will work on in the coming two years. We are excited to be a part of Orange JUICE because of the diversity of its membership and its approach to addressing concrete, justice issues in our community such as advocating for the towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro to adopt living wage policies.

We invite you to join us for a meal and a one-hour meeting during which we talk about our concerns for ourselves and our neighbors in Orange County. Please contact one of us (munk.tom@gmail.com, 929-9135) to sign up for one of the following times:

--- 313 Sweet Bay Place, Carrboro, our house. Saturday, March 26. Dinner from 6:00 to 7:00; meeting from 7:00 to 8:00.

--- Meetinghouse, March 27 at rise of late Meeting. We will provide lunch to participants and end in time for the Crop Walk, in which we plan to participate.

--- 313 Sweet Bay Place, Carrboro, our house. Friday, April 1. Dinner from 6:00 to 7:00; meeting from 7:00 to 8:00.

“Two Peoples One Future” Program

Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm, Community Church of Chapel Hill

The *Two Peoples One Future, The Stories Behind the Jewish Boat to Gaza* program, presented by the Coalition for Peace with Justice as a part of its 2011 Speaker Series will be held Wednesday, March 9, 7:30 PM, Community Church of Chapel Hill, Unitarian Universalist, 106 Purefoy Road, Chapel Hill.

Come hear how an international crew consisting of an 82 year old Israeli Holocaust survivor, two former Israeli Defense Force members, a founding member of Bereaved Families Circle, an American whose family are Shoa survivors, and a German Jew by conversion joined a small ship bound for Gaza under the helm of British activist Glyn Secker. Boat captain Secker and Holocaust survivor Reuven Moskowitz relate how all endured disparagement by their respective countrymen and governments, assault by the Israeli navy, and arrest by the Israeli government. Choosing to uphold fundamental Jewish values over Israeli government policies, their journey and sacrifices are a message of hope, solidarity, and peace based on freedom, justice, and human rights for all. The program will also be offered in Apex on March 8 and in Raleigh on March 10. For additional information go to www.peace-with-justice.org.

Contacting Elected Officials 101

Submitted by Emily Buehler

Contacting elected officials can be intimidating but is a good way to let your voice be heard. The CHFM Directory includes an “Elected

Officials” section with contact information (mailing address, email, and phone) for officials currently in office. If you call, you’ll probably get an assistant. If you are nervous, say something simple, like (for example), “I’m calling about the Lemur Amendment. I think it should be opposed.” (I write down what I’m going to say before calling.) They may ask for your name or zip code; I’ve never had them grill me on my views. They take calls regularly; to them, it’s no big deal!

Some groups set up easy-to-use email messages. FCNL (see below) lets you enter your zip code; your Congressperson’s info fills in automatically. You can paste in an FCNL message or write your own. Also, you are allowed to opt-out of joining the FCNL email list; unfortunately, many organizations don’t give you this option and begin spamming you as soon as you use their site. (You can always bypass their site and call/email your official directly.)

Two current opportunities to contact elected officials follow.

Contact David Price Re: Military Spending

Since Rep. Price visited us, he has had two opportunities to cut the military budget, and failed to do so in both cases. On February 19, the House approved sweeping cuts in most federal government spending for the next 6 months. The Pentagon was the primary agency that escaped the budget cuts.

Respond to Price’s vote. You might identify yourself as a disappointed Chapel Hill Friend and ask for an explanation for his votes. A link to an easy-to-send email is on the homepage of the Friends Committee on National Legislation: <http://www.fcnl.org>

Contact Senators About Clean Air & Water

The House of Representatives passed “continuing resolution” legislation that included language to block the EPA from regulating greenhouse gas emissions from stationary sources (like coal mines), rolling back the agency's work to control global warming. Senators are debating their own version of the funding legislation; they may have voted by March 4. If passed, "The bill would cut funding by about a third for the Environmental Protection Agency.... the cuts would prevent the EPA from doing its job enforcing the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and other foundational statutes. Polluters would be allowed to spew mercury into the air we breathe, arsenic into the water we drink and municipal and agricultural waste into the watersheds that nourish our land.” (National Resources Defense Council's executive director Peter Lehner)

If the Senate vote is delayed, you can contact them with your opinions on protecting clean air and water and allowing the EPA to do its job regulating industry. If they have voted, you can thank them or criticize them, depending. Phone numbers are in the CHFM Directory. Links to an easy-to-send email are on the homepage of Friends Committee on National Legislation. <http://www.fcnl.org>

Friends General Conference Gathering

July 3-9, Grinnell, IA

The annual FGC Summer Gathering is a unique opportunity to spend a week worshipping, playing, singing, and talking with over 1000 Quakers, young and old, from the United States and Canada. In particular, weeklong workshops on a wide variety of subjects

provide a chance to explore a topic in depth with other committed Friends. Many Friends say that their workshop is the spiritual heart of their Gathering experience. Short descriptions of the 45 workshops offered at this year's Gathering are available online at <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering>. Start your discernment now about which workshop to take. Long descriptions will be online by March 15. Attending the Gathering is also a great family bonding experience, with a wonderful Junior Gathering program that meets in the mornings and evenings, plus time in the afternoon for playing together. Financial assistance, particularly for first-time attenders, is available from the Meeting, from PFF, and from FGC itself. Talk to Carolyn White or Jan Hutton for more details about assistance.

One-Day Conference on Mental Illness

Friday, April 1, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill

Faith Connections on Mental Illness will be sponsoring a one-day conference, "Mental Illness as a Spiritual Journey: Creating Caring Communities" with the renown Rev. Susan Gregg-Schroeder from California. This conference is targeted to members of churches and church leadership in an effort to help them become stewards of compassion among the mentally ill and their families who live in your community. Having trained congregation members and church leaders will provide internal resources and opportunities to expand community outreach and local mission work.

Register by March 12 for the bargain rate of \$15 per person. After, the rate is \$25. Register online at www.wakeahec.org or call Jacqueline Carter at (919) 350-0461.

Initiatives for High School Students

Earlham College and the Newlin Center for Quaker Thought and Practice are sponsoring two initiatives for high school students.

The Discover Thyself website is an internet-based discernment resource for Quaker high school students discerning what to do after high school graduation. Discover Thyself explains the Quaker practice of discernment (clearness committees, etc.) and contains a Discern-o-Matic quiz that includes queries and multiple-choice questions that enable students to dig deeper into their thoughts and feelings about life after graduation. The website offers web-based resources on clearness committees and spiritual practices; as well as links to colleges with Quaker programs, Quaker and Quaker friendly programs and internships, and Quaker jobs. Books, websites and events of interest to Young Friends are also featured. The website is at www.discoverthyself.org.

The Quaker Fellows program is a four-year scholarship-based program for Earlham students, designed for young adults who are serious about serving as leaders in their communities, developing tools for social transformation, and living a life grounded in the Spirit. Utilizing Quaker faith and practice, the program engages the whole person and prepares students to be agents of change in the world. Quaker Fellows includes three formation cores: spirituality, community and leadership development. Upon completion of the program, students will be equipped to work for Quaker peace, advocacy and service agencies; facilitate group process and decision making; apply Quaker principles in the field of business, industry, or other professional work; teach in Friends' education

institutions; and offer Quaker ministry in programmed and unprogrammed Meetings.

If you have any questions or would like information, contact Emma Churchman, Young Friends Outreach Coordinator at Earlham, at churcem@earlham.edu or (765) 973-2682.

New General Secretary of FGC

Friends General Conference announced the appointment of Barry Crossno as the next General Secretary of FGC. His service will begin in mid July when Bruce Birchard retires after 19 years as General Secretary. The Search Committee brought Barry's name forward to the January 28-29 meeting of the FGC Executive Committee, and he was approved.

The Search Committee felt a deep sense of God's guidance in its interview and discernment process. Barry brings a deeply committed spiritual discipline, as well as experience in fundraising, information technology, and management from a variety of organizations, both corporate and nonprofit. The Search Committee thought his strengths plus an emphasis on a collaborative approach fit well with FGC's volunteer dependent organization with paid staff as servant leaders to help carry out the work.

Barry is a member of Dallas Friends Meeting and is currently working and worshipping at Pendle Hill. The FGC website has more information on Barry: an announcement posted the weekend of January 28-29 and then a subsequent interview with Barry. Friends are encouraged to view these. www.fgcquaker.org

Directory Updates

Miriam Thompson

New home phone: 919 370 4114 (cell phone is correct)

Martha Gwyn

New email address: mpgwyn@nc.rr.com

New listing:

Bill Jenkins and Diane Rowley, 314 Kinsale Dr., Chapel Hill, 27517

Email: bjenkins1945@yahoo.com Bill cell phone: 404-505-0555



Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
February 20, 2011

(Carolyn White, clerk; Robin Harper, acting recording clerk)

Query: What opportunities for healthy recreations does the Meeting offer its participants of all ages?

Several friends spoke out of the silence on the query. One Friend asked whether eating was a recreation. Another Friend spoke about our playground and how families lingered after Meeting for Worship to play. Another Friend spoke about eating as a recreation, and how the Council of Churches was exploring ways to make eating healthier. Other Friends mentioned game nights, movie nights and potluck as opportunities for healthy recreation.

1. Welcome, recognition of first-time attenders, and review of the agenda
Marolyn McDiarmid
2. Review of Minutes for January Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Approved.
3. Finance Committee Report (Judy Purvis)
Judy brought several points to Friends' attention:
 - Report (attached) given now rather than at the end of December (which is the end of the quarter) to reflect the

large amount of giving that comes in December and January, and also the benevolences that have been paid.

- Committees are urged to think about the remaining work they have to do in the rest of the FY, to avoid a crunch of bills coming in in June and July.
- Based on current spending and income, we can account for about 90% of what we will need to meet our goals.
- Our bequest fund, general fund, and physical plant fund (formerly physical plant replacement fund) are held in Friends' Fiduciary.

The report was received with thanks.

4. Approval of letter (attached) of support for the men's shelter; plan to attend the Town Council meeting at Chapel Hill Town Hall, March 21, 7:00pm (Dottie Heninger)
 - **Friends approved the letter**, and a copy will be sent to the Town Council and IFC. Friends also approved its being sent as a press release to the Chapel Hill News, the Carrboro Citizen, the Independent, the Daily Tar Heel, the Durham Herald, and the News & Observer.
 - Currently the IFC is in need of canned pinto beans, toilet paper, and muffin mix.
 - Friends were urged to attend the Town Hall meeting in support. Francis Coyle said if Friends would like to support IFC at this meeting, they should contact Alan Rosen.
5. Ministry & Worship recommends exploring joining Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association (SAYMA). The committee asks for the formation of an ad hoc committee from Nominations, Finance, YRE, CRE, ARE,

M&W, P&SC, PFF, ECC, and Friends-at-large to explore the next steps toward clarity on joining SAYMA as a yearly meeting. (Wren Hendrickson. Other named speakers below are also members of M&W.) (letter attached)

M&W feels that representatives from all of these committees should be part of the ad hoc committee, because they all have a stake in membership; others interested are also encouraged to participate.

- One Friend asked about the difference between PFF and a yearly meeting. Wren: PFF is a loose affiliation; a yearly meeting carries with it more responsibility and more commitment.
- One Friend pointed out that we would remain members of PFF regardless of our membership or not in a yearly meeting.
- One Friend pointed out the tremendous commitment and significant additional responsibilities involved in joining a yearly meeting. Pat Mann and Wren emphasized that this ad-hoc committee would be exploratory only, to determine exactly how it would affect us to be members of a yearly meeting.
- One Friend expressed joy at this, and pointed out that our youth are far ahead of us.
- One Friend asked if it has already been determined that SAYMA is the yearly meeting we would join. Wren: M&W decided that the question “Which yearly meeting would be the most appropriate for us to join?” was better than a more open-ended question like “Do we want to join a yearly meeting?”
- One Friend spoke passionately in favor of Baltimore Yearly Meeting as opposed to SAYMA.

- One Friend reminded us of our discussion last year regarding support for the ministry of Ann Riggs. Our concern was over FUM and its ongoing and open discrimination against gays. BYM is a member of FUM.
- Lloyd Kramer: Our meeting has reached the point where we need to come to clarity on this issue. SAYMA seems right because of our youth, and a strong regional identity.
- One Friend stressed the tremendous role SAYF played in the growth of her children.
- One Friend supported the process of exploration, as being educational and revealing for us, regardless of the decision reached.
- One Friend requested a report in April re: PFF's pursuit of becoming a yearly meeting itself.

The Meeting approved the creation of the ad-hoc committee. Wren will convene the first meeting.

6. Peace and Social Concerns requests approval of letter (attached) concerning the education of undocumented workers (Nancy Milio).

In addition, P&SC wants the Meeting's approval for sending the letter at the exact right moment (to keep the issue in committee, and not let it come to a vote).

One friend spoke strongly in support and appreciation of the work of P&SC.

Approved.

7. Report of the Naming Committee for Nominations (Nancy Milio)

Maria Darlington and Ann Kessemeier have agreed to serve, and Savannah Crites and Lolly Dunlap have agreed to share the third slot on the Naming Committee.

One Friend spoke in support of the unusual filling of the third slot, both in making it possible for friends to serve, and especially young, newer friends.

Approved.

8. Report on ad hoc benevolences committee (Carolyn White) Committee is meeting and will bring a report soon.

9. Messages and Announcements:

- Newcomers' Lunch on April 10, at rise of meeting
- Baby Welcoming during potluck on April 3 (Leo Hopper and Adrian Crites Dunlap)
- The Clergy Coalition's Annual Ministers Seminar will be held March 14, 10:00am–1:00pm, at the First Presbyterian Church in Durham. The program is titled, "Abrahamic Theology in an Inter-religious Context," and is presented by the Durham/ Chapel Hill Jewish Federation.
- Linda DiLorenzo Welcoming, today, 4:00–6:00pm, at home of Drakes
- Anyone going to PFF who would be willing to distribute FCNL materials? Contact Nancy Milio.
- Crop Walk is coming up, please sign up on the door in the foyer and include contact info.
- P&SC endorsed a conference with local legislatures entitled "Call to Conscience," and thanked those Friends who came. A press conference on the proposed state budget will be held Tuesday at the Capital.

We closed with worship.

Attending: Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Judy Purvis, Ann Kessemeier, Jennifer Leeman, Lloyd Kramer, Dottie Heninger, Carolyn Stuart, Miriam Thompson, Kitty Bergel, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Marolyn McDiarmid, Thomas McQuiston, Reginald Thomas, Ken Grogan, Jeff Brown, Tom Munk, Lynn Drake, Marilyn A. Dyer, Ruth Zalph, Anne Smith, Deborah Gibbs, Wren Hendrickson, Matt Drake, Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Bettie L. Flash, Pamela Chevalier, Anna Maxwell, Ann Shy

CHFM Treasurer's Report, July 2010 through January 2011

INCOME		July 1-Jan 31	Other Income
Contributions		\$45,195.32	\$10,000 (restricted)
Building rental			\$2,477.00
Parking space rental			\$5,095.00
Miscellaneous*			\$855.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$45,195.32	\$18,427.00
EXPENSES	2010-2011 budget	Expenditures to date	Amount remaining
Committees:			
Adult Religious Educ.	\$200.00	0	\$200.00
Buildings & Grounds ^{a,b}	\$17,020.00	\$10,409.98 ^b	\$6,226.50
Care & Counsel	\$100.00	0	\$100.00
Children's Religious Educ. ^c	\$5,250.00	\$1,993.25	\$3,115.75
Environmental Concerns	\$650.00	\$21.45	\$628.55
Finance	\$250.00	\$192.09	\$57.91

Hospitality	\$450.00	\$19.38	\$430.62
Library	\$500.00	\$87.49	\$412.51
Ministry & Worship	\$500.00	\$34.40	\$465.60
Nominations	\$25.00	0	\$25.00
Peace & Social Concerns	\$400.00	\$164.61	\$235.39
Publications & Records	\$2,100.00	\$1,154.17	\$945.83
Youth Religious Educ. ^d	\$500.00	\$1,626.71	\$500.00
Special Funds:			
National Quaker Service	\$2,000.00	\$1,977.10	\$22.90
Meeting for Suffering	\$135.00	0	\$135.00
Contingency Fund	\$1,280.00	\$525	\$755.00
Future Needs of Meeting			
Leadership Development	\$2,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Physical Plant Fund	\$2,000.00	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Wider Quaker Community^e	\$23,200.00	\$11,825	\$11,375.00
Local & Regional Orgs.	\$11,500.00	\$5,750	\$5,750.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$70,060.00	\$37,780.63	\$32,279.37

^a Includes insurance, maintenance, utilities, and landscaping. Landscaping overspent by \$1389.

^bDoesn't include \$3685 from Physical Plant Fund: painting and termite removal.

^cIncludes compensation for First Day Schl Coordinator and Nursery Care person.

^dYRE income = \$5,095; \$5,095 - \$1,626.71 = \$3,468.29 remaining without spending budgeted amount.

^eTreasurer accidentally paid full PFF benevolence.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
531 Raleigh Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
(919) 929-5377

Chapel Hill Town Council
405 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear Members of the Town Council,

We are writing to reaffirm our support for the location of the Interfaith Council men's shelter to 1315 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting has a long association with the IFC. Early founders of the IFC, Mildred Ringwalt and Gerry Gurley, were members of our Meeting. Our members and attenders continue to be deeply involved in its evolving mission.

As Quakers, we believe there is that of God in every person. We are called to care for all in our community, including the homeless and poor served by the IFC.

We strongly urge the Town Council to approve IFC's proposal to locate its new men's facility on MLK Blvd.

Sincerely,

Carolyn White, Clerk
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Letter Requesting Exploration for Joining a Yearly Meeting

This past year, Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF), in which CHFM is a member, has been considering becoming a Yearly Meeting. At a Called Meeting to discuss this, the question arose about the value of being part of a Yearly Meeting in general, and whether helping to create a new one with PFF was something Friends were interested in. While Friends expressed little interest in participating in the creation of a YM, we agreed that the value of being part of a YM should be considered in its own right.

We then held a forum, in which Friends who had been part of a YM spoke about how it had enhanced their individual lives as Quakers. Several Friends stressed the value of belonging to a larger Quaker community and expanding their spiritual community. There was discussion, and the feeling that it was something that should be further explored.

At Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, the Ministry and Worship committee was asked to investigate what it would require, how to go about joining, and which Yearly Meeting would be the best fit.

After having done some research, visited several YM Gatherings, and discussed various options, the members of M&W recommend that we join Southern Appalachian Yearly Meeting and Association. We therefore ask Business Meeting to form an ad-hoc committee with members from Finance, Peace and Social Concerns, Nominations, YRE, CRE, ARE, and M&W to explore the next steps towards clarity. We ask that this committee return to Meeting for Business with specific recommendations.

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting
Religious Society of Friends [Quaker]
531 Raleigh Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

February 20, 2011

Governor Beverly Perdue
Senator Philip Berger, President Pro Tempore
Senator Harry Brown, Majority Leader
Senator Martin Nesbitt, Jr., Democratic Leader
Representative Thom Tillis, Speaker of the House
Representative Dale Folwell, Majority Leader
Representative Joe Hackney, Minority Leader
NC State Government, Raleigh.

Dear Governor, Senators, Representatives:

We as voters expect you, our elected leaders, to uphold human values. As Quakers, we cherish those values and believe in inclusion, the spirit of community and the wholeness of the human family.

We therefore find that House Bill “No Postsecondary Education/ Illegal Aliens” [DRF30010–MD–13] to be punitive and unjust. Barring from our state’s educational institutions young people who were brought to our country as children by undocumented parents punishes young people who have done no wrong. The proposed bill cuts off their rightful opportunity to develop their skills and creativity, to prepare themselves for leadership in business, the professions and science, and the arts. These young people have

made inordinate efforts to jump the unfairly high hurdle of paying out-of-state tuition, many being forced to set their education aside to help meet the immediate needs of their families.

We all as North Carolinians are equally deprived of their contributions to our economic and social life. We need them. They have the same determination to succeed as your and our own ancestors when they first arrived in this land.

We want North Carolina to be seen as a place of opportunity, equality, and fairness, one whose state education system seeks the best and brightest regardless of their origins, one that is among the best in the country.

This legislation does not send that message. We want you to oppose it with all the tools within your respective jurisdictions. You have the responsibility to lead our State into a strong, vibrant, diverse future.

Thank you for your close attention to this matter. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully,
Carolyn White,
Clerk for Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting
The Religious Society of Friends, [Quaker],
Chapel Hill

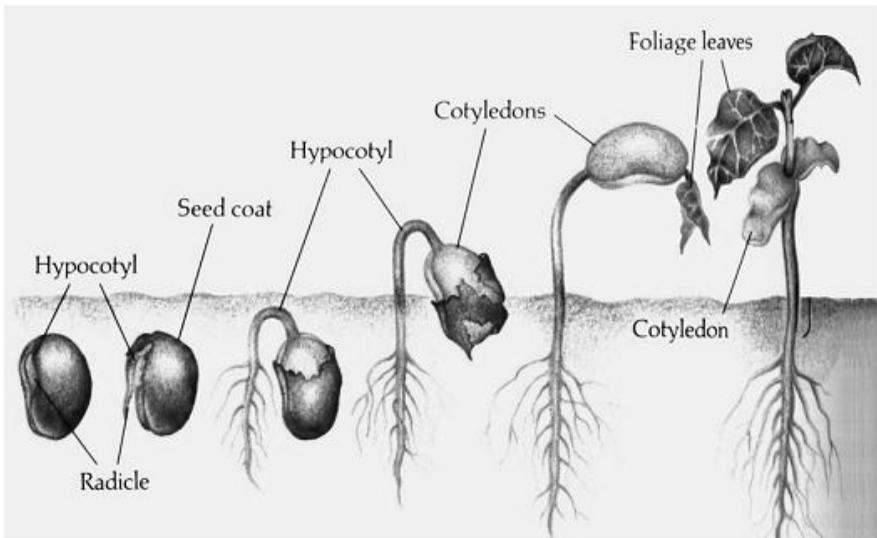
cc: Senator Ellie Kinnaird; Representative Verla Insko

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

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| Sun. 3/6 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 9:45am | Forum: Survival of Quaker Priorities |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| | 12:30pm | Potluck & IFC donations |
| Tue. 3/8 | 7–8pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Fri. 3/11 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| Sun. 3/13 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 9:45am | Forum: Cherishing CHFM’s History |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods |
| | 12:30pm | Peace & Social Concerns Com. – Schoolhouse |
| Tue. 3/15 | 7–8pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Wed. 3/16 | 10am | Quaker Women’s Gathering – Bettie Flash Home |
| | 7pm | YRE Committee – Meetinghouse |
| Fri. 3/18 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| | 5pm | PFF Annual Retreat – Durham Friends Meeting |
| Sat. 3/19 | 7:30am | PFF Annual Retreat – Carolina Friends School |
| Sun. 3/20 | 7:30am | PFF Annual Retreat – Carolina Friends School |
| Sun. 3/20 | 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 |
| Mon. 3/21 | 7pm | IFC Public Hearing – Chapel Hill Town Hall |
| Tue. 3/22 | 7–8pm | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins |
| Fri. 3/25 | 4:30–5:30pm | Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd |
| Sat. 3/26 | 9:30am–noon | Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting |
| | 6pm–8pm | Justice United House Meeting – Leeman–Munk House |
| Sun. 3/27 | 8:30am | Meeting for Worship (Early) |
| | 9:45am | Forum: Reflections on the Spiritual State of the M. |
| | 11am | Meeting for Worship (Late) |

- 11am Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods
 12:30pm Justice United House Meeting – Meetinghouse
 12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. – Schoolhouse
 1:30pm Crop Walk – Carrboro Town Commons
 10pm **Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!**
 Fri. 4/1 4:30–5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
 6pm–8pm Justice United House Meeting – Leeman–Munk House
- Sun. 4/3** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
 9:45am Forum: tba
 11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
 11am Meeting for Worship – Carol Woods
 12:30pm **Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse**
 Tue. 4/5 7–8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation – Call Hank Elkins
 Wed. 4/6 10am–12pm Quaker Women’s Gathering – Bettie Flash Home
 Thurs. 4/7 9am–1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
 Fri. 4/8 4:30–5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice – E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
 Sun. 4/10 noon–1:30pm Newcomers’ Lunch – Schoolhouse



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Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am

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