

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

May, 2012



Monthly Query:

How do we celebrate as a community?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

May 6 Graduation forum - our graduating seniors will speak to their experience growing up in the Meeting

May 13 No forum

May 27 Personal Sharing - Robin Harper

June 3 "Striving for an Integrated and Holistic 'Faith and Practice'"

How might our spirituality coupled with action be reflected beyond our meeting (e.g., in the wider community/nation/world) as it is within our meeting? Do our Forums sufficiently prepare us for enacting this wholeness? Do we need to do better?

- Nancy Milio, Curt Torell, Tom McQuiston

June 3rd is the last regularly scheduled forum until mid-August.

Monthly EnviroTip

Celebrating this year's Earth Day with the Quaker Community, we enjoyed a feast of local foods. Fresh picked produce holds higher nutritional content and supports small farms and our local economy. Coming together over local delectables we warmly discussed our own roots and where we come from. It seemed to come full circle. To eat from the nearby earth brought us into our element. We discussed John Muir, Thomas Berry, and the biblical stories of our interconnectedness with the earth. From the parables of branches bearing fruit, and how that translates within our own lives, to how heaven can be understood from a thing so small as a mustard seed. We would like to encourage you all, in your picnics and potlucks throughout the summer, to consider local options, to contemplate the health of the soil that grew your food, and to give thanks for this earth that sustains us all.

In Peace, Your Environmental Committee

Volunteers Against Amendment One

Volunteers can still help defeat Amendment One. More than 60% of North Carolinians oppose the Amendment, so it's just a matter of who shows up to vote. With the suspense gone from the Republican presidential nomination, we have the opportunity to really make a difference.

What is most needed are phone bank volunteers to call known (or likely) opponents and get out the vote. To sign up -- even just for a single 2-hour shift -- call the location coordinator. You can also sign up online at: <http://tinyurl.com/stopa1>. Bring a cell phone if possible, and a lap top if you can. Hope to see you there!

May 6 and 7, 10am - 9pm, 209 Lloyd St #310, Carrboro, 27510 (The OC Democratic Party office), Contact: William Carlson: 919 636-9246

More About Amendment One

A Surprise on Your Ballot

The ballot for the May primary has a special question at the end

THE QUESTION asks you to vote FOR or AGAINST an Amendment that would add this sentence to the NC Constitution: ***“Marriage between one man and one woman is the only domestic legal union that shall be valid or recognized in this State.”***

KEY FACTS. The Amendment is more complicated than it may seem:

- ❶ North Carolina law already defines marriage as between one man and one woman. A gay couple can not marry in North Carolina. The Amendment *does not change* the law about marriage.
- ❷ The Amendment *does change* what counts in NC law as a “family” or “domestic relationship.” This change threatens the rights of ALL unwed couples, their children, single parents, widows, and single women.
- ❸ It affects their insurance, child custody, visitation rights, social security benefits and protection from domestic violence. Grandparents raising a grandchild and a woman abused by her boyfriend can lose legal rights.

Bake Sale to Support Service Trip to Peru

June 3 before late meeting and during potluck

Hi, my name is Emily Harper. I am holding a bake sale on June 3rd to raise money for my service trip to Peru! The trip will be from June 30 to July 21, and I will be working in a Peruvian orphanage helping to care for children and assist them with school work. This is the first service trip I have ever done and I am going all by myself. I am raising money through various means including this lovely bake sale! I hope to see you there!

SAYMA Yearly Meeting, Registration Deadline May 7

June 7 to 10 at Warren Wilson College, Swannonoa, NC

[www.sayma.org/SAYMA Advanced Program 2012.pdf](http://www.sayma.org/SAYMA%20Advanced%20Program%202012.pdf)

There is a late fee of \$30 PER PERSON for registrations postmarked or emailed after the deadline.

The theme this year is taken from George Fox's admonition to "Walk Cheerfully Over the World." This seemed especially appropriate in 2012 when the triennial sponsored by FWCC was meeting in Kenya. They'll have plenaries and workshops reporting on that world gathering of Friends and other Quaker work in the wider world. One important item on the agenda at meeting for business is the relationship with AFSC. Visitors from FGC, Quaker House, and FCNL will be among those offering workshops which cover a wide variety of topics. Check the advance program to find out more. If you need a program mailed or emailed to you, please contact Liz Perch, SAYMA Administrative Assistant (P.O. Box 5848, Savannah, GA 31404, (865)272 9621, adminasst@sayma.org.)

IFC Needs

The IFC collects items for its Pantry, the Community Kitchen, the Community House (men's residential facility), and Project Homestart (women's residential facility). For a complete list of items needed by each facility, visit the IFC website at www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html.

The IFC can always use bags. Brown bags with handles are best, but they can use other types as well. Bring your extras to Meeting any Sunday.

The Inter-Faith Council has volunteers at both the Main St. facility (pantry and community services) and Community House (kitchen and shelter). If you have some extra time, go to their website and look at the information for volunteering. You can fill out an application on-line or stop by 110 W. Main St. to pick up an application. Volunteers really are the heart of the IFC and it could not run smoothly without them. Please consider helping. Thank you! (<http://www.ifcweb.org/volunteer.html>)

Memorial Donations for Ron Munk

If you would like to participate in a memorial to Tom Munk's brother, Ron Munk, please give in his name to the American Friends Service Committee. You can do this via the web (www.afsc.org), phone (888-588-2372), or U.S. Mail:

AFSC
1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Extraneous Library Books

The Meeting library has two books that do not seem connected to our meeting in any way:

Marriages in Contentnea Quarterly Meeting of Friends North Carolina Yearly Meeting 1737-1891, researched and compiled by Theodore Edison Perkins, and

The Saga of the Family and Descendents of David Vestal Henley and Eleanor Lassiter of Randolph County North Carolina, compiled and edited by Eleanor Bell.

The Library Committee would be glad for someone in the Meeting to have either or both. Please notify Anne Smith, clerk. If no one in the Meeting wants them, we will donate them to Guilford.

Reggie Thomas and CHFM

The Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH) 2011 Annual Report included the following report on Reggie Thomas, attender at CHFM:

“A Life Changed”

“Reggie Thomas was released from Orange Correctional Center (OCC) in December 2011 after serving a 5-year sentence. Reggie would most likely have become homeless if not for the help with housing, furnishings, food and medication he received from members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. They also connected Reggie with the OCPEH Job Partners program where he developed an Individualized Employment Plan, took the Work Keys assessment tests through JobLink and completed a Job-Seeking Skills Workshop at Durham Technical Community College.

Reggie had a background and interest in Food preparation and was hired in February 2012 at Mama Dips Restaurant in Chapel Hill. He is now preparing Mama Dip’s famous cobbler and under her tutelage is learning to make her other wonderful dishes.

Reggie says, ‘It was a real struggle transitioning back into society and trying to find work in this tough economy. A lot of guys end up going back to prison because they don’t have family support or the help I got from agencies, sponsors and volunteers.’”

Volunteer Help Needed for Garden

Ian and Allie Scales have four beds in the community garden, and they are a thicket of weeds. Volunteers from an agency came to prepare the beds but were rained out. Allie hoped a group of Friends would be willing to give her a couple of hours of help to weed her garden - on a Saturday morning or evening till dusk.

Apply for Financial Assistance to Attend FGC

Financial assistance is available to members and attenders of Meeting from the Leadership Development Fund and the Shotts Memorial Fund. The committee encourages you to apply. Examples of funding are provided on the web site. Go there for complete information on guidelines and application process:

<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/ShottsLeadershipFunds.html>.

Friends General Conference will be held in Kingston, RI this year. In addition to our own funds, Friends General Conference has funds available for assistance but you must apply to your own Meeting first. (<http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering>)

Chapel Hill/Carrboro Wise Program (Energy Audits)

Do you own a single-family detached home in Chapel Hill or Carrboro? The Environmental Concerns Committee urges you to take advantage of the support offered by the towns of Carrboro and Chapel Hill and get an energy audit. The towns also often support work to decrease your energy profile with great benefits for our planet, and your pocketbook. Check it out at <http://wiseprogram.info/>. Talk with Tom Munk, Jennifer Leeman, Alice Carlton, Jim Bartow, or Anne Filiaci to hear how the program has worked for them. Anne and Jim are happy to give tours of their sealed crawlspace, which has, as an added bonus, been very helpful for Anne's allergies. Carrboro's Nora Barger would be glad to present the program and answer questions if a group is interested. Please let Tom Munk know if you'd like to be part of such a group.

Memorial Marks Site of Eno Quaker Meeting / Burial Ground

On April 22, 2012, a memorial marker was dedicated at the site of the Eno Quaker Meeting. The cemetery and an adjacent school house were in use by the Quakers who were among the earliest settlers of Hillsborough, one of the oldest inland settlements in the state. A survey and evaluation of the cemetery was made a few years ago by a committee of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting (see <http://cemeterycensus.com/nc/orng/cem064.htm>). The original Quakers are said to have largely left the area at about the time of the Regulator Rebellion (many Quakers subsequently moved on to Georgia to avoid the hostilities), and the minutes of the early meeting in Hillsborough were lost. However, the grave markers indicate burials well into the 1800s.

Going to Guilford?

Robin Harper would greatly appreciate it if someone going to Guilford College in the next couple of months would deliver our archived newsletters. There are only 7 books, so we're not talking about heavy lifting! They need to be delivered to Gwen Erickson, the Librarian and College Archivist at the Friends Historical Collection of Guilford College. Please let Robin know (768.9870) if you can help with this task. She will get you specific directions.

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Carolyn White, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk
April 15, 2012

Worship and query: How does my life reflect the joy of living in the Spirit?

One Friend spoke of trying, and living with a grateful heart. He talked about God's expansive love, and beginning the day by giving thanks for the day; ending it with thankfulness for having lived a good day, and asking forgiveness for where he may have failed.

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda

There were no new attenders.

2. Review of minutes for March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

In item number 6 "Update on incorporation": Following the sentence that ends with ". . . the UNC law clinic with which we have been working that we incorporate." Add: "The Ad Hoc Committee to Consider Incorporation, consisting of Matt, Emily Buehler, and Pat Man, has been researching what this would involve." Then remove the two following references to the Finance Committee and substitute "the Ad Hoc Committee."

Approved.

3. Annual Report for Building and Grounds Committee—Don Hopper (Attached)

Great appreciation was expressed to Don, the committee, and to John Hite especially, for all of the "sometimes unseen" work that he does.

Accepted.

4. Creation of Prison Ministries Committee—Hank Elkins (Attached)

There was much discussion around this topic, with Friends feeling strongly about our call to do this work, about Friends' history in prisons, and about the positive impact the prisoners who have worshipped with us have had on our Meeting. Friends spoke of the need to consider how we would enter into this work formally, with a sense of "mutuality." How have the men engaged with us here? Does the word "ministry" reflect this? Others talked about the "two-way street" experience they have had at the prison; how much they receive back from the prisoners, and how much the inmates appreciate the support of the Meeting. Our Meeting clearly feels led and has energy to go in this direction. We decided to create this new committee within our community—fully recognized, with a budget, and supported by Nominations—as outlined in the following minute:

In keeping with our Quaker history, growing out of the strong leadings of Friends, and recognizing the mutuality of our relationship with the prisoners, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting approved the creation of a new committee within our Meeting, to support our work in local prisons. We requested those Friends who are interested bring to us a name, a description, a budget, and a list of people who wish to serve on the committee.

Approved.

5. Treasurer's Report—Judy Purvis (Attached)

Most committees are significantly under spending—is this a product of ministry going undone, or do committees need to reevaluate their budgets? We hope committees will consider this when talking to Finance about next year's budgets.

Accepted with thanks.

6. Recommendation that the Meeting incorporate, including request for \$60 from contingency fund for application fee—Matt Drake, Pat Mann, Emily Buehler (Attached.)

Matt walked us through the lengthy paperwork regarding the writing of bylaws. He helped us understand that while there are many items in them that are awkward fits for what we do, we can still make the bylaws reflect how we really operate.

Friends requested that a note of appreciation be sent to the Law School, and Matt agreed, with the help of the clerk, to write a letter to Zack Long and the Law School community clinic.

Friends were very appreciative of the time and effort the committee has put into this, and were grateful for the reward that our having faith and trust in the Law School has yielded.

The bylaws were approved, as was drawing the \$60 application fee from the contingency fund.

7. Recommendation that the Meeting encourage members to consider placing CHF M in their estate plans—Finance committee, Matt Drake—POSTPONED

8. Nominations update—Jeff Brown

Jeff told us about current committee needs:

- CFS Board—two openings to fill by June (Friends with depth of experience with the Meeting and Quaker process will be a wonderful addition to the Board. Friends with experience serving on boards, working with other Quaker institutions, or other independent schools would, of course, be helpful. While familiarity or experience with CFS is helpful, it is not essential.)
- Library Committee—three people needed
- M&W—three or four members needed (membership in CHF M required)

Contact Jeff Brown if you can help.

9. PFF retreat report—Jeff Brown

The annual retreat took place March 16–18, 2012, at the Carolina Friends School campus. The theme was "What is Thy Witness?" Chuck Fager facilitated the adult program. Topics included bearing witness to truth in Quaker history, the connection between the spiritual and the political, and examples of letting a life speak.

55 adults and 42 youth attended. CHF M led the children's program. Wren Hendrickson helped the teens plan and carry out their program. CHF M also handled registration.

The campus worked well and the post-retreat evaluation was positive regarding the programming, food, fellowship and accommodations. Planning is underway for next

year. PFF representatives Jeff Brown and Annette Broadwell welcome our ideas, concerns, and thoughts about what would make the fellowship more attractive.

PFF is planning a Fall Fellowship half-day program on November 10. Friends pointed out that the visit by Ben Pink Dandelion is the same date. Jeff will notify PFF.

10. PFF: Following John Hunter's forum April 1, 2012, PFF asked our Meeting to consider the following queries—POSTPONED

Does this proposal speak to the condition/interest of your meeting/worship group? Is this a PFF service that would help strengthen and deepen the spirit & life of your meeting? Is your meeting interested in participating in the development of a yearly meeting should we be led to proceed in this way?

From the Dec 3 2009 Appointed Meeting for Business: "After some discussion, the clerk voiced the sense of the meeting that Friends did not feel any leading to endorse asking PFF to move forward with considering being a yearly meeting. There was a lack of clarity about what being a yearly meeting would enable PFF to do that it can't already, and concerns about lack of energy in PFF and how making PFF a Yearly Meeting would affect current PFF member meetings who are already affiliated with yearly meetings. Friends recognized that as one of the largest meetings, CHFM would be expected to give a lot of energy and resources to a Yearly Meeting."

11. Dirk Spruyt requested we consider world conditions and trends, and our priorities in terms of allocating our benevolences—POSTPONED

12. Messages and Announcements:

- a. April 22, Earth Day forum with Jennie Ratcliffe and locavore lunch.
- b. April 24, 7:00–9:00pm, and April 28, 10:00am–12:00pm, working on Meeting records.
- c. April 22, at 2:00pm, Memorial Marker to be placed at the site of the Eno Quaker burial ground in Hillsborough.
- d. April 17, 12:00–1:00pm, Orange County Peace Coalition, of which Chapel Hill Friends is a member, is holding a Tax Day Protest at Peace and Justice Plaza. The AFSC has furnished a 50 foot banner showing the high percentage of our taxes which go for military spending.

Worship and greeting

Attending: Judy Purvis, Dottie Heninger, Marilyn A. Dyer, Ann Kessemeier, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Max Drake, Barbara Williamson, Beth Kurtz–Costes, Ruth Zalph, Pat Mann, Pam Schwingl, Anne Smith, Nancy Elkins, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan, Ryan Jarrell, Sofia Sibila, Brian Stuhlmuller, Larry Tabor, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Bettie Flash, Bill Schweke, John Hite, James Harper, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Ann Miller, Jeff Brown, Hank Elkins, Don Hopper, Yiu Kwong Ng, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Tom McQuiston, Muqtadir Hakeem, Mike Jokinen, David Curtin, Alice Carlton

**Annual Report of the Building and Grounds Committee
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of The Religious Society Of Friends
April 2012**

Committee Members for 2011–2012: Don Hopper (Clerk), David Schneider (Recorder), Tom Smith, John Hite (ex officio, Resident), Lynn Drake, Kathy Davis, Jeff Brown, Bill Cleaver, Richard Miller. Retired from Committee: Margie Brache, Peter deLeuw, Daniel Hilgenberg.

Monthly Meeting: Meeting occurs on the 2nd First Day of the month in the Education Building.

Responsibilities: Monitor the condition of the Meeting House and grounds; and, see to the maintenance and repair of same. Arrange work mornings for Friends to share in the maintenance of the building and the landscape. Oversee the Resident's activities, screen applicants and make recommendations for the Resident's position when necessary. Oversee the use of the Meeting House and the Education Building by Meeting and external groups, charging rent when appropriate.

John Hite continues to serve as the Meeting's Resident. The committee is grateful for John's dedication to the Meeting. We welcome his voluntary participation in tasks which he has taken on on his own (e.g. helping with football parking, keeping a watchful eye out for building irregularities that might need attention, working with the teen group).

Highlights from May 2011–April 2012:

- Repair and painting of storage shed located in the playground area. Work performed by Premeire Painting and Home Repair.
- Replaced foyer ceiling and insulated and sealed the space above the foyer with Dense Pack Cellulose(DPC). Replaced ceiling lights with LED can lights.
- Sealed the attic end walls , eaves and under the roof deck with 10" of DPC.
- Replaced and reconfigured HVAC equipment with new energy star 95% efficient gas furnaces and energy star air conditioner units.
- Oversaw the construction of/addition to the Education Building.
- Arranged two work mornings for interior cleaning and exterior landscape maintenance.
- Arranged for successful after Meeting leaf raking, a new idea in Meeting maintenance.
- Did basic maintenance of Meeting House: replaced broken toilet, replaced worn out electrical receptacles, reattached mailbox, had carpets cleaned 2x, replaced condensate pump in mechanical room, arranged for elevator safety inspection... and others.
- Met with Ad Hoc Committee for Meeting House Renovations: Brian Stuhlmuller, Emily Jackson and Tom Smith. Committee is preparing budget and setting priorities to present to Business Meeting.
- B&G is preparing parameters for controlling humidity, reconfiguring duct work and insulating the downstairs of the Meeting House.

B&G is pleased with the state of the committee and the condition of the Meeting House and the Early School Building.

Submitted by Don Hopper for B&G Committee

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Prison Ministry

- **Yoke Fellows:** Tuesday evening conversations with Orange Correctional Center residents
- **Education**
 - o Computer Training – Francis Coyle and Paul Munk
 - o Tutoring for reading, math, and other disciplines – Nine Friends have volunteered.
- **Sponsoring prisoner participation in CHFM worship, forums, and luncheons**
- **Employment**
 - o Mentoring prisoners and enrolling prospective employers as Job Partners
 - o Developing a local social enterprise to offer transitional employment to prisoners in cooperation with the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness and the Chapel Hill–Carrboro Chamber of Commerce. In 2011
- **Participation in the Community Resource Council and its committee the Pre–Release Committee at Orange Correctional Center:** The Pre–Release Committee sponsors the Pre–Release Course, Mediation, promotes parenting, and provides resources for the prison library.
- **Pre–Release course:** 18 sessions held at the prison and covering multiple topics to prepare men for release
- **Mediation:** Established by Ann Shy through the Pre–Release Committee, this ministry openly and confidentially confronts the issues which may divide prisoners and significant others – wives, parents, children, siblings, friends -- after years of incarceration. The program is now in three centers and seeking to expand.
- **Post–release support:** Friends assist returning citizens in finding housing, employment, home furnishings, medical care, and in meeting other needs.
- **Orange County Round Tables:** for community members and prisoners organized by Re–entry Partners
- **Opposing Torture and Solitary Confinement:** NC Prisons have more than 2,000 segregation cells where prisoners are kept in solitary confinement, sometimes for months or years, with no access to rehabilitation programs or contact with other human beings. This is a concern of particular significance for Quakers who inspired the first solitary confinement penitentiary in Pennsylvania and for which AFSC, Quaker House and other Quakers have pointed to new paths.
- **Legislative action:** Friends are currently promoting the Ban the Box campaign to open employment opportunities in Orange County for returning citizens by delaying the question on prior convictions from the initial part of the job application to a later stage in the employment process.

Some of the Friends now involved or who have volunteered for the Prison Ministry

Francis Coyle	Savannah Crites	Asta Crowe	Maria Darlington
Hank Elkins	Barbara Fedders	Lois Ann Hobbs	Ryan Jarrell
Ann Kessemeier	Sarah Logan	Tom McQuiston	Richard Miller
Paul Munk	Joyce Munk	Judy Purvis	Ann Shy
Sofia Sibia	Cristian Skinner	Ruth Zalph	

For computer-based education

David Curtin	Dave Schneider
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CHFM Treasurer’s Report, July to March 30th, 2011–2012

INCOME		July 1–Mar 30	Other Income
Contributions ^a		\$50,935.36	
Building rental			\$4277
Parking space rental			5665
Miscellaneous			1000
		\$50,935.36	\$10,942
EXPENSES	2011–2012 budget	Expenditures to date	Amount Remaining
Committees:			
Adult Religious Educ.	200.00	0	200
Buildings & Grounds ^b	17,020.00	9,944.61	7,075.39
Care & Counsel	100.00	0	100
CRE/YRE ^{c,d}	5,350.00	3163.18	2186.82
Environmental Concerns	650.00	19.49	630.51
Finance	300.00	284.92	15.08
Hospitality	450.00	0	450
Library	400.00	133.94	266.06
Ministry & Worship	500.00	222.50	277.50
Nominations	25.00	0	25
Peace & Social Concerns	550.00	313.43	236.57
Publications & Records	2,000.00	1,326.08	673.92
Total Committee Expenses^d	\$27,545.00	\$15,408.15	\$12,136.85
Special Funds:			
National Quaker Service	2,000.00	1000-	\$1,000
Meeting for Suffering	135.00	0	\$135
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	0	\$1,000

Future Needs of Meeting			
Leadership Development	100.00	-	\$100.00
Physical Plant Replacement	4,000.00	-	\$4,000.00
Wider Q Comm'ty Benev's		-	
	\$29,220	\$14,585	\$14,585
Local/Regional Org Benev's		-	
BUDGET TOTAL	\$64,000.00	\$30,933.15	\$33,066.85

^aIncludes CFS OWASA rebate, *Sojourners* article, and income from sale of 75th anniversary pamphlets.

^bIncludes insurance, maintenance, utilities, and landscaping..

^cPrimarily compensation for First Day School Coordinator and Nursery Care person; no YRE expenses.

^dTotal YRE=\$6575; \$6575-3172.91= \$3402.09 remains w/out budget funds; *not included in totals.*

BY-LAWS OF THE CHAPEL HILL MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS INCORPORATED ON _____, 2012

The members of the Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) united in the decision to incorporate the Meeting on _____, 2012. The resulting legal entity, **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Inc. ("CHFM")**, is the holder of legal title to all assets of the Meeting. The Board of Directors of CHFM is composed of every member of the Meeting who attends any Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business ("MWAB"). Each such member will serve as a Director for a term lasting until the next MWAB.

CHFM follows the historic practice of the Religious Society of Friends of reaching decisions by the "sense of the Meeting" and having the decisions recorded by the appointed Recording Clerk. Copies of all CHFM minutes will be kept in the Meeting library as is reasonably possible.

ARTICLE I. Organization

Section 1. Name:

A. The name of this corporation shall be **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Inc. ("CHFM")**.

Section 2. Principal and Registered Office:

- A. The principal and registered office of the corporation shall be located at 531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.
- B. The corporation may have offices at such other places, either within or without the State of North Carolina, as the Board of Directors may designate or as the affairs of the corporation may require from time to time.

ARTICLE II. Board of Directors

Section 1. General Powers:

- A. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors.
- B. The Board shall act in the name of the organization only when it has been convened by all due notice to all the Directors of such MWAB.

- C. The Board shall appoint the Officers of the organization. Refer to Article IV for additional information on Officers.
- D. The Board may make such rules and regulations covering its meetings as it may in its discretion determine necessary.

Section 2. Number, Term, and Qualifications:

- A. The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall consist of the Meeting members in attendance at any given MWAB.
- B. Directors must be members of the Meeting, whose request for membership has been approved in a MWAB.
- C. Each Director shall hold office until CHFMs next MWAB, or until the Director's death, transfer to another Meeting, resignation from membership, or removal from membership.

Section 3. Removal:

- A. A Director, being present at a MWAB, may be removed for any reason, as decided by the "sense of the Meeting" and recorded by the Recording Clerk.

Section 4. Compensation:

- A. The Board of Directors shall not compensate Directors for their services as such.

**ARTICLE III.
Meetings of Directors**

Section 1. Regular Meetings:

- A. Regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall generally be held monthly in accordance with CHFMs traditional meeting schedule.
- B. In addition, the Board of Directors may provide the time and place for the holding of additional regular meetings.

Section 2. Quorum:

- A. Given the process of appointing Directors described in these bylaws, attendance at any organizational Board meeting must be one-hundred percent (100%); hence, quorum requirements will be satisfied at all duly called meetings.

Section 3. Manner of Acting:

- A. Except as otherwise provided by these by-laws, any decision duly made by the Board of Directors at a MWAB in which a quorum is present and recorded by an appointed Recording Clerk as "the sense of the Meeting" shall constitute an act of the Board of Directors.
- B. Any Director who is present at a Board meeting at which action on any corporate matter is taken shall be presumed to have assented to the action taken. Any Director who is present at a Board meeting at which action on any corporate matter is taken, who is not in unity with the corporate decision, may "stand aside" from it, enabling the Board to unite on the action and supporting the Board in that corporate decision. At the Director's request, the act of and reason for standing aside may be recorded in the Board's records by the Recording Clerk.

Section 4. Committees of the Board:

- A. The Board of Directors, by resolution reflecting the "sense of the Meeting" and recorded by the Recording Clerk, may designate two or more Directors to form any Committee seen fit by the Board of Directors. Each of these Committees, to the extent authorized by law and provided in such resolution, shall have and may

exercise all of the authority of the Board of Directors in the management of the corporation.

- B. The designation of any Committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not operate to relieve the Board of Directors, or any member thereof, of any responsibility or liability imposed upon it or him or her by law.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

Section 1. Officers of the Corporation:

- A. The Officer(s) of the corporation shall consist of a Recording Clerk, as well as any other Officers that the Board of Directors may from time to time select. Any two or more Offices may be held by the same person, but no Officer may act in more than one capacity where action of two or more Officers is required.

Section 2. Selection and Term:

- A. Any Officer(s) of the corporation will be selected by the Board of Directors and each Officer shall hold office for a term determined by the Board of Directors, or until his or her death, resignation, retirement, removal, or disqualification.

Section 3. Compensation:

- A. No Officer of the corporation shall receive compensation for service provided.

Section 4. Removal:

- A. Any Officer or agent selected or appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed by the Board whenever in its judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby.

Section 5. Recording Clerk:

- A. The Recording Clerk shall generally be responsible for recording and documenting the "sense of the Meeting" as the decisions of the Board of Directors at each MWAB.
- B. The Recording Clerk, or her/his substitute, shall:
- i. Keep the minutes of MWAB in one or more books or notebooks provided for that purpose, or accessible electronic media.
 - ii. See that all notices are fully given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law.
 - iii. Be custodian of the corporate records. Keep a register of the post office address of each Director, which shall be furnished by each Director, and
 - iv. In general perform all duties as from time to time may be assigned to her or him by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Other Officers:

- A. Any Officer otherwise appointed by the Board of Directors shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him or her by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V. Contracts, Loans, Checks and Deposits

Section 1. Contracts:

- A. The Board of Directors may authorize any Officer or Officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and

on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 2. Loans:

A. No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the corporation and no evidence of indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by a resolution of the Board of Directors. Such authority may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 3. Checks and Drafts:

A. All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, issued in the name of the corporation, shall be signed by such Officer or Officers, agent or agents of the corporation and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Deposits:

A. All funds of the corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

**ARTICLE VI.
General Provisions**

Section 1. Seal:

A. The corporation will not use a corporate seal.

Section 2. Waiver of Notice:

A. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Director or Officer by law, by the charter, or by these by-laws, a waiver thereof in writing signed by the person or persons entitled to such notice, whether before or after the time stated therein, shall be equivalent to the giving of such notice.

Section 3. Fiscal Year:

A. The fiscal year of the corporation shall be set forth by the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Amendments:

A. Except as otherwise provided herein, these bylaws may be amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the sense of the Meeting decisions of the Board of Directors at any regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Shares:

A. This corporation shall issue no shares.

Section 6. Members:

A. This corporation shall have no members.

Section 7. Agent for Service of Process:

A. The Board of Directors shall appoint an agent for service of process whose registered address shall be the registered address of this corporation.

Section 8. Reimbursement:

A. Directors and Officers may be reimbursed for expenditures approved by the Board of Directors or a Committee thereof.

**ARTICLE VII.
Indemnification**

Section 1. Indemnification:

- A. Every member of the Board of Directors, Officer or employee of the organization may be indemnified by the corporation against all expenses and liabilities, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon such members of the Board, Officers or employees in connection with any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding to which she/he may become involved by reason of her/his being or having been a member of the Board, Officer, or employee of the corporation, or any settlement thereof, unless the alleged harm has been caused by purposeful misconduct or wrongdoing. Provided, however, that in the event of a settlement, the indemnification herein shall apply only when the Board approves such settlement and reimbursement as being in the best interest of the corporation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition and not exclusive of all other rights that such member of the Board, Officer, or employee is entitled.

Hospitality Committee Annual Report (from the March Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business)

The Hospitality committee works to develop and create a congenial, welcoming and supportive atmosphere within our Meeting. Our committee is task oriented, while considering the various needs of the Meeting for fellowship, community building, care and celebration.

The committee:

- manages the potluck luncheons on the first Sunday of each month;
- assists with special occasions: holiday parties, weddings under the care of the Meeting, and memorial services;
- helps arrange meals for members in need;
- schedules greeters for late Meeting for Worship;
- welcomes visitors and newcomers to our Meeting.

Members: Stuart Phillips (clerk), Gwynne Pomeroy, Dave Curtin, Joanna Selim, Lauren Hart, Carolyn Stuart, Buffie Webber, Alice Carlton, Karen Merrey and Jasmine McKewen.

Potlucks: Committee members take turns overseeing potlucks on the first Sunday of each month following the 11:00 meeting for worship. Currently, three members cover Potluck Sundays, with middle schoolers often helping set up tables and chairs, and various potluck participants pitching in with clean-up. Between 40 and 60 people regularly attend. Members keep track of and purchase supplies such as lemonade mix, towels for drying dishes, utensils, etc.

Special Events:

- Hospitality is responsible for organizing the Thanksgiving potluck and helping host the holiday party. Last year (2010), we were not able to identify enough participants to hold the Thanksgiving meal, and numerous members later noted their distress over the lapse in that tradition. This past Thanksgiving, the meal was held again, with nearly two dozen people in attendance.

- The 2011 holiday party was planned largely by CRE, but Hospitality helped organize the finger food pot luck for the event held on December 18. At that event, Committee members share responsibility for set-up and clean-up.
- Our committee is also responsible for supporting the needs of families who would like to hold memorial services/receptions under the care of the meeting. During the past twelve months, Hospitality has hosted or contributed to receptions for John Gulick, Margaret Heyboer and Linda DiLorenzo.

Greeters: Hospitality is in charge of coordinating greeters for each 11:00 Meeting for Worship. Greeters welcome people into the meetinghouse. Newcomers are invited to sign the guest book, to make and wear a name tag, and if visitors have children, greeters explain the initial inclusion of children at the beginning of meeting and the options for childcare and First Day School. Greeters stay at the door from approximately 10:45 till 11:15.

Visitors and Newcomers: The committee maintains the visitor's book; we try to send letters or emails to all local visitors. We only make phone calls to those newcomers who indicate that they would like to receive one. Our practice of this outreach has been uneven, as we've been debating the best ways to connect to people in this era of changing communication preferences!

Hospitality organized a luncheon for newcomers on October 9, with another coming up March 25. The fall lunch had very low attendance, though it was a very pleasant time of fellowship. After years of organizing a Newcomers' Tea at Friends' homes, we have now hosted the lunches in the schoolhouse for the past three years. Committee members provide the light lunch, and we take 30 minutes or so after the meal so that people can introduce themselves, hear what has brought newcomers to the Meeting, and talk about ways for them to get involved and learn more about our community.

As a committee, we recognize our ongoing need to evaluate how we welcome and integrate newcomers. We make an effort to watch out for newcomers on Sunday mornings and to introduce ourselves. We also recognize that this must be the responsibility of all members and attenders, so that we make people feel welcome and in this way, contribute to the ongoing vitality of the whole Meeting. We want to thank others who have worked over the past years to be available to answer questions for newcomers at the rise of meeting, spoken to new people at events and created new written materials of welcome.

Care: Our committee collaborates with Care and Counsel to provide meals to families and members who need extra support. At times there is a significant need for such meals, others there is almost none. We are always happy to hear from people within our community who can provide one-time or occasional meals in this way.

We look forward to a new year of fellowship and celebrations.

Respectfully submitted:

Stuart Phillips (clerk), Gwynne Pomeroy, Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Joanna Selim, Lauren Hart, Carolyn Stuart, Karen Merrey, Jasmine McKewen, Buffie Webber

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

- Sun. 5/6** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Graduation Forum
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations
- Tue. 5/8 6:30am-7:30pm Primary Elections Voting
7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 5/11 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 5/13** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: none
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Peace & Social Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
- Tue. 5/15 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Wed. 5/16 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home
- Fri. 5/18 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 5/20** 8am Meetinghouse open for worship
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
- Tue. 5/22 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 5/25 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 5/27** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Personal Sharing with Robin Harper
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
- Fri. 6/1 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 6/3** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Striving for an Integrated and Holistic 'Faith and Practice'
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & **Bake Sale** & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
- Tue. 6/5 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
- Wed. 6/6 10am-12pm Quaker Women's Gathering - Bettie Flash Home
- Thur. 6/7 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
- Fri. 6/8 5-6pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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