

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



January, 2013

Monthly Query:

How do I identify, develop, and use my particular gifts for the good of all?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

January 6 "Quaker House and Our Meeting's Testimony to Peace" - our Quaker House board reps: Maria Darlington, Pam Schwingl, Curt Torrell, and Ruth Zalph (see page 2)
January 13 "Empathy: The Challenge of Meeting People Where They Are" - Dirk Kelder
January 27 personal sharing - Dirk Spruyt
February 3 "Quaker Tapestry" - Allie Scales

Directories are Here

2013 Meeting Directories will be available in the Meetinghouse foyer (hopefully) on January 6. If you would like an electronic (PDF) copy of the directory, please email Publications and Records at directory@chapelhillfriends.org.

Directory updates will be posted on the bulletin board in the Meetinghouse. They will not be in the newsletter, which is posted online, for privacy reasons. If you have an update, please send it to directory@chapelhillfriends.org.

January 6 Forum: Quaker House

The January 6 forum will be “Quaker House and Our Meeting’s Testimony to Peace,” a report and listening session by our meeting’s Quaker House board representatives: Maria Darlington, Pam Schwingl, Curt Torell, and Ruth Zalph. While the new directors, Steve and Lynn Newsom, were introduced to our meeting on Oct. 7, this forum will focus on the experience of the board members and how we can link more closely the work of Quaker House with our meeting’s testimony to peace. Discussion questions include: What is QH currently doing? What more should QH be doing? How might we (QH and our Meeting) more fully bear witness to our peace testimony or is it enough? How might we link QH work with our wider meeting and Friends in general? What more can our meeting do for QH? What more can QH do for our meeting? Quaker House pamphlets, 40th Anniversary book, torture accountability postcards, fact sheet, and newsletters will be available.

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Many people think there’s no reason to compost if you’re not into yard work. But guess what—you can benefit the environment by composting even if you don’t EVER use it! Food waste in landfills (which is anaerobic decomposition) creates methane, one of the worst greenhouse gases. Food waste in your backyard compost (which is aerobic decomposition) produces great dirt!

For more information go to <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/hort/hil/pdf/ag-467.pdf>.

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.

Bible Study Group

Ryan Jarrell, under the care of Ministry and Worship, is pleased to announce he'd like to facilitate a Friendly Bible Study/worship group. Initial planning is for a thirty minute period of worship followed by an hour of scriptural reflection, with selections picked initially by the facilitator, later by the group. If interested, please contact at ryanjarrell@gmail.com or (919) 428-0841. Location and times tbd.

CFS All School Meetings for Worship

**Submitted by Charlie Layman and Toby Berla,
Co-convenor of the CFS School Life Committee and Parent Representative**

We are writing on behalf of the School Life Committee of Carolina Friends School to extend a warm invitation to all members and attenders of the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting to join us in worship. We have planned three All School Meetings for Worship for the 2012-13 school year, on the following dates: November 7, February 6, and April 17. The school community will gather in the gymnasium on the CFS main campus from 10:30 to 11:00 on these dates.

The School Life Committee supports and nurtures the Quaker dimension of school life. This is accomplished in many ways, including the creation of school-wide queries; the offering and support of special events on Quaker history, faith, practice and values; and by providing a place where the school's Quaker identity can be considered. The Committee strives to provide a forum for dialogue with members of the wider community, giving particular attention to the school's connection with the Durham and Chapel Hill Friends Meetings. The Afghan Sister Schools Partnership (ASSP) is under the care of the School Life Committee.

The Committee includes representatives from teachers, parents, Upper School and Middle School students, the Parent Staff Association, the Afghan Sister Schools Partnership, and CFS trustees, with some of these representatives also being members of the two local Meetings. We welcome members of the CFS community who carry a passion for nurturing the Quaker character of the school.

We would be delighted to have members and attenders of the Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting join us for these Meetings for Worship.

Congratulations to Friends

Ann G. Matthyse, a member of our Meeting and a regular participant in the 8:30 AM meeting, was recently named as a 2012 fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was one of nine UNC scientists named in 2012. According to "Campus Briefs: The group's members are elected to the title of fellow by their peers for advancing science applications deemed scientifically or socially distinguished." Ann is a professor of Biology at UNC and serves as Assistant Department Chair.

Renee Prillaman was recently selected as Assistant Principal for Teaching and Learning (APTL) at Carolina Friends School, effective July 1, 2013. The recommendation to create an APTL role emerged in "Meeting the Challenge" (CFS's Fourth Long-Range Strategic Plan) with specific goals including enhanced curricular coherence and professional growth. The APTL will work closely with unit Head Teachers and assume responsibilities that include (1) overseeing curriculum development across units of the School; (2) coordinating faculty hiring and evaluation; (3) communicating widely about the academic

program at CFS; and (4) facilitating the integration and assessment of classroom applications of technology in conjunction with the Director of Technology and classroom teachers. Renee serves currently in her ninth year as Middle School Head Teacher and has taught at CFS since August of 1998. Renee earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at UNC-Chapel Hill and brings to her new assignment 37 years of experience in public and private schools. Renee is also a member of the Friends Council on Education's Institute for Engaging Leadership, a parent of two CFS alums, and a member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Potluck and Speaker: Rosalie G. Riegl

Author of "Doing Time for Peace: Resistance, Family, and Community"

Sunday, January 20, at rise of late meeting (12:15 pm)

Join oral historian Rosalie Riegle as she introduces her new book on war resisters who say no to war-making in the strongest way possible—by engaging in civil disobedience and paying the consequences in jail or prison.

In their own words, the narrators describe their motivations and their preparations for acts of resistance, the actions themselves, and their trials and subsequent jail time. We hear from those who do their time by caring for their families and managing communities while their partners are imprisoned. Spouses and children talk frankly of the strains on family ties that a life of working for peace in the world can cause. The voices range from a World War II conscientious objector to those protesting the recent war in Iraq. The book includes sections on resister families, the Berrigans and Jonah House, the Plowshares communities, the Syracuse Peace Council, and Catholic Worker houses and communities.

Following the short presentation, Rosalie will welcome questions in hopes of a lively discussion on how we can continue to wage peace in these times.

Rosalie is a professor emeritus in English at Saginaw Valley State University. She lives in Evanston, Illinois and has published two previous oral histories: *Voices from the Catholic Worker* and *Dorothy Day: Portraits by Those Who Knew Her*.

Sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

Invitation to Cosmic Mass

January 12, 6:30-9:30pm - Carrboro Century Center

Submitted by Ed King

I invite you to a unique spiritual celebration of Shared Beginnings, inspired by Matthew Fox's lectures here in the Triangle last May. Six months have gone into the planning and preparation for this first Cosmic Mass for all ages, believers and non-believers, traditional church-goers, and secular humanists, i.e. the whole community. Read more online. Hope to see you there. www.cosmicmasstriangle.org

Descriptions of Benevolences Under the Care of Ministry and Worship

The Dec. 16 Meeting for Business approved the benevolences recommended by Ministry and Worship. A request was made for descriptions of these organizations' current activities.

Friends General Conference (FGC) is a Quaker organization that provides services and support materials to monthly and yearly meetings. Like all nonprofits, they have had to address financial issues lately, but good financial planning and careful expenditures have allowed minimal cuts in staffing. Several exciting new ventures are underway. FGC is developing a “Quaker Cloud,” a site that meetings can use to develop and maintain websites and store meeting records, including directories, in a secure setting. J Brent Bill, a long-time Friend and author, has been named as the staff person to shepherd the development of the New Meetings Project to help form new meetings from existing meetings that have become too large and want help in creating satellite worship groups, from Friends and seekers in areas where there is no established meeting, and from Friends who believe they live in densely populated areas that can support additional worship groups and meetings that might be more local for them. The Project will also begin to create materials to guide the formation of new communities, design workshops that will ground and prepare Friends called to anchor new meetings, and select and support a travel team who will visit new worship groups and meetings to support the deepening of their spiritual practices. Judy Purvis serves on the governing board (Central Committee) of FGC.

Friends Journal is a monthly Quaker publication that features articles on a wide range of topics, such as faith, outreach, Quaker history, and biographies of Friends. They also devote some issues to a single topic, such as Friends and money, or community building. Our meeting provides a 6-month subscription to new members (out of the M&W budget line) and subscribes to the Journal out of Library Committee funds. However, the cost of a subscription does not cover the full cost of publishing this excellent magazine.

The School of the Spirit (SotS) is a Quaker organization focused on deepening the spiritual roots of the Religious Society of Friends. It does this through one-day “Testing the Waters” programs, 3-night “Silent Retreats in the Manner of Friends,” the 2-year “On Being a Spiritual Nurturer” study and residency program, a biannual 3-night “Spiritual Renewal Retreat” for past participants in the retreat programs, the schoolofthespirit.org website, and publication and web distribution of “The Spiritual Care Committee” pamphlet for Friends Meetings. Participants in the current Spiritual Nurturer program class hail from 9 different yearly meetings. The School of the Spirit ministry is under the care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, which provides prayerful oversight and certain accounting and administrative services but no funding. Generous scholarship funding is available so Friends at all income levels can participate. Contributions from individual Friends and a few Meetings are the primary sources of income. The School of the Spirit is a frugal organization, operating with a single administrator, a home office, and a volunteer board of directors.

Matt Drake is the current clerk of the SotS Board and Mike Green is the SotS administrator. Judy Purvis and Lynn and Matt Drake have participated recently in SotS programs.

Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) is a collective of Friends Meetings and Worship Groups that gathers for worship, fun, and fellowship. Founded in 1968, PFF addresses issues and concerns in a wider Quaker forum. Annually PFF develops one or two workshops, a weekend family retreat, and retreats for middle and high school age Friends. At all of these gatherings, the underlying goal is to nurture the spirit within each of us as we share with new and old Friends. PFF is affiliated with Friends General Conference. Annual contributions to PFF help cover expenses of gatherings.

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a Quaker faith community within the Religious Society of Friends. FLGBTQC deeply honors, affirms, and upholds that of God in all people.

We seek to know that of God within ourselves and others. We seek to express God's truth in the Quaker and in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transsexual/transgender communities, as it is made known to us.

It is our hope to offer an oasis to those who have been spurned by the world at large. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life. Our experience with oppression in our own lives leads us to seek ways to bring our witness to bear in the struggles of other oppressed peoples.

We gather twice a year, at our Mid-Winter gathering and at the Friends General Conference Annual Gathering of Friends in the summer. At these times we worship together, discern our corporate witness through Meeting for Worship with attention to business, share our individual journeys, celebrate our lives, heal old wounds, and draw sustenance from the Spirit for our work and life in the world. After almost thirty years, we are still learning to spread love in the face of rejection and hostility and to embrace new friends. We have found faith and voice to speak truth to power and the courage to be open to new revelation.

BENEVOLENCE BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Benevolences Recommended by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee	2007-8	2008-9	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13
Carolina Friends School*	** 7,880	8,370	***7,000	7,000	5,700	5,000
Interfaith Council	7,000	7,000	8,000	8,000	7,500	6,600
Quaker House	7,000	8,000	6,000	5,000	4,500	4,350
Friends Comm. on Natl. Legislation	1,400	1,500	2,000	3,500	3,000	2,650
Amer. Friends Service Committee	1,200	1,200	1,500	2,500	2,000	1,800
Quaker Earthcare Witness	800	1,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,300
NC WARN	100	300	300	2,000	1,500	1,350
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	0	600	1,000	1,000	750	670
Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	400	400	400	400	300	270
NC Council of Ch. (Power & Light)	100	400	400	500	200	180
People of Faith Agst Death Penalty	300	300	300	200	200	180
Right Sharing of World Resources	300	300	300	200	100	90
Orange County Justice United in Community Effort (Orange JUICE)	0	0	0	100	100	90
Schoolhouse of Wonder	300	0	50	50	0	0
Planned Parenthood of Central NC	0	100	50	50	50	45
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	100	100	50	50	0	0
Orange County Peace Coalition	0	0	50	50	50	45
Transition Towns Carrboro – Ch. Hill		0	0	50	20	0
Triangle Land Conservancy	0	0	0	50	0	0
Total Recommended by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee	\$27,380	\$29,670	\$29,400	\$32,700	\$27,470	\$24,620
Adjustment by the Meeting	\$3,620	0	\$1,370	0	0	
Friends General Conference			700	700	650	
Friends Journal			200	200	200	
Piedmont Friends Fellowship			550	550	400	
School of The Spirit			250	250	200	
FLGBTQC			150	150	100	
Friends Center at Guilford College			150	150	150	
Total Recommended Min. & Worship	?	?	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,400
Adult Religious Education						150
Total Approved by the Meeting	\$31,000	\$29,670	\$32,770	\$34,700	\$29,170	\$26,170

*The Meeting contributes to CFS the use of the Education Building Monday -Friday. The value of that real estate contribution is conservatively estimated to be \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year. CFS maintains the Education Building, the playground and half the cost of the parking lot.

**CFS 2007-8 amount was increased by \$3,620 to \$11,500 by the Meeting.

*** CFS 2009-10 amount was increased by \$1,370 to \$8,370 by the Meeting.

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Carolyn White, clerk; Robin Harper, recording clerk
December 16, 2012

Worship and query: Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?

One Friend spoke about working in an environment where spiritual beliefs are not valued and feeling united with others whose faith is central in their lives. One Friend remarked that the query assumes we have a ministry of outreach, which we don't. Ours is a personal faith, between ourselves and God. Another Friend spoke about not wanting to impose our beliefs on others; however a program such as Quaker Quest provides a safe place to discuss spiritual issues.

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

We welcomed first time attenders Robert Schertz and Linda Graham.

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

Approved.

3. Recommendation of membership for Ed and Cindy Bowen—Dottie Heninger

Dottie read a short biography of Ed and Cindy (attached). Ministry & Worship recommends with joy Ed and Cindy Bowen for membership at CHFM.

Approved.

Carolyn Stuart will clerk Welcoming Committee, along with Dottie.

4. Request for transfer of membership of Savannah Crites from Clear Creek Meeting, Richmond IN, membership for Lolly Dunlap and familial memberships for Rowan, Isaac and Adrian (referred to M&W)

Carolyn reported that she had been unable to reach Clear Creek Meeting, despite repeated calls and email attempts. So she decided we should go ahead and establish a clearness committee for this purpose. Bonnie Raphael will clerk the committee.

5. Request for membership for Kathleen McNeil and Finn James (referred to Ministry & Worship)

We also received a request from this family. Lynn Drake will clerk the committee.

6. Request to transfer membership of Mike and Marsha Green to Durham Friends Meeting—Dottie Heninger

The letter from the Greens requesting transfer is attached.

Dottie read the following minute, prepared by Ministry & Worship:

"Chapel Hill Friends Meeting cherishes Marsha Green and Mike Green as long time members of our Meeting. They blessed our Meeting with many gifts of service and loving friendship for over 20 years. We now honor their request to transfer their membership to Durham Friends Meeting. We will continue to hold them in the Light as they formally

move to their new Meeting. Tamsin, Sebastian and Tristan will remain on our rolls as familial members, as requested."

Approved.

Friends shared movingly about the Green family—their commitment to their local community and desire to live and worship in the community in which they live, their sharing with our Meeting not only their spiritual gifts but also their struggles, and their immediate joining in with the work and worship of our Meeting, when they first attended. We all learned by their example. Friends also spoke of working with Mike and Marsha on committees and boards, and their sadness at losing them. The Greens had a profound effect on this Meeting, and this Meeting on them.

One Friend spoke to the fluid yet strong nature of our Meeting, and its continued vitality despite the constant changes. What do we mean by “familial members”? This is a topic that needs further discussion.

7. Request to transfer membership of Wendy Michener from Fayetteville Friends Meeting

This will be referred to Ministry & Worship.

8. Amended Marriage Document—Dottie Heninger

Ministry and Worship approved a marriage document amendment to read that both members and familial members of the Meeting may be married under the care of the Meeting. The new policy would read (change underlined):

“Marriage under the care of the Meeting implies that the Meeting will provide ongoing nurture for the marriage and for both partners. For this reason, it is expected that at least one partner be a member of the Religious Society of Friends or a familial member of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and anticipate an active ongoing relationship with the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and/or the Religious Society of Friends.”

Approved.

9. Request for marriage under the care of the Meeting of Will Stanley and Lauren Hart (referred to Care and Counsel)

Jeff Brown will be clerking this clearness committee.

10. Naming Committee recommendations—Jan Hutton

Jan Hutton and Pam Schwingl, as the appointed Naming Committee, recommend the following people for Nominations Committee: Buffie Webber, Leslie Rountree, Terry Mehlman, Jim Palmer, Barbara Williamson, Annette Broadwell, Jasmine McKewen and Karen Merrey. Of these, Leslie and Buffie are returning members.

Approved.

11. Benevolences have been cut by 10%

The new amounts, by committee, are listed below.

Under the care of Ministry and Worship:

Friends General Conference:	\$600
FLGBTQC:	\$100
Friends Journal:	\$200

Piedmont Friends Fellowship:	\$300
School of the Spirit:	<u>\$200</u>
TOTAL	\$1400

The Meeting was in unity on the amount for benevolences suggested by M&W. M&W is requested to provide a description of each of these benevolences for inclusion in the newsletter.

Approved.

Under the care of Adult Religious Education:

Friends Center at Guilford College: \$150

Since ARE did not have a chance to discuss their benevolence, they will do so and bring it back for approval next month.

Peace and Social Concerns will present their recommendations (totaling \$24,620) in January. Information about this will be made available to the Meeting before next month's MWAB.

One Friend questioned the use of monies that come into the Meeting that are not from contributions (e.g., building rental). Matt Drake explained: We did not meet our goal of \$65,000 last year, so our budget this year was set at \$61,000. Last spring we did identify other income streams, but decided that our budget would be based on contributions only. We felt that the youth, on whose behalf the football parking income is raised, should have first use of that money. We also felt that building rental income should be set aside for building needs as they arise. Therefore, with the reduced budget, benevolences needed to be cut by 10%.

Gratitude was expressed to all of these committees for the difficult job they have of discerning the best ways to allocate our benevolence funds.

11. Proposed minute concerning our 75th year celebration—Dottie Heninger

“At the December 9, 2012, forum about suggested next steps for the Meeting as we begin our next 75 years, the following themes emerged as our focus: 1) Diversity 2) Knowing and keeping youth and young adults in our Meeting 3) Attracting and keeping youth and young adults in our community. Committees will be asked to consider this query: ‘How can your committee help the Meeting become more diverse and more inclusive of youth, young adults, and young families over the next year?’”

Approved.

Ministry & Worship was requested to share the full lists that were generated on the day of our workshop with Ben Pink Dandelion, as well as the summaries that were presented at the forum on Nov. 11 (attached). M&W was also requested to consider facilitating a group of young adult friends, to get together and discuss how they found the Meeting and how we can reach out and find more.

12. Annual Report of Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Funds—Jan Hutton (Attached)

The report was accepted with thanks.

13. Annual Report of Adult Religious Education—Dan Darnell
Postponed.

14. Messages and Announcements:

- a. Fundraising for current budget going well and we are thankful for those who have contributed.
- b. Christmas party tonight from 5 to 7 PM. Bring canned food for the IFC.
- c. Paul Munk will be recognized as Volunteer of the Year on Wednesday, December 19, in the hall of University Mall between 6 and 8 PM.
- d. Bible Study session at Ryan Jarrell's home is upcoming; let him know if you interested.
- e. Dirk Kelder put together another pamphlet for the Christmas season entitled "Heartland," with a suggested donation of \$5.00 (to be given to CHFM).
- f. "Radical Simplicity" book group being facilitated by Jennifer Leeman; let her know if you are interested. It will be a 4-session group, and she will be sending out a "doodle" next week to find a good time.

Worship and greeting

Attending: James Harper, Dan Darnell, Barbara Williamson, Ann Kessemeier, Marilyn A. Dyer, Judy Purvis, Carolyn Stuart, Jan Hutton, Wendy Michener, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Emilie Condon, Ryan Jarrell, Bettie L. Flash, Lloyd Kramer, Rob Schectz, Richard Miller, Linda Graham, Anne Smith, Kitty Bergel, Dottie Heninger, Jennifer Leeman, Tom Munk, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Tom Ludlow, Andrea Wuerth, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Dirk Kelder, James Harris, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Ann Miller, Bill Jenkins, Melvin L. Burton, Tom McQuiston

BIOGRAPHY OF ED BOWEN AND CINDY BOWEN

I am pleased to bring Ministry and Worship's recommendation for membership for Ed Bowen and Cindy Bowen.

So that you will know them better, a short biography: Ed and Cindy have been married for 30 years Cindy is originally from Indiana and Ed is originally from NC. They have lived in the Research Triangle area for most of their lives, and have also lived in NY, Kentucky and Zurich, Switzerland. Cindy works to feed the hungry children of Chatham County where she serves on the Board of Directors of Chatham Outreach Alliance, the non-profit food pantry, and on the Board of Directors of Chatham Trades, which helps people with disabilities. She also enjoys reading and cooking. Ed works in technology (he has read a lot about Quakerism on the Web) and enjoys leaning about history as a hobby. Ed is currently a member of the Publications and Records Committee of our Meeting.

I clerked their clearness committee made up of Carolyn Stuart, Susan Inglis, and Chris Stanley. We met with Ed and Cindy and explored their desire for a religious home in the Society of Friends. We all shared our spiritual journeys as we talked about our Meeting. Ed and Cindy have searched for a spiritual community for many years, and have attended Chapel Hill Friends Meeting for the last two years. They are knowledgeable about Friends, and clear that they already feel a part of our Meeting. They both participated in BPD events over the last year with enthusiasm.

The clearness committee was moved and deepened with our time with the Bowens. We recommend their membership with joy.

Dottie Heninger

LETTER FROM MIKE AND MARSHA GREEN

Dear Carolyn and the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting,

It has been three years since we moved from Carrboro to Durham, and during that time we have been settling in to our new home and new community. An important part of that new community is the Durham Friends Meeting, which is just a short bike ride away from our home. We now worship regularly with Durham Friends and believe the time has come to request that our membership be transferred from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to the Durham Friends Meeting.

There is still tenderness about leaving a meeting that nurtured our family, including our children Tamsin, Sebastian, and Tristan, for 20 years. We all benefited from serving and being served by the meeting and treasure the close friendships and spiritual guidance we have received from members and attenders of the meeting. Twenty years of memories will stay with us, even as we create a new community at Durham. We trust that even as our membership is transferred, our connections to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting will remain strong through individual connections, Piedmont Friends Fellowship events, and other opportunities.

We have spoken with each of our children, who are currently listed as familial members at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. They have each indicated to us that they do not wish to transfer their familial membership because as independent adults they have not followed us to Durham. They still consider Chapel Hill to be their "home meeting." They have also each said that they are comfortable laying down their familial membership and making the individual decision whether or not to seek membership as a full adult at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, if it is the Meeting's decision that they cannot remain as familial members. We trust that we will all remain in the meeting's directory.

We have met with Friends at Durham to help us come to clearness on this question of transfer, and with our sense of unity we request that you send a letter to Margie Dingman, clerk of the Durham Friends Meeting, at 2014 Ward Street, Durham, NC 27707 (Margie@dingman.org; phone 919.493.6789) transferring the membership of Michael Green and Marsha Green.

Thank you again for the many friendships, prayers and support that have helped shape our lives since 1990.

In peace,
Mike and Marsha Green

**SUMMARY OF RESPONSES
BEN PINK DANDELION RETREAT ON 11/10/12**

First Query: Why do I come to Meeting?

- To worship in a community of like-minded people (~32)
- To find peace, silence, a place to slow down, listen, discern (~38)
- To learn from others' vocal ministry
- To provide a spiritual home for my family, for children
- To have a place for seeking, continuous revelation, personal growth

Second Query: What is your vision for the Meeting 75 years from now?

- greater age, cultural, economic, and racial diversity
- strong commitment to address justice, social inequality and peace in our community and in our world
- same worship style as today: silent, deeply spiritual, seeking
- welcoming, vibrant, thriving, responsive faith community
- more widely recognized and emulated by the larger community
- increasing numbers, more young people, thriving connection with FDS and CFS
- better connection to other faith communities

SUMMARY OF SHARINGS AT FOLLOW-UP FORUM ON 11/11/12

- 1) It is easier for most of us to pay attention to the heart individually; as a community, we may tend to squash this and become head-oriented. Maybe we need to find more heart experience in our meeting. (A covered meeting is a heart experience.)
- 2) BPD encouraged us to articulate what we're really about as a meeting. Practice articulating who we are as a community in order to better manage our "weirdness".
- 3) Singing or beginning worship with a reading might help us prepare for silent worship.
- 4) Central beliefs of Quakerism include continuing revelation and universal experiential access to the divine. Our lives are our testimonies that grow out of our beliefs, our practices, and our experience.
- 5) We're constrained by "this is the way we've always done it." We can sit loose with our tradition.
- 6) We are missing some generations in our meeting. How do we reclaim them?

SHOTTS MEMORIAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT, 2011-2012

The Mary and Claude Shotts/Leadership Development committee oversees two funds to support the leadings of Friends, both members and attenders, to enrich and deepen their capacity for leadership within the Meeting, the local community, and the Religious Society of Friends.

The Mary and Claude Shotts Memorial Fund, established in 1973, provides financial assistance to enrich and develop the lives of individuals with a relationship to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Grants from this fund are distributed from the interest earned on principal.

The Leadership Development Fund, established in 1982, provides financial aid to benefit the spiritual life of the Meeting through the enhancement of leadership capabilities in individuals. Grants from this fund are distributed from money carried over from prior years and from annual allocations approved by the monthly meeting.

As of September 30, 2012, the most recent quarterly report, these funds which are managed by Friends' Fiduciary, held \$26,904.27.

In the fiscal year, 2011-2012, the committee approved three grants totaling \$1900 from the Shotts Memorial Fund: to Emily Harper for her work with Cosmic Volunteers during a three week service trip to Peru; to Jan Hutton for a Parker Palmer Circles of Trust retreat at St. Francis Springs Prayer Center in Stoneville NC, and to Kathy Davis for a Guatemala service trip.

We gave one grant from the Leadership Development Fund to Dottie Heninger and Bonnie Raphael for a Pendle Hill program on Quaker faith and practice, led by Ben Pink Dandelion. This trip was a prelude to Pink Dandelion's visit to CHFM, in celebration of our 75th Anniversary.

The committee would like to raise the profile for these funds' availability to members and attenders of our Meeting. To that end, a forum entitled, "How to Grow as a Quaker and a Leader, and Let Our Meeting Help Fund You" was held on August 26, 2012. We anticipate writing an article for the newsletter and contacting CHFM's different committees with more information.

Finally, we would like to offer thanks to Asta Crowe and Leslie Rountree for their caring stewardship before having rotated off the Shotts Memorial and Leadership Development Committee.

Respectfully submitted by the Shotts/Leadership Committee: Jan Hutton, Clerk; Lynn Drake (Treasurer), Stuart Phillips, Gwynne Pomeroy, and Roberto Quercia

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

- Sun. 1/6** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Quaker House (see page 2)
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations
- Tue. 1/8 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/11 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 1/13** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Empathy - Dirk Kelder
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Peace & Social Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
- Tue. 1/15 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/18 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 1/20** 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
noon Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
12:15pm Potluck and Speaker (see page 4)
- Tue. 1/22 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 1/25 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 1/27** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: personal sharing - Dirk Spruyt
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. 2/1 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 2/3** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Quaker Tapestry - Allie Scales
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
- Tue. 2/5 7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 2/6 10:30am CFS All School Meeting for Worship (see page 3)
Thur. 2/7 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 2/8 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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