

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

October, 2013



Monthly Query:

How do we help our members and attenders to discover and develop their spiritual gifts? How do we assist visitors, attenders, and members to grow in their ability to participate in silent worship?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

October 6: North Carolina's Unique Role in the Climate Crisis and Clean Energy

Jim Warren of NC WARN will update the Friends Meeting on the continuing dynamic changes underway in the electricity generation field, the accelerating climate crisis and the statewide campaign to induce Duke Energy - now the world's largest corporate utility - to either become a climate game-changer or stop impeding progress toward clean energy. The discussion will include rapidly emerging and very promising developments in solar power in this state.

October 13: Personal Sharing

Come hear Nancy Elkins give her personal sharing.

October 27: Glimmers of Light in Government Gridlock

Nancy Milio will focus on positive movements toward Quaker priorities, e.g., immigration reform, Mideast diplomacy, budget issues, the Affordable Care Act Implementation, and environmental concerns. We will also preview the new 10 year FCNL Policy Statement that will be adopted by the General Committee at the November Annual Meeting.

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Do you prepare for meeting for worship by reading, meditating or having a spiritual practice throughout the week?

Monthly EnviroTip from the ECC

Giving away is a great way to reduce consumption and waste. Environmental Concerns Committee plans a "Give Away" on First and Second Sundays in November. Start collecting useful reusable items and plan to bring them to meeting for display. Useful items include: tools, clothing, books, kitchen ware, and even your grandmother's china that you never liked. You are asked to display the items and then pick up items for the next Sunday.

IFC News: Annual Meeting in October

The 2013 Inter-Faith Council for Social Service Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 24 from 6 to 8pm at the United Church of Chapel Hill (1321 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.). Everyone in the community is invited to attend! This will be a great opportunity to get together with IFC friends and to show appreciation for our volunteers. Come early and see the site for the new Community House Men's Transitional Housing Facility (right next to the venue).

Piedmont Friends Fellowship Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 2, 9am to 1pm, Davidson Friends Meeting, Davidson, NC

Re-Envisioning our System of Justice through Matthew 18.

Join Friends for a morning of thoughtful discourse, discussion and fellowship as we consider our criminal justice system and explore a Friendly way of meeting the accused with compassion and forgiveness. Registration fee \$10, \$5 for students, and includes a Simple Lunch. Representative Body meeting to follow. Please RSVP to Barbara Gardiner, PFF Representative for Davidson Friends (barbara.k.gardiner@gmail.com). See Jeff Brown or Annette Broadwell (our PFF reps) or the online flyer for more details:

<http://www.rtpnet.org/friends/links/Fallretreat2013flyer.pdf>

Prison Ministry Annual Sale of Pecans and Brunswick Stew

Pecans -- \$13/pound

Brunswick Stew -- \$8/quart

This is the main fund raising event for the Alamance-Orange prison ministry, which supports the Chaplain at Orange Correctional Center. Please help support this; the Chaplain's role at OCC is extremely important to the incarcerated men.

Orders can be placed with Asta Crowe (astacrowe@gmail.com or 933-4564). Pre-payment is required. Checks should be made payable to Orange-Alamance Prison Ministry and given to Asta. Cash is okay, but checks are preferred. Pick up will be Saturday, November 16. Asta can bring orders to Meeting on Sunday, November 17 but (for those ordering Brunswick Stew) because of her limited cooler space, please let her know whether you need to make other arrangements. Let's make this a good year!

Hillsborough Friends Worship Group

The Hillsborough Friends Worship Group meets Sundays from 11 to noon at 121 West Margaret Lane in Hillsborough. This is the white clapboard house that houses Hillsborough Yoga and Healing Arts. Paula Huffman (the proprietor of Hillsborough Yoga) has enthusiastically agreed to let us use the space for Meeting for Worship.

Both the Durham Friends Meeting and the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting are being supportive of this initiative to form a preparatory Meeting for the Hillsborough area. There are only a few chairs in the new space--so if you can, bring a folding chair with you to Meeting. Public parking is available next to the library and in the parking deck.

Contact: Paul Klever and Sally Freeman, pklever@earthlink.net

This I Believe, Quaker Style

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment beginning Thursday, Oct 10, 7:00 pm, in the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-768-9870) if you have questions.

Resource for Anti-Bombing Advocacy

Submitted by Nancy Milio

Friends who want to support a non-violent approach to the Syrian tragedy can access the FCNL webpage below to call, email, write letters to editors, or write to NC Senators Kay Hagan and Richard Burr, Congressman David Price, and the President.

http://fcnl.org/blog/2c/Syria_President_Delays_War/

Options in Syria

By Samuel Leeman-Munk

Reprinted from the News and Observer, September 3, 2013:

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/09/03/3161443/samuel-leeman-munk-options-in.html>

President Obama made a speech recently that presented our response to Bashir Assad's use of chemical weapons on civilians as a two-sided decision. We either attack, or we sit and watch more die. The truth is, we have options.

The Friends Committee on National Legislation shows some alternatives for holding Assad accountable that do not involve cruise missiles:

- Engage the peace process. Include regional organizations and groups that can most influence the Assad regime.
- Use diplomacy. This means we need to cut off military supplies to both Assad and rebels as well as holding everyone accountable to humanitarian law.
- Allocate more humanitarian funds toward refugees. We need to provide more humanitarian support for the men, women and children who have been forced to flee their homes into neighboring countries.
- Re-engage our allies. Acting without the support of the international community would demonstrate that we have learned nothing from Iraq and Afghanistan. We don't have support for a military intervention, so let's try to build up support for a nonviolent one.

Let's not get trapped into thinking we either have to attack or stand by. This is a complex issue, and it merits a considered response.

Ongoing Moral Monday alerts are available

Even though the NC Legislature is adjourned, Moral Mondays are continuing in different cities around our state (Moral Monday #18 will have happened on September 16 in Raleigh.) Please sign up for ongoing Moral Monday alerts by sending an email to info@naacpnc.org, or text NAACP to 46988 to receive text alerts. You don't have to await announcements at the rise of late meeting for the latest in reclaiming our state's humanity. Become part of the communication chain to keep hope and action alive!

FDS Updates

The FDS-wide field trip to Mendenhall Plantation is on Sunday, October 20. We will assemble at the meeting house at 11am as usual, and then drive one hour to Jamestown in Guilford County. Details will be sent closer to the date about carpooling, picnicking, etc. A volunteer will stay at the Meetinghouse to lead those who don't want to visit this historic Quaker farm, which was a stop along the Underground Railroad. Details about the site can be found here: <http://www.mendenhallplantation.org/>.

The teen group trip to Hyco Lake is the weekend of November 1-3. At this juncture, any member of the middle and high school group is invited to the cabin this weekend.

Questions? Comments? Contact Leslie Rountree: lesrountree@nc.rr.com, 919-932-7308.

Latest News from Quaker House

Submitted by Lynn Newsom

Ft. Bragg chaplains visit Quaker House! Today was an historical day for Quaker House as a group of chaplains and military behavioral health professionals came to visit us. As one chaplain put it, it was a time to build bridges. We discussed our GI Rights Hotline counseling and gave them samples of letters and calls that we've gotten. We agreed that we could work together to help the service members who are wounded in mind, soul and body. We presented information on the Alternatives to Violence Project and Joanna, our wonderful domestic violence therapist, told about the women that she has been helping. We explained that our organized protests were in support of the soldiers, to try to create a more peaceful world for them. One chaplain remarked that, upon entering the house, it "smelled like his grandmother's home," a way of knowing that our home was truly a welcoming and comfortable place. I told them how my prayer upon getting this job was to be able to sit with the military and say, "how can we help?" That prayer has been answered many times over now, but today was truly remarkable. I am very thankful to the compassionate and dedicated chaplains who arranged this visit and came to meet with us.

Hello from Ruth Hamilton

Hello Friends,

I arrived here in Pinon Springs, NM last Thursday around 4 pm. It was a solo 1,850 mile trip that went smoothly. The full moon was shining over the Bear Mountains and the elks were bugling. On Sat. I presented to the Pinon Springs HOA a plan to fight the military takeover of the Bear Mountains. It was well received and many homeowners were hearing about the military contract for the first time. My next plan is to meet with the environmental lawyer for the NM Wilderness Alliance. I hope to map out what I can do on the local level to stop the planned 26,000 yearly helicopter maneuvers, mostly at night. With the Bear Mountains only 10 miles away, no one will get sleep around here, not to mention the fire hazard. Please keep me in the Light, Ruth Hamilton

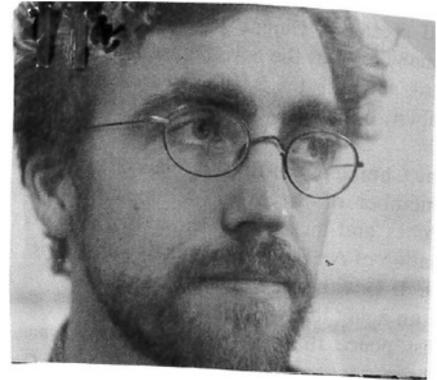
Book Review:

Light Without Fire: the Making of America's First Muslim College

By Scott Korb, Beacon Press, 2013

Submitted by Marilyn Dyer

It was only when I saw an advertisement for this book that it occurred to me that I had never given a thought to what the experience of finding a suitable college for their children must be like for Muslim Americans, especially if they feel a higher education should include enriching knowledge of their Muslim faith. Lest we forget, venerable institutions such as Harvard, Princeton, and Northwestern were established by Christian folks who strongly believed that religions (Christianity) had a place in higher education.



The book jacket states that the author teaches writing and courses on religion at New York University and the New School of Social Research. Erroneously, I assumed author Scott Korb was both a Muslim and probably from the Middle East. As I became absorbed in reading the book, for a number of reasons I felt the need to contact the author, especially if I were eventually to write a review of the book, thus helping in a small way to promote the existence of this new, unique college.

On July 31, 2013, I phoned professor Korb at his home in New York City and had a lengthy conversation that provided information that would aid in writing a fuller review. Interestingly, Korb on both sides of his family is of German extraction, and he is a practicing Catholic. He first learned about Zaytuna College in Berkeley, CA from one of his more outstanding students who just happened to be a Muslim. Thus, Korb was led independently to write about Zaytuna College. He received no grants, although Beacon Press did supply a modest advance. For an academic year, Korb was somehow able to continue teaching his classes at NYU and New School during the first part of the week and then catch a flight to California on Thursday afternoons.

In the book, Korb largely focuses on the experience of the Zaytuna College students rather than producing a reference book on how to create a college. He does make clear the outstanding qualifications of the three Muslim founders: Sheikh Hamza Yusuf, Imam Zaid Shakir, and Dr. Hatem Bazian. Korb speaks of the first two as “arguably the two most influential leaders in American Islam.” Berkeley is a wonderful place to be developing an institution of higher learning. One shortcoming of the book is the lack of an index. I created my own as I wove my way through the many names of Muslim educators, students, and other significant personalities.

In talking with Scott Korb, it was gratifying to learn that this new, unique institution of higher learning, founded particularly to meet the needs of Muslim students, is showing a growth in enrollments each year. The administrators of Zaytuna have heavy responsibilities. Fund-raising will be an ongoing task, while at the same time, promoting the existence of this new

college is vitally important. The founders of Zaytuna could not be more aware of the importance of the College's pursuance of a high academic standard, the sooner to receive formal accreditation. It is my hope that this review will encourage Friends' reading of this important new book, and will tell Muslim friends and acquaintances about the College.

Prepared for Greater: Farewell to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting **Submitted by Rodney Burwell**

Today will probably be my last Sunday at the meeting as an incarcerated man. The next time you see me in this meeting house, I will be free. Before I go, I would like to share some words with you. First, I would like to thank everyone in this room for being a friend to me and helping me to be a part of this family and community. As I leave here today, I want all of you to understand that because we all make mistakes, not to let our mistakes define who we are and what we choose to become. Yes, we all know that I'm in prison but that doesn't define who I am. Yes, some people will label me as an ex-con, felon, or jailbird, but to the people that know, love, and respect me, I will always be a human, son, father, brother, uncle, and friend. I will never hear the words ex-con, felon, or jailbird from them, because they always will want me to move forward and not backwards.

Prison will always be a part of my life because I never want to forget where I came from and how easy it was to get there and all the people I hurt along the way. Being in prison has helped me to understand what is important in my life. I know without being in prison, I wouldn't have my GED right now. I would not have taken two college courses. I wouldn't be a Quaker or have any knowledge about the Quakers. I wouldn't be ready for barber school and the list goes on. I always believe that God took me out of the streets at the right time before it was too late for me to save myself from myself.

Right now I know that God was preparing me for something greater. So the next time you see me, don't think of me as that ex-con, felon, or jailbird--just think of me as that human, son, father, brother, uncle or friend that has learned and moved on from his mistakes.

James Turrell: The Light Inside

The following is from the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston. You can read more and watch videos online: <http://www.mfah.org/exhibitions/past/james-turrell-retrospective/>

James Turrell: The Light Inside explores the remarkable career of James Turrell (born 1943). Raised in a Quaker household and coming of age in the radical climate of the 1960s, Turrell has created some of the most beautiful art of our time, treating light as a material presence in perfectly calculated installations. Viewers are invited to investigate the margins of perception, to measure the passage of time, and—in the artist's words—"to enter the light."

This exhibition features seven immersive light environments, ranging from Turrell's first projections of the late 1960s to his most recent Tall Glass series of 2010–13, as well as

three print portfolios and site plans relating to Roden Crater. All are from the collection of the MFAH, and most have been created for this exhibition. Also on view is *The Light Inside*, the Museum's beloved light tunnel, commissioned by Isabel B. and Wallace S. Wilson to connect the Caroline Wiess Law Building with the Audrey Jones Beck Building.

James Turrell: The Light Inside is part of a nationwide celebration of Turrell's work. It was conceived in conjunction with concurrent exhibitions on view this summer at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum, New York. The appreciation of Turrell's work in Houston extends from the MFAH to the artist's two local Skyspaces: One Accord at the Live Oak Friends Meeting House in the Heights, and Twilight Epiphany at Rice University in the Museum District.

Quaker Quilts

Submitted by Wendy Richesin-Dodd

This is my childhood friend who is doing some amazing work in North Philadelphia. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dWH4R0_-4hg&feature=c4-overview&list=UUlu-ynNOjRqWO7aWKlslaw

This past March, my family and I went to Colonial Williamsburg. I knew about a Baltimore Quilt Exhibit at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Museum. Upon doing some research, I knew there was a Quaker pattern called "Apple Pie Ridge Star", in the exhibit. I love the idea of following and learning about history through quilt patterns. Guilford has a quilt from the Underground Railroad with hidden messages sewn in the patterns.

This link shows images from the exhibit.

<http://www.quakerquilthistory.com/2012/11/a-quaker-quilt-and-apple-pie-ridge.html>

This is the write up from the Museum. The exhibit is open through May 11, 2014.

Quilts in the Baltimore Manner

This exhibition in the Foster and Muriel McCarl Gallery features 19th-century quilts made in and around the Baltimore area. The exhibition showcases 12 fine examples of the Baltimore quilt tradition with a sampling of quilts made in nearby counties as well as in parts of Virginia. Some of the most highly treasured quilts of the 19th century are the distinctive appliquéd album quilts made in Baltimore between 1845 and 1855. The third largest city in the U.S. during the 1840s, Baltimore also boasted the largest seaport and had a strong textile industry. These colorful, elaborately designed bed coverings are a feast for the eyes. This exhibition is underwritten in part by multiple gifts to the Quilt Exhibition Fund. Open through May 11, 2014.

Below are two theories on the origin of the "Apple Pie Ridge Star" pattern.

To quote from an article that originally appeared in a 2007 newsletter of the American Quilt Study Group, *"Historians do not know exactly which generation attributed the name of the pattern, but the locality in which blocks of the Hollingsworth Family Quilt were made is an*

area of rolling countryside just outside Winchester [. . .] During the 1750s, apple trees were widely planted there for their produce [. . .]

The region was mapped as the 'Apple Pie Ridge' as early as 1809. Several colorful legends exist about how it received its name. One story is that Revolutionary War-era Hessian prisoners of war walked 'north to the ridge on Sunday afternoons to enjoy the delicious apple pies cooked by Quaker housewives.' Another version suggests the name derived from glimpses of Quaker ladies through windows of their horse-drawn carriages, carrying apple pies for after-worship fellowship [. . .]

Like many quilt block patterns, Apple Pie Ridge Star appears to be a local name for a pattern observed elsewhere under different names. The shape has shown up in quilts known as Snowflake, True Lover's Knot, Kansas Pattern, and even a Lobster Variation." (Robare)

This was in Wikipedia under Winchester, Virginia:

During the Revolutionary War, the Virginia House of Burgesses chose local resident and [French and Indian War](#) veteran [Daniel Morgan](#) to raise a company of militia to support General George Washington's efforts during the Siege of Boston. He led the 96 men of "Morgan's Sharpshooters" from Winchester on July 14, 1775, and marched to Boston in 21 days. Morgan, Wood, and others also performed various duties in holding captured [prisoners of war](#), particularly [Hessian soldiers](#).

Hessian soldiers were known to walk to the high ridge north and west of town, where they could purchase and eat apple pies made by the Quakers. The ridge became affectionately known as Apple Pie Ridge. The Ridge Road built before 1751 leading north from town was renamed [Apple Pie Ridge Road](#). The local farmers found booming business in feeding the Virginia Militia and fledgling volunteer American army.

This is a link to Quaker quilts with a few books included.

<http://www.quakerquilthistory.com/2012/02/apple-pie-ridge-star-continued.html>

This blog has a wealth of information.

http://www.quakerquilthistory.com/2012_02_01_archive.html

I realize this is a lot of information. Perhaps I should share it with the embroidery group, instead. Over the past year and a half, I have visited a few Quaker sites in NC. I shared these sites with the fellow pilgrims. Our guide Roy mentioned something to me, "If pilgrimage is to have validity as a spiritual event, one needs to be clear that this duality of spiritual significance and current relevance is there - otherwise, one is doing a history tour, & that's not a pilgrimage. There's something for you to think - & worship - about!"

I find the history to be fascinating. I'm trying to make sure the spiritual piece is there as well. I hope you enjoy my findings. In love and friendship, Wendy Richesin-Dodd

What are the kids up to?!

Check out some of the great things our First Day School Coordinator, Teachers, and Children's Religious Education Committee have planned for our kids! Some of these events are already passed, but we thought it'd be fun for you to see a sampling of all their activities:

Sunday, September 1

Teens closed Meeting for Worship, and made the announcements. Last spring, Ministry & Worship asked the teens to take on this task every first Sunday of any month with five Sundays. The next one will be in December.

Sunday, September 8

Teens debuted their CHFM interview video documentary at Forum.

Weekend of September 13-15

Youth attended the Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) retreat in Atlanta, GA. SAYF retreats are open to 7th graders and older.

Sunday, September 22

The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting youth had a great time building a fence for Lulu and Trouble. The Coalition to Unchain Dogs welcomed us to help with this weekend's fence build, and were happy to have our muscles! It was a perfect day and beautiful way to spend the first day of Fall.

Weekend of September 27-29

Quaker Middle Schoolers attended the weekend retreat, "Experiencing the Spirit in Ourselves and Our World," under the care of the Durham Friends Meeting.

October 20

Our First Day School-wide fall field trip will be to Mendenhall Plantation, a Quaker homestead in Jamestown, NC, that is about an hour from Chapel Hill in Guilford County. Mendenhall was a stop on the underground railroad. To learn more about it, visit here: <http://www.mendenhallplantation.org/>.

Weekend of October 11-13

Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) retreat in Durham, NC. Since it is local, FDS and CRE would really like a big turnout from our CHFM teens! For program info, contact Wren Hendrickson.

In addition to these events, the kids also volunteer to help with football parking, during UNC's home games. The youth report to the parking lot at 10:30 am to help collect fees and direct traffic. It raises hundreds of dollars for our programs in a very, very short time, the lot fills usually way before game time, and the more kids that come, the merrier it is for all! Every teen tries to volunteer at least twice during football season.



Trouble and Lulu

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

September 15, 2013

Tom Munk, clerk; Robin Harper, recording clerk

Worship and query: As a Meeting, how do we support the spiritual growth of our children, Young Friends and Young Adult Friends? To what extent do we make this the whole Meeting's responsibility? What opportunities do we make to learn from them as well as teach them?

Friends mentioned examples such as letters to young friends from M&W, inviting them to fuller participation in the Meeting; families bringing their children to the first 15 minutes of worship rather than going straight to FDS; the video made by youth celebrating our 75th anniversary; the many non-parents (including former clerks) teaching FDS this year; the amazing calendar of activities for youth.

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

We welcomed first time attenders Elle Penley, Loren Hintz, William Jeffries, and Jo Ellen Gabbert.

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

Approved.

3. Nominations Update—Buffie Webber

Buffie began by emphasizing the importance of working within the framework of Quaker values, when one is using Quaker process. The two should be used together—one does not work without the other. She asked that, in keeping with Quaker process, we hold over the names she is recommending today for a month, and then make the final decision: James Bartow on IFC, Naveed Moeed on M&W, Charlene Swansea on Library,

and Emily Harper on P&SC. In addition, Carolyn Stuart requested membership on IFC. Buffie called attention to other needs, such as a Recorder, an Archivist, and members for ARE. She also stressed that we just need more full members (not just attenders) in our Meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report: 2012–13—Maura Murphy (Attached)

Maura reported that our Meeting's financial health is very good. Donations last year were greater than expected, committee expenditures were a little less than budgeted, and rentals came in about as expected, yielding a \$7000 surplus for the year. Youth income (football parking, SAYF) brought in about \$5000 beyond their own needs, bringing us to a total of \$12,000 to carry forward into this fiscal year. We give away about 40% of our budget, for example, as benevolences. Given last year's surplus, Friends requested that Finance Committee revisit the formula used to determine how and when we pay benevolences.

The report was accepted with thanks.

5. Ministry and Worship Annual Report—Dottie Heninger (Attached)

Dottie began by reminding us that this report is only for January - August of this year, since presentation of last year's report was delayed due to 75th anniversary events.

Friends expressed appreciation for the query formulated for this year by M&W—it has really helped FDS and brought new people to them—and for the committee's strong visibility within the life of the Meeting.

The report was accepted with thanks.

6. Membership request for Charleen Swansea—Tom Munk

Tom read Charleen's letter, requesting consideration for membership. It has been forwarded to M&W, and a clearness committee is being formed.

7. Clarification of the roles of the CRE/YRE committee, committee clerk, and FDS coordinator—Kathleen McNeil

This committee oversees FDS and any youth activities. Leslie Rountree's role is a hired position to run FDS. Logistical issues should go to her, and larger concerns (suggestions, praise, concerns, issues) should go to Kathleen. They are trying to spread responsibilities around and share the load better. They can be reached at :

childrensre@chapelhillfriends.org (Kathleen and Leslie),
fdscordinator@chapelhillfriends.org (Leslie).

8. Letter about Syria—Hank Elkins (Attached)

Friends asked several questions about the letter and the issue. The largest area of concern was whether or not the letter is still timely, with the situation surrounding Syria's use of chemical weapons changing so rapidly. Some felt that Russia's proposal should be addressed in the letter, others that we should also address the sale by the U.S. to other countries of chemical weapons. The letter is in keeping with FCNL's recommendations, but FCNL would go further in recommending the provision of humanitarian aid to Syrian refugees and countries harboring them.

We approved signing on to this already-existing letter, but also asked P&SC to keep working on writing a letter of our own.

9. Announcements

- a. Clerk Plus One Retreat, Oct. 5, 9:00am–12:00pm at the Meetinghouse. All committee clerks are encouraged to attend, to bring another member, and to let the clerk (Tom Munk) know who will attend.
- b. The Publications and Records Committee wants your current address, phone number, and email. Contact them with changes or to verify that your information is still accurate. Please contact them even if your information has not changed in years. Please let them know if there are changes in the names you'd like listed (e.g., children who now prefer their own listing, YA Friends who are now adults.) Changes must be received by November 1st to be included in the 2014 directory. Submit information by email to directory@chapelhillfriends.org, in the mailbox marked "newsletter," or by calling Emily Buehler at 919.475.5756.
- c. Fund Raiser for Quaker House, Sept. 22. At the rise of late meeting on Sept. 22nd there will be a beans & rice & ice cream Fund Raiser for Quaker House. Suggested donation \$10 to \$20 (no limit).
- d. Letter from David Nettleton, incarcerated at Odom Correctional Facility. David speaks to the way the Meeting has helped him and of his efforts to create Quaker Worship at Odom. If you would like to read his letter, speak to Tom Munk. If you would like to visit him, speak to Hank Elkins. If you would like to write him, watch this coming week's listserv announcements.
- e. Presentation on Israeli soldiers' testimonies from the occupied territories at Flyleaf Books on Oct. 6, 2:30pm.
- f. Presentation exploring the significance and historical framework of Moral Mondays on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 5:30pm at UNC's Fedex Global Studies Center.
- g. Ongoing Moral Monday alerts are available to you. Even though the NC Legislature is adjourned, Moral Mondays are continuing in different cities around our state (Moral Monday #18 will have happened on September 16 in Raleigh.) Please sign up for ongoing Moral Monday alerts by sending an email to info@naacpnc.org, or text NAACP to 46988 to receive text alerts.
- h. Free "War is Not The Answer" signs are available in the lobby.
- i. "Biblical Justice" class at Orange Correctional Center, Sept. 26, led by Daryl Atkinson, a Duke Divinity School professor and former prisoner. More info to come on the listserv.

Worship and Greeting

Attending: Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Maura Murphy, Jennifer Leeman, Jo Ellen Gabbert, Joyce Munk, Elle Penley, Jon Hite, William Jeffries, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Loren Hintz, Margaret Vimmerstedt, Kathleen McNeil, Anne Smith, Ken Grogan, Nancy Milio, Allie Scales, Pam Schwingl, Pat Mann, Naveed Moeed, Bettie Flash, Dottie Heninger, Jan Hutton, Ruth Zalph, Marilyn A. Dyer, Max Drake, James Harper, Francis Coyle, Lloyd Kramer, Buffie Webber, Bill Jenkins, Asta Crowe, Paul Munk, Donte Humphrey, Jim Smail, Maria Darlington

CHFM Treasurer's Report, July 2012 through June 2013

INCOME		July 1 - June 30	Other Income
Contributions ^a		66,030.00	
Building rental			5,337.36
Parking space rental			5,657.00
Miscellaneous			1,465.00
TOTAL Contributions		\$66,030.00	
EXPENSES	2012-2013 budget	Expenditures to date	Amount Remaining
Committees:			
Adult Religious Educ.	200.00	100.00	100.00
Buildings and Grounds ^b	17,470.00	17,512.08	(42.08)
Care and Counsel	100.00	0.00	100.00
CRE/YRE ^{c,d}	5,350.00	5,349.83	0.17
Environmental Concerns	200.00	95.70	104.30
Finance	300.00	178.53	121.47
Friends Transition and Support	500.00	309.68	190.32
Hospitality	350.00	137.27	212.73
Library	400.00	191.90	208.10
Ministry and Worship	500.00	617.63	(117.63)
Nominations	25.00	0.00	25.00
Peace and Social Concerns	200.00	0.00	200.00
Publications and Records	2,000.00	1,572.99	427.01
Total Committee Expenses^d	\$27,595.00	\$26,065.61	\$1,529.39
Special Funds:			
National Quaker Service	2,000.00	1,600.88	399.12
Meeting for Suffering	135.00	0.00	135.00
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	300.00	700.00
Future Needs of Meeting:			
Leadership Development	100.00	100.00	0.00
Physical Plant Replacement	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Wider Q Comm'ty Benevolences^e			
	26,170.00	26,055.00	0.00
Local/Regional Org Benevolences^e			
BUDGET TOTAL	\$61,000.00	\$58,121.49	\$2,763.51

^aIncludes CFS OWASA rebate

^bIncludes insurance, maintenance, utilities, landscaping, and new chairs

^cPrimarily compensation for First Day School Coordinator and Nursery Care person.

^dBudgeted amount does not include the YRE \$3,500.

^eClerical error in budget; expended what MWAB approved

2012-2013 Budget Year Report

- (1) All the Meeting’s 2012-2013 bills were paid and funds and benevolences fulfilled.
- (2) Contributions to our \$61,000 2012-2013 budget totaled \$66,030. This means that contributions were \$5,030 higher than we had expected.
- (3) Most committees spent less than their budget and were “under budget” by a total of \$1,529.39. Only 80% of the National Quaker Service Fund and 30% of the Contingency Fund were used.
- (4) In summary, the Meeting’s contributions income was \$66,030 and deductions for all purposes totaled 58,121.49. Thus \$7,908.51 in contributions was not expended. The \$7,908.51 is in the meeting’s checking account.
- (5) As approved by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in May 2011, the building rental income of \$5,657 was placed in the Renovations Fund account at BB&T.
- (6) YRE income and expenses are handled separately:

Income		Expenses	
Football parking	\$5,657	SAYF	\$1,828.74
Donations*	<u>\$1,465</u>	UBIT	<u>\$ 613.70</u>
Total income	\$7,122	Total expenses	\$2,442.44

*Durham Meeting and parents

Income – expenses = \$4,679.56
 This total was added to the Meeting’s checking account.

Bank and Investment Report

- (1) In the beginning of the FY 2012-2013, the former accounts at BOA were closed completely. All deposits and expenses were through the BBT accounts.
- (2) Balances as of 06/30/2013 in the accounts at BBT and Friends Fiduciary Corporation are listed below.

<u>BBT</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Checking	24,151.69
Overdraft Savings	10,246.92
Meeting Renovations Fund	32,636.11
Total	67,034.72
<u>Friends Fiduciary Corporation</u>	<u>Market</u>
General Fund	26,117.34
Physical Plant Fund	38,079.30
Bequest Fund	950.15
Total	65,146.79
TOTAL of ALL ACCOUNTS	\$132,181.51

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP ANNUAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2013*

The Ministry and Worship Committee is responsible for supporting and nurturing the spiritual life of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Our duties include everything from closing Meetings for Worship to providing clearness committees for those seeking membership. Among those we welcomed into membership since January are: Ed and Cindy Bowen, Wendy Michener, Rodney Burrell, Savannah Crites, Lolly Dunlap and their family, Kathleen McNeil and Finn, Linda Graham, Tom Ludlow, Michael Halperin, Naveed Moeed and Alice Drozdiak.

In addition to our customary functions of selecting the monthly queries, scheduling and leading our annual Spiritual State of the Meeting meeting (at which this year's query was "How can our committees help our Meeting to become more diverse and inclusive of our youth, young adults and young families?"), and supervising our Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduation (at which we honored Emily Harper), we determined that marriage under the care of the Meeting is permissible for familial members, that a Corresponding Clerk and a Meeting Archivist are needed, and that our Meeting for Worship with the inmates at the Orange Correctional Facility in March bears repeating.

We selected, printed, enlarged and framed two group photos taken during our 75th anniversary year and hope that Buildings and Grounds will determine where they can be mounted soon. We worked with Children's Religious Education to devise ways to enhance the interaction between First Day School and Meeting (including the decision to introduce our youth at potlucks beginning in the fall). We worked with Meeting Clerk Tom Munk to shape and circulate a "Who to Contact" list to deal with questions frequently asked by members and attenders. We purchased a temple bell for the Meeting, in order to gently quiet folks in the lobby as late Meeting for Worship begins. We are presently in the process of developing both an informational document and detailed methodology for transitioning familial members so as to retain their relationship to Quaker meeting, either ours or others. We are awaiting Meeting's approval to welcome Naveed Moeed to our committee membership to replace a departing member.

Submitted with many thanks to our departing Committee members Carolyn White (ex-officio), Judy Purvis, and Wren Hendrickson,

Dottie Heninger and Bonnie Raphael (co-clerks), Lynn Drake, Marilyn Dyer, Linda Graham, Susan Inglis, Lloyd Kramer, Pam Schwingl, and Tom Munk (ex-officio)

*Please note that because we delayed our 2012 annual report in order to cover all the events connected with our 75th anniversary, this report covers only January–August 2013.

**AN OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS
FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMUNITY**

We write to express our deep outrage and opposition to any US military attack against Syria. We stand with the vast majority of Americans from across the political spectrum who say NO to US military strikes on Syria.

A military attack will not result in a cessation of violence in Syria, nor will it bring any of the warring parties closer to the negotiating table. Rather, it is guaranteed to result in the killing of more civilians, an increase in refugees, an escalation of the violence, and further destabilization in the region.

President Obama's plan to launch an attack against a sovereign country, in violation of international law, only underscores our own hypocrisy. We must remember that we violated international law by attacking and invading Iraq on similar false premises, and that it was the US that used white phosphorous, a chemical weapon, there. After our own long history of using chemical weapons in other countries, isn't it time for the US to embark on a new path, one of moral credibility, legality, and peaceful resolution?

If your concern is truly for the people of Syria and for stability in that region, then the only path is a political settlement and an immediate cessation of all violence coupled with humanitarian aid for the Syrian people and their 4 million refugees (including 2 million internally displaced).

To accomplish this, you could prevail upon your allies in Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Turkey to halt the flow of weapons. Through your leadership, Russia and Iran might follow. You also could appeal to the International Criminal Court for appropriate action.

As a senator, President Obama, once stated that once bombs start falling, one has little control over what happens next. And, at the August 30th press conference, Secretary of State John Kerry stated that there could be no military solution in Syria, only a political solution. So, why intend a military attack?

We call upon you to heed the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who said: "Wisdom born of experience should tell us that war is obsolete.... If we assume that life is worth living, if we assume that mankind has the right to survive, then we must find an alternative to war."

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 10/6	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: NC's Unique Role in the Climate Crisis and Clean Energy
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 10/8	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 10/10	7pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 3)
Fri. 10/11	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/13	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing - Nancy Elkins
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 10/15	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 10/18	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/20	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	FDS trip to Mendenhall Plantation (see page 4)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
Tue. 10/22	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 10/24	6-8pm	IFC Annual Meeting - United Church of CH (see page 2)
Fri. 10/25	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 10/27	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Glimmers of Light in Government Gridlock
	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. 11/1	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Fri. 11/1 - Sun. 11/3		Teen trip to Hyco Lake (see page 4)
Sat. 11/2	9am-1pm	PFF Fall Retreat - Davidson Friends Meeting (see page 3)

Note: Daylight Savings Time ends!

Sun. 11/3	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tbd
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods

	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
Tue. 11/5	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 11/7	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 11/8	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
 531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
 Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
 First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
 Clerk of the Meeting: Tom Munk (919) 929-9135
 Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- **Newsletter.** This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.
- **Listserv.** To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include “listserv” or “in the light” in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html.
- **Website.** To get items posted on our website, send them to news@chapelhillfriends.org.

Help Update the Directory!

The Publications and Records Committee wants your current address, phone number, and email. Contact us with changes or to **verify that your information is still accurate**. If you don't, we will call you. The deadline is November 1st to be included in the 2013 directory.

Please let us know if there are changes in the names you'd like listed (e.g., children who now prefer their own listing, YA Friends who are now adults.)

Here are the ways to submit information:

1. Send us an email at directory@chapelhillfriends.org.
2. Fill in the form and leave it in the P&R mailbox.
3. Call Emily Buehler at 919 475 5756.

Thanks for your help getting the directory out on time!

Name: _____

My information is correct.

My information has changed:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Other changes: _____

(Fill out this form, detach, and place in the P&R mailbox.)