

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

October, 2014



## Monthly Query:

*Are we open to new light, from whatever source it may come? Do we approach new ideas with discernment?*

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## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness. Seneca

## Upcoming Forum Schedule

**October 5** – "Quaker Issues in the Election," Presenter: Nancy Milio. Description: What are the Stakes for Quaker issues in the election? Focus: prospects for Quaker issues/ FCNL lobbying in the 2014-2015 Congress depending on the outcome of the election. Review scenarios and agendas of potential Congressional leadership. Query: What are other insights re: peace, equality, environmental policy prospects at stake? What can be done to improve prospects? Facilitator: Max Drake

**October 12** – "Conflict Transformation," Presenters: Heather Cook and Peter Phillips, Friends from New York Yearly Meeting and leaders of the Oct. 11 Conflict Transformation workshop for the Meeting. Description: A brief experiential taste of the Saturday workshop. Facilitator: Wendy Michener

**October 26** – "Personal Sharing," Presenter: John Hite. Description: John is the meetinghouse resident and leader of the Meeting's Young Friends program. He will talk about his spiritual journey and his work with our teenagers. Facilitator: Max Drake

## MISSING!!! ONE SMALL, LOW WOODEN TABLE

Someone mistakenly thought that our sign saying, "Free to a Good Home" meant that the TABLE was free to a good home and took the table. Actually the table needs to stay here as it is where we place clothing, toys, etc for our families to take. We are asking that it be returned as it actually was not the free to a good home item. Thank you. Chapel Hill Early School

## A Finance Committee Invitation

We are now well into the 2014-15 fiscal year, and Friends are providing us with their contribution plans as well as contributions for the work of the Meeting. The Finance Committee is busy contacting Meeting members and attenders to remind them of the budget and the need for \$63,985 in contributions to support the Meeting's activities and operational expenses. If you have not yet contributed and/or sent your giving plan for 2014-15, we hope you will respond soon to the invitation you receive. Send an email reply, hand your reply to a member of the Finance Committee, or drop your completed giving plan into the contributions box in the foyer. We rely on the generosity of our members and attenders. Thank you, if you already sent your giving plans and/or contributed since July 1.

Your Finance Committee: Kitty Bergel, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Matt Drake (clerk), Bob Durovich, Loren Hintz, Tom Ludlow, Ann Miller, Ric Shepherd, and Maura Murphy (Treasurer, ex officio member)

## IFC Annual Meeting

IFC's Annual Meeting will take place on October 23 at the United Church of Chapel Hill from 6 to 8pm. Come early and see the site for the new IFC @ SECU Community House (adjacent to the venue). Please RSVP at [www.ifcweb.org/rsvp](http://www.ifcweb.org/rsvp) and bring your favorite finger food to share.

## **Dine Out and Make a Difference: Tuesday, November 11!**

On RSVVP (Restaurants Sharing Ten Percent) Day, participating restaurants contribute 10% of their total receipts (from breakfast, lunch, dinner and in-between snacks) to benefit the IFC's Food Pantry and Community Kitchen. The 25th annual RSVVP Day in 2013 raised over \$20,000 for IFC hunger-relief programs!

Visit [www.ifcweb.org/events/rsvvp](http://www.ifcweb.org/events/rsvvp) for more information and a complete list of participating restaurants.

## **Post Turkey Day Jam and IFC Holiday Meals**

Thanksgiving will soon be upon us! Each holiday season, the IFC provides holiday meals to hundreds of families. Please consider sharing a meal with someone who might not otherwise get one. A gift of only \$25 helps the IFC offer a family a holiday meal -- a turkey or ham, mashed potatoes, stuffing, vegetables, bread and dessert. In recent years, fresh produce has been included in the bags thanks to a special collaboration with Farmer Foodshare.

Thanksgiving also means it's almost time for Jon Shain's Post Turkey Day Jam. This year the benefit concert will take place on Saturday, November 29 at The Cary Theater (122 E. Chatham Street). IFC will receive half of the proceeds that will help fund our holiday meals program. This will be the 14th year that Jon Shain has organized this important annual fundraising event for IFC.

## **IFC in the Indy Give!Guide**

The Indy Week Give!Guide helps fund and promote local nonprofits by encouraging year-end giving. The aim is to instill the annual-giving habit in Triangle residents, especially those under the age of 36.

Why donate through G!G? Many local businesses have donated incentives. Those who give to IFC may be eligible to be double matched by Shared Visions Foundation and The Stewards Fund. The Chapel Hill-Carrboro agencies that have been selected are all banding together and ask that you consider giving locally this year. Like IFC, the following non-profits work to help make our towns a better place to live: The ArtsCenter, Compass Center for Women & Families, El Futuro and Ronald McDonald House of Chapel Hill.

INDY Week will host a Kick Off Party to celebrate the launch of Give!Guide on November 9 at Person Street Bar (805 N. Person St., Raleigh) from 3:30 to 8:30 pm. The event is free and open to the public (21+) with RSVP. To give through the Give!Guide, visit [give.indyweek.com](http://give.indyweek.com) from November 9 to December 31.

## **This I Believe, Quaker Style**

**Coming on Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11**

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 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, gathering the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Meetingroom, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-606-4574) if you have questions.

## **Let's Grow Together!**

### **October 11 Conflict Transformation workshop for CHFM members and attenders**

"Love is the First Motion" is an ongoing initiative that emerged from our meeting this past year. Friends in a healthy community learn how to build bridges to one another's humanity when we experience conflict. To this end, our next step is to bring Heather Cooke and Peter Phillips, members of New York Yearly Meeting's Conflict Transformation Committee to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Members and attenders are encouraged to join us for a one-day experiential workshop on Saturday, October 11, 9 - 5, at Carolina Friends' School. Let's grow together! Registration is free and is required by October 6 in order to receive workshop materials. Please use the sign up sheet on the back of the Meeting House door, or email [janhutton1@gmail.com](mailto:janhutton1@gmail.com)

Lynn Drake, Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed, and Pam Schwingl: "Love is the First Motion" subcommittee

## **Fund-raising event for Straight Talk**

The Red Carpet Fund-raising event for STRAIGHT TALK is coming up October 24 at the Durham Marriott Convention Center. Tickets are now on sale for the documentary "In the Middle of Nowhere." This is an important event and I hope many of us can attend.

Bessie Elmore has spear-headed this with the Straight Talk group she founded. Go to the link <http://straighttalksupportgroup.weebly.com/> to read all about it and order tickets. Folks going can arrange to carpool. For more information, contact Asta Crowe ([astacrowe@gmail.com](mailto:astacrowe@gmail.com); 919-933-4564) or email Bessie Elmore ([thelady54@aol.com](mailto:thelady54@aol.com)). Let's show our support for Straight Talk and for this event.

## Family and Friends Affected by Mental Illness

Kathleen McNeil presented "Regaining Your Will to Live" to the CHFM Families and Friends Affected by Illness Group on Sept. 28. The group was well attended and learned the importance of quiet caring for those who survive a suicide attempt. The discussion will continue on Oct. 26 when the group discusses how the meeting and others can best support those affected by suicide or suicide attempts. Nancy Gossett agreed to convene the next meeting and facilitate the discussion. We hope to start offering childcare for these meetings which occur on at the rise of meeting on fourth Sundays. A potluck meal is offered before the meeting. If you would like to be placed on this group's list serve, please send your email address to Alice Carlton at [amberalice@mindspring.com](mailto:amberalice@mindspring.com).

Ruth Hamilton said good-bye to the group for she is returning to her home in Magdalena, NM. She is very thankful that this group continues to offer nurture and support for CHFM.

This is Kathleen McNeil's tribute to her sister, Angela Marie Metivier (1971-2014):

*Our family lost our beautiful beloved sister, Marcella Dawn Gray in June 2007 to suicide. Although she had suffered from mental illness for many years, we failed to understand that a diseased brain can be deadly. In the end, the fear, the shame, and the relentless pain she suffered stole her from us. Many members of our family have become tireless advocates for the mentally ill. Our sister Angela worked at a hospital and decided to start volunteering in the PYSCH ward after her shifts. She shared with patients her own agonizing struggle with suicidal depression, her amazing ability to listen, her kindness, and her near magical ability to convince people that things would get better... some way somehow. Her primary message to people was: YOU ARE NOT ALONE and she proved it with her physical presence and consistent reliability. Angela ended her own struggle with breast cancer just a few short weeks ago. During the end of her illness, we had about a dozen former suicidal patients communicate to us that her gentle understanding, brutally dark wit, and refusal to give up on them had saved their lives. I will share with you a short power point trying to put together some of the things we have learned from those brave survivors, from Marcee's struggle, from Angela's work, and from the many severely depressed people we have held in the Light along the way.*

We created a list of future topics here listed in no particular order: post-deployment issues for veterans and their families, moral injury for veterans, dual diagnosis, depression, domestic violence perpetrators, caregivers, schizo-affective disorder, borderline personality disorder, bipolar disorder, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, grief & loss, how to talk to doctors of loved ones who refuse to give permission.

Our meeting November 23 will be convened and led by Robert Lee on his method for helping loved ones with mental health difficulties. More later from Robert on what he intends to cover.

All Meeting members and attenders are invited to join us.

## **Newcomer's Reception**

Mark your calendars for Saturday November 8 from 3-5 pm when there will be a Newcomer's Reception at Joanna Selim's house, 113 Stoneridge Drive, Chapel Hill. If you consider yourself a newcomer, especially if you have been attending less than a year or sporadically over several years, and would like an opportunity to learn more about Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, you are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served. Please come for the entire time or drop by as your schedule allows.

## **PFF Retreat**

The annual Piedmont Friends Fellowship Fall Retreat will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 1 at the Durham Meeting. More info is available in the Minutes from September's Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. For more information, contact our PFF rep Jeff Brown: 919-883-9229, [jeffrey.brown65@gmail.com](mailto:jeffrey.brown65@gmail.com) or visit the PFF website at <http://piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/retreat-info/>

## **Quaker House News from the HomeFront**

The Sunday after Steve and Lynn Newsom presented their forum to us on Moral Injury, Lynn had this to report: "Today, a young soldier came to our Meeting for Worship (Fayetteville Friends meets at Quaker House) and shared with me the horrific experiences of violence he's lived through both in his private life and now in the infantry. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to learn about Moral Injury. His is a classic case, and he had never heard of it. The military counselor had told him he had PTSD. I was able to share two books with him: Soul Repair and Reborn on the 4th of July. Thank you, Logan (author of the second book)! Now he will be able to understand that he is not alone and that there is help and hope for him. Our (GI Rights Hotline) counselors are helping him apply for Conscientious Objection.

Then, on Facebook Lynn posted this message to Lenore Yarger, one of our Hotline counselors, after this soldier contacted her: Lenore, he is so impressed with you and grateful that he found you. Also, what a wonderful idea to connect him with E. (a soldier that Quaker House is helping with his Conscientious Objector application). E. brought him to Meeting and after Meeting for Worship, he pushed the soldier and I together and said, "You need to talk." The poor guy poured his heart out. Without my Moral Injury training, I would not have felt nearly as equipped to help him. It was really something to have a young man dressed in fatigues come in and sit with us for Meeting for Worship. This is WHY WE NEED QUAKER HOUSE IN FAYETTEVILLE....

This is the kind of work that Quaker House does "routinely." We thank Chapel Hill Friends Meeting for all of its support, both financial and spiritual, so that men and women damaged by war can be healed.

Curt Torell, Board Treasurer and one of CHFM representatives to Quaker House.

## FDS News

Save the date(s): October 19 or 26 is the annual fall FDS-wide field trip. Last year, we had a wonderful time at Mendenhall Plantation, a Jamestown, NC, Quaker homestead that was a stop on the underground railroad. We are still narrowing down our possibilities for this year's trip: perhaps Cane Creek Meeting, a programmed meeting founded in 1751 and "mother" to many North Carolina Monthly meetings; or New Garden Monthly Meeting and Guilford College in Greensboro...who knows! We will let you know as soon as we have a date and location.

## Use of Meetinghouse Space

Buildings and Grounds would like input from Meeting folks to help discern the best use of our Meetinghouse. Some drawings that you could use to consider alternative arrangement options have been uploaded to the website. One option has been shown; how would you improve on it? If so led, you could print the drawings and cut out the furniture icons to explore different configurations. If you do, please place your arrangements in the B&G mailbox by Nov 2. Or, send your thoughts to [buildingandgrounds@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:buildingandgrounds@chapelhillfriends.org).

<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/renovation-library-commons.html>

(Contact Emily Buehler of P&C if you do not have access to a computer.)

## School of the Spirit Ministry: Sink Down to the Seed

The School of the Spirit Ministry invites you to A Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends at the St. Raphaela Retreat Center in Haverford, PA, November 6 - 9, 2014. Questions? Call (919) 929-2339, email [info@schoolofthespirit.org](mailto:info@schoolofthespirit.org), or look online at [schoolofthespirit.org](http://schoolofthespirit.org).

## Book Review

**Silence and Witness: The Quaker Tradition by Michael L. Birkel (Orbis Books, 2004)**  
**Submitted by Marilyn Dyer**

This book is published under the Orbis Books Series "Traditions of Christian Spirituality." Author Michael Birkel is editor and author of several books and articles on Quaker themes and has given many retreats and workshops in Quaker and ecumenical settings. He teaches at Earlham College. His home meeting is Clear Creek Monthly Meeting (Richmond, IN).

Birkel's writing style makes the reader feel he/she is having a conversation about Quakerism, its ways, and important bits of history. In the introduction, he writes, "Silence and witness are two pillars of Quaker spirituality--worship in the Quaker tradition is fundamentally receptive and contemplative. Witness is active testifying to the power of God to transform the human condition and seeking to engage the world to improve human society. At their best, each is rooted in the other: social action can be an expression of worship, and worship can participate in remaking society. For Friends, the experience of divine leading links the two."

Newcomers and long-time Quakers will equally enjoy the opening chapter, "Spiritual Ideals in Quaker History." The chapter on centering draws the reader inward and offers some very practical suggestions. The section on discernment is such that it can be read and re-read to great advantage. It is an interesting observation that the longest chapter in the book is "Nurturing the Inward Life." The opening sentence states that meeting for worship is central for Quaker spirituality, but is not the whole of the spiritual life. It must be complemented by nourishment of the individual in his/her independent quiet time.

This book should be in every Quaker library as well as in the private libraries of Quakers. Friendly Eight groups as well as Quaker 101 groups will also find it a great resource.

## **Artwork for the Blind**

**Submitted by Wendy Richesin**

I met this lovely lady at the Hillsborough Meeting. She and her husband were raised in a Meeting in Ohio. Her husband grew up with Matt Drake. I love when circles come around. You won't believe the amazing art she has created for the blind.

<http://video.unctv.org/video/2365298403/>

## **Happy (Late) Birthday, Leo Tolstoy**

"So long as people do not consider all men as their brothers and do not consider human life as the most sacred thing, which rather than destroy they must consider it their first and foremost duty to support; that is so long as people do not behave towards one another in a religious manner, they will always ruin one another's lives for the sake of personal gain."  
— Leo Tolstoy, born September 9, 1828

## **Reminder: Hillsborough Worship Group**

The Hillsborough Worship Group meets on Sundays at 11am at the Hillsborough Yoga Downtown studio at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group is under the care of the Durham Meeting and has a minute of support from our meeting.

## **Directory Updates**

New directories should be available in the Meetinghouse foyer this month! You can always request a pdf of the most current directory by emailing [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org).

There is a limited supply of large-print directories. To request one, please email [publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org) or call Emily Buehler at 919-475-5756.



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

**September 21, 2014**

**Minutes**

**Tom Munk, Clerk; Robin Harper, Recording Clerk**

**Worship and query:** *Do we recognize that we can be perpetrators as well as victims of injustice? How do we deal with this? How can we support one another so that healing may take place?*

One Friend shared that she is profoundly aware of this—she uses more than her share of the world’s resources, and she contributes to a government that is doing damage. She suggested an alternative to the last sentence: “How can we challenge one another?” Another asked that we hold Tom Smith and Madelyn Smith-Gibbs in the Light, as they attend the Climate March in New York, to show their care for this world.

**1. Welcome, recognition of first-time attenders, review of agenda—Clerk**

There were no first-time attenders.

**2. Approval of August minutes—Clerk**

*Approved.*

**3. Letter to Polly Ulin—Correspondence Clerk (ATTACHED)**

Emilie Condon presented this letter, as requested at last month’s MWAB.

*Accepted with thanks.*

**4. Response to Peter Malone—Jennifer Leeman (ATTACHED)**

Jennifer presented this letter, as requested at last month’s MWAB.

*Accepted with thanks.*

**5. Annual Report from Archives Committee—Robin Harper (ATTACHED)**

Robin read the new committee’s first annual report, highlighting the question of whose information will be recorded in our record book—members only, or a broader sampling?

She answered questions regarding keeping Conscientious Objector letters, and maintaining our records at Guilford College, both of which the committee will be doing.

*Accepted.*

**6. End-of-year Fiscal Report—Maura Murphy (ATTACHED)**

Maura answered questions, and described some of the changes in how they are now recording and presenting our financial information. In summary, we are about \$18,000 ahead of where we had projected to be last year.

*The report was accepted with thanks and compliments on its clarity.*

**7. Annual Report from Finance Committee—Matt Drake (ATTACHED)**

Matt presented the report and answered Friends’ questions. At this time, any “overages” or unspent monies at the end of the year go into the Meetinghouse renovation fund. The Meeting’s practice has been to request regular reports from the Finance Committee, but the books are open. If needed, specific financial information may be obtained from the Treasurer, the Finance Committee clerk, or the clerk of the committee to which the question pertains.

*Accepted with thanks.*

## **8. Formation of Naming Committee—Clerk**

The purpose of this committee is to find new members for the Nominations Committee, which does not seek its own members. Susan Inglis and Naveed Moeed agreed to serve. They will report back to us next month with some nominations.

## **9. Nomination of Andrea Wuerth for Ministry and Worship—Jennifer Leeman**

Ministry & Worship recommends moving Andrea from Care & Counsel to Ministry & Worship.  
*Approved.*

## **10. Request for transfer of membership for Judy Purvis—Clerk (ATTACHED)**

Tom read Judy's letter requesting transfer of her membership to Friendship Friends Meeting in Greensboro, NC. Friends expressed sadness for ourselves, but joy for Judy. The Clerk will respond to FFM, and will include our appreciation for the many ways Judy contributed to our Meeting.

*Approved.*

## **11. Draft Minute on the crisis in the Middle East—Naveed Moeed (ATTACHED)**

Peace & Justice has struggled over the writing of this minute. Part of the problem has been the constantly evolving situation in the Middle East. Naveed asked us for guidance, so that the minute would reflect the Meeting's personal peace testimony.

Naveed read FCNL's statement entitled, "No More Endless War" (also attached). The committee is united around this statement but feels there is more to say, and that it is imperative that we do speak our truth. Friends shared their thoughts, for example that the U.S. needs to stop sending money and weapons.

Naveed read the draft minute. The committee feels they need more time, but also feels a sense of urgency because of the deteriorating situation in the Middle East. They plan to distribute their final draft in advance of next month's MWAB, to assist our timely discernment.

*We thanked the committee for their work, and look forward to hearing from them when their work is done.*

## **12. Thanksgiving Potluck?—Joanna Selim**

Joanna queried the Meeting on behalf of the Hospitality Committee. In the past the Thanksgiving Day Potluck met the needs of Friends who might not otherwise have much of a celebration (distant family, etc.). But in recent years it has been sparsely attended. Is there leading to hold it this year? Please let Hospitality know if you have an interest in this.

## **13. Report from David Curtin's membership committee—Lynn Drake (ATTACHED)**

Lynn presented this report on behalf of Ministry & Worship, and read a short bio on Dave. The membership committee, consisting of Susan Inglis, Pat Mann, Gwyn Pomeroy, and convened by Lynn, joyfully recommends Dave for membership. He looks forward to embracing the responsibilities that membership in the Meeting implies.

*Enthusiastically approved.*

Susan Inglis, Ann Miller, and Lynn agreed to serve as the welcoming committee.

## **14. Announcements**

- a) November 1 PFF Retreat in Durham (ATTACHED). See Jeff Brown if you have questions.
- b) Conflict Transformation in Quaker Meetings Workshop on Oct. 11, 9:00am-5:00pm.
- c) Intergenerational Games this Friday, Sept. 26, 7:00pm until.
- d) Clerks Retreat rescheduled for Jan. 10
- e) Received Guilford College's Speakers and Special Programs brochure. It will be posted on Library bulletin board.

f)Volunteers needed at the Friends' Peace Booth at the N.C. State Fair—see Naveed Moeed if you are interested.

### **We closed with worship.**

**ATTENDING:** Joanna Selim, Marilyn A. Dyer, James Harper, Susan Inglis, Jennifer Leeman, Emilie Condon, Curt Turell, Ben Ray, Ken Grogan, Maura Murphy, Jan Hutton, Jeff Brown, Naveed Moeed, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Ann Miller, Bettie Flash, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Richard Miller.

### **LETTER TO POLLY ULIN**

Dear Polly,

During our recent Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business of Eighth Month, upon hearing of the recent memorial service for Dick on 19<sup>th</sup> day of Seventh Month, we celebrated our love of you and Dick with reflections on you both.

Before his death last Eleventh Month, the far-flung journey that was your 54-year-life together traversed both life-defining destinations—near and far—and exquisite inner landscapes.

That Dick's ashes will be rooted in his heart's home, Mount Washington, is a touching final place of peace for the seeker who sought to live peace, teach peace, bring peace. That life-truth is summed up, as if a haiku, by Dick's effort to find the only fitting resting place of a Japanese flag after is 70-year absence, with the Ito-san family, in whose family tree that flag is sacred.

May love be around you, Polly. Please know ours is.  
Emilie Condon  
Correspondence Clerk  
Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

### **RESPONSE TO PETER MALONE**

Dear Peter, Emilie, Zac, and Jimmy,

We are writing in response to Peter's letter, which was read at the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's eight month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. We warmly receive your gratitude for the Meeting's celebration of and support for Jimmy and Zac's marriage. We express our thanks for the opportunity the wedding provided for us to rejoice in the union of two wonderful young men, one of whom we have known and loved for most of his life and the other who we have more recently welcomed and embraced as he has shared himself through participation in the marriage clearness committee, attendance at our meetings for worship, and heartfelt vows at the wedding. The wedding was a joyous celebration.

As a faith community, we also thank you for providing us an opportunity to act on our strongly held belief in the right of all couples to marry. The wedding of Jimmy and Zac was a celebratory event but was also more than that. Our meeting's affirmation of a same-sex couple provided an opportunity to re-affirm ourselves as a vibrant, ever-evolving, spirit-led community.

Know that we are holding you in the Light as a newly married couple and as parents of that couple.

In peace,  
Tom E. Munk, Clerk  
Approved at the September 21, 2014, Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting Religious  
Society of Friends

**ARCHIVES COMMITTEE**  
**Annual Report**  
**21 September 2014**

The function of the Archives Committee is to collect, record, and store data pertaining to births, deaths, marriages, and membership in the Meeting. It keeps a record of such events in the Meeting record book. It also keeps the Memorial Book and Memorial Garden Map. It also defines and stores documents important to Meeting history. The Archives Committee is comprised, at minimum, of representatives from the Library, Publications and Communications, Ministry and Worship, and Care and Counsel Committees, as well as the Recorder and Recording Clerk. Other interested Friends are invited to join us. As with all Meeting committees, there is a generic committee email, [archives@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:archives@chapelhillfriends.org), which goes to all committee members.

We have created an Excel spreadsheet in which to keep the records. Julia Cleaver (outgoing Recorder) and Allie Scales (Incoming Recorder) have been transferring old data into this spreadsheet from the paper record book, as well as inputting new data into both the digital and the paper record. We have decided to use this dual record system in keeping with current archival practice and recommendations. We expect to one day begin using true database software.

The Recorder records memberships, births, deaths, marriages, transferals, CO status, and there may be more statistics as yet to be determined. Our guideline (so far) for whether or not to record is, "If it is announced at MWAB, and concerns an individual, then it will be recorded." We are still wrestling with whether or not our records should include non-members of the Meeting. Historically Meeting records have been about members only. If we follow this model, it makes decisions about what to include in the record book easy—only such information as pertains to members. On the other hand, we have many among us who are very active, long-time contributors to the life of our Meeting, without whom the story of our Meeting would be incomplete. The fuzziness of this approach will be immediately apparent: How do we decide when to start including an attender's information? When do we decide an attender's presence has gathered enough weight to warrant inclusion in the record book? Perhaps we might state a necessary Meeting attendance, in years? We feel sure that way will open, and to help us along the path we welcome Friends' input on the subject. See above email address. Until that time, we would like to take this opportunity to urge everyone who feels a connection to this Meeting to seriously consider membership.

We have also begun collecting and sorting documents to store in archival (acid-free) boxes. We are still deciding what types of things we want to keep, and where the best place will be to keep these boxes. Marilyn Dyer was kind enough to acquire Baltimore Yearly Meeting's guidelines on record keeping, and we will be consulting this information as we make our decisions. Part of this job will be collecting some bulletin board postings, letters to the editor, etc., as well as deciding what data we need from various committees. We would like to give the Meeting as a whole a heightened awareness of our Meeting's archives, and that there are efforts being made to preserve them. We would like to get everyone in this mindset, as they go about their committee work.

Archives Committee: Julia Cleaver, Allie Scales, James Harper,  
Susan Inglis, Sharon Van Horn, and Robin Harper, convenor.

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT for July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014**

### **Summary Overview**

Your Finance Committee has the responsibility to provide oversight of the financial affairs of the Meeting. We work closely with the Meeting Treasurer, Maura Murphy. Throughout last year she reported to us monthly on income and expenses. We assisted her in the preparation of the 2013-14 fiscal year report and in the quarterly reports to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). We also worked closely with the clerks of the Meeting's committees. They kept us updated on their committees' financial needs and expenses.

*The financial condition of the Meeting is excellent.* During the 12 months ended June 30, 2014, total income was higher than expected and Meeting expenses lower than budgeted. The result was an "overage," most of which was placed in the Meetinghouse Renovation Fund. Of particular note was the fact that Friends contributed \$73,764.53, which was almost \$10,000 more than we budgeted.

### **Highlights of the year:**

Maura Murphy took over responsibilities as Treasurer with the beginning of the fiscal year. She continued to institute new monthly reports to the committee and on-going recordkeeping to assist in our fundraising task. With her help we developed a new presentation of the budget which we believe conveys the financial position of the Meeting in a clearer fashion.

Leslie Roundtree, First Day School Coordinator, and Stacey Seawell, Child Care Provider, were moved to employee status for withholding and payroll tax reasons. A significant function of the Finance Committee continues to be the encouragement of contributions. We have instituted a series of steps that involve informing the Meeting community about the Meeting's financial goals, inviting Friends to contribute, thanking them for their support, and providing them with a contribution record for their income tax reporting. Committee members were actively involved in the continuing fundraising effort throughout the fall of 2013 and into the winter of 2014.

As noted in the Treasurer's Report, approximately 47% of the Meetings financial assets are held in a Consolidated Mutual Fund managed by Friends Fiduciary Corporation in Philadelphia, PA. Their summer 2014 newsletter shows that they earned an impressive 13.4% return on investment over the last five years. The Finance Committee continues to monitor their returns and to allocate our funds among our investment, checking, savings, and Meetinghouse renovation accounts.

The Mennonite Fellowship located a larger meeting space for their growing congregation. They stopped renting our facilities and moved in mid-April. As a result, we are predicting a much lower income from rentals in the future.

We thank those who contributed for their generosity. We encourage Friends to contribute regularly to the Meeting and to consider including the Meeting as a bequest in their wills.

The 2013-2014 members of the Finance Committee were: Kitty Bergel, Matt Drake (clerk), Bob Durovich, Loren Hintz, Tom Ludlow, Ann Miller and Maura Murphy (Treasurer and ex officio member).

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Bank Account Balances FY 2013-2014**

<b>Account balances</b>	
<b>BB&amp;T as of</b>	6/30/2014
Checking	47,407.90
Meetinghouse Renovation	46,646.77
Savings	10,249.98
Care and Counsel	1,377.47
Youth Service Learning Trip	800.00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>106,482.12</u></b>
<b>Sun Trust as of</b>	6/30/2014
Shotts Leadership Development Fund	3,538.56
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>3,538.56</u></b>
<b>Friends Fiduciary as of</b>	6/30/2014
Shotts	31,555.92
General Fund	30,494.55
Physical Plant	33,685.00
Bequest Fund	1,109.38
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b><u>96,844.85</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>206,865.53</b>

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Deposit FY 2013-2014 as of 6/30/2014**

<b>Deposit Types</b>	<b>Sum of Amount</b>
Gift	73,664.53
Meetinghouse Renovation	300.00
Care and Counsel	300.00
Other- see notes	13,377.94
Parking	5,770.00
Rent	6,300.40
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b><u>99,712.87</u></b>

**CHFM Treasurer's Report, July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014  
Fiscal Year 2013-2014**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Estimated</b>	<b>Income to date</b>	<b>Over (under)</b>
Contributions	63,985.00	73,764.53	9,779.53
Building rental	5,000.00	6,300.40	1,300.40
Parking space rental	5,100.00	5,770.00	670.00
Miscellaneous (Transfer of Friends Fiduciary \$10k to BoA, YRE, Interest income etc.)	-	13,960.55	13,960.55
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,085.00</b>	<b>\$99,795.48</b>	<b>\$25,710.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Budgeted</b>	<b>Expenditures to date</b>	<b>Under (over)</b>
<b>Committees:</b>			
Adult Religious Education	200.00	-	200.00
Buildings and Grounds	17,970.00	14,793.11	3,176.89
Care and Counsel	100.00	45.00	55.00
Children Religious Education Committee*	5,350.00	4,009.59	1,340.41
Youth Religious Education Committee**	3,500.00	5,180.98	(1,680.98)
Environmental Concerns	150.00	-	150.00
Finance	300.00	399.75	(99.75)
Friends Transition and Support	500.00	393.07	106.93
Hospitality	300.00	368.56	(68.56)
Library	400.00	404.40	(4.40)
Ministry and Worship	500.00	427.07	72.93
Nominations	10.00	-	10.00
Peace and Justice	200.00	-	200.00
Publications and Communications	2,000.00	1,530.69	469.31
<b>Total Committee Expenses</b>	<b>27,980.00</b>	<b>27,552.22</b>	<b>427.78</b>
<b>Special Funds:</b>			
Contingency Fund	1,000.00	1,247.00	(247.00)
Meeting for Suffering	135.00	-	135.00
National Quaker Service	2,500.00	1,130.37	1,369.63
<b>Total Special Funds</b>	<b>3,635.00</b>	<b>2,377.37</b>	<b>1,257.63</b>
<b>Future Needs of Meeting:</b>			
Leadership Development	2,000.00	-	2,000.00
Physical Plant Replacement	4,000.00	4,000.00	-
<b>Total Future Needs</b>	<b>6,000.00</b>	<b>4,000.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>Benevolences:</b>			
	26,370.00	26,170.00	200.00
<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$63,985.00</b>	<b>\$60,099.59</b>	<b>\$3,885.41</b>

\*Primarily first Day School coordinator and child care

\*\*Expenses for YRE activities: balanced by income from football parking & donations

8/24/2014

## REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP FOR JUDY PURVIS

Dearest Friends,

When I moved to Chapel Hill in 1986, I had no idea that I would be staying in the South for so long or that the meeting would play such an important role in my life. Friends have seen me through good times and difficult times, provided opportunities and nudges to discern and use my gifts, and offered guidance and support as I went through the School of the Spirit program. I have made good friends, whom I hope I will always cherish and remain in touch with.

My move to Greensboro appears permanent: John and I are engaged to be married in the next couple of years and I have been worshipping regularly with Friendship Friends Meeting. I have always urged people to have their membership at the meeting in which they are actively involved, so the time has come to ask you to transfer my membership to my Greensboro community. (The address appears below.)

I will always treasure Chapel Hill Meeting and will come back to worship with you whenever I can. Thank you all so much for all you have given me and I send my blessings to your community.

With much love,  
Judy (Judith Chapman Purvis)

Please send letter to:  
Sidney Lee Kitchens, clerk  
Friendship Friends Meeting  
1103 New Garden Road  
Greensboro, NC 27410

### PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE DRAFT MINUTE ON THE CRISIS IN THE MIDDLE EAST

Minute not available at press time.

### FCNL STATEMENT, "NO MORE ENDLESS WAR IN IRAQ AND SYRIA"

Congress should reject any new authorization for war in Iraq or Syria and call for an end to the bombing. Bombs didn't bring peace before, and they won't now. We need to pursue strategies that will lead to peace in the long-term.

#### 1. Stop U.S. bombing in Iraq and Syria

- A decade of U.S. occupation did not lead to peace in Iraq.
- The U.S. War in Iraq helped create the conditions that led to the current crisis.
- The government installed with the 2003 U.S. invasion systematically disenfranchised the Sunni minority, many of whom now tacitly support the Islamic State (IS).
- In Syria, the U.S. and its allies – Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and Kuwait - provide support to ISIS and others attempting to overthrow Bashar Al-Assad.
- Bombing will cause more bloodshed and instability and enable violent, anti-government groups to recruit more supporters.

#### 2. Pursue alternative strategies for long-term peace

- Support an inclusive government in Iraq.



- Increase humanitarian assistance.
- Work regionally to impose an arms embargo against all armed actors in Iraq and Syria.
- Engage with the U.N. to reinvigorate efforts for a lasting political solution in Iraq and Syria.

### **3. Reject any new war authorization**

- The constitution gives Congress responsibility to review any use of military force.
- Expanding the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force would be a mistake.
- This perpetual, broad authorization bypasses regular order, and leaves decisions of war solely in the executive branch.
- A new AUMF for Iraq could lead the U.S. into another protracted war.

### **4. Repeal the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force**

- Two administrations have used the 2001 AUMF as a legal “blank check” for war.
- The sweeping interpretation of the 2001 AUMF has allowed for policies that go far beyond acts of war, including indefinite detention, surveillance, and targeted killings.
- Repeal of the 2001 AUMF has growing bi-partisan support.
- In May of 2014, an amendment to repeal submitted by Rep. Adam Schiff came within 27 votes of passing the House of Representatives.

## **RECOMMENDATION OF DAVID CURTIN FOR MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee on Ministry and Worship recommends that this Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business approve the membership of David Curtin. The Clearness Committee for membership consisted of Lynn Drake, Susan Inglis, Gwynne Pomeroy, and Pat Mann. Dave shared with us his involvement with the Religious Society of Friends. His association began with his decision to attend Earlham College and his participation in Clear Creek Meeting in Richmond, Indiana. When he later moved to Chapel Hill Dave started attending the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and has been attending regularly since the early 2000s. He is a long-standing member of the Hospitality Committee, and one of the only men serving on this committee. Dave is also a member of Publications and Records. He is ready to make the commitment that membership in the Meeting implies and he looks forward to being able to serve on other committees in the Meeting that require membership. We believe that Dave Curtin will make a good and faithful member of the Meeting.

Dave provided this brief bio:

David Ferris Curtin grew up in Urbana, Illinois, the second of three children of David Yarrow and Constance Curtin. He attended Earlham College then studied at the University of Georgia where he received a MEd in REMS: Research, Evaluation, Measurement and Statistics. With his former wife, he has two daughters, Chandra and Dara. Chandra is married to Kevin Inouye, with whom she has three children. They are now living in Laramie, Wyoming, where her husband is on the faculty in the theater department. Dara lives in Seattle. When working in poultry science, Dave discovered that people would actually pay him for “playing with computers” and has worked in IT since. After his first job at Tandy in the early 1980s, he has supported educational research at Test Scoring and Reporting Services at UGA, then moving to NC. Living in North Carolina since 1996, he is the network administrator of the UNC Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute. Now happily engaged to Alice Carlton, he anticipates a wedding sometime in summer 2015 when their far flung relatives can be gathered.

## PIEDMONT FRIENDS FELLOWSHIP FALL RETREAT

The Piedmont Friends Fellowship Fall Retreat will take place on the morning of Saturday, November 1, at the Durham Friends Meeting.

Christina Repoley will present a program on Prophetic Service as Formation and Transformation. "Prophetic service...is grounded in a religious experience expressed communally. It is a vital religious practice which forms and transforms people into Quaker identity and into lives committed to peace and justice." Christina is the founder and Executive Director of Quaker Voluntary Service with residential programs now in three cities. Christina grew up in the Charlotte Meeting and attended PFF annual gatherings as a child.

A Children's Program and child care will be available at this retreat! Child care will be available up through age 7 or second grade coinciding with the morning adult program.

A Special Program for 3rd grade through 6th grade children will feature an organized retreat time during the morning. An excursion for families may be arranged for the afternoon after lunch if there is interest. Please RSVP by Oct 25th for all children who will attend, so that appropriate plans can be made. Contact: Andrew Wright at [barnhillwright@hotmail.com](mailto:barnhillwright@hotmail.com).

Teens are invited to attend the retreat as participants in the adult program.

Lunch will be provided and is included in the registration fee of \$10 for adults. There is no charge for children. The program convenes at 9:00 at Durham Friends Meeting with registration and refreshments. Lunch will be finished by 1:00.

# Calendar

*(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)*

<b>Sun. 10/5</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Quaker Issues in the Election
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 10/7	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 10/9	7-8:30pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style - see page 4
Fri. 10/10	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 10/11	9am-5pm	Let's Grow Together - see page 4
<b>Sun. 10/12</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Conflict Transformation
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 10/14	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 10/17	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 10/19</b>	8am	Meetinghouse open for worship
	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business</b>
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 10/21	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 10/23		IFC Annual Meeting - see page 2
Fri. 10/24	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
		Fund-raising event for Straight Talk - see page 4
	7pm	Intergenerational Games - Schoolhouse
<b>Sun. 10/26</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing - John Hite
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - see page 5
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Fri. 10/31	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 11/1		PFF Retreat - see page 6
Sun. 11/2		Remember to set clocks back 1 hour
<b>Sun. 11/2</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tbd
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods

Tue. 11/4 12:30pm Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse  
7-8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins  
Thur. 11/6 9am-1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter  
Fri. 11/7 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) 537-9203  
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](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org). The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.
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