

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

May, 2016

## Monthly Query:

*How do we show our concern for the improvement of public education in our community and in the world?*



## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.

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## Upcoming Forum Schedule

**May 1:** “Personal Sharing” by Faye Stanley Faye will describe her roots in the rural South Carolina cotton fields, where the influence of racial and cultural conflict set her on a journey of song, study, work, and play. The surprising entry of Quakerism impacted that journey from Chapel Hill to New Zealand and still informs her life as a seeker. Moderator: Perry Martin

**May 8:** “The Top Five Regrets of Dying People” Provocative questions to ask ourselves about the life we are living now. What is truly important in life? How do we become vulnerable and open to others and to life? Presented by Dirk Kelder and Wendy Michener. Moderator: Max Drake

**May 22:** “The Future of Quaker House and its Mission of Peace and Healing” with Lynn and Steve Newsom, Quaker House Directors. Founded in 1969, Quaker House is still hard at work. Many service members and veterans are psychologically and spiritually wounded and neglected, and war still rages. We will review our more recent work, look towards the future, and gather your input for our new directors in 2017. Moderator: Wendy Michener

**May 29:** “Blessing of the Animals” Robin Harper will lead a Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals and invite sharings on the many ways animals enrich our lives—as part of nature, as pets, as helpers, as research subjects, as food. This will be a time to give thanks and to acknowledge related enrichments, sufferings, and actions. Well-mannered pets/animals (or photos) are welcome. Location: outside on the playground. If the weather is stormy, please leave animals at home, and we will meet in the meeting room. Moderator: Carolyn White

**June 5:** “Graduating From High School” Graduating seniors Milena Wuerth, Mark Beisner, Keegan Durovich, and Vivian Scimone share experiences in our Meeting, their time in First Day School, and their thoughts about the future. Moderator: Carolyn White

**June 12:** “Growing in the Light: Quaker Pedagogy at Carolina Friends School” Renee Prillaman, Interim Head of School, will share about the service and activism work of students, current work at CFS in the arena of diversity and inclusion, and CFS philosophy in action. Moderator: Matt Drake

## IFC Needs

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

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

## **Meeting at OCC**

CHFM will host a meeting for worship at OCC on Sunday, May 8, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. If you plan to attend, please send your name to Richard Miller at Miller.RichardC@gmail.Com or 919-929-2287 by May 2.

## **Please Explore and Enjoy Our Website's New "Visit/Learn" Page**

The Ministry and Worship Committee in conjunction with James Harper, from the Publications and Communications Committee, is excited to unveil our new "Visit/Learn" CHFM website page. A combination of FAQs and Quakerism 101, this multi-tiered page offers many videos and articles, including a glossary for "What do Quakers mean when they say..." Please refer newcomers and others to this page for a deep dive into the workings of CHFM and Quakerism. <http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/NewToFriends.html>

## **Saturday Morning Work Session**

Lynn Drake for the Buildings and Grounds Committee shares with Friends,

Come exercise your stewardship of the Meeting's buildings and grounds on Saturday, May 7, from 9:00 AM until noon, or for as long as you can stay. The next MORNING WORK SESSION will focus on improving the area around the memorial garden, cleaning up the yard, planting flowers, and general cleaning of the Meeting house. Please join the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee in caring for our Meeting home.

## **Food & Fundraising Event to Support Karen Refugee Students**

John "the Quaker" Hite shares with Friends,

I am organizing a trip to Thailand/Burma for some Karen refugee students who have graduated or who will have graduated from Carrboro High School. All of them have been a part of my Unity Club at CHS and have beautiful souls. One major focus is for them to be able to visit family and friends whom are still in refugee camps in Thailand. If you wanted to donate directly, you can visit this site: <https://www.gofundme.com/ghx4mp3w>. I would love to be able to make this a reality.

On Saturday April 30 there will be a food fundraising event from 9 AM to 2 PM at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm, 2912 Jones Ferry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. You can buy tickets beforehand or just show up.

## **Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre in Dire Straits**

My name is Jessica Nunn, and I have recently become the artistic director at Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre. SCOT, as you may know, produces two mainstage summer shows about the Quaker history in North Carolina: *The Sword of Peace*, which tells the struggle of Quakers during the Revolutionary War; and *Pathway to Freedom*, which explores the Quaker involvement in the Underground Railroad in the years before the Civil War.

Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre is in dire straits at the moment. The organization has struggled a bit, following the death of our fearless leader, James Wilson, and last season, in particular, was a really difficult one. But we have some incredibly important stories we think need to be told, so we are continuing to open our doors, whilst scrambling around to ensure we can afford it. This season we are presenting *Pathway to Freedom* in a shortened run, as well as two children's shows and a two-week drama camp. The season is exciting and promising, but we need a lot of help to ensure we can make it happen and keep the drama running for the next 40-odd years.

I'd love to have the opportunity to come talk to the Chapel Hill Friends meeting about what we are doing in Snow Camp and what we have planned this season and over the years to come. We want North Carolina Quakers to know that we are telling their story and we want to tell it well. And, of course, we want the North Carolina Quakers to come see those stories that we put up on the stage this summer.

If there's an appropriate time for me to come talk to people, please let me know. I'd love the opportunity to connect Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre. Thank you so much for your time.

Jessica Nunn artistic director, Snow Camp Outdoor Theatre  
<http://www.snowcampoutdoortheatre.com/>

## **Camp Celo—Summer Camp Spaces Available**

Camp Celo still has spaces available for 7- to 10-year-old campers in their 1, 2, and 3 week sessions. This family operated quaker summer camp with has been enriching children's lives for over 60 years. Give your child the chance to live on a family farm in the mountains of North Carolina! Harvest vegetables, care for animals, hike in the woods, and play in the streams. A camp experience will help your child develop confidence and independence. Children are carefully supervised in small groups where competition is minimized and teamwork and cooperation are encouraged. For more information email [campcelo@gmail.com](mailto:campcelo@gmail.com), call 828-675-4323, or visit [www.campcelo.com](http://www.campcelo.com).

## Friends Music Camp, Earlham College

My name is Pam Wilkinson and I am on the faculty of Friends Music Camp, a Quaker-run music camp which takes place at Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana. We are actively seeking campers for this summer, July 10 to August 7.

FMC is open to campers from 10 to 18 years old at all musical levels. During the summer, campers attend lessons, sing in the chorus, play in large and small ensembles, act in musical theater, take classes, and, of course, have ample time for hanging out and having fun. We ask that prospective campers have had lessons for at least one year on their chosen instrument, or that they have participated in a school orchestra, band, or choral program for at least one year. Evening activities include capture the flag, a dance, outside speakers, visits to the local pool, and other fun activities. Both students and staff perform at weekly recitals and on weekend concerts.

This is a wonderful experience for any young music student. There is a great deal of information about FMC on our website, [www.friendsmusiccamp.org](http://www.friendsmusiccamp.org). Please feel free to take a look and pass this information along to anyone who might be interested in FMC! If you have any questions about FMC, feel free to contact me at any time!

## AFSC Call

Join AFSC each month through May as they engage in conversation about the work of AFSC and how Quakers can be involved in evolving movements for social change. These monthly calls are an opportunity to learn from AFSC staff and others about specific focus issues and campaigns and to hear ideas of how to get involved. Each one is also an opportunity to speak with other Quakers from the around the country about strategies for how to engage in collective social change work.

Each call will be held 8:30–9:30 PM EST. You can join by dialing 866-740-1260 and entering access code 2419995#.

Upcoming call...

May 19

Love knows no borders: Accompanying the movement for migrant justice and transformation with Jenn Piper and Pedro Rios.

Register online at <http://afsc.org/calls-spirited-action>.

## Summary of Annual Sessions

At annual sessions there was a request to provide meeting clerks and Interim Meeting representatives a summary of annual sessions and interim meetings for the purpose of keeping respective meetings informed about the ongoing work of PFYM. The summary is below.

Responses to the query “What has been most on the hearts of your meeting this year?” are posted on our website at <http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/PDF/ResponsesPFYMQuery-Heart-03-2016.pdf>

## SUMMARY REPORT FROM PFYM FIRST ANNUAL SESSIONS (2016)

The first PFYM Annual Sessions convened on Saturday afternoon of March 12 at Carolina Friends School, Durham, within the framework of the PFF annual retreat weekend (11-13).

We settled into worship and heard the reading of the PFYM Vision: As a Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we seek to foster a loving community of affiliated monthly meetings and worship groups by increasing and strengthening connections among members, attenders, and seekers and with other Friends Organizations. Our primary goals are to nurture monthly meetings and worship groups by supporting spiritual growth and to witness to our collective truth in the wider world.

Sixty-six Friends answered the roll call representing the seven PFYM meetings/worship group, other PFF meetings, and visitors from FGC, Friends Meeting of Washington, Quaker House, AFSC, and William Penn House.

Clerk Marian Beane highlighted the work of Interim Meeting (representative body) in preparing for annual sessions and the collaborative efforts of PFF & PFYM. She asked Friends to consider ways that yearly meeting can live into its vision of being a loving community through providing spiritual nurture and she thanked all who are called into service for the yearly meeting.

Interim Meeting (rep body) recommendations were thoughtfully considered and approved: 1) the PFYM Policies and Procedures Handbook as a working document; 2) an Annual Statistics and Status Report form to be completed by meetings using 2016 data; 3) affiliation with American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), and Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) and seeking of funds to support appointed representatives; 4) join in relationship with Guilford College Quaker Archives as a repository for PFYM records & collaborate with PFF in making an appropriate financial contribution.

Nominating Committee’s report on officers and committee clerks for 2016-17 was accepted with thanks:

- Presiding Clerk: Marian Beane, Charlotte (2015-17)
- Assisting Clerk: Gary Hornsby, Salem Creek (2016-17); rising presiding clerk for term of two years
- Recording Clerk: Julie Stafford, Charlotte (2015-18)
- Communications & Website Committee: Chandlee White, New Garden (2016-19)
- Nominating Committee: Dorothy Mason, New Garden (2015-17)

Naming Committee's report on Nominating Committee members was accepted: Dee Edelman (Salem Creek), Vernie Davis (Raleigh), Emilie Condon (Chapel Hill), Ruth Moeller (Charlotte).

The PFF/YM jointly appointed representatives to FGC Central Committee were recognized: Karen McKinnon (Durham), Tony Lowe (Fancy Gap), Lori Fernald Kamal (Friendship).

The Peace & Social Concerns Witness Working Group reported on a productive session with AFSC to help move forward an innovative framework on corporate witness for all of PFYM and other Friends.

Out of worship a representative of each meeting read a prepared response to the query: what has been most on the hearts of your meeting this year? We were moved by this tender sharing and asked that responses to a similar query become a tradition at Annual Sessions.

In reflecting on their experiences at these annual sessions and the PFF annual weekend Friends spoke about the joy of being together face-to-face; the attentiveness and involvement of all in annual sessions, listening to Max Carter (earlier in the day), and thinking about 350 years of NC Quaker history juxtaposed with this first year as a new yearly meeting bringing to mind the term "new growth from old wood"; hopefulness; appreciation for the service of our presiding and recording clerks; and the amount of good work done by our representatives to Interim Meeting. These and other messages will be helpful to the committee tasked with preparing the yearly meeting epistle. They are Tony Lowe (Fancy Gap), Martin King (Raleigh), and Julie Stafford (Charlotte).

We settled out with worship and then rose to clasp hands in a large circle after which we gathered for a smiling group photograph.

Notes:

- 1) All yearly meeting reports and documents including a compendium of the meeting responses to the query are (or will be soon) posted on the PFF/YM website <http://piedmontfriendsfellowship.org/welcome/piedmont-friends-yearly-meeting/>
- 2) The minutes of Annual Sessions and the yearly meeting epistle will be posted following review and approval by Interim Meeting on June 11th. 3) The yearly meeting epistle will also be distributed to all PFYM & PFF meetings, to other Yearly Meetings and Quaker organizations in North America and elsewhere.

Report prepared by Marian Beane, presiding clerk, thirty-first day of Third Month, 2016

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**9:00 AM, April 17, 2016**

**Minutes**

**Matt Drake, Clerk Pro Tem and Robin Harper, Recording Clerk**

**Worship and query:** *Am I ready to offer assistance as part of my religious community, serving its members? Am I equally willing to accept graciously the help of others?*

One Friend shared that in giving and receiving help, she has felt more a part of the community that this Meeting represents.

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

There were no first time attenders.

**2. Approval of March Minutes**

*Approved.*

**3. Proposal to revive the practice of writing memorial minutes—Robin Harper for Archives Committee**

Robin read the committee's proposal:

The Archives Committee proposes reviving the practice of writing memorial minutes. Our hope is that this will provide more information on deceased Friends for the memorial book. We bring this proposal with the support of Care & Counsel, which is the committee that is most involved at the time of death of a member of Meeting. However, we do see this as a job for the Archives Committee, who would find the right person to write the minute, make sure it gets written, and then bring it to MWAB for approval, thereby making it a part of the permanent minutes and record of CHFM. The minute would focus mainly on the deceased's membership (or attendance) and service in the Meeting, and their work in the wider Quaker world.

In response to questions Robin said that we would include basic biographical data (life dates, full name, etc.) on Friends, and that we would most likely not ask family members to write the minutes, given the burden already on families when a loved one dies.

A Friend shared that this has been valuable in the past, and encouraged the revival of the practice.

*Approved.*

**4. Buildings & Grounds Committee Annual Report—Don Hopper (ATTACHED)**

Don read the report. Gratitude was expressed to the B&G Committee for several things: for making the invisible, visible; for special cleaning given to the carpet to suppress allergens, until such time as it can be replaced; and for the new bench coming for the Memorial Garden (donated by the Shotts family).

*Accepted with appreciation.*

**5. Update on the downstairs renovations—Don Hopper for Buildings & Grounds Committee**

B&G has received an initial report from the renovations subcommittee. After discussions with the building firms, they find that we need to move the work into next summer. Summer is really the only time when the work can be done, and moving it to next year will allow them more time to be deliberative about decision-making. The layout of the plan is not in question, and the quality of materials will not be compromised. We will have all our needs met, but maybe not all of our desires. At this point no recommendation is being made for funding the next steps.

**6. InterFaith Council Committee Annual Report—Dottie Heninger (ATTACHED)**

Dottie read the report. In response to a question about the FoodFirst proposal in Carrboro, Dottie reported that the proposal has been accepted by the Carrboro Aldermen, but it needs to move forward from there. So it is still in process.

*Accepted with gratitude.*

**7. Third Quarter, July 2015 - March 2016, Budget Report—Maura Murphy, Treasurer (ATTACHED)**

Friends thanked Maura for making obscure work easier to understand.

*Accepted with thanks.*

**8. Publications & Communications Committee Annual Report—Sean Chen (ATTACHED)**

A Friend asked if there were plans to create a space on our website for sharing documents. Sean replied that the question has come up from time to time, but there are no current plans.

The Clerk asked Friends to take any questions directly to the committee.

*Accepted with thanks.*

**9. Recommendation of Benevolence allocations for 2015-16—Naveed Moeed for Peace and Justice Committee (and Ministry & Worship and ARE)**

Since last month's presentation, P&J has decided to favor NC Warn over NC Power & Light and Quaker Earthcare Witness. There is no current participation by CHFM members in QEW, and they haven't cashed our last checks. NC Warn is doing the work most valued by our Meeting, and doing it locally.

P&J has also made a small increase in the amount given to the Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry, as a token of our strengthened commitment.

The presented list of benevolence totals for 2015-16, by mistake, included two errors. The total distributed was \$40 shy of the budgeted amount, and the amounts recommended by M&W were presented incorrectly. They will bring a correct list of recommended 2015-16 amounts to recipient organizations to the May meeting for approval. The descriptions of the recipient organizations were accurate and were included in the March minutes.

**10. Two areas of interest from Peace & Justice Committee—Naveed Moeed**

The two areas of interest are:

a) Benevolence Ad Hoc Committee

P&J is looking for Friends to sit on an ad hoc committee, whose task it will be to discern if our current Benevolences are still where our Meeting's heart lies. They specifically ask that Friends not on P&J consider serving. The ad hoc committee will probably meet for at least six sessions. Friends are encouraged to read about our Benevolences and consider this request. If you are interested, please contact Naveed and Hank Elkins, co-clerks.

b) Syrian Refugee Crisis (ATTACHED)

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) reports that up to five Syrian refugee families will be available for co-sponsorship beginning in July. The role of a co-sponsoring organization is to collaborate closely with the LSC case managers to help the family meet many and varied needs. The Church of the Holy Family has decided to co-sponsor a family.

The ultimate goal for this project is to make the family independent, so the commitment for this work is finite. Jack Wolf, who brought this proposal to P&J, reminded us of our support of an Iranian family and a Burmese family in the 90s, illustrating our historic committed to refugee work. CHFMs proposed family has 5 members. There is a strong need for people power to make this work—contact Hank and Naveed if you are interested.

One Friend shared that this is how we grow as a community. Let us not neglect this opportunity.

### **11. Transition and Support Committee Annual Report—Richard Miller (ATTACHED)**

Appreciation was expressed to T&S, and all the other committees who do so much work for the Meeting—it's amazing how much such a small Meeting can do. Thanks were given to the men from OCC who come and share themselves and their messages and stories with us. It has been a powerful gift to our Meeting.

*Accepted with gratitude.*

### **12. Proposal that the Meeting join an on-line list of other NC faith communities that offer sites for "safe bathrooms"—Jan Hutton for Ministry & Worship (ATTACHED)**

In response to the discriminatory law passed by the NC Legislature (HB2), the Ministry & Worship Committee proposes posting a sign on the Meetinghouse door, stating that we are a safe bathroom location. We would then be included on the Safe Bathroom site, ([https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zL2fEel0lp\\_lkkesJKjtTr1Q&hl=en\\_US](https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=zL2fEel0lp_lkkesJKjtTr1Q&hl=en_US)). The sign includes our diversity statement.

*Approved.*

One Friend expressed hope that our Meeting would publish a public statement too, as we have in the past for other issues of social justice.

### **13. Clerk's listserv announcements:**

- Upcoming Forums:
  - April 24 - "Teaching Our Children about the Full Range of Christianity: Opportunities and Challenges in First Day Education," by Kathleen McNeil
  - May 1 - Personal Sharing by Faye Stanley
- Please explore and enjoy our website's new "Visit/Learn" page!
- May 7, 9:00am-12:00pm - Morning Work Session for the Meeting's buildings and grounds
- April 21 and May 1, 8:30-9:30pm EST - Join AFSC as they engage in conversation about the work of AFSC and how Quakers can be involved. Join by dialing (866) 740-1260.
- Camp Celo still has spaces available for 7-10 year old campers in their 1, 2, and 3 week sessions.
- July 10-August 7 - Friends Music Camp at Earlham College

See the bi-weekly e-news for details about any of the above.

Other announcements:

- May 8 is UNC's graduation, Mothers' Day, and Meeting for Worship at OCC, 7:30pm.
- May 15, at MWAB, two graduating seniors will be sharing their CO letters.
- Two Thai refugees who have been living here for six years are trying to raise money to go back and visit relatives—see John Hite if you would like to help.

### **Worship and closing circle**

**Attending:** Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Alice Carlton, David Curtin, James Harper, Richard Miller, Raymond E. Hammonds, Monteze Snyder, Emilie Condon, John "The Quaker" Hite, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Tom Ludlow, Don Hopper, Lynn Drake, Julia Cleaver, Maura Murphy, Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed, Jack Wolf, Lloyd Kramer, Bettie Flash, Max Pardo, Joyce Munk, Matthew Hurley, Frankie Rousche, Paul Munk, Sean Chen, Asta Crowe, Kenneth Mee Jr., Xavier Mee, Wendy Michener, Tom McQuiston, Edward Scott, Matt Drake, Robin Harper

## ANNUAL REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE

The B&G Committee currently includes as members: Bill Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Dottie Heninger, John Hite (ex-officio), Don Hopper (clerk), Richard Miller, David Schneider, Tom Smith, and Wendy Michener. Everyone contributes to the tasks of the committee; and, we seem to enjoy our time together.

John Hite continues to serve as resident. He takes care of and coordinates requests for building use. He keeps B&G informed of issues concerning the care and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. John is a long standing major benefit for B&G and the Meeting. We gratefully thank him for his efforts.

Again, the renovation plans for the downstairs of the Meetinghouse have taken up a large share of the committee's attention this past year. MFWAB came together in unity behind the idea of creating a contiguous resident's apartment. The downstairs renovation subcommittee met several times to work out construction details and material specifications to take back to the full committee. After agreeing as a committee B&G took the plans to ARE sponsored Forums and Business Meeting. Wendy Michener was contracted by MFWAB to create construction drawings for the project. MFWAB approved spending to contract with Trinity Design/Build and Burke Design Group to help get plans prepared for permitting and budgeting.

After general clearing of the Memorial Garden B&G maintained and improved the site with the help of Fernando Banda, a local landscape contractor. B&G then installed new plant material and identified existing plants that were saved and worked into the design scheme. Bartlett Tree Experts were contracted to remove a dead maple tree in the parking lot and to elevate some of the limbs above the Early School. Other grounds work was carried out on a work morning, an after Meeting leaf raking and carry off session and periodically by John Hite.

The Meeting House received interior cleaning on work mornings and deep cleaning by Sara Pankow and her crew from I Mean Clean. The exterior of the Meeting House and sidewalks were pressure washed by Bill Scarth of Premiere Painting and Home Improvement. Bill also patched the roof where shingle nails were backing out and causing some leaking. Three eight foot benches have been stripped and refinished by Earl Yerby of Heritage Strip and Finish. More benches will follow as the budget permits.

MFWAB approved spending to purchase and install an audio enhancement system in the Meeting Room, similar to that installed at the Durham Friends Meeting. B&G has been hashing out questions with John Hunter of Durham Meeting about the installation and is prepared to purchase and install the system in the next few weeks.

Other routine maintenance was carried out through the year as needed. Arranging for annual lift/elevator inspection, having parking lot lines painted, lubricating sticky locks, changing light bulbs, arranging HVAC maintenance, and planting and maintaining pots in front of Meeting House.

Work in progress:

We are coordinating with Archives to construct and install a plaque on the Meeting House porch in dedication to Friends past and the Memorial Garden.

We are in conversation with Lori Khamala of the AFSC to work out arrangements so that we might share some Meeting House space for her work a couple of days per week.

See B&G description of the Committee's responsibilities in the Directory.

Submitted for B&G Committee, Don Hopper

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR IFC APRIL 2016

The IFC Committee supports the work of the Inter-Faith Council. We meet quarterly to share information about IFC's work and to inform the CHFM community about its services. The four core services remain the Community Kitchen, Food Pantry, Project Homestart and Community House. Committee members regularly volunteer at IFC facilities. A committee representative also attends the monthly meeting of the IFC liaisons from each of the supporting congregations, learning how other groups support the IFC.

At the Community Kitchen an average of 5 Meeting volunteers participate in cooking the noon meal on the first Thursday of the month, serving about 80 hungry men and women. In addition to our core volunteers, we welcomed friends from OCC to help with food preparation. Since the new Community House opened, breakfast is no longer served at the Kitchen.

Project Homestart provides long-term transitional housing and support as well as emergency shelter for women and children. Carolyn Stuart has been certified to enter data into the Carolina Homeless Information Network. The shelter remains full.

Food Pantry distributes groceries to the hungry of Orange County. Asta Crowe performs data entry for the Pantry. Monica Severino works with clients. Members and attenders of CHFM continue to be generous supporters, providing food and money to further the variety of IFC social services.

The new Community House continues to be successful, and full. Following the exacting scrutiny the Good Neighbor Policy required before Community House opened last fall, it is affirming to note that neighbors have reported no incidents with the new facility.

The IFC committee's budget from CHFM supports the Crop Walk T-shirt. Karen Merry managed the T-shirt sales in 2015, totaling \$576. All these funds go to IFC. Fifteen CHFM Crop walkers and their supporters contributed \$3,722 to last year's walk. We are grateful to Ann and Max Drake for taking on the responsibility for Crop Walk for 2016.

Each year we sponsor an ARE forum about the work of the IFC. In 2015 the topic was support circles. This year we planned a forum to hear the new director of IFC, Michael Reinke, for May 8, only to remember that that is UNC graduation and Mothers Day. He will be re-scheduled for early fall.

The committee responded to IFC's request for support of FoodFirst by asking the February 2016 MFWAB to approve a minute for a text amendment allowing a community kitchen to be built in Carrboro. Meeting approved the minute and it was sent to all the Carrboro aldermen. Members were asked to attend the meeting of the Aldermen on March 22.

The committee was very sorry that Karen Merry moved to Florida. We are not the same committee without her, and have streamlined some of our procedures in her wake.

We appreciate the service of committee members: Marie Hopper, James Bartow, Asta Crowe, Max and Ann Drake, Carolyn Stuart and Emilie Condon. I convene the committee. Dottie Heninger

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Budget v. Actuals**  
**July 2015 through March 2016**

	Jul '15 - Mar 16	Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Building Rental	543.51	500.00	108.7%
Contributions	55,646.42	68,925.00	80.7%
Investment inc-change from 2014	-6,195.08	0.00	100.0%
Misc Income	1,746.70	0.00	100.0%
Parking space rental	6,387.00	5,100.00	125.2%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>58,128.55</b>	<b>74,525.00</b>	<b>78.0%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Benevolences	0.00	26,170.00	0.0%
<b>Committees</b>			
Adult Religious Ed	289.13	200.00	144.6%
Archives	55.00	200.00	27.5%
Building and Grounds	4,130.07	11,000.00	37.5%
Care and Counsel	100.00	100.00	100.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	1,779.88	2,500.00	71.2%
Finance	70.78	50.00	141.6%
Friends Transition and Support	1,004.59	1,500.00	67.0%
Hospitality	79.75	300.00	26.6%
IFC	125.00	200.00	62.5%
Library	48.00	400.00	12.0%
Ministry and Worship	339.69	1,000.00	34.0%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice	0.00	300.00	0.0%
Publications and Communications	934.13	1,750.00	53.4%
<b>Total Committees</b>	<b>8,956.02</b>	<b>19,510.00</b>	<b>45.9%</b>
<b>Obligations</b>			
Bank Fee	45.47	50.00	90.9%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	4,693.88	6,000.00	78.2%
Insurance	350.00	5,400.00	6.5%
Software License Fee	329.89	360.00	91.6%
UBIT, Storm Fees	712.00	1,100.00	64.7%
Utilities	3,370.59	6,000.00	56.2%
<b>Total Obligations</b>	<b>9,501.83</b>	<b>18,910.00</b>	<b>50.2%</b>
<b>Ongoing funds</b>			
Care and Counsel -continuing	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Contingency Fund -annual	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Leadership Developm't- contin'g	350.00	500.00	70.0%
Meeting for Suffering- annual	0.00	135.00	0.0%
National Quaker Service -annual	1,122.15	2,000.00	56.1%
Physical Plant Fund- continuing	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Returning Citiz Assist - contin	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Service Trip - continuing	0.00	800.00	0.0%
<b>Total Ongoing funds</b>	<b>1,472.15</b>	<b>9,935.00</b>	<b>14.8%</b>
<b>Other accounts</b>			
Returning Citizens	65.00		
Shotts Leadership	400.00		
<b>Total Other accounts</b>	<b>465.00</b>		
Reconciliation Discrepancies	-0.08		
<b>Renovations</b>			
Tax expense	16.55	0.00	100.0%
Renovations - Other	2,800.50	0.00	100.0%
<b>Total Renovations</b>	<b>2,817.05</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>23,211.97</b>	<b>74,525.00</b>	<b>31.1%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>34,916.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>34,916.58</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Balance Sheet

As of March 31, 2016

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<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	44,897.50
BB&T-3430 Returning Citizens	2,967.95
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	265.05
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	86,583.07
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	1,378.26
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	5,030.55
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	18,918.97
Friends Fiduciary	
Bequest Fund	1,120.21
General Fund	30,792.48
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	34,014.06
Shotts Endowment	29,979.42
Total Friends Fiduciary	95,906.17
Total Checking/Savings	255,947.52
Total Current Assets	255,947.52
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>255,947.52</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-9.28
Total Accounts Payable	-9.28
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	390.72
Total Other Current Liabilities	390.72
Total Current Liabilities	381.44
Total Liabilities	381.44
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	86,273.47
Net Income	34,916.58
Total Equity	255,566.08
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>255,947.52</b>

## PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Publication & Communications committee edits, produces and distributes the monthly print newsletter and calendar as well as the annual directory. The members manage and update the Meeting website, the online calendar, and other online activities. They coordinate and send a biweekly email newsletter and as-needed "In the Light" announcements. The committee assists with other publications for Meeting committees as needed. One member serves on the Archives Committee.

### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Our process for updating the directory was improved over the last year. James Harper worked with other Friends including the Treasurer, Maura Murphy and Co-Recorder Julia Cleaver to input and manage member and attender information within the *Servant Keeper* software and database.
- We continue to collate and edit a twice a week email newsletter called: *Meeting eNews*.
- We printed large-print directories for Friends who requested them. If anyone new would like a large-print directory, please let us know.
- We continue to offer electronic newsletters and directories for Friends who prefer them.
- We made major changes to our website redesigning many of the landing pages and information pages.
- We continue to post Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business agendas and supporting documents as needed by the Clerk of the Meeting.

### REMINDERS & CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Newsletter, e-news, and In the Light announcements should be sent to:
- [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)
- In addition any updates to the *Directory* go to: [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)
- Requests for electronic copies *Directory* go to: [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org)
- Correspondence to the committee and anything else can go to: [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)

### SUBMISSIONS:

- Verify willingness to disclose before submitting personal information about another person.
- Specify "e-news" and/or "newsletter" in the subject line when you submit.
- The newsletter is posted online and therefore public.
- The e-news goes to 200+ recipients, some of whom are not Meeting members.

Submitted by Publications and Communications: Sean Chen (Clerk) Emily Buehler, James Harper, Ed Bowen, David Curtin, David Schneider, Robin Harper (Recording Clerk).

A PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO CO-SPONSOR A SYRIAN REFUGEE FAMILY  
PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE, CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING

Lutheran Services Carolinas (LSC) reports that up to five Syrian refugee families will be available for co-sponsorship beginning in July. The families are vetted by UNHCR, the US Refugee Admissions Program, and the Dept. of Homeland Security. The role of a co-sponsoring organization is to collaborate closely with the LSC case managers to help the family meet many and varied needs. The Church of the Holy Family has decided to co-sponsor a family.

**Tasks:** According to the LSC, the tasks include the following:

- Arrange housing
- Facilitate access to social services and public benefits
- Arrange health screenings and access to health care
- Assist with school enrollment
- Collaborate with the LSC job development team to assess skills and interests, arrange job training, identify prospective employers, assist in job placement and subsequent support
- Provide cultural education and self-sufficiency planning
- Assist with communication needs
- Provide support and welcome to all clients

**Finances:** Each family comes with some initial support. LSC suggests that the co-sponsor contribute additional funds. There is no fixed or required amount, but \$2,000 is a figure we have discussed.

**Organization:** We propose following the internationally validated organization of Circles of Support and Accountability (COA) used successfully by our Transition and Support Committee. A small inner circle of 4 -6 persons, with a single point person, works intensively with the family and LSC caseworkers and will receive ½ day training. The inner circle draws on the resources of an outer circle of resource persons. The small inner circle is nimble, able to respond quickly to family needs and knowledgeable of the skills and resources to elicit from the large outer circle.

**The Proposal:** We of the Peace and Justice Committee propose:

- Further study of this opportunity through communication with the LCS and examining the experience of other co-sponsors;
- Identifying persons who might be interested in participating in the inner or outer circles of support and identifying the particular skills and interests such persons may have.

**Interested persons:** send an email with "Syria" in the subject line to both Naveed Moeed [naveed.moeed@physics.org](mailto:naveed.moeed@physics.org) and Hank Elkins [hankelkins@gmail.com](mailto:hankelkins@gmail.com), Co-Clerks, Peace and Justice Committee. See also Jack Wolf's Facebook page "Refugee Resettlement Triangle."

**Sources:** Lutheran Services Carolinas Chapel Hill Office: 101 Conner Drive # 302, Tel (919) 968-2552, <http://www.lscarolinas.net/services-for-refugees/refugee-resettlement/>

## TRANSITIONS AND SUPPORT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The Transition and Support Committee currently includes the following members: Emilie Condon, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Rita Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller (clerk), Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, David Schneider, Ann Shy, and Byron Stevens. Three of these members are new to the committee this year— Kuldip Kawahara, Rita Kawahara and Ann Shy. We welcome their participation. Matt Cooper left the committee when he moved out-of-town. We wish him well and appreciate his work.

Members of Transition and Support volunteer at Orange Correctional Center (OCC) in a variety of ways including service on the Community Resource Council, as tutors and as instructors of computer skills. By far the largest number of committee members provide service to OCC residents by attending Yokefellows on Tuesday nights in the Peace Center at the prison. Our committee provided snacks and drinks for two Yokefellow evening visitations in the past year. In cooperation with Ministry and Worship, we also held two meetings for worship last year. We will continue this practice, with two meetings for worship in 2016 planned for May 8 and August 7. We began a book group for men at OCC to read and discuss books with Friends from meeting. Book group discussions are held in the meetinghouse at the rise of the second meeting for worship on the last Sunday of each month, and again on the following Tuesday during Yokefellows visitation. With this schedule, OCC men who are not at the last Sunday meeting for worship may participate in the book discussion during Yokefellows. In 2015 we began taking men who plan to stay in the Chapel Hill —Carrboro area after their release to a local Narcotics Anonymous (NA) meetings, so that they could be involved in an NA meeting prior to their release date. Many male members of Transition and Support have completed the training required by the Department of Corrections to take OCC men out on passes. We have therefore been able to bring to meeting for worship some of the men we've gotten to know at Yokefellows — a practice that has been meaningful for the men, their sponsors, and the meeting as a whole. Some of the OCC men who plan to stay in Chapel Hill or Carrboro after their release have a support circle created for them. We had five support circles in 2015. It is in these support circles that our members do most of their work — helping with the myriad needs which include finding housing and work to providing transportation to appointments, interviews and government agencies. The list is long. As an example, David Schneider has provided three bicycles for men on support circles. There surely have been hundreds of hours spent on the telephone by members of support circles.

We have two very different monthly meetings. One, on the last Tuesday of the month, is a more typical working committee meeting. The other, after potluck on the first Sunday of the month, is open to all and frequently attended by Friends who are not committee members, including the OCC men with their meeting sponsors. We make a point of bringing men from OCC to potluck for the increased opportunity to interact with Friends as well as for the nourishing food. At the Transitions and Support committee meeting held after potluck, we encourage them to do most of the talking. Join us in one of the classrooms after potluck. Transitions and Support is appreciative of the meeting's support of our work and grateful for the welcome experienced by the OCC men.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Miller (clerk), Emilie Condon, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Rita Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Dave Schneider, Ann Shy, Byron Stevens

PROPOSED "SAFE BATHROOM SITE" SIGN  
FROM MINISTRY & WORSHIP

**This is a Safe Bathroom Site**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

531 Raleigh Road

Chapel Hill, NC 27514

**friends@chapelhillfriends.org**

919.929.5377

We are committed to providing a safe haven for all people of all gender identities.

*"We joyfully embrace the full spectrum of the light within, made visible through the participation of people of all beliefs, cultures, backgrounds, abilities, ethnicities and races, sexual orientations, and gender identities."*

**Our meetinghouse is open from 8AM - 1PM on Sunday**

The Schoolhouse building next door,  
which houses the Carolina Friends Early School,  
like all schools in NC,  
is not available to the public.

***Other Nearby Safe Bathroom Sites***

*Sup Dogs*, 107 E. Franklin Street

*Linda's Bar and Grill*, 203 E. Franklin Street

*Vimala's Curryblossom Café*, 431 W Franklin Street #415

*The Cave*, 452 W Franklin Street

*Nightlight Bar and Club*, 405 W Rosemary Street

# Calendar

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

<b>Sun. 5/1</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing by Faye Stanley
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse
Tue. 5/3	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/6	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 5/7	9am–noon	Building and grounds work session (see page 3)
<b>Sun. 5/8</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: The Top Five Regrets of Dying People
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	7–8:30pm	Meeting for Worship at OCC (see page 3)
Tue. 5/10	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/13	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 5/15</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. 5/17	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 5/19	8:30-9:30pm	AFSC Call (see page 5)
Fri. 5/20	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 5/22</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: The Future of Quaker House and its Mission
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
Tue. 5/24	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/27	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	7pm	Intergenerational Games—Schoolhouse
<b>Sun. 5/29</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Blessing of the Animals
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Thur. 6/2	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 6/3	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

<b>Sun. 6/5</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Graduating From High School
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
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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 Communications 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.
- **Listserv.** To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto: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](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html).
- **Website.** To get items posted on our website, send them to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).