

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter



February, 2017

Monthly Query:

Do I regularly attend meeting for worship with attention to business and in a spirit of love and unity?

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Is the hour of meeting for worship the only time in the week you seek to nourish your spiritual life?

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Upcoming Forum Schedule

2/5 - Update on renovations to the Meeting House

Presented by Don Hopper, Building and Grounds. Moderator: Andrea Wuerth

2/12 - Chaplain Jerry Love and the OCC Ready Singers

Singing and spiritual connections presented by men who are currently living at the Orange Correctional Center in Hillsborough, NC. Moderator: Catherine Alguire.

2/26 - Eldering for our time: its significance in this time of crisis and transition

Led by Dirk Kelder and Max Drake. Moderator: Carolyn White

Karen Refugee Student Fundraiser

John 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 who are still in refugee camps in Thailand. If you want to donate directly, you can visit this site: <https://www.gofundme.com/ghx4mp3w>. I would love to be able to make this a reality.

Here is an interview at WCHL with me and two Karen recent graduates from CHS:
<http://chapelboro.com/news/international/karen-refugees-hoping-to-see-home-again>

On Saturday March 4th there will be a food fundraising event from 10 AM to 1 PM at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm, 2912 Jones Ferry Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27516. You can buy tickets beforehand or just show up. <https://www.gofundme.com/ghx4mp3w>

Welcoming the Barker Baby

Please join us as we welcome Dylan Whitten Barker to the Meeting on behalf of her parents Andrew Barker and Alexandra Hearsey Barker and her grandmother Hart Pillow. She will be welcomed at the close of late meeting and at the potluck on February 5.

HKonJ

Tom Munk shares with Friends,

The 11th annual Historic Thousands on Jones Street mobilization will take place on Saturday, February 11th. Naveed Moeed will lead the carpool from our Meeting parking lot at 8:15 AM. The rally will begin at the corner of Wilmington and South Streets in Raleigh at 9 AM, with the march to the State Capitol to begin at 10 AM. <https://hkonj.com>

Welcome Karen Hurka-Richardson

Help us welcome Karen Hurka-Richardson as a new member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting! All are invited to a welcoming tea, Feb. 12, 3-5 PM at the home of Carolyn White (300 Tripp Farm Rd, Carrboro). Hope to see you there! (Children welcome)

Before the Flood: a Movie Screening by Project EngAGE

Yvonne Mendenhall shares with Friends an event,

"We Have Not Inherited the Earth From Our Elders, We Have Borrowed It From Our Children."

On Thursday, February 9, 2–4 PM at the UNC Wellness Center in Meadowmont Classroom, 100 Sprunt St. Chapel Hill, there will be an early viewing of the powerful climate change documentary, BEFORE THE FLOOD, produced by National Geographic and Leonardo De Caprio. Registration: 919-966-5500, space is limited! FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

A brief discussion about the film and possible actions will follow. Dr Carol Hazard will lead the discussion. Dr Hazard has a rich background in environmental related disciplines with degrees in biology (BS, U. St. Thomas), environmental science (MS, U. Texas) and geography (PhD, UNC). Her academic career spans multiple appointments and awards including 12 years at Meredith College serving as professor and department head for Chemistry, Physics, and Geoscience.

This event is shared by EngAGING ISSUES, a collaboration of the Orange County Department on Aging, Project EngAGE, and the UNC Wellness Center Health Education. Questions? Contact Yvonne Mendenhall (Orange County Department on Aging) at aym27517@gmail.com, <https://www.facebook.com/AgingInCommunityOrangeCoNC>

Directories Needed

The Archives Committee is trying to collect as many old directories as we can. Right now we almost have a complete set going back as far as 1999--we are only lacking 2003-04, and 2010-11. If you have either or both of those issues, you'll get a big hug from us!! Thanks in advance!

Sign up for FCNL Alerts

The Friends Committee on National Legislation lobbies on our behalf in Washington, DC. The P&J Committee encourages Friends to sign up for and respond to Friends Committee on National Legislation Action Alerts at <http://act.fcnl.org/signup/signup-action-alerts>.

In Need of Car

Single parent family in Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in urgent need of affordable, reliable used car. Please call Jennifer at 520-302-8568

Volunteer Training at OCC

A NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING has been scheduled for Thursday, March 9 at 6 PM. It will be in the Peace Center at Orange Correctional Center. This will be for both new on-site and new off-site volunteers. Seating is limited, so please be discerning about whether you want to reserve one of the chairs (and become an active volunteer at OCC).

To be considered you must be at least:

- 1) 21 with a valid, government-issued, picture id.
 - 2) a year off correctional supervision
 - 3) you cannot be a family member of any resident at OCC or on a resident's visitation list.
- On the applications, you will need to provide NCDPS with your driver's license and social security number (for background check purposes). You will also need to provide character references.

If you wish to be trained, please contact chaplainjlove@gmail.com and save yourself a spot. Those who respond quickly will be given priority. If you are uncertain about whether you want to be a volunteer/sponsor, contact chaplainjlove@gmail.com or the Programs department (919-732-9301).

On 3/9/2017, the training schedule will look as follows:

- 5:45 Registration (sign in and begin application paperwork)
6:00–7:00 Required training for ALL new volunteers. On-site will be dismissed around 7pm (yokefellows, tutors, worship/study leaders).
7:00–9:30 Required training for new off-site (sponsors) continues after training, off-site volunteers will need to attend three on-site activities before becoming sponsors.

Friends House Moscow

Friends House Moscow in the Russian Federation (www.friendshousemoscow.org) welcomes applicants with basic Russian language skills for 3-month internships. "Friends House Moscow funds projects for peace and civil society ... in a variety of areas including human rights, education, restorative justice, and non-violent communication [furthering] social goals such as grass-roots collaboration, equality and non-violence." Interested prospective applicants can contact FHM Board Member Karen Porter (in Carrboro) at karenporteresq@gmail.com for further information.

Wake Up! Social Awareness Series

EWS Senior Emma Hulbert has created a powerful speaker series with four events for her senior project. Two events remain: Racism in the Justice System (2/9), and a film screening of "Ties that Bind", a documentary about a family's journey with their transgender sister (3/16). Each event is free and open to the public.

Emma created this project to start the conversation at EWS, as well as in the wider community, about issues that are vitally important but may not directly impact those in the audience. Come to these events and hear renowned panelists speak on issues that may have never occurred to you, and engage in lively community discussions! All parents and middle school-aged students are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. Please invite your friends to join you!

RACISM IN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM PANEL DISCUSSION

Thursday, February 9th at 7:00pm at the Emerson Waldorf High School

Listen to panelists Bessie Elmore (Founder of the Straight Talk Support Group), William Elmore, and Emanuel Kearney speak about their personal experiences of racism in the justice system. This is an incredibly important issue that is prevalent everywhere and that we as a nation need to address. This event is free and is guaranteed to challenge your way of thinking!

FILM SCREENING OF "TIES THAT BIND", A DOCUMENTARY

Thursday, March 16th at 7:00pm at the Emerson Waldorf High School

This film was created by Diana Newton about her southern family coming to terms with her transgender sister. The film's editor is EWS alumna Emily Jean Frachtling! Come watch the film and engage Diana and her sister, Christine, for a discussion about transgender issues and the film after watching "Ties that Bind".

Couple Enrichment Weekend

Mike and Marsha Green share with Friends,

Just in time for Valentine's Day . . . We invite folks from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to the Contemplative Friends Couple Enrichment weekend that Mike and Marsha Green are planning at Hickory, NC on Feb. 10-12. This is being held under the care of [Friends Couple Enrichment](#), which has recently become an independent organization, after years of sustenance from [Friends General Conference](#).

The weekend will begin with Friday supper and end with Sunday lunch. Cost is \$290 per couple, which includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals. This is a regional event, but we need at least 5 couples to cover the cost of renting the space.

The weekend is an opportunity to step away from the business of the world and focus on deepening your relationship with your beloved. We hope you can join us. Contact marshaquaker@gmail.com for more information. Or check out our online flier at <https://friendscoupleenrichment.files.wordpress.com/2016/12/retreat-flyer-for-feb-2017.pdf>

Wearing Your Quaker Values

"No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor"

Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, put up a hand-made sign proclaiming their shared value of being a welcoming community to all people. It reads, "No matter where you are from, we're glad you're our neighbor" in three languages: English, Spanish and Arabic. They gave us their permission to reproduce the digital version of the yard sign and to make T-shirts as well.

<http://inktothepeople.com/no-matter-where-you-are-from-were-glad-youre-our-neighbor>

"Make America Kind Again" buttons

"How do we connect with each person whose path we cross? Can we live into the possibility that every interaction is an opportunity for a small, quiet kindness...recognizing that we are all human? Try it. You're a pebble in the large pond of humanity, rippling change, person by person." Buy at cost to share with others.

Makeamericakindagainbutton.org

Eye Ears Nose and Paws - Follow Up

Here is additional information in follow up to the forum presented on January 21 about the medical service dog training program conducted by inmates under the leadership of EENP/Deb Cunningham, through the NC Department of Corrections:

Here is the weblink to the ABEL video that includes Al back when he was at Franklin Correction, our medium security prison:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9ar-pdywDLw>

This is a link to stories about JJ, the medical alert dog mentioned who went into surgery to act as a medical monitor.

<http://www.eenp.org/main/KKandJJ>

There will be a team graduation in late March that anyone is welcome to attend. It's a chance to celebrate the newest EENP teams, and there are generally both clients and trainers speaking. There are three dog training teams graduating this time. It's on Saturday, March 25th at 11 AM at the Carrboro Century Center and there is more information available at eenp.org/main/graduation.

Support Refugees and Immigrants

Nancy Milio shares with Friends,

1. To express your support and seek our Lawmakers' support for refugees and Muslims, and 2. To protect under a new Bridge Act undocumented youth whom Obama allowed to stay in the US, to work, get drivers' licenses, and get higher education [DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals]...

CALL [or write at their local address] YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES TODAY!

To support Refugees and Muslims:

Senator Thom Tillis: (202) 224-6342
310 New Bern Ave. Suite 122; Raleigh, 27601

Senator Richard Burr: (202) 224-3154
2000 West First St. Suite 508; Winston-Salem 27104

You can also send a flyer with your message written on the back to

President Donald Trump
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Wash. DC 20500

Speaker of the House Paul Ryan [at his home address]
700 St. Lawrence Ave
Janesville, WI 53545

Rep. David Price
1777 Fordham BLVD. Suite 204
Chapel Hill 27514

Sample Script:

"I'm your constituent from [City, State], and I support refugee resettlement in the U.S.

"I am strongly opposed to the announcement expected from President Trump that would reduce refugee admissions, grind resettlement to a halt, stop resettling refugees from certain countries, and preference religious minorities.

"This discriminatory announcement is morally reprehensible, runs counter to who we are as a nation, and does not reflect the welcome for refugees I see in my community every day.

"Please urge President Trump to abandon this plan and do everything in your power to stop this announcement."

[Please also share a personal story about why refugee resettlement is important to you, your community, etc. Let them know the specific ways that refugees contribute and are welcomed into your community.]

To advocate to save DACA young people:

The Bridge Act allows people 15–34 to get drivers' licenses, work permits, and higher education without fear of deportation for two years; it will expire soon, and the President has not yet decided to renew it. Many of these undocumented youth have gotten college degrees and contribute to the community professionally; through their labor in construction, small business, and agriculture; and through their taxes. There are almost 27,000 in NC.

Contact Senators Burr and Tillis to support the bipartisan Bill to be introduced by Sen. Lindsay Graham and Dick Durbin: The BRIDGE Act: to allow DACA recipients to continue living in the US with permission from the Government.

Report on Conference Call in Response to Executive Order Banning Muslims

Alice Carlton shares with Friends,

I attended this call Friday night (Jan 27) with representatives from several organizations: Muslim Advocates, the Arab-American Institute, the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, and the Immigration Legal Resource Center. They recommended three actions: 1. Call your Congressional Representatives to express your opposition to the Immigration Executive Order, 2. Call your Senators to ask them to cancel the confirmation hearing for Jeff Sessions, and 3. Communicate with President Trump your opposition to this order. As the White House comment line has been shut down, you can use White House Inc. which will dial you into any of the Trump businesses. You can also communicate with him via Twitter if you have an account. You can also send him a letter at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

The order targets Muslims from seven countries: Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen. It suspends the refugee program for 120 days. It suspends the visa interview waiver program for everyone.

Mark Silverman from the Immigration Legal Resource Center advised anyone who may be vulnerable to contact an immigration attorney. These attorneys can be located through the American Immigration Lawyers Association at their web site: www.aialawyer.org.

He outlined questions to ask an attorney for four categories:

1. If you are a legal permanent resident, ask if it is safe to leave the country to travel and will it be safe to return if you are out of the country. He advised these people to apply for citizenship as soon as possible. If you are a legal permanent resident who has been accused of a crime, take your criminal record to your consultation with a lawyer.
2. If you are a non-immigrant with student or tourist visa, ask is it safe to travel outside the US or to the US from outside.

3. If you are undocumented, there is a questionnaire online to answer at www.iamerica.org/imm. Ask what are the potential options for becoming legal. If you are undocumented and accused of a crime, you can be deported if only accused and even if the matter is still pending.
4. If you are an asylum seeker, it is risky to apply if undocumented, but if your asylum application is legitimate, it can be used defensively.

Notes: There should be no impact on US citizens who travel outside the US. Green card holders traveling outside the US should return to the US as soon as possible. There is currently no exemption for green card holders. They may not be allowed back into the US. As to US citizens born in any of the 7 countries, they are mainly safe. If they travel to one of these countries, they can return but may be scrutinized at the border. There should be no effect on pending asylum cases already in court. Nor on those who haven't applied for asylum.

Homelessness in Orange County

Emily Buehler shares with Friends,

Last month I attended a training session by Corey Root, the coordinator of the Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness (OCPEH). It made me both hopeful and hopeless: hopeful because the county has a plan in place and Corey seems to know her stuff, but hopeless because there is such a long way to go to reach the plan's fulfillment.

The federal government divides states into regions when they allocate funds. OCPEH is in charge of the region that is Orange County; Corey used to be the coordinator for the region that includes most of the rural counties in North Carolina.

Corey first talked about the history of homelessness in the United States and the programs in place. The 2009 HEARTH Act sought to streamline the federal programs and to shift their focus. Instead of focusing on output (like how many beds were filled at a shelter), the focus is now on outcomes (like how long people remain homeless). Services should shift from being at the program level to the community level, with various programs working together, serving everyone. And, although shelters remain important, the focus is on getting people into housing. In 2010, the federal government created the Opening Doors plan to end homelessness; this means that communities would have a system in place that is accessible and seeks to prevent homelessness, and when homelessness occurs (rarely), it would be brief and non-recurring.

Corey explained the new focus in more detail. There should be services to help those in need, but the goal is to get people into housing first, so that the stress of being homeless does not impede their progress. Services should be customized to fit each client. The burden of work should be on the agencies, not the client; for example, a person shouldn't need to visit several agencies, filling out numerous forms. The system should be clear and fair, with all agencies using the same forms, processes, and assessment criteria. Shelters should be appealing, not places that discourage people from using them. However, people

in need should be able to enter the system even if they don't use a shelter. Shelters should be kept from filling by diverting people if possible, for example, by paying a bill or resolving a family conflict that had driven a person out.

We then learned about the federal grants available, and about the local workgroups that volunteers can join, such as the 100,000 Homes Taskforce (which coordinates care for the homeless) and the Outreach Court (a therapeutic court model in which the DA will drop low level charges if the person gets housing and works with the system). The groups meet monthly following a regular schedule, in Chapel Hill. We learned about how data is collected. There is a yearly count of homeless people that's required by the feds for funding. There is also new data, measuring the outcomes of the system, such as length of time spent homeless and percent that exited to permanent housing.

Corey gave us a huge list of resources in the county. It's available online at <http://bit.ly/2bkrHme> and includes shelters, programs, hotels and apartments with low or income-based rates, healthcare options, and more. But the question most attendees had was what to do on the spot, when there is a person who needs help. Right now, our shelter is often full, and clients need an appointment to go. There is no shelter in northern Orange County. The goal is to have a clear system, where everyone knows where to go to get help, but right now, there is not a good solution.

I encourage anyone interested to contact Corey or attend the next training. Look for announcements in the News sidebar of the OCPEH website, <https://www.ocpehnc.com>.

Annual Retreat!

The Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat will be March 10-12 at the Carolina Friends School campus.

The weekend features Friday evening potluck and fellowship, a Saturday program for adults on environmental concerns led by Mary Jo Klingel—a representative of Quaker Earthcare Witness—and youth programs for pre-school through high school.

The Yearly Meeting will hold sessions on Saturday. Saturday evening includes fellowship activities.

Registration forms, schedules, and opportunities to provide hospitality for Friends from far away will be available soon on the PFF website PiedmontFriendsFellowship.org.

For more information, contact Jeff Brown
pff@chapelhillfriends.org

Quaker Focusing Training

Quaker Focusing Training on March 26 and April 23, 12:30-5p, (begins with potluck) at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting led by international Focusing teacher, Robert L. Lee (School House, Multi-purpose Room)

Good News!

Many of you were active in very important political work last Sunday and had to miss the first focusing training. We had a great group of 20 and I don't want to lose you! You can still join.

#1: The philosophy behind focusing is about people and society becoming responsive and creative about needs rather than stopping process by being "culturally slotted."

#2: Focusing is political. To have so many good people vote so unwisely for their interests in the recent election, what does that imply about the mental health of our society?

#3: Creating a just society is a Deep Job! It can't be just behavioral. It can't be just positive policies. It can't be just good religion.

#4: The shame of our society's non-parity for mental illness is horrible! It is deep and ongoing. It must change.

To indicate interest in a 2 hr make-up (no date yet) and to register for the second and third Quaker Focusing trainings write Robert Lee (robert@focusingnow.com)

No One Gets Left Behind!

Purpose of 12 hour Training

This 12 hours of training is to give you minimal but sufficient Quaker Focusing partnership skill such that we could have a 2 hour group including exchange as a regular occurrence (monthly or every other week).

Structure of Ongoing Meetings (after the 3 trainings): 2 hour meetings monthly

The Quaker Focusing Project is intended to:

*strengthen wellness and creativity and grace in meeting the dilemmas of life

*strengthen mental health

*develop empathic listening skill

*strengthen community within and between Quaker institutions

This training is sponsored by the Mental Health Concerns Committee. It has also been endorsed by the Care and Counsel, and Ministry and Worship committees of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Tar River Friends (Franklin County)

A reminder that Tar River Friends (see January 2017 newsletter) is now hosting silent Meeting for Worship on second and fourth First Days. For the location and other information, call 919.588.4659 and listen to the message. If you would like to speak with someone, leave a voicemail with your name and phone number, or else send an email to trf.quaker@gmail.com. The upcoming schedule: February 12, 26; March 12, 26 Meeting for Worship begins at 10:30am and lasts one hour. Announcements and fellowship follow. There is no children's program at this time.

BYO Plate

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and we thank the meeting for continued help with potluck cleanup. However, large attendance does create a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

Calling for Book Reviews

Have you read an inspiring book from the Meeting library lately? Or have you read a book we don't have in the library that you feel would be worthwhile to have in the collection? The Library committee would like to invite members and attenders to consider writing brief book reviews for the newsletter. Share the insight or inspiration you received from your readings. Please send a copy of your review to the library committee as well at library@chapelhillfriends.org. We are always looking for suggestions for new books to add to our library. Thank you. The Library Committee

Friendly Sewing Repairs

Do you have a favorite sweater that has been nibbled by a moth? A button that spontaneously popped off a shirt? A seam that split the last time you laughed hard? Bring it to us for a free stitching repair!

Several Quaker women who enjoy doing handwork meet monthly – our gatherings keep us in stitches – including quilting, knitting, embroidery, crochet, needlepoint or just plain old mending. If you have something that needs a little stitching repair, please bring the article to Meeting or contact Catherine Alguire at alguire.catherine@gmail.com. We would be very happy to do small handwork repairs for you during our monthly fellowship.

Reminder: Hillsborough Worship Group

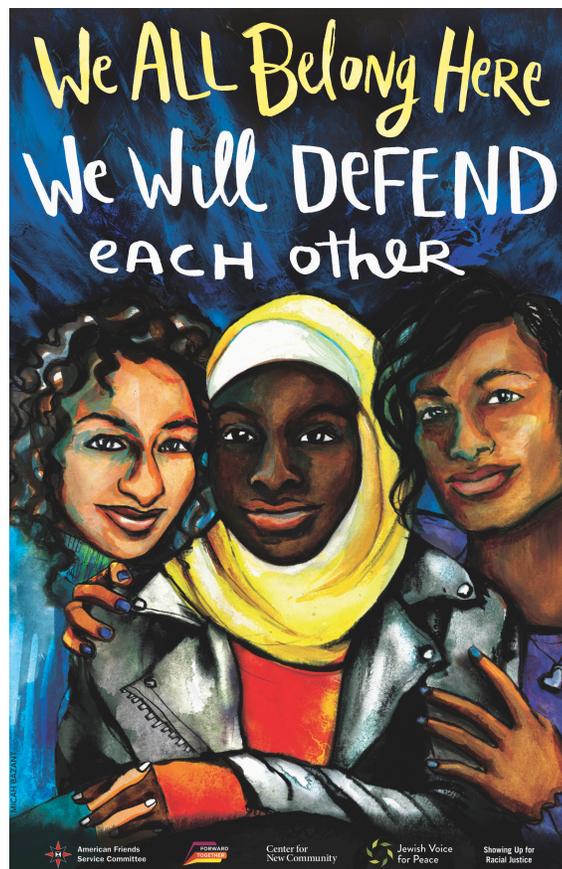
The Hillsborough Worship Group meets on Sundays at 11 AM at the small building at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group is under the care of the Durham Meeting and has a minute of support from our meeting.

IFC Needs

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

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

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



**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting – Agenda for the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
January 15, 2017 Tom Munk, clerk and Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk**

Present: Max Drake, Perry Martin, Robin Harper, James Harper, John Hite, Dottie Heninger, Maura Murphy, Deborah Gibbs, Nancy Elkins, Ben Ray, Richard Miller, Ken Grogan, Kittie Bergel, Wesley Holler, Hank Elkins, Lloyd Kramer, Tom Ludlow, Julia Cleaver, Pat Mann, Jan Hutton, Carolyn Stuart, Emilie Condon, Naveed Moeed, Pam Schwingl, Ann Miller, Alice Carlton, Paul Munk, Bettie Flash, Fred Holt, Karen Porter

Opening worship

Query: “Have I experienced in worship that direct leading to listen or to speak and have I been faithful to my own experience?” One Friend spoke to the importance of listening, which involves stilling the mind and listening for the voice of God. The Friend asked “Do I hear it”? And responded never and always.

1. Wesley Holler was welcomed as a first time attender.
2. The minutes of the December 18, 2016 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) **were approved as written with appreciation to Carolyn White for substituting as Recording Clerk.**
3. Annual report Carolina Friends School Board. Pat Mann, one of our Meeting’s representatives on the board, read the report, noting that the report is his perspective and does not fully capture all that has happened this year. Other members of our Meeting who serve on the board include Matt Drake, Bill Jenkins, and Buffie Webber. Hank Elkins also noted appreciation for the school’s work on criminal justice, which has influenced our own Meeting’s work. **Friends accepted the report with gratitude.**
4. Annual report, Quaker House Military Counseling Center Report. Richard Miller, one of our Meeting’s representatives on the Quaker House Board, presented the report. Other members of the Meeting on the board are Maria Darlington, Deborah Gibbs, and Curt Torell. In response to Friends’ question, Richard reported that the plan is to hire a new director by this summer. He also reported that the budget is about \$180,000 a year and is entirely donations. One of the major donors recently died creating an increased need for donations. **Friends accepted the report with thanks to board members, to Quaker House, and to directors, Lynn and Steve Newsom, who have done such a wonderful job in the five years they have served.**
5. Treasurer’s budget report for July – Dec 2016. Maura Murphy, Meeting treasurer, presented the report. Our contributions are ahead of where they were at this time last year but below prior years. Friends still need to continue to give if we are to meet our budget. **Friends accepted the report with appreciation to Maura and the Finance Committee.**
6. Request from Gary Evans to transfer membership to Durham Friends Meeting. Tom Munk read Gary’s letter. The letter has been referred to Ministry & Worship. Friends were not clear on whether that committee or MWAB was responsible for discerning clarity on approving the transfer and then asking the corresponding clerk to write the letter of transfer. Ministry & Worship will explore this question with the Clerk and bring the question back to the February MWAB if needed. A reminder was made to provide Gary Evan’s letter to Archives Committee.

7. Update from Meetinghouse Renovations Fundraising Subcommittee. Tom Ludlow, member of the subcommittee, reported that over 100 invitations to contribute have been mailed. The subcommittee will meet later this month to review contributions received to date and bring a report to next month's MWAB.

8. Peace & Justice recommendation in support of the Women's March in Washington, DC and Raleigh. Wendy Michener read the recommendation from Peace & Justice Committee. Alice Carlton offered to organize carpooling. **Friends approved the recommendation and asked that Wendy communicate our support to the organizers and work with James Harper to post our support on the Meeting website.**

9. Peace & Justice led discussion on the process for determining benevolences under the committee's oversight. A subcommittee to consider benevolence process has met three times and includes the members of Peace and Justice committee and also Dottie Heninger, Jennifer Leeman, and Asta Crowe. The subcommittee would like to hear Friends' thoughts. Tom Munk, Peace & Justice Committee co-clerk, asked that Friends respond to the query, "What should be our process for discerning benevolences?" He asked that only Friends not on the subcommittee speak and then Friends only speak once. Jennifer Leeman and Naveed Moeed both took detailed notes that will be shared with the subcommittee as it continues its discernment.

The Meeting closed with worship and a circle of Friends

Trustee report Carolina Friends School 2016

2016 has been a very busy and exciting year at CFS. This year we have been engaged in searching for a new head of school and director of admissions, ending the Building Friends campaign, extensive renovations of buildings and grounds and the most important of all the work of being a Quaker school.

Building Friends Campaign- Started with a goal of raising \$7,750,00.00 and ended with having raised from donations /gifts a total of \$7,860,743.00. This enabled the renovations of the Quaker Dome, Early, lower and middle schools. Creation of a tennis court,, new baseball field, geothermal systems for the Quaker Dome and Middle School, erection of a green house, Upper School Maker Space and physics lab.

Separate but in alignment with the Building Friends campaign is completion of a loan process for the construction of a Performing Arts Center on campus under way at this time.

The search for a new Head of School and Admissions Director not only brought several well qualified candidates to campus but brought up questions such as -What are we looking for in a head of school?, Who are we? What is Carolina Friends School?, are we working toward diversity in our practices of hiring? Staff, students, board members, and community were all involved and gave input and had a presence in this process. As hard as it was to say goodbye to Mike Hanas who served Carolina Friends School for 16 years -4 years as head of upper school and 12 years as head of school-we wish him great success and happiness as head of San Francisco Friends School.

We welcome Karen Cumberbatch as our new Head of School starting July 2017. Karen comes to us from Sandy Springs Friends School where she is presently head of the upper school. Karen has 22 years of teaching and administrative experience in independent schools 20 of those years in Quaker schools.

We also said goodbye to Kathleen March long time head of admission as she moves into retirement and thank her for her years of loving and full commitment to Carolina Friends School. We welcome Nancy Hayes as the new Director of Admissions. Nancy previously served as director of admissions at Milton Academy Lower School in Mass. New Canaan Country School in Conn and taught in public schools as a 5th grade bilingual teacher.

Both Karen and Nancy have chosen to relocate themselves and their families for the opportunity to be part of CFS.

Admissions-

Requests for enrollment for the upper +middle school are up by 15%-stable in the lower school and a few openings remain in the early schools. We expect at least 508 students, diversity remains at approx.. 24%, about 27% of students receive need based tuition assistance and thanks to an increased tuition aid budget we are presently meeting approx. 70% of families demonstrated needs.

Students not only enroll but also graduate, the class of 2016 went to schools such as Duke, Sara Lawrence, Ringling College of Art and Design, Bard, UNC, Univ. of Vermont, Appalachian State, Earlham, Guilford, Smith, Univ. of Mass. And other schools across the country.

As important as all the above are the most important and constant work of the school, staff, students, board and the community is the work living out being a Quaker School and searching for what that means. One area that has risen forward is diversity, what is it? Is it racial, ethnic, sexual , financial, political diversity or all of these? At CFS there are multiple ways in which the school engages in these struggles. The Middle School students started GLOW (gay, lesbian, or whatever) Upper School Students started a gay/straight alliance. Faculty and students are involved in organizations such as Triangle Faculty of color. and Triangle Diversity Alliance. CFS supports a on campus Diversity and Inclusivity Committee, works with Peaceful Schools NC, recently brought filmmaker Andre'Robert Lee for a showing of I'm not racist ...Am I ?, which led into Beloved Community Dinner Conversations to continue discussion of this topic.

This is what has stood out to me in my role as trustee and does not pretend to fully capture all of what is happening or fully define CFS.

Sincerely ,
Pat Mann
Trustee Carolina Friends School

Quaker House Military Counseling Center Report January 2017 "A Place of Peace in a Military City"

The Quaker House GI Rights Hotline answers thousands of calls from active duty military, veterans, and their families. The number of calls to the hotline continues to increase. This year our Hotline counselors answered an average of 246 calls per month for a total of 2,948 calls. The counselors most rewarding yet most time consuming work is helping service members obtain conscientious objector status, guiding and providing moral support as they move through regulations, delays and at times deliberate roadblocks of the command structure. They also have been busier than ever helping service members who are being threatened with other-than-honorable discharges. They are being accused of "misconduct" or "personality disorder" when they actually suffer from PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury, Moral Injury, and/or Military Sexual Trauma. We help them prove their medical condition so that they

can receive an honorable discharge and their medical benefits. We have helped bring national attention to this problem.

Quaker House also continues the important work of providing free and confidential counseling and support for the victims of military domestic violence, sexual assault, and moral injury. Our therapist, Joanna, is a valuable support for our GI Rights Hotline counselors. They have been able to refer several suicidal service members to her and know that they will be in good care. The reputation of the program has grown both in the community and on base at Fort Bragg. The service is often the last resort for those in need of help. Funding for the program is tenuous and any and all contributions are appreciated.

We continue to travel to reach out to new audiences providing education and information on moral injury. We presented for a military chaplain's retreat for the officers in the 82nd Combat Aviation Brigade and for the annual Baptist Peace Fellowship conference.

Quaker House facilitates Alternatives to Violence Project training and provides Truth in Recruiting literature and information. In addition, Quaker House provides a warm and welcoming place for people in the community to meet. Mindfulness classes and an AA group meet weekly and musicians perform house concerts frequently.

We help conduct, in partnership with NOW, the Human Relations Commission, the public library, and the Cumberland County Association of Educators, regular public discussions on race relations called "Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity" and "Mirrors of Privilege." One of these series brings together students from Fayetteville State University, a traditionally African-American university and Methodist, a traditionally white university. We advocate for teaching Conflict Resolution in the public schools. We spoke to the Cumberland County Schools social workers about the importance of conflict resolution and also recommended the use of the Cracking the Code series. Viewing the Cracking the Code DVD is now required for all school principals.

We continue to witness and work against the use of torture and militarized drones. We host educational forums on many subjects that relate to peace and justice issues.

Our relationship with personnel at Fort Bragg continues to grow. Through work with the military chaplains and mental health care professionals, a closer association developed which allows Quaker House to provide information and services on base and personnel at Fort Bragg make referrals to our programs. In addition, we continue to attend and present at the Bragg Region Behavioral Healthcare Collaborative, Community Blueprint (we are now on their Advisory Committee), the Behavioral Health Professionals Association, Greater Fayetteville United, and serve on the board of CARE Domestic Violence Center.

Quaker House took up the issue of the poor mental health care provided for the more than 250,000 incarcerated service members and veterans. This issue was brought to our attention by the tragic case of a service member in Fayetteville who was sentenced to 10-18 years in prison for an offense that was brought on by his severe PTSD and Traumatic Brain Injury. We are working with his family and lawyer to help him, and we organized a petition and a vigil calling for "Adequate and Compassionate Mental Health Care for Service Members and Veterans" nationally. The Military Chaplains Association of North America published the petition on their electronic newsletter. Our Op Ed was published in the Raleigh News and Observer and the Fayetteville Observer. In April, the vigil, in front of the Airborne and Special Operations Museum, brought veterans, VA and DoD employees, members of the Cumberland County Human Relations Commission, and Quakers together. We are continuing to work with VA and veterans' groups to advocate for "Veterans' Dorms" in prison, a program which is being utilized in several States. We also provide support for Bowe Bergdahl when he comes to Ft. Bragg for his hearings. His family is very appreciative of our support.

We published two books this year. *Help for Moral Injury: Strategies and Interventions* was written by Cecilia Yocum, Ph.D. She volunteered to write the book after hearing our moral injury presentation. It is selling nationwide and even as far as England. Curt Torell, our board treasurer, wrote *Conscientious Objection: Is This for You? Discerning and Documenting a CO Claim at Selective Service Registration*. It, too, is reaching a wide and appreciative audience.

Quaker House was featured in two QuakerSpeak videos this year. One was an interview with our GI Rights Hotline counselors, Steve Woolford and Lenore Yarger, about their work. In the other, Curt Torell discussed “How to Become a Conscientious Objector.” Both videos brought attention to the work of Quaker House.

We led the November PFF/PFYM retreat, “Quaker House: Helping our Victims of War at Home,” featuring our GI Rights Hotline Counselor and our domestic violence, sexual assault and moral injury counselor. The team shared personal stories of the service members and veterans that Quaker House helped over the years.

Wilmington, NC, Friends School invited us to do a presentation on the ‘History and Mission of Quaker House.’ The kids had many questions for us!

This has been a year of awards for us! In February, we were given an award for our work to help service members and veterans from Mountaire Farms. The Fayetteville/ Cumberland Human Relations Commission presented us an award for “our activities and programs which provide positive human relations and for being actively involved in the problems of the community.” NC Peace Action gave Quaker House their 2016 Peacemaker Award.

We are working now to hire the new directors of Quaker House, who will begin in September 2017. We have many very good applicants so we are optimistic about the future of Quaker House. All our applicants seem dedicated to helping the victims of war at home - our service members and veterans – and working to help our world understand that “war is not the answer.”

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Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Budget v. Actuals
 July through December 2016

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Rental	297.30	300.00	99.1%
Contributions	43,279.08	68,250.00	63.4%
Parking space rental	5,170.00	5,100.00	101.4%
Total Income	48,746.38	73,650.00	66.2%
Gross Profit	48,746.38	73,650.00	66.2%
Expense			
Benevolences	680.00	25,970.00	2.6%
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	0.00	100.00	0.0%
Archives	125.97	200.00	63.0%
Building and Grounds	5,506.84	11,000.00	50.1%
Care and Counsel			
Meeting for Suffering	0.00	110.00	0.0%
Care and Counsel - Other	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Total Care and Counsel	0.00	310.00	0.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	1,250.09	2,500.00	50.0%
Finance			
Contingency Fund	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Finance - Other	96.28	100.00	96.3%
Total Finance	96.28	1,100.00	8.8%
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	437.92	1,700.00	25.8%
Hospitality	65.67	300.00	21.9%
IFC	0.00	200.00	0.0%
Library	0.00	400.00	0.0%
Ministry and Worship	119.84	1,000.00	12.0%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice			
National Quaker Service	1,446.75	2,000.00	72.3%
Peace and Justice - Other	100.00	300.00	33.3%
Total Peace and Justice	1,546.75	2,300.00	67.3%
Publications and Communications	735.35	1,750.00	42.0%
Total Committees	9,884.71	22,870.00	43.2%
Obligations			
Bank Fee	15.00	50.00	30.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	2,921.29	6,000.00	48.7%
Insurance	350.00	5,400.00	6.5%
Software License Fee	0.00	860.00	0.0%
UBIT, Storm Fees	551.55	1,100.00	50.1%
Utilities	2,283.95	6,000.00	38.1%
Total Obligations	6,121.79	19,410.00	31.5%
Renovations	4,130.65	0.00	100.0%
Transfers to other accounts			
Care and Counsel	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Leadership Development	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Physical Plant Fund	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Returning Citizens	0.00	50.00	0.0%
Youth Service Trip	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Total Transfers to other accounts	0.00	5,400.00	0.0%
Total Expense	20,817.15	73,650.00	28.3%

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Budget v. Actuals
 July through December 2016

	Jul - Dec 16	Budget	% of Budget
Net Ordinary Income	27,929.23	0.00	100.0%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Misc Income			
Building Renovation Donation			
Transfers From FF Building Fund	40,000.00		
Building Renovation Donation - Other	55,132.28		
Total Building Renovation Donation	95,132.28		
Interest income	16.03	0.00	100.0%
Misc Income - Other	1,043.92	0.00	100.0%
Total Misc Income	96,192.23	0.00	100.0%
Refugee Donation Funds	5,620.00		
Total Other Income	101,812.23	0.00	100.0%
Other Expense			
Care and Counsel outreach	250.00		
Refugee Project Expenses	3,497.34		
Returning Citizens	923.17		
Shotts Leadership	1,598.00		
Total Other Expense	6,268.51		
Net Other Income	95,543.72	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	<u>123,472.95</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

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Balance Sheet
As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T-2699 Community Checking	91,403.93
BB&T-3430 Refac (Return Citz)	1,196.76
BB&T-3597 Youth Service Trip	715.11
BB&T-4039 Building Renovat Fund	135,604.63
BB&T-4071 Care and Counsel	1,878.55
BB&T-4593 Shotts Leadership	5,767.35
BB&T-8085 Refugee Fund	4,467.76
BB&T-9737 Money Rate Savings	18,922.46
Friends Fiduciary	
Bequest Fund	1,213.47
General Fund	13,410.03
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	16,899.82
Shotts Endowment	31,186.12
Total Friends Fiduciary	62,709.44
Total Checking/Savings	322,665.99
Total Current Assets	322,665.99
TOTAL ASSETS	322,665.99
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	1,134.53
Total Other Current Liabilities	1,134.53
Total Current Liabilities	1,134.53
Total Liabilities	1,134.53
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	134,376.03
Unrestricted Net Assets	63,682.48
Net Income	123,472.95
Total Equity	321,531.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	322,665.99

Gary Evan's letter

*Friends, Almost 20 years ago, I moved my membership from Durham Friends Meeting to Chapel Hill in response to personal circumstances that were pressing upon me at that time. The move turned out to be a good one, as Chapel Hill Meeting proved to be a warm and welcoming place. I remained active in Chapel Hill Meeting for many years. In particular, Kim Beall and I attended a couples workshop organized by Mike and Marsha Green and, later, we were married under the care of the Chapel Hill Meeting.

But with time comes change, and today I find myself in a different place. About three years ago, after an absence of some years from meeting activities, I began to attend again at Durham Meeting. Although hesitant at first, I soon realized that this was the right thing to do and I have attended regularly, if infrequently (due to distance of travel from Franklin county), ever since.

So, I am writing to request a transfer of membership to Durham Friends Meeting. Please let me know what steps I must take to complete the move.

Chapel Hill Meeting was there for me when I was sorely in need, and I will always be grateful. Thank you for your assistance, Gary Evans [919.495.7371](tel:919.495.7371)

Meeting Support for the Women's March: Jan. 21, 2017

Peace & Justice shares with Friends:

This Minute has been approved by the CHFM Peace and Justice Committee. We are posting it here, anticipating that it will come before Meeting for Business next First Day, for consideration by the Meeting:

Women, men and children from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting support and embrace the Women's March in Raleigh, North Carolina - January 21, 2017. The Women's March will send a bold message that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us. We hope this march will energize the people who attend it and encourage and empower those who witness it - in person or through all the myriad forms of Media. The March will start at CITY PLAZA, at the southern end of Fayetteville Street Mall and, at 10:30, will march from there to MOORE SQUARE where there will be speeches and entertainment.

The Women's March in Raleigh is a local manifestation of the Women's March in Washington, which some of our members are attending. The mission of the March is quoted here:

"The rhetoric of the past election cycle has insulted, demonized, and threatened many of us - immigrants of all statuses, Muslims and those of diverse religious faiths, people who identify as LGBTQIA, Native people, Black and Brown people, people with disabilities, survivors of sexual assault – and our communities are hurting and scared. We are confronted with the question of how to move forward in the face of national and international concern and fear. In the spirit of democracy and honoring the champions of human rights, dignity, and justice who have come before us, we join in diversity to show our presence in numbers too great to ignore. The Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new government on their first day in office, and to the world that women's rights are human rights. We stand together, recognizing that defending the most marginalized among us is defending all of us. We support the advocacy and resistance movements that reflect our multiple and intersecting identities. We call on all defenders of human rights to join us. This march is the first step towards unifying our communities, grounded in new relationships, to create change from the grassroots level up. We will not rest until women have parity and equity at all levels of leadership in society. We work peacefully while recognizing there is no true peace without justice and equity for all."

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

- Sun. 2/5** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Update on renovations to the Meeting House
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck—Schoolhouse
- Tue. 2/7 7–8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 2/10 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 2/12** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Chaplain Jerry Love and the OCC Ready Singers
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
- Tue. 2/14 7–8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 2/17 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 2/19** 8am Meetinghouse open for worship
8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:00am Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
- Tue. 2/21 7–8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
- Fri. 2/24 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 2/26** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: Eldering for our time
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
noon Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
10pm Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
- Thur. 3/2 9am–1pm CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
- Fri. 3/3 4:30-5:30pm Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
- Sun. 3/4** 8:30am Meeting for Worship (Early)
9:45am Forum: tba
11am Meeting for Worship (Late)
11am Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods
12:30pm Potluck—Schoolhouse
- Tue. 3/6 7–8pm Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins

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Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM
First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM
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