

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Third Month, 2019

**Monthly Query:** *How do we recognize, develop and nurture the spiritual gifts of all in our community?*

#### Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:



*If you feel moved to speak in meeting for worship, take a moment to test your message. Is it from the Inward Light? Is it meant only for me, or for the entire Meeting?*

#### Upcoming Forum Schedule

**Forums** are offered every Sunday from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. (except the third Sunday of each month which is the 9:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business). Features include a wide variety of topics related to Quaker faith and practice, social issues, personal sharing, Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Committees, outside speakers, etc. These forums are offered through the Adult Religious Education Committee to enhance and deepen our spiritual lives.

**Mar 3: TALKING ABOUT WHAT NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT: What to do when shots are fired...** or when some other emergency happens...in the Meetinghouse...or wherever you happen to be. We'll share recommendations from local fire, police, our own months-long research, and responses from each of you as we discern our next steps. Facilitated by Matt Drake, John Hite and Jan Hutton. Moderator: Carolyn White

**Mar 10: Friends House Moscow.** CHFM member Karen Porter, a Friends House Moscow (FHM) board member for seven years, will talk about the work of the only Friends organization in the Russian Federation, which includes work with conscientious objectors, orphans, school children, and others in need in both Russia and Ukraine. The international board includes representatives from the U.S., U.K., and several European countries, as well as Russians. Moderator: Andrea Wuerth

**Mar 17: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business - 9:00 a.m**

**Mar 24: The Gift of Being Prepared.** Many of us have thought of or started to fill out the paperwork for life transitions like healthcare power of attorney, end of life care directives, etc. but few of us have completed the task. What holds us back? This forum will explore the act of documenting our wishes as both a responsibility and a gift we give our loved ones so they may focus on celebrating us or grieving us. We want to hear what you have to say about your personal experiences as you journey through this process.

**Mar 30: Personal sharing** by Tom McQuiston.

**\*\*\* Sunday, March 3 \*\*\***

8:30am - early Worship

9:45am - Forum: TALKING ABOUT WHAT NO ONE WANTS TO TALK ABOUT: WHAT TO DO WHEN SHOTS ARE FIRED...

March 3, 12:00 - First Sunday Potluck! **We will welcome Naomi Latisha Crites, daughter of Savannah Crites and Lolly Dunlap, into the care of the Meeting!**

We welcome all (whether you have something to share or not) for a potluck meal in the schoolhouse at the rise of late Meeting.

- Child Care available
- Please bring food and/or cash for the IFC food bank

## **Intergenerational Games**

Please join us on the First Sunday of each month for Intergenerational Games following potluck, after the rise of Meeting.

## **A Welcoming Tea for Joyce and Paul Munk**

We are delighted that Joyce and Paul Munk have joined our meeting. Please come to a welcoming tea in their honor.

Date: Saturday, March 9

Time: 3:00 pm until 5:00 pm

Location: Home of Leslie Rountree and David Schneider

216 Maple Avenue

Carrboro, NC

We look forward to seeing you there.

Welcoming committee: Alice Carlton, Dottie Heninger, Richard Miller, Leslie Rountree, Carolyn Stuart

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## **Small Groups Starting**

We are starting some small groups, sometimes call “Quaker 8’s” with the goal of getting to know one another and building community. Below is a list of groups and their conveners. By the end of February, if you are interested in participating in a group, please sign up on one of the sheets posting in the Meeting foyer OR send Jennifer an email at [jleeman@email.unc.edu](mailto:jleeman@email.unc.edu). Please note, we ask everyone who signs up to commit to attending four sessions. After you sign up, the group's convener will contact members to schedule the time and place for the first meeting.

**1. Therapeutic fun** (convened by Leslie Rountree). This group will be focused on having fun, with fun defined as whatever members enjoy doing.

**2. Monthly dinner at Reverence café** (convened by Julia Cleaver). Reverence Café is in Saxapahaw and serves food that has been raised on Reverence Farm (recent forum speaker). This group will meet for dinner and socializing once a month.

**3. Faith and Practice Book Group** (convened by Catherine Alguire). This group will commit to independently reading sections of the new Faith and Practice book and then get together to discuss the readings and related life applications. Note: If you do not own a copy of the book, there are several available to borrow from the Meeting library.

**4. Grace in Aging Book Group** (convened by Pam Schwingl)

These last years...Transformation with intention.

Kathleen Dowling Singh has written a thoughtful book that can accompany us through our fear and ambivalence as we transition from an active, ego-led life to one that is awakened to the peace and joy that comes from accepting the limits of our mortality. What is our intention for how we live in this next and last phase of life? What practices can we develop that help us develop with grace an acceptance of our mortality and diminishments?

If you would like to use this book as a guide for discussion of such questions and experimenting with practices, please let Pam know. I envision a small group meeting 4 times over the course of the next few months at a time and place convenient for

the group. From there we can see what happens!

#### **5. A Quaker Approach to Gun Violence** (convened by Paul Munk)

I am concerned about the long term harm and cost gun violence does to those shot, their loved ones, their dependents, and to society. I am also concerned with our responsibility, our government's responsibility, the firearms community's responsibility, firearms owners' responsibility, and the shooter's responsibility for that damage. I have given a lot of thought to this subject and I have arrived at some tentative and incomplete conclusions which I would like to discuss with a small group of equally concerned and engaged individuals.

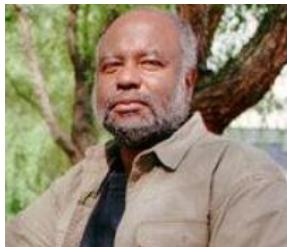
The real humanitarian problems caused by gun violence.

Force the gun community to pay for full long term costs of the damage guns cause.

#### **6. Cuakerismo en Español** (convened by Tom Munk)

The first meeting will be a potluck sharing at Tom's house. We'll work out details about the next three meetings at that time. We will speak Spanish.

La primera reunión de compartimiento de comida serán casa de Tom. Además decidiremos a cerca de las actividades que se realizarán a futuro. Hablaremos Español.



#### **Celebrating The Life Of Bill Jenkins**

On Saturday, March 16, 1 PM, a Meeting for Worship with Attention to Celebrating the Life of Bill Jenkins will be held in the Chapel Hill Meeting Schoolhouse.

Bill, and his wife Diane, attended our meeting for three-four years; they were members of the Atlanta Friends Meeting. In that short time period, most people experienced Bill with an ongoing twinkle in his eye, an open and welcoming face, and as Co-Clerk of the Peace and Justice Committee. Both inside and outside CHFM, Bill was "an extraordinary leader in public health and a lifelong advocate for addressing racism in our society and eliminating health disparities."

<https://apha.org/news-and-media/news-releases/apha-news-releases/2019/bill-jenkins>

Please join us to celebrate Bill and remember how he touched each of our lives.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/25/obituaries/bill-jenkins-dead.html>

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#### **CROP Walk on March 24**

Join others concerned about hunger relief for Chapel Hill Carrboro's 32nd CROP Walk.

When: Sunday, March 24. Step off at 2:30 pm

Where: The walk begins at the Carrboro Town Common

How long is the walk? The full walk is 3.7 mile; a mini-walk is .8 miles. One is free to walk any length.

Who benefits from funds raised? Seventy-five percent of funds raised support hunger relief efforts in more than 80 countries. Twenty-five percent supports the IFC's hunger relief programs (Emergency Food Pantry and Community Kitchen). All of the proceeds from t-shirt sales (\$10.00 per t-shirt) stay in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro community. *Read how to participate on next page >>>>*

## **How can I participate?**

Donate online by clicking on this link, which will take you to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting team website:  
<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc/Team/View/96440/Chapel-Hill-Friends>  
Once on the website, click on DONATE and you will be directed through the process.

Become a walker — pick up packet in school house before second meeting for worship on March 10, 17 and 24

Sponsor a walker — find a list of walkers in the school building before second meeting for worship on March 10, 17 and 24 and sponsor him/her

Buy a t-shirt — order a t-shirt (\$10.00) in the appropriate size on March 10 and 17.  
T-shirts will be brought to meeting on March 24

Thank you. Questions? Ask a member of the meeting's IFC Committee: James Bartow, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Gwyn Hein, Dottie Menninger, Carolyn Stuart (clerk)

## **Service to our Spiritual Community**

Members and Attenders -- Please consider what committee you would like to serve on starting July 1, 2019 and let Committee clerks or Nominations Committee members know. Committee clerks -- please report the status of your committee members and vacancies to Nominations Committee as soon as possible.

## **FCNL Action Topic: Yemen (Updated)**

Friends. We have a historic opportunity in the coming days to end U.S. complicity in the world's largest humanitarian crisis in Yemen.

On February 13, H.J.Res. 37 passed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 248 to 177. Please call or email your thanks to Rep. Price for his vote.

In the coming days, FCNL expects a vote on the bipartisan companion legislation: S.J.Res. 7. Please contact Senators Burr and Tillis asking that they support this resolution. Last December, we celebrated Senate passage of this very same legislation on a vote of 56-41. Burr voted no, Tillis did not vote. Let's keep speaking our truth to these powerful men.

Another opportunity we have is to meet with staffers in Washington. Tom Munk has meeting scheduled with staffers for Senator Tillis and Representative Price on March 15. We expect a visit with Senator Burr's office as well. We will have at least one car going up and back. Please consider joining us. Calls well in advance of that visit may be even more important because the vote may happen any day.

Your voice is needed. Act now to support this historic legislation.  
<https://www.fcnl.org/updates/end-the-illegal-u-s-war-in-yemen-1744>

## **New Paid Position in Durham Friends Meeting**

Durham Friends Meeting (DFM) is seeking to hire someone as a Youth Mentor for 10 hrs per month. The person in this position will focus on building community, relationships and leadership among the youth of DFM, especially among those transitioning toward and already in high school. For more information, email Andrew Wright at [dfmyouthcoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:dfmyouthcoordinator@gmail.com).

## **Save the date: Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat**

Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat will take place April 19–21, 2019 at Carolina Friends School in Durham. The theme of the weekend is Peace Work. We will recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of Quaker House of Fayetteville and the 51st anniversary of Piedmont Friends Fellowship.

### **CHFM Silent Retreat on Hiatus**

The Ministry and Worship Committee-sponsored free annual Silent Retreat will be on hiatus for one year; stay tuned for a March 2020 retreat. In the meanwhile, please note the School of the Spirit is offering a contemplative retreat in April. You may wish to check with the Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Committee to discern whether they have available funds to help support your participation.

Opening to Grace: A Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends  
April 4-7, 2019, at the Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC  
<http://www.schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreats-2/north-carolina-2019/>

### **NC LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR**

Register for the NC Council of Churches 2019 Legislative Seminar to be held at North Raleigh United Methodist Church on Thursday, March 28, 9:30 - 3:00. Hear updates on issues being discussed at the General Assembly, including Medicaid Expansion, Voter ID, Environmental Protection, Election Integrity, Public Education, Immigration, Raising Wages Campaign, Gerrymandering, Gun Violence, and Opioid Crisis. Also, network with others who share your concerns, and learn how you can make a difference. Keynote speaker: Tom Ross. More information and registration at [ncchurches.org/2019seminar](http://ncchurches.org/2019seminar)

### **Screening of the film Tre Maison Dasan**

Tuesday, 3/26/19 6:00 p.m. at the Carolina Theater, Durham.

Please join the screening of an incredible film followed by a Q & A with experts on criminal justice and the impact that parental incarceration has on children. Durham Mayor Steve Schewel will introduce the film. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations will benefit Our Children's Place, a statewide program committed to the children of incarcerated and returning parents.

About the film: Tre Maison Dasan is an intimate portrait of three very different boys growing up, each with a parent in prison. Directly told through the children's perspectives, the film is an exploration of relationships and separation, masculinity, and coming of age in America when a parent is behind bars. It is directed and produced by Denali Tiller. To purchase tickets, go to:

<http://www.carolinatheatre.org/events/tre-maison-dasan>.

**Friends General Conference (FGC) invites you to participate in a research study that will help FGC improve the annual Gathering of Quakers across the US and Canada. Even if you have never attended a Gathering, we would like your input about it.**

**There is only 1 week left in which to complete the survey, so we hope you will do so as soon as possible!**

FGC wants to hear from as many voices as possible, especially those who may not have engaged with our

programming in the past. Your voices are important in shaping programs that might be of interest to you and Friends like you in years to come.

The research study involves a 20-minute online survey regarding your views of the Gathering. To begin the survey, please click on the following link. [www.tinyurl.com/2019FGCsurvey](http://www.tinyurl.com/2019FGCsurvey))

Thank you in advance for your time and for your contribution to this important project. If you have any questions, please contact [gathersurvey@fgcquaker.org](mailto:gathersurvey@fgcquaker.org).

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting  
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
9 am Sunday February 17, 2019  
Matt Drake, Clerk and Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk**

In attendance: Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Ken Grogan, Geoff Medcalf, Lois Ann Hobbs, Kitty Bergel, Carolyn Stuart, Julia Cleaver, Vanessa Maldonnado, Tom Ludlow, Lynn Drake, David Curtin, Jeff Brown, Tom Munk, Jan Hutton, Kurt Hein, Gwyn Hein, Gwynne Pomeroy, Don Hopper, Dottie Heninger, Richard Miller, Monteze Snyder, Deborah Gibbs, Leslie Rountree, Ann Miller, Karen Porter, Wendy Michener, Robin Harper, James Harper, Ric Shepherd, Sutton King, Will King, Lily Wuerth, Finn James, Rufus King, John "the Quaker" Hite, Tim Fogarty, Robert White, Anthony Phillips, Tom McQuiston, Pam Schwingl.

1. Opening worship and query – Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk. Query: “How does our worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?”
2. No new attenders were present. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
3. The minutes of the January 20, 2019 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved as written.
4. Our Meeting’s annual status report has been sent to Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM).
5. Don Hopper presented an update on the renovations of the meeting room. Completion has been delayed due to finding out we need both a building permit from the Town of Chapel Hill and a general contractor. Structural issues have been discovered and a structural engineer consulted. All this will increase costs. Details forthcoming. We accepted this update with gratitude.
6. Lynn Drake for Care and Counsel Committee recommended that Naomi Latisha Crites, daughter of Savannah Crites and Lolly Dunlap be welcomed at Meeting for Worship on Sunday, March 3, 2019 followed by a reception at potluck. We approved the recommendation.
7. Matt received an email February 12, 2019 from Savannah Crites and Lolly Dunlap requesting familial membership for Naomi Latisha Crites. This request will be referred to the Ministry and Worship Committee.
8. Matt received a letter February 10, 2019 from Lori Fernald Khamala and Imani Elizabeth Fernald Khamala requesting transfer of membership from Friendship Friends Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. A letter from Lloyd Lee Wilson, Clerk of Friendship Friends Meeting, arrived February 11, 2019 stating a letter from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting needs to be sent to Friendship Meeting with this request. We approved the Clerk’s recommendation that such a letter be sent.
9. Leslie Rountree on behalf of the Ministry and Worship Committee recommended that Joyce Munk be approved as a member of our Meeting. We joyfully approved Joyce Munk as a member of our meeting.

10. Alice Carlton on behalf of the Ministry and Worship Committee recommended that Paul Munk be approved as a member of our Meeting. We also joyfully approved Paul Munk as a member of our meeting.

11. A welcoming committee of Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Dottie Henninger, Leslie Rountree, and Alice Carlton was created for Joyce and Paul Munk. Carolyn and Richard will serve as co-clerks. We approved these Friends to serve on this welcoming committee.

12. Carolyn Stuart presented the annual report of the Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee (CYRE). We accepted the CYRE annual report with gratitude (see attached appendix 1).

13. Tom Munk, co-clerk of the Peace & Justice Committee, presented an update on continuing lobbying efforts with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). An advocacy team is forming and training for this team will occur Saturday March 2, 2019 at our Meeting house. Lynn Drake reminded us that funding for the spring FCNL lobbying weekend is available through the Shott/Leadership Development Fund.

14. Alice Carlton, meeting representative to PFYM, reported on from the working group for the formation of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) under the care of PFYM. Approval for establishment of FCNCL will be decided at the annual meeting in April. "PFYM Interim Meeting enthusiastically recommends that PFYM approve the establishment of Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL)." This proposal was referred to the Peace and Justice Committee to report back at the March MWAB, see attached appendix 2.

15. Next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be 9 am Sunday, March 17, 2019. All Meetings for Worship and Business will continue in the schoolhouse until the meeting room renovations are completed.

## 16. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. Nominations Committee: Please consider what committee you would like to serve on starting July 1, 2019. Committee clerks, please report the status of your committee members and vacancies to Nominations Committee as soon as possible.

B. Forums: Feb. 24: Quaker House – ongoing and new activities. Kindra Bradley, Director of Quaker House in Fayetteville. March 3: Talking About What No One Wants to Talk About: What to do when shots are fired....or when some other emergency happens...in the Meetinghouse...or wherever you happen to be. Facilitated by Matt Drake, John Hite and Jan Hutton. March 10: Yemen, Authorization for the Use of Military Force, and FCNL Advocacy Teams. Tom Munk and Curt Torell will share information about the crisis and about the lobbying efforts of a small group of Chapel Hill Friends, supported by the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

C. Peace & Justice Committee: Join us for a FCNL Introduction Advocacy Workshop Saturday, March 2, 2019 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm with refreshments at 9 am. Learn strategic and effective advocacy tools to promote peace and justice and be part of creating a local grassroots advocacy team in Chapel Hill. Learn about the 2019 FCNL Advocacy Team campaign to repeal the 2001 and 2002 Authorizations for the Use of Military Force (AUMF).

D. "Opening to Grace: A Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends," April 4-7, 2019 at the Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC, <http://www.schoolofthespirit.org/programs/silent-retreat-2/north-carolina-2019/>

E. Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat will take place April 19-21, 2019 at Carolina Friends School in Durham. The theme of the weekend is Peace Work. We will recognize and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Quaker House of Fayetteville and the 52st anniversary of Piedmont Friends

Fellowship. After registering for the retreat, email the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee ([shots-leadershipfunds@chapehillfriends.org](mailto:shots-leadershipfunds@chapehillfriends.org)) to let them know. The S/LDC will pay the cost of your registration.

F. Other announcements:

- A. Wendy Michener told us about a play about Mary Dyer that Chuck Fager hopes to bring to the triangle area. Contact Wendy if you are able to help.
- B. Julia Cleaver has a copy of the Carolina Friends School publication We & Thee to share with anyone interested.
- C. Small groups are forming. Please see the notice posted on the wall or on the listserv to sign up.
- D. Leslie Rountree announced that PFYM is seeking volunteers to fill open slots. Please help if you can.
- E. The teens reported details of the Alternative Gift Mart funds that were raised. See attached appendix 3.
- F. Matt shared that Joyce and Paul Munk celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this week.
- G. Matt shared the sad news that Bill Jenkins is receiving palliative care in Charleston due to failing health.
- H. The Hospitality Committee is working on organizing the display of name tags in the foyer.

16. We closed with worship, circle, and preparation for 11 am meeting for worship.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1

#### **Children's and Youth Religious Education Committee Annual Report February 2018-February 2019**

The Children's and Youth Religious Education (CYRE) Committee is responsible for the development, oversight, and support of curricula and activities for young Friends in preschool through high school. CYRE is also responsible for childcare in the nursery. In addition to supporting the First Day School (FDS) program and two paid staff positions (FDS Coordinator and Childcare Provider), the committee recruits teachers, selects materials, assesses progress, clarifies goals and objectives, oversees a budget, and communicates with the Ministry and Worship Committee. In summary, the CYRE Committee nurtures the spiritual development of children and teens and their families, and works to integrate families and young Friends into the life of the meeting.

John Hite and Carolyn Stuart served this past year as co-clerks. After many years of service, Sean Chen stepped down from the committee. We expressed our gratitude and welcomed Simone Kershner. Continuing members on the committee, in addition to John Hite and Carolyn Stuart, are Jasmine McKewen, Stacey Sewall, Herbert Struemper and Laura Young. Kathleen McNeil continues to offer excellent service as First Day School Coordinator, as does Stacey Sewall as Childcare Provider in the nursery. Kathleen McNeil (FDS Coordinator) serves on the committee as an ex-officio member

#### *First Day School (FDS) program*

We are happy to have maintained a stable number of families in our First Day School program, though attendance varies substantially from one Sunday to the next. Children and teens are grouped into three developmentally appropriate pods:

Younger Pod, generally children ages five to ten. The teachers are Allie Scales, Bennett Kirkpatrick, Jasmine McKewen, Carolyn Stuart and Laura Young. From three to five children are generally in attendance, though we sometimes have as many as seven or eight.

Middle Pod, generally children ages eleven to thirteen. The teachers are Kathleen McNeil and Andrea Wuerth. From three to as many as seven or eight children are in this pod. We are hopeful that Mark Hulbert will return to the pod. He has stopped teaching this year to spend more time with his family.

Upper Pod, generally those students in middle and high school. The teachers are Sean Chen, Robin Harper, John Hite, James Harper, Leslie Rountree and Herbert Struemper. We are pleased to have Finn James assist in this pod. From two to five teens are in attendance on any given Sunday.

The curriculum is composed of four parts:

Bible Studies (January through Easter) which alternates between the Old Testament and the New Testament. In 2018, students studied the Old Testament, which culminated in Old Testament Field Day on April 19. CYRE expressed our appreciation to Leslie Rountree who organized the various events (Jacob wrestling with the angel, David smiting the giant, the Israelites survival of many trials as they escaped Egypt) and the Biblical snacks.

Muticultural Unit (Sunday after Easter until end of school year), which included a field trip to Beth David Synagogue in Durham. Approximately twenty students and family members participated in the service. The Rabbi and others remained after the service for questions. Since the service occurred on Friday evening, we were pleased to have so many families attend with their children.

Quakerism (late August until Sunday before Thanksgiving). Students studied Quaker history, testimonies and practices. This year, approximately 17 children and family members attended a worship service at New Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro, giving young Friends experience with a semi-programmed meeting. Afterward Max Carter led a tour of the historical cemetery behind the meetinghouse. Greensboro Friends graciously invited us to join them for their potluck.

Holiday Activities (Sunday after Thanksgiving through first Sunday in January). Young Friends created cards for Quakers at Carol Woods who are not regular meeting attenders, and for men at Orange Correctional Center who worship with us. They decorated the meeting Christmas tree with home-made ornaments, presented a Nativity play and a humorous skit (teens) at the Christmas party and made bird feeders. We regretted that the snowstorm prevented us from caroling at Carol Woods this year.

Bible Studies (January and February, to be continued until Easter Sunday). Young Friends are currently studying the teachings of Jesus conveyed in the New Testament.

#### *Nursery Care*

Stacey Sewall continues to offer excellent care for infants and toddlers in our nursery. We have one toddler who regularly attends, with the occasional visit of another. To meet the best practice of having two adults with children, meeting volunteers have provided assistance throughout the year. A benefit of this practice is that these volunteers have gotten to know our young Friends and their families better.

We thank the meeting volunteers who have helped Stacey in the nursery this year:

Catherine Alguire, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Matilda Chen, Lynn Drake, Nancy Elkins, Eloise Grathwohl, Robin Harper, Dottie Heninger, Jason James, Jennifer Leeman, Jasmine McKewen, Wendy Michener, Tom Munk, Ben Ray, Carolyn Stuart and Carolyn White.

#### *Collaboration with other Meeting Committees*

Kathleen McNeil joined members of Ministry and Worship and the Archives committee on the Task Force on Familial Membership. The Task Force presented a proposal to the March 2018 meeting

for worship with attention to business which approved the establishment of a new membership category, the Affiliated Member. From the minute, "An Affiliated Member is an interim status for young adults who may or may not be familial members, and choose not to seek adult membership but would like to keep CHFM in their lives as their spiritual home and loving community while they seek further discernment after their high school years."

CYRE made the decision to include a more intentional discussion of membership, the process of discerning whether one is led to seek membership and the meaning of membership, in its curriculum for the teen group. This year, a member of Ministry and Worship, Lynn Drake, joined the middle and high school teachers for a full discussion of these topics.

Jasmine McKewen has joined a Task Force to consider how we welcome families with new babies into the meeting. This Task Force, which includes members of Care and Counsel, Ministry and Worship, Hospitality and CYRE, is also discussing means of celebrating major milestones in the lives of young Friends, including graduations from high school and college, and other milestones.

Robin Harper and James Harper from the Animal Welfare Committee presented a lesson on our connections with animals on April 22. Robin engaged children in activities and discussion that led all to consider how our lives are enriched by animals, and the responsibility we have to treat them with respect.

CYRE accepted the invitation of the Adult Religious Education Committee to present two forums: on June 3 to celebrate the high school graduation of Finn James, and another on November 25 that focused on gratitude. At the November 25th forum, teens informed forum participants of organizations sponsored in the Alternative Gift Mart. Participants in the forum on gratitude were Kamiya Hedges, Finn James, Calvin King, Rufus King, Sutton King, Will King and Lily Wuerth,

### Building Family Connections

CYRE hosted its annual "Meet the Teacher" picnic on September 9. It was a well-attended and informative event.

Two family potlucks were held since the last annual report: On May 19 in the home of Donna Bell and Jason James; and on October 6 in the home of Andrea Wuerth and Herbert Struemper. Both events were well attended, with plenty of good food, games and lively conversation.

### *Teen Activities*

In addition to three lock-ins providing opportunities for community building, the teens have provided service to the meeting. The alternative gift mart this year focused on eight organizations, including Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry, Inter-Faith Council, Friends committee on National Legislation, American Friends Service Committee, Quaker House, Equal Justice Initiative, Refugee Support Center, Thoo Mweh Khee School and NC Wildlife Federation. A total contribution of \$4000 was raised. The teens also collected money for parking spots in the meetinghouse lot during home football games, earning a total of \$3,950, which was contributed to the meeting. In addition, John set up tables and chairs for potlucks on First Days. The teens closed meeting for worship on a Sunday during months that include five Sundays.

The following Friends assisted with fee collection during home football games:

| September 22 | October 13      | November 3   | November 17     | November 24     |
|--------------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| John Hite    | John Hite       | John Hite    | John Hite       | John Hite       |
| Bob Durovich | Leslie Rountree | Bob Durovich | Bob Durovich    | Bob Durovich    |
| Finn James   | Henry Schneider | Will King    | Henry Schneider | Henry Schneider |
|              | Lily Wuerth     |              | Lily Wuerth     | Will King       |

Emma Hulbert, Grace Schneider and Finn James read letters to the meeting for worship with attention to business to support their desire to be considered conscientious objectors should the draft be reinstated.

#### *Summer Activities*

During the summer, Friends who are not FDS teachers are invited to lead classes for children of all ages. The purpose is twofold: it gives our regular FDS teachers a much-needed break, and it provides meeting members with an opportunity to share their passions and interests and to have fun with our wonderful children. We are grateful to all Friends who participated: Catherine Alguire, Julia Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Julie Feickert, Lori Kamala, Jennifer Leeman, Kathleen McNeil, Wendy Michener, Richard Miller, Tom Munk, Allie Scales, Pam Schwingl, Carolyn Stuart and Carolyn White. Activities included a discussion of meditation, games, and several craft activities (knitting, needlepoint, and wood working). The nursery has a colorful toy chest as a result of the wood working activity.

#### *Looking Forward*

We are delighted to have a stable group of children, family and teachers in our meeting. We look forward to building closer relationships among our meeting families and to more fully integrating families and children into the lives of the meeting as a whole.

Respectfully submitted by the CYRE committee: John Hite (co-clerk), Simone Kershner, Jasmine McKewen, Kathleen McNeil (FDS Coordinator, ex-officio), Stacey Sewall, Herbert Struemper, Carolyn Stuart (co-clerk) and Laura Young

## Appendix 2

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### **Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation**

#### **Working Document**

**February 6, 2019**

#### ***MISSION***

Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL), guided by Quaker testimonies, contributes to the purpose and vision of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) to strengthen our service and witness in the broader world by advocating for NC state laws and policies that are just, compassionate, and respectful of the inherent worth of every person and the Earth upon which we live.

#### ***VISION***

The Society of Friends has a long history of speaking out to influence governmental legislation and actions. Quakers have advocated for legislation and good government practices that embody the Quaker testimonies of peace, simplicity, equality, community, integrity and stewardship.

Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) builds on this tradition using Quaker process to assist members and attenders of the Religious Society of Friends and their friends and supporters to contribute effectively to the deliberations of the North Carolina legislature. Friends do this with the conviction that we have a moral responsibility to influence the shaping of legislation and policies that affect human dignity and well-being, environmental stewardship, and non-violence. We actively engage in politics to bring a voice of conscience and to demonstrate that there is no separation between beliefs and deeds. We are moved to such action guided by religious faith in the Light that resides in every person.

#### ***GOVERNANCE***

Initially, FCNCL is a working group of North Carolina members under the care of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM), with members also drawn from Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) meetings. The organization will operate as a working group of PFYM until its approval by PFYM at its annual sessions. FCNCL will be an organization affiliated with and under the spiritual care of PFYM. PFYM and PFF Meetings are invited to have representation on all FCNCL committees. As the way opens, FCNCL may invite other yearly meetings and Quaker organizations in North Carolina to participate. FCNCL will report to PFYM Annual Session and confer with PFYM Interim Meeting as needed.

FCNCL will be governed by a General Committee consisting of representatives from participating meetings. The policies and activities identified by the General Committee will be implemented by an Executive Committee, with members drawn from the General Committee. Committee representatives may be members or attenders of participating Meetings. Committee meetings will be conducted in the manner of Friends, and the presiding clerk will gather the sense of the meeting under the leading of the Spirit.

**General Committee.** Each North Carolina Meeting in PFYM and PFF will be invited to appoint one or more representatives to the General Committee, with the goal of creating a diverse Committee. The General Committee will meet annually. It will set annual legislative priorities and discern FCNCL's positions on priority issues based on recommendations from the Policy Committee. FCNCL speaks for itself based on the positions set by the General Committee and does not speak officially for PFYM, PFF, or the Religious Society of Friends.

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**Executive Committee.** The initial Executive Committee will be drawn from the working group; as soon as practicable, they will appoint a Nominating Committee to recommend officers for approval by the General Committee. The Executive Committee is composed of the FCNCL presiding clerk, recording clerk, treasurer, the clerk of the Policy Committee, and no fewer than two at-large members. As other committees or working groups are established, their clerks or conveners may also become members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will oversee the operations of the organization. It will meet quarterly to develop and implement detailed plans for education and/or action related to the priorities set by the General Committee.

**Policy Committee.** The Policy Committee will consist of no fewer than five members appointed by the

General Committee. To prepare for the annual General Committee meeting, the Policy Committee will discern a list of issues that may be of concern to North Carolina Friends and will also identify policies or legislation that may arise in the upcoming legislative sessions. The Policy Committee will prepare a summary that will be sent to member yearly and monthly meetings for review and comment. The Policy Committee will use input from the yearly and monthly meetings to develop a recommendation to the General Committee for discerning the direction and focus of FCNCL activities.

**Communications Committee.** The Communications Committee ideally will consist of no fewer than three members appointed by the General Committee. The Communications Committee will oversee the development of the website, print materials, development of social media networks, and other communication modes in consultation with the Policy Committee. The Communications Committee will seek to enlist volunteers with skills necessary to accomplish the communication needs of FCNCL.

**Nominating Committee.** The Nominating Committee will recommend members to serve as presiding clerk; recording clerk; treasurer; at-large members of the Executive Committee; Policy Committee members; and members of other committees established by the General Committee. The Executive Committee will appoint a Naming Committee to recommend members of the Nominating Committee.

**Finance Committee.** The duties and responsibilities of a treasurer and Finance Committee will be determined if the raising of independent finances is deemed necessary by the General Committee and/or the Executive Committee. The treasurer will be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.

#### **ADVOCACY**

FCNCL seeks to collaborate across the political spectrum to advance legislative priorities. FCNCL work will be based on legislative opportunities, specific expertise, leadings, and available resources. FCNCL's policy principles give FCNCL the flexibility to respond to crises and to important legislative opportunities as they occur.

**Foundation for Policy Positions:** FCNCL, respecting the dignity of all, will advocate for policies that support people of all cultural, religious and racial backgrounds; marriage and gender equality; gun control and violence prevention; civil and voting rights for all citizens; access to quality education opportunities; universal healthcare; safe homes and communities free from violence; equitable and humane criminal justice system; social justice; a respected environment; and opposition to participation in torture and extreme rendition.

**Non-Partisan Advocacy.** FCNCL is non-partisan. FCNCL will use a combination of education, lobbying, and respectful activism to influence the policy positions of elected and appointed officials, regardless of party affiliation. FCNCL recognizes that its ability to counsel even-handedly with elected and appointed officials, and to maintain a strong and growing constituency rests on strict adherence to a policy prohibiting partisanship.

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**Advocacy Activities.** The scope of FCNCL activities includes providing information to Friends, other interested individuals, and other concerned organizations to facilitate and strengthen their advocacy efforts. These efforts will focus primarily on North Carolina representatives in the state legislature and other state government officials. Advocacy may be accomplished in coalitions with other organizations on priority issues. On issues where there is a strong intersection between state and federal laws and policies, advocacy efforts may be extended to members and attenders of the U.S. Congress and other federal officials.

**Communication:** Communication will be accomplished using email, texts, and PFYM Google Groups. It can also include website postings, newsletters, legislative alerts, reports to yearly and monthly meetings, and personal contacts. FCNCL Action alerts may be from AFSC, FCNL, or other organizations, when those alerts have been approved by the Executive Board.

## Appendix 3

### 2018 Alternative Gift Mart

*The Official CHFM Upper Pod Youth Group, LLC Recommend:*

#### Interfaith Council for Social Service

**total: \$1040**

The Inter-Faith Council for Social Service meets basic needs and helps individuals and families in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro community achieve their goals. The IFC provides shelter, food, direct services, advocacy and information to people in need. They accomplish this through strong partnerships with volunteers, staff and those they serve. IFC programs include the Community Kitchen, Food Pantry, Community House (shelter for homeless men), Homestart (shelter for women and children), Support Circles and others.

#### Quaker House

**total: \$430**

Quaker House is a manifestation of the Friends' Peace Testimony. Based in Fayetteville, NC, home of Ft. Bragg, Quaker House provides counseling and support to service members who are questioning their role in the military; educates them, their families, and the public about military issues; and advocates for a more peaceful world. Quaker House was started by Friends from the Chapel Hill and Durham Meetings.

#### Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry

**total: \$325**

Alamance-Orange Prison Ministry provides and promotes spiritual comfort and growth to the men assigned to Orange Correctional Center through services rendered by a full-time community funded Chaplain. The Ministry strives to better prepare OCC residents with skills, abilities and motivation to successfully reintegrate into their communities and families upon release and, where possible, provide support and encouragement to those receiving them. This is to be accomplished by connecting all concerned to available resources to be found at OCC and in the surrounding community.

#### American Friends Service Committee

**total: \$560**

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) envisions a world in which lasting peace with justice is achieved through active nonviolence and the transforming power of love. Its many programs include war refugee relief, community peacebuilding, reconciliation and healing, immigrant rights, prison reform, economic justice, and ending discrimination in all its forms.

#### Equal Justice Initiative

**total: \$595**

The Equal Justice Initiative is an organization committed to ending mass incarceration and the use of excessive punishment in the United States. They do this by providing legal representation to "people who have been illegally convicted, unfairly sentenced, or abused in state jails or prisons." Most of the work they do is in impoverished communities that are subjected to marginalization.

#### Refugee Support Center (Carrboro)

**total: \$445**

The Refugee Support Center in Carrboro is a volunteer organization that provides a myriad of services for refugees, including English lessons, government paperwork help, housing support, legal help, and more. The purpose of the organization is to provide all of the necessary services to facilitate self-sufficiency for those who need it.

#### Thoo Mweh Khee School (Thailand)

**total: \$305**

The Thoo Mweh Khee School operates on the Thai/Burmese border, providing education to Karen refugees fleeing the ongoing targeted ethnic violence in their native Burma. They offer affordable education to preschoolers all the way up through recent high school graduates. Many Karen refugees do not speak Thai, and as a consequence schools like the Thoo Mweh Khee school provide them with opportunities that they are unable to find in traditional Thai schools.

NC Wildlife Federation

**total: \$300**

The North Carolina Wildlife Federation is an inclusive coalition of citizens, outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and anglers, government and industry that have banded together to protect, conserve and restore North Carolina's wildlife and habitat. They work collectively for the places and species that have no voice through their policy and protection work, research and education and direct hands-on conservation projects. All policy decisions and conservation projects are nonpartisan and based on the best available science.

Grand total: \$4000

**Happy Holidays!**

**A call to good stewardship**

The Finance Committee invites you to consider Electronic Giving. It is a convenient, consistent way to help our Meeting year-round. The **NEW eGiving** option makes it easy. eGiving allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions or a one-time gift. Also, you will be able to view your complete online giving history at your convenience. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the Meeting website at [<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org>],
2. Click the **Donate** button, then click the "Making a contribution online by credit or debit card" link
3. Click the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring or one-time contribution.

Many thanks for your generosity to our community and various ministries!

*The Finance Committee ~ Ann Miller, co-clerk*

**Intergenerational Games**

Please join us on the First Sunday of each month for Intergenerational Games following potluck, after the rise of Meeting.

## **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

## **Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

Meetings for Worship on First Days at 8:30 and 11:00 AM

Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30 AM–12:15 PM

First Day School from 11:15 AM–12:00 PM

Clerk of the Meeting: Matt Drake (919) 968-0044

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 10 PM on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). Please include "newsletter" in the subject line.-news. To send a news or "In the Light" announcement in the Meeting's e-news, contact [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org). Please include "e-news" or "in the light" in the subject line. This e-news goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the e-news 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).