

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

## Newsletter

### Fourth Month, 2019

**Monthly Query:** *How do I welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?*

**Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:** *Not all vocal ministry will be equally meaningful to all present.*

*Remember, ministry that does not speak to your condition may nevertheless be valuable to others. Be patient. Take care to separate the message from the minister*



### **WORSHIP AND FORUMS CONTINUE IN THE SCHOOLHOUSE FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS**

The meetinghouse library and lower level rooms will be available for First Day school and committee use.

### **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.*

**April 7** *Building Institutional Capacity for True Inclusion".*

Karen Cumberbatch (CFS)

**April 14** - *The Early Days of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting*

Lois Ann Hobbs (age 97) will share historical memories from the 1940s and 1950s, of the handful of people who started the CHFM, which led to the development of the IFC (Interfaith Food Council) and Quaker House. Attending Friends who knew these people are invited to participate in the discussion.

**April 21** - *NO FORUM*

Piedmont Friends Fellowship annual spring meeting at Carolina Friends School in Durham. (Business Meeting is rescheduled to April 25)

**April 28** - *Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals*

Animals enrich our lives "as part of nature, as pets, as helpers, as research subjects, as food. We will share concern for the welfare of all animals. Feel free to bring photos or well-mannered animals. See the newsletter, website or contact Robin Harper for guidelines, more information, or to arrange for pet sitting afterwards.

**May 5** - *Personal sharing*

By Carolyn Stuart

**May 12** - *NO FORUM*

Parking at CHFM is limited due to UNC graduation

**May 17** - *NO FORUM: Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (9am)*

### **Intergenerational Games**

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

## **Change of Schedule - April Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

To better support the upcoming PFF/PFYM annual retreat, April 21-23, our April Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business has been moved to Thursday evening, April 18, 7-9 pm.

RIDES AVAILABLE - For those of us who are not comfortable driving at night, a number of Friends have volunteered to chauffeur. Please contact Tom Munk if you'd like a ride: (919) 525-1933 or [munk.tom@gmail.com](mailto:munk.tom@gmail.com)

~ Ministry and Worship Committee

**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.

## **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).

## **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/>

## **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. Register now for the Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting Annual Retreat (Free for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community)

A Daily Schedule can be found here:

[https://www.fgcquaker.org/system/files/cloud\\_attachments/Daily%20Schedule2019f.pdf](https://www.fgcquaker.org/system/files/cloud_attachments/Daily%20Schedule2019f.pdf)

**Registration for PFF/PFYM retreat** is available online:

<https://www.salemcreekfriendsmeeting.org/pff/registration.php>

The Shotts/Leadership Development Funds will pay for the registration costs for everyone from the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community who plans to attend the Annual Retreat. After you register, please notify the Shotts/Leadership Development Funds Committee that you have registered and we will cover your registration cost. Email us at [shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org).

## **Friends General Conference Summer Gathering**

June 30-July 6, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

Registration now open. Financial support available from the Shotts/Leadership

Development Committee ([shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:shotts-leadershipfunds@chapelhillfriends.org))

**FGC Gathering Workshop** by Kindra Bradley, Quaker House Executive Director

As you register for this summer's FGC Gathering workshops, please consider registering for *Changing Militarism to a Focus on Peace*, facilitated by Kindra Bradley, Executive Director of Quaker House.

A brief description appears below, while a longer description can be found at

<https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering/workshops/changing-militarism-peace-focus-recharging-along-way>

*FGC Workshop #10: This workshop will explore the pervasiveness of militarism in our culture, building spiritual resiliency ourselves and in our families, and methods of nurturing increased focus on peacebuilding within our society. This workshop will maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all, including for those with military experience personally and/or in their families.*

## **Beloved Community Tour - Exploring Civil Rights Struggles, Past and Present, in the South**

Saturday 6 July - Thursday 11 July 2019

This six-day/five-night experience is open to individuals within and beyond the Carolina Friends School community, including educators in schools and colleges as well as members of Friends meetings and other interested adults. Experience civil rights history in Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham; explore contemporary issues of race in our country; and meet change-agents working to make a difference.

The goal is to bring together:

CFS staff and community members; educators from other schools, colleges and universities;

members of our local and other Friends Meetings; other interested adults. Spouses and partners are welcome. We'll travel together, see where history happened, meet foot soldiers in past and present struggles for social justice, and return to our homes, classrooms, and offices with deeper self and community awareness, new relationships, and more tools and confidence to be even more effective advocates of our values in the world. For more information, see [www.cfsnc.org/BelovedCommunityTour](http://www.cfsnc.org/BelovedCommunityTour)

## **WANT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE ORANGE COUNTY SENIOR CENTERS?**

If so, the Orange County Department of Aging publishes a monthly on-line calendar and set of announcements. To see what's available, see: [orangecountync.gov/aging](http://orangecountync.gov/aging)

## **Couple Enrichment One-Day Workshop**

Saturday, April 27, 9 am - 5 pm

Durham Friends Meeting (Historic Meeting House)

404 Alexander Avenue, Durham NC

For any couple interested in

- deepening intimacy in their relationship
- strengthening community, and
- being patterns and examples of peacemaking in the world.

Mike and Marsha Green, members of Durham Friends Meeting and previous members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, will facilitate a one-day Couple Enrichment workshop on April 27, 2019 from 9 am to 5 pm. The workshop will be held at the Durham Meeting.

The workshop is open to all couples, whether you have attended a Couple Enrichment event in the past or not, and regardless of marital status, gender, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, etc. All relationships are

beautiful. This is **enrichment**, not therapy or counseling. For an introduction, please watch the QuakerSpeak video at [friendscoupleenrichment.org](http://friendscoupleenrichment.org).

Please RSVP to [marshaandmike@friendscoupleenrichment.org](mailto:marshaandmike@friendscoupleenrichment.org) by Sunday, April 14. With the RSVP, please let us know your names, how long you've been together, if you have questions and if you need childcare (along with the children's names and ages). We need a minimum of 4 couples by April 14 to proceed.

Cost: \$20 per couple plus a freewill donation. This money goes to Friends Couple Enrichment, Inc., a 501(c)3 organization, to help offset the costs of ongoing training for current and future leader couples.

There will also be two optional evening gatherings for couples who want more practice in the art of Couple Dialogue. The two optional evening sessions will be held Wednesdays, May 8 and May 22 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Durham Friends Meeting.

### **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

9 am, Sunday, March 17, 2019

Matt Drake, Clerk, and Alice Carlton, Recording Clerk

In attendance: Alice Carlton, Matt Drake, Dave Curtin, Lynn Drake, Karen Porter, Hank Elkins, Wendy Michener, Jan Hutton, Tom Ludlow, Don Hopper, Ken Grogan, Max Drake, Jeff Brown, Faye Stanley, Chris Stanley, Dave Schneider, Kinnis Jeffrieg, Buzz Borchardt, Betsy Fenhagen, Carolyn White, Jennifer Leeman, Sean Chen, Lori F. Khamala, Tom Munk, Monteze Snyder, Asta Crowe, Emilie Condon, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Lyn Back, Geoff Medcalf, John Hite, Tim Fogarty, Gregory Hawkins, Joyce Munk, Edward Scott, Paul Munk, David Penny, Bob Ormiston, Naveed Moeed, Julia Cleaver, Tom McQuiston, Daquan Bailey, Ronnie Harris.

1. Opening worship and query – Matt Drake, Meeting Clerk. Query: “How does our worship nurture all worshippers, creating a deeper sense of community?”
2. We welcomed first time attender, Gregory Hawkins, and reviewed the agenda.
3. We approved last month's minutes as written.
4. Don Hopper, Clerk of the Building and Grounds Committee presented an update on the renovations of the meeting room. Brad Redfoot, general contractor of Redfoot & Weber Construction Company, recommended installing additional ceiling beams to support the HVAC. Obtaining town permits is in process. All this will increase costs by \$11,000-\$15,000. Carolina Friends School will re-roof the school house during spring break. We accepted Don's report with appreciation.
- 5.A. Jan Hutton, Clerk of the Ministry and Worship Committee, presented a recommendation that Naomi Latisha Crites, daughter of Savannah Crites and Lolly Dunlap, be approved as a familial member of Meeting. We approved this recommendation.  
B. Piedmont Friends Fellowship and Yearly Meeting retreat will be on April 19-21. Ministry and Worship recommends we change Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB) from Sunday April 21 at 9 am to 7 pm, Thursday April 18, 2019 in order to encourage full participation in the retreat. We approved this change. Tom Munk will organize volunteers to drive those who are uncomfortable driving at night.
6. Matt has received an email from Friendship Meeting confirming the transfer of membership of Lori Fernald Khamala and Imani Elizabeth Fernald Khamala from Friendship Meeting in Greensboro to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. We approved this transfer. We approved Lynn Drake, Buzz Borchardt, Naveed Moeed, and Karen Porter for a welcoming committee. Buzz will clerk this committee.
7. Buzz Borchardt, Clerk of Hospitality Committee, presented their annual report. (See appendix 1.) Hospitality committee needs more members. We accepted the report with appreciation.

8. Monteze Snyder, Clerk, Transition and Support Committee, presented their annual report. (See appendix 2.) Gregory Hawkins, visiting from Orange Correctional Center (OCC), expressed the appreciation for our Meeting community from those at OCC and those who have returned to the community We accepted the report, as corrected, with gratitude.

9. A. Karen Porter, Co-clerk of the Peace and Justice Committee, presented their annual report. (See appendix 3.) We accepted the report, as corrected, with appreciation.

B. Hank Elkins presented the recommendation for the 2018-2019 Meeting benevolences. (See appendix 4.) We will hold this item over to decide at our April MWAB.

C. Tom Munk gave an update on the March 15 lobby visit to Washington, DC with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL). Concerns related to Yemen, Venezuela, and the Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) were discussed with staff of our representatives to congress with the presence of FCNL staff. We accepted the update with gratitude.

D. Tom Munk presented the Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting (PFYM) proposal to establish a Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) as an organization under the spiritual care of PFYM. The Peace & Justice Committee recommended we approve the establishment of FCNCL. We approved this recommendation.

10. Sean Chen, clerk of Publications and Communications, announced we have a re-designed web site, the prototype can be viewed at <https://chfm.github.io/>. Finn James, Young Adult Friend, did most of the work.

11. Next MWAB will be April 18 at 7 pm.

## 12. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. A memorial service for Bill Jenkins was held on March 16, 2019 with attendance both from our meeting and from the wider community. It was a rich celebration of Bill's life.

B. 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 as soon as possible.

C. Forums: **March 24: The Gift of Being Prepared.** Our journeys through the process of documenting our healthcare power of attorney, end of life care directives, etc. Seeing these tasks as a responsibility and a gift we give our loved ones. **March 31: Tom McQuiston, Personal Sharing.** **April 7: Building Institutional Capacity for True Inclusion,** Karen Cumberbatch, Head, Carolina Friends School. **April 14: The Early Days of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting,** Lois Ann Hobbs (age 97) sharing memories from the 1940s and 1950s. **April 21:** no forum. **April 28: Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals,** Robin Harper, coordinator, on the playground with pets, weather permitting. Otherwise in the school minus pets.

D. Saturday afternoon, March 23: Help clean up the historic Quaker burying ground in Hillsborough, starting at 1:00 pm. Bring gloves, small and large clippers, small saw, etc. For directions and questions contact John Bell at [johnbellnc@gmail.com](mailto:johnbellnc@gmail.com) or 919-619-6490.

E. Sunday March 24: Joining us for worship may be 15 teens from the Yates Baptist Church in Durham. It is also the CROP Walk. Register at: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc/Team/View/96440/Chapel-Hill-Friends>.

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

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When registering for the retreat, DO NOT SEND MONEY. Instead, email the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee ([shotts-leadershipfunds@chapehillfriends.org](mailto:shotts-leadershipfunds@chapehillfriends.org)) and tell them you registered. The S/LD Committee will pay the cost of your registration!

H. June 30-July 6: Friends General Conference Summer Gathering, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. Registration now open. Financial support available from the Shotts/Leadership Development Committee. (above).

13. Closing worship, circle, prepare for 11:00 am meeting for worship.

## APPENDICES

### Appendix 1

#### **Hospitality Committee Annual Report 2019 Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**

The Hospitality Committee strives to make visitors feel welcomed and to foster community within the meeting. Specifically, the Committee serves to:

- greet attenders and welcome visitors to meeting
- manage monthly potluck
- organize a Thanksgiving event
- assist CYRE with the mid-December Christmas party
- help finding volunteers to provide meals for Friends in temporary need

**Greet attenders and welcome visitors to meeting:** At 11 o'clock worship attenders are greeted and visitors are welcomed with an introductory brochure and invited to sign the guest book to receive (thanks, particularly, to the efforts of Annalee Harkins) an invitation to learn more about our meeting and/or to be added to the listserv. We continue to host fellowship after worship where we can further welcome visitors and where all attenders can connect with each other. And we strive to provide quality refreshments to make fellowship more convivial.

This year the Committee authored a document of guidance for greeters and invited other members of the meeting to act as greeter (with the Committee providing refreshments). The document has proved particularly useful in clarifying when to ring the bell for worship.

We also instituted, and are working out the kinks of, a new name tag system (special thanks to Lori Khamala). In place of an impenetrable tangle of strings we are using detachable badges that can clip directly to clothing or to a separate neck lanyard. The schoolhouse is proving to be unpropitious for instituting a new system and we are looking to make further improvements once back in the Meeting House.

**Manage monthly potluck:** The Committee purchases supplies, sets up and cleans up (with much appreciated help from non-committee members), and generally oversees potluck. A major innovation this year is the use of compostable plates. With them we can:

- allow Hospitality members to focus on welcoming visitors rather than washing dishes (Nancy Fisher can even sit down to eat)
- compost food waste and paper napkins -- both of which were discarded before
- allay some concerns about the sanitariness of our previous method of hand-washing
- possibly (according to one study) consume less energy than by heating water for hand-washing

**Organize a Thanksgiving event:** For two years running, the Committee has asked for volunteers to share their Thanksgiving dinner with members without a local family to be with. This year we had no volunteer hosts and two would-be guests who fortunately found other venues for Thanksgiving. The year before we had neither hosts nor guests. Next Thanksgiving we will need to rethink our plans.

**Assist CYRE with the mid-December Christmas party:** Committee members help with set-up and clean-up, and the Committee provides paper plates, napkins, egg nog, hot cider, and table decorations for the Christmas potluck (special thanks to the departing clerk, Joanna Selim, for providing the new clerk a detailed list of what to buy). The party was definitely a lot of fun.

**Help finding volunteers to provide meals for Friends in temporary need:** In January of 2018 the Hospitality Committee (through the efforts of Annalee) established a group on the Lotsa Helping Hands website for members who want to be contacted when a member of the meeting informs Care and Counsel that the member needs a meal because of some incapacity. Although the Lotsa Helping Hands group now exists, it has not yet been tested in use. There is some concern that there are not enough people in the group to ensure that someone is able to provide a meal when needed and we are considering ways to expand our list of potential volunteers.

Respectfully submitted: Buzz Borchardt (clerk), Annette Broadwell, Ronald Carnes, Nancy Fisher, Annalee Harkins, Gwyn Hein, Lori Khamala, Hart Pillow, Joanna Selim

## Appendix 2

### Transition and Support Committee Annual Report April 2018 to April 2019 Presented March 17, 2019 in MWAB

This report covers our activities as we continue to serve men in Orange Correctional Center (OCC) as well as those whom we support when they return to the Chapel Hill community.

- **Yokefellows at OCC on Tuesdays:** We go to the prison to be with the men at the Peace Center, attending Tuesday night meetings of Yokefellows three times per month. While Yokefellows discontinued the practice of serving snacks at these meetings, we find we now have more time for extended conversations with the men at our tables.
- **Other involvement in OCC events:** We continue to attend and support various events at OCC such as Parents Day, Black History celebration (now an annual event), and special meals for Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. We will host a birthday party on August 27 for men whose birthdays fall in that month, and all are invited.
- **Extra Support at OCC:** Bonnie Raphael and Maria Darlington tutor men who are taking classes. Asta Crow assisted with the Pre-release course for men within a year to eighteen months of leaving OCC. Paul Munk and Richard Miller continue to take several men who plan to live in this area to addiction recovery meetings in town. Several former inmates also attend these Monday night meetings. This year Bonnie Raphael assisted one of the men in getting his life sentence reviewed by the Innocence Project at Wake Forest Law School; as a result of the Project's work, we are hopeful that there will be a change in his incarceration.
- **Meeting for Worship at OCC:** We had two meetings for worship last year at Orange Correctional Center and have meetings for worship scheduled this year for Sunday, March 24 and Sunday, August 11 at 7 pm; Friends should arrive by 6:40 pm. Let us know if you would like to join us.
- **OCC residents and returning citizens in Meeting for Worship at CHFM:** We bring OCC residents to join us here at the Meeting. Men from our Committee to serve as sponsors, bringing 1-3 men to Meeting for Worship, forums, and potluck. We also encourage former OCC residents

who have returning to the community to join us, sometimes providing transportation. In our experience of our Committee, these men have become an integral part of our worship, and other members of the Meeting appreciate their participation. When it is not potluck Sunday, we go out together for lunch after Meeting.

- **Current residents, returning citizens and T&S Discussion after potluck:** Following potluck each month we gather with current OCC residents, returning citizens and members of the committee and the Meeting at large for discussion of issues of interest and concern for the group. The insights of returning citizens have been useful for men planning their housing, employment, transportation and other details of their next steps after release and for us in our support of both groups. We understand that these gatherings and the Tuesday night Yokefellow meetings are helping the men break barriers among them in the prison.
- **Book Club:** Our Crossing the Fenceline Book Club offers another opportunity for Friends to get to know the men from OCC. Led by Tom McQuiston, Nancy Fisher, and Richard Miller, eight to nine men from the prison join other Committee members in the discussions. Multiple copies of the books are provided by local libraries. This year the group read *Grapes of Wrath*, *The Namesake*, *Just Like Us*, *Death with Interruptions*, *The Sound and the Fury*, *The Book of Joy*, *The Great Influenza*, *The Warmth of Other Suns*, *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down*, and *Nineteen-Eighty-Four*. We are currently reading *The Turner House*. In the past year Edward Harris has been the OCC internal coordinator for distribution of the books, and Gregory Hawkins now taken on that role. One of the guards was recently observed reading our newest book. The Book Club now meets at Fly Leaf Book Store after the 11 am Meeting for Worship on the last First Day of the month.
- **Support Teams with Returning citizens:** Since March 2016 TSC teams have provided support for 17 returning citizens, and we continue to enjoy friendship with and support of a number of these men. This year we have supported 4 men in their return to this community and reinitiated assistance to two men who have returning to IFC Community House. Through the work of Nancy Fisher and others we've developed a relationship with the Inter-Faith Council Community House that has facilitated the admission of men directly from OCC. When returning citizens are released, our support circles of 2-3 people assist them in obtaining necessary clothing from socks to winter coats, transportation to Social Security and government agencies, medical appointments, and job interviews. When more permanent housing is located, we assist in locating and providing furnishings; on rare occasion, members have assisted with expenses in coordination with the Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee. Beyond this logistical support, relationship building is the greater part of our effort. Upon the occasion of re-arrest of a returning citizen, we provide support as circumstances indicate. Most of our time and energy goes to building friendships and offering support over coffee or meals.
- **Annual Picnic:** This year we held our second annual Reunion Picnic at Southern Community Park in September, inviting 60 men with whom we have worked over the past several years. There were many we couldn't locate, but about 40 returning citizens came with wives, children, grandchildren, and a few pets. Our group pictures show that we had a good time. There was lots of hugging. We will repeat this event in the fall. Friends are invited.
- **Returning Citizen Support Groups:** In addition, there are now two gatherings where some of the returning citizens are meeting in friendship and support of each other. Tom McQuiston has organized group for returning citizens who also work with young people in the community, and a friend who returning recently also hosts a group.
- **T&S Committee operation:** Finally, our Committee meets the last Tuesday of the month to coordinate support for individuals and to coordinate our interaction with other organizations and programs. We are currently developing a profile of re-entry programs and housing programs in the Chapel Hill and Durham area that might serve returning citizens that we support.

Our committee membership has remained stable this year and includes Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Timothy Fogarty, Nancy Fisher, Kuldip Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller (clerk for 2018), Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Bonnie Raphael, David Schneider, Monteze Snyder (current clerk), and Byron Stevens.

Respectfully submitted,

The Transition and Support Committee

### Appendix 3

#### **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting—Peace & Justice Committee Annual Report—March 17, 2019**

Since our last report, in March of 2018, the Peace & Justice Committee has been busy. Each month, this committee conducts informative, and at times spirited discussions of the many peace and justice activities of the Meeting and of individual Friends. This report highlights only some of these activities, which are too numerous to report in full.

*Benevolences:* Using the process approved by the Meeting for Worship, we have recommended funding for selected benevolences in a separate report. We give special thanks to the Benevolences Subcommittee, comprising Hank Elkins (clerk), Linda Drake, John Hite, and Karen Porter, and ask Friends to consider whether they may be led to participate on this subcommittee next year.

*War in Yemen:* Tom has coordinated Friends' lobbying efforts to cease U.S. unauthorized hostilities in the Saudi-led war on the Republic of Yemen, which has resulted in the worst humanitarian disaster of recent times. Efforts over the past year, as well as ongoing (and current) efforts have included lobbying U.S. Rep. David Price, as well as U.S. Senators Burr and Tillis.

*Justice United:* The Meeting continues to be actively engaged in the work of Orange County Justice United's efforts. Representatives of the constituent organizations continue to focus on immigration, jobs, and housing as ongoing priorities. Jim and Hank represent Peace & Justice for Justice United and inform the committee of activities on an ongoing basis. For example, the Justice United Housing Action Team presented a Master Leasing Proposal for affordable housing to the Orange County Housing Advisory Board. As another example, the Orange County School Board has committed to recruiting 141 minority teachers over the next five years. Additionally, Justice United has engaged in immigration lobbying for immigrants under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Tim, Ronald Carnes, and Jim attended a three-day training.

*Veterans of 1960s Civil Rights Forum:* Wendy organized this forum, which featured several Friends who had been activists in the 1960s era and afterward.

*Sanctuary:* Peace & Justice has continued its support of Sanctuary efforts undertaken by the Church of the Reconciliation (Presbyterian) and the Mennonite Church. Reconciliation has sheltered an immigrant on its premises for almost a year; and several Friends have volunteered in this effort, including Tim, Karen, and Leslie Rountree. Lori Fernald-Khamala has been involved in statewide sanctuary efforts on behalf of the

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC). Lori and Karen, along with Beth Welton of Reconciliation, conducted a forum on Sanctuary.

*Quaker House:* Curt Torell, Quaker House Treasurer, reported that Quaker House will produce two videos for its 50th anniversary this year; and the celebration will occur next fall in Fayetteville, along with local programs at various meetings.

*Nonviolent Communication Workshops:* These workshops were a great success, and some Friends continue to improve their Nonviolent Communication skills in the Meeting using the Quaker Social Change Ministry process. Wendy has been active in this area.

*American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) General Secretary Visit:* Naveed kept Peace & Justice informed about AFSC General Secretary Joyce Ajlouny's visit to the area, which had a two-fold purpose: (A) To educate and involve this area with AFSC's work and (B) to discuss needed funding cooperation.

*Bolivian Teacher:* Hank kept Peace & Justice informed of details involving a Bolivian teacher arriving to teach at Carolina Friends School this year.

*Ruth Zalph's Four Arrests Protesting Kavanaugh U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation:* Peace & Justice strongly supported Ruth's heroic efforts in this regard and agreed that Friends can contribute informally to her \$200 in legal expenses as individuals, as well as spread the word that others might wish to do so as they are led.

*Casey Webber and Freedom of Speech:* Casey, a graduate of our first-day school program whose principled efforts in protest to address the injustices that Quakers deplore, resulted in an unfair felony charge of riot (ultimately dropped). Peace & Justice monitored this situation, encouraging Friends to continue voicing support for Casey throughout the year. Casey may present a forum later this year.

Respectfully submitted, Max Drake, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Tim Fogarty, Wendy Michener, Naveed Moeed, Tom Munk (co-clerk), Jim Palmer, Karen Porter (co-clerk)

**Benevolence Budgets 2018-2019**

<b>Chapel Hill Friends Meeting</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>	<b>2018-2019 Proposal</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Proposed Benevolences for 2018-2019</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Amount</b>	
Alamance Orange Prison Ministry	\$400	\$400	\$0
American Friends Service Committee (AFSC-P)	\$1,100	\$900	-\$200
American Friends Service Carolinas (AFSC-C)	\$800	\$900	\$100
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF)	\$600	\$800	\$200
Carolina Friends School (CFS)	\$4,000	\$4,300	\$300
Dispute Settlement Center	0	\$100	\$100
Friends Com. On Nat'l Legislation (FCNL)	\$2,300	\$2,350	\$50
Friends House Moscow (FHM)	200	\$150	-\$50
Interfaith Council (IFC)	6200	\$5500	-\$700
IFC Food First Capital Project	400	0	-\$400
NC WARN	\$1320	\$1,400	\$80
Orange Co. Peace Coalition (OCPC)	\$50	\$50	\$0
Orange County Justice United (JU)	\$300	\$500	\$200
Planned Parenthood	0	\$100	\$100
Quaker Earthcare Witness	\$200	\$100	-\$100
Quaker House (QH)	\$6,500	\$6,600	\$100
Sanctuary (Church of the Reconciliation)	0	\$250	\$250
Snow Camp Outdoor Theater (SC)	\$50	\$50	\$0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$24,420</b>	<b>\$24,450</b>	<b>\$30</b>

**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

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