

# ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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## Meetings for Worship:

**Annapolis Friends Meeting House**  
**351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, Md. 21401**  
**First Days, 11:00 A.M.**

## First Day School for children

**11:15 A.M. (join meeting for worship from 11:00-11:15)**  
*SUMMER BREAK 6/13 through 8/22. (See article p.4)*

## Nursery care for our youngest

**11:00 A.M.**

## Meetings for Worship with a

**Concern for Business:**

**1<sup>st</sup> First Day of month at 9:00 A.M.**

## Adult religious education:

**As noted in calendar below**

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## JULY 2010 CALENDAR

04	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting...for Business - <i>canceled for this month only</i>
	9:15 A.M.	-	<i>Adult religious ed. on the Friends' Peace testimony</i>
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship followed by potluck
05		-	<i>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (See pg. 5)</i>
11	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
18	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
25	8:00 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	9:00 P.M.	-	<b>Newsletter items due:</b> please email!

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## Care of the Meeting House for Seventh Month: Ministry and Worship

### QUERIES FOR SEVENTH MONTH: CARING FOR OTHERS

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for, and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and economic condition?

In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy? **Faith & Practice, p.40**

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### MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES – SIXTH DAY OF SIXTH MONTH, 2010

Present were: Barbara T. (Clerk), Marcia O. (Recording Clerk), and 27 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Pastoral Care Committee-Ria H. reporting: Pastoral Care was asked to consider whether they could arrange some training in conflict resolution for Annapolis Friends Meeting. After some consideration it was decided to ask Ramona B. to lead such a session. She has considerable experience in leading this type of workshop and proposes offering a seminar on ‘Conflict Resolution for Everyday Life’. We propose that we hold this training on the third First Day, Tenth Month, from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. This day is our normal committee day, so we want to involve all committees in this event. We suspect that conflicts often occur within committees or are brought to committees. Of course, all Friends and Attenders are welcome whether they are on a committee or not. We hope, too, that those committees that do not usually meet at this time will try to have as many members as possible attend this event. We will offer childcare during this time. Meeting found unity with hosting this event.

Treasurer’s Report: Joel R. reporting: The report was presented and is attached to these minutes. The report was accepted with gratitude. Of note: our unrestricted contributions are seriously low and we are reminded to continue with these contributions.

Meetinghouse and Lands Committee -Bill Kinzer reporting: Many of the projects remain in the planning phase and feedback is requested. Re-bricking project: Concerns about the appearance of our walk led to the acquisition of several bids from contractors. Those bids ranged from some \$5000 to 21,000. There is no unity regarding this proposal, therefore, it is presented to business meeting for consideration. During our threshing of these proposals, concerns were raised about safety, liability, cost, rainwater management, appearance, ego, and considerations for other options and alternatives. No clear unity was reached.

Growing and Greening Sub-Committee may well be more appropriately positioned under the MH&L Committee, instead of the Stewardship & Finance Committee. That proposal was approved.

Lighthouse Shelter- Carol B. reporting: The new building for the shelter is on target with the construction dates, and should open by Tenth Month this year. Please plan to visit this site. The capital campaign exceeded the budget to build, pending the sale of the current location. Oversight management changes include a financial increase in budgeted funds. As a member congregation, we are pleased to welcome a new Executive Director, who has begun her work with implementation and fiduciary oversight. Grant writing and organizational management will be within her purview. All Board members will now be serving on a standing committee. Carol will chair the bylaws Committee, she will be presenting those bylaws to each member congregation, now to be termed a partner congregation. The board will be looking for new members from participating congregations. Contributions are needed from each congregation. Changes are in the works, so stay tuned. Friends are most impressed with this report and the efforts of Carol, who will be shortly reporting this information in written form to the newsletter.

Summer Business Meeting Schedule - Barbara T. reporting: The next Meeting for Business is suggested to be held on the 1st of Eighth Month. We will forego the Seventh Month Meeting for Business as it would fall on a holiday and we would anticipate a poor attendance. Meeting approved this change.

Children’s Religious Education Committee Cairn K. reporting: Children’s Time in Worship: a Worship Sharing ensued. The complete worship sharing is recorded and available in the office. Meeting will continue to have the children enter worship at the end of Meeting at least through the summer.

MINUTES – continued:

Camping Program: Alex D. reporting: A camp diversity program is now being considered at Catocin, to raise funds for inner city youth to attend camp this and or next summer. Our budget has been examined; AFM is ready to seed this program with \$400, from a budgetary line item from the CREC budget. Several Monthly Meetings have been asked to share in the funding of this program. Friends are invited to contribute to this program through BYM. Meeting approved this allocation.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.  
Meeting closed with silent worship. Respectfully Submitted, Barbara T., Clerk & Marcia O., Recording Clerk.

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**DARFUR UPDATE: JULY 2010**



Darfuri Children in Abu Shouk IDP Camp

**Excerpts from a June 20, 2010 Report by Mark Lotwis,  
President of the Save Darfur Coalition**

“Just three short months ago, I visited six Darfuri camps, the only homes many children in Darfur have ever known. As I spoke with those children’s parents about the grinding day-to-day life in Darfur, I was inspired by their hope for the future and ... reassured that what we do to help bring peace, protection and justice to their lives matters.”

“In the last few months, we’ve [the Coalition] had some success”: “Vice President Biden ... on his recent trip to Africa” held high level talks concerning Sudan “with leaders in Egypt, Kenya and South Africa” and “we [the Coalition] delivered over 72,000 activists signatures on a petition to President Obama” to make sure the US did not legitimize Sudan’s nationwide election.”

“... but conditions in Sudan are slipping backward. ... despite its fraudulent basis, the election has emboldened Sudan’s dictator Omar al-Bashir, and his regime has begun a new crackdown to silence human rights activists and civil society leaders by increasing arbitrary arrests, beatings, torture, restricting speech and increasing censorship, and seizing passports to keep activists from attending international events ... Furthermore, the peace negotiations between key Darfur rebel groups and the government have broken down, and armed conflict has begun anew.” Sadly, in just the month of May, “nearly 600 lives were lost.”

“Now, Sudan is just seven months away from holding a referendum to determine whether South Sudan will become an independent nation – and most agree that the south will vote to break away. Fears are rising that if key agreements between the North and South on sharing oil revenue, border demarcation, and citizenship are not completed before the referendum, a return to deadly civil war could result.”

From the BYM Working Group on Racism...

Busboys and Poets, Teaching for Change, and the Friends Meeting of Washington Working Group on Racism are co-hosting

**damali ayo reading, discussing and signing her new book**

***Obamistan! Land Without Racism : Your Guide to the New America***

**on Monday, July 12, from 6:30 to 8 pm**

**at Busboys & Poets, 2021 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.**

Author (and Sidwell Friends lifer) damali ayo brings playful humor and piercing honesty to the conversation about human relationships. She uses art, wit and satire to generate dialogue to draw us together as a global community. Her newest book, *Obamistan! Land without Racism*, has been described as "laying bare the fact that we are not in a post-racial world just yet with warmth, sincerity, sophistication about the experiences of different groups and a sense of hope and optimism--something that sometimes feels completely missing among progressives these days."

damali's passion for smart comedy takes center stage in her presentations. Influenced by comedy greats such as Dick Gregory, Mort Sahl, Lenny Bruce, and even a little Eddie Murphy, damali makes the hard issues easier through her signature style that leaves audiences with their attention heightened, hearts open, and minds awake.

In response to a request from her audience, damali created a free practical guide of ten steps to improving race relations titled *I Can Fix It!*, available online at <http://fixracism.com/> This guide gives ten simple solutions to address our current "third grade level of race relations." The guide has been used in communities across the United States and across the world. damali brings the *I Can Fix It!* guide to life in her stage shows where she uses humor, stories, and slides to inspire people. Presented simply and directly, ayo's approach to race relations is unforgettable. She makes people pay attention to what is going on inside and around them and to take responsibility for changing it. And damali has plenty of first-hand experience doing just that. She started at a young age by integrating the Sidwell Friends' doll collection with Black Raggedy Ann and Andy. To learn more about damali ayo's work check out <http://damaliayo.com/>.

**Nursery Caretakers Needed:** Spending time with our youngest Annapolis Friends is a joy that we invite you to share. You get to play, read to the kids, play again, tell stories, play more and have a snack! If you forgot how to play, the kids will remind you. Please consider volunteering in our nursery and contact Sylvia O. at [soliva@erols.com](mailto:soliva@erols.com).

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### HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – PLEASE NOTE NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR & EMAIL ADDRESS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the deadline listed above in the calendar. Phil Caroom is the new editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at [annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com](mailto:annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com)
- Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!

Announce List: [announce@annapolis.quaker.org](mailto:announce@annapolis.quaker.org)

Discuss List: [discuss@annapolis.quaker.org](mailto:discuss@annapolis.quaker.org)

### LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday of each month (July 5<sup>th</sup> this month). Peter Meredith (410-647-2487) and Marcia Ormsby (410-280-5025) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals.

#### URGENT REQUEST FOR PANTY SUPPLIES! STOCKS ARE VERY LOW

Due to the recession, homeless and unemployed families need for food and other supplies from the Lighthouse pantries has more than doubled in recent months, while contributions have fallen substantially. As a result, the cupboards soon will be bare unless Lighthouse supporters can respond to this challenge. Please give what you can. **Items may be placed in (or next to) the container in the lobby of the Meeting House.** Some needs include:

FOOD ITEMS: *For immediate individual use, single-size servings and smaller cans of food are welcome.*

This allows us to bag a greater variety of different foods and to keep the pantry bags as portable and easy to carry as possible for those who must walk with them home. Please wrap all donations individually ( e.g. bagels, breads, etc. ) so they are ready to be handed out to individuals & families.

*For nonperishable supplies items in cans/jars/boxes, we welcome:*

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| * Applesauce                     | * Baked beans              | * Cornbread & muffin mix   |
| * Crackers                       | * Gravy                    | * Hamburger / Tuna Helper  |
| * Instant oatmeal / Oatmeal      | * Jell-O                   | * Jelly                    |
| * Macaroni 'n' cheese            | * Mayo. ( small jars OK )  | * Pancake mix              |
| * RavioliOs/SpaghettiOs          | * Syrup                    | * Assorted vegetables      |
| * Canned meat: chili -hash- stew | * Cereal                   | * Coffee / Hot cocoa / Tea |
| * Corn                           | * Fruit                    | * Fruit Juice              |
| * Green beans                    | * Pasta ( macaroni,, etc ) | * Peanut Butter            |
| * Potatoes                       | * Rice                     | * Soup                     |
| * Spaghetti noodles              | * Spaghetti sauce          | * Tuna                     |

*As to fresh items, volunteers also now are available to serve freshly-made meals* to visitors looking for a hot meal at lunchtime several days each week. Meals are prepared whenever fresh meats and produce is available. Please consider donating any of the following :

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| * Fresh fruits | * Fresh vegetables | * Fresh or frozen meats |
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#### NONFOOD ITEMS:

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| * Paper cups and lids ( for hot soup at lunch )                  | * Plastic spoons ( for hot soup at lunch )          |
| * Take-out containers ( to give out donated food and leftovers ) | * Aluminum foil                                     |
| * Clear plastic wrap   | * Clorox sanitizing wipes                           |
| * Contractor / heavy duty trash bags                             | * Freezer / storage bags ( gallon & sandwich size ) |
| * Paper plates   | * Paper towels                                      |
| * Toilet paper   | * Dishwasher detergent                              |
| * Cleansers (all types)  | * Bleach & dryer sheets                             |
| * Deodorant  | * Hand sanitizer                                    |
| * Socks & underwear (cotton - ladies' and men's )                | * Toothpaste  |
|  | * USB sticks  |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! For more information please contact : Michele Marshall 410/349-5056 ext14 or [marshall@annapolislighthouse.org](mailto:marshall@annapolislighthouse.org)

**LIBRARY CORNER:** :-) **Still open for business as we are reorganizing :-)**

*A library book review for July- Simply In Season by Mary Beth Lind & Cathleen H. Wert*

Your AFM library has a wide variety of books. This Month's review is about a unique one.

The cover says: "Recipes that celebrate fresh and local foods." This is a good reference to help us use local produce.

The recipes are divided into seasons using produce that is available at that time. At the beginning of each season is a list of recipes divided into types of recipes (appetizers, entrée etc). So if you need a certain type of food you can search there.

Even more helpful is at the very beginning of the book is a list of produce alphabetically with categories: season, description, selection, storage and handling, preparation (including microwave), serving suggestions and nutrients.

On the edge of each page in bold lettering are the main ingredients so one can flip through and note something that you have that you want to use.

At the back of the book are several resources including a glossary.

I heartily recommend this book. The only problem it is a cookbook that you will want to have and to give as a gift. So please return it to AFM when you have perused it.

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## SUMMER BREAK CONTINUES FOR FIRST DAY SCHOOL

This summer we will be take a break from regular First Day School classes, beginning June 13 and continuing through August 22. **But, nursery care will continue as usual during the summer!**

During this time, we extend a warm invitation for children to attend some or all meeting for worship with their parents. And/or children may join us in the nursery area or go with parents or another Friendly adult to play outside or spend time in the classroom.

As a summer project, Phil Caroom also will invite children (& parents & anyone else interested) to spend a part of occasional First Day mornings improving our nature trail. Phil says, to participate, children need to be able, at least, to maintain attention for about ½ hour and to carry light objects – wood stakes, etc. They should wear shoes more sturdy than sandals or flip-flops to avoid poison ivy trouble. We will provide bug-spray and kid-sized work gloves. We will begin work on steps to climb the hillside towards the Unitarian's nature trail.) Parents should contact Phil at least a week in advance, so that supplies can be readied.

When First Day School resumes on August 29, we will have our usual organization of school supplies for Philadelphia during First Day School, followed by the swim-party potluck at Tricia Robinson's.

Questions? Please contact Cairn Krafft ([cairnkrafft@comcast.net](mailto:cairnkrafft@comcast.net)), Mardy Burgess ([Mardypb@comcast.net](mailto:Mardypb@comcast.net)) or for trail work, Phil Caroom ([pcaroom@gmail.com](mailto:pcaroom@gmail.com)).

*A holiday special program for adult religious ed.:*  
THE QUAKER PEACE TESTIMONY

Friends-

Almost eight years ago our Meeting came to unity on the following minute:

“Minute For Peace -Twelfth Month, 2002: Annapolis Friends Meeting (Quakers), recognize the continued revelation of our Peace Testimony, and are again called to apply this testimony to the present-day conditions of extreme acts of violence, the increased destructiveness of modern weapons, and the global reach of environmental degradation. And so, we are led to adopt the following minute:

“Our Peace Testimony calls for people to ‘live in the way that takes away all occasion for war.’ Key conditions fostering violence are powerlessness, lack of alternative remedies, and cultural, political or economic oppression. If these conditions were changed, to give everyone a stake in society, there would be little or no occasion for violence. Therefore, we of the Annapolis Friends Meeting are opposed to armed aggression against Iraq; we oppose any violence threatening the peace and security of the earth's people. We further oppose any action which would disrupt the intricate balance of our earth's ecosystem. As the world's leading power, we of the United States have the responsibility to eliminate the major causes of violence through foreign aid promoting non-military functions, by strengthening international organizations for world order and in diminishing the production and distribution of weapons.

“History teaches us that violence breeds further violence. History also teaches us that the spiral of violence and hatred can be interrupted by acts of creative nonviolence, by courageous acts of love. We urge our government and all people of conscience to work toward a world order so firmly based on justice, spiritual unity, and voluntary cooperation, that there is no place for war or armaments of war. We ask that our nation promote international law and order, peace and security with respect for all human rights, human dignity and human diversity. We pledge that we, as citizens of the United States and as members of The Religious Society of Friends, will work toward this end.”

Without taking a position on this decision, I will be offering a “background” religious education session this July 4th, from 9.15 am to 10.45 am in the Meetinghouse. I hope to review some of the history of this testimony, invite discussion, and perhaps finish with a short (15 minute?) Worship Sharing. As always all are invited, but particularly those who have begun attendance or have joined Meeting since the Minute was adopted.

Peace, Will Candler

**MORE QUAKER QUOTES FOR SEVENTH MONTH**

*Divine love imposeth no rigorous or unreasonable commands, but graciously points out the spirit of brotherhood and way to happiness. John Woolman*

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*The gift of love is the gift of the power and the capacity to love, and, therefore, to give love with full effect is also to receive it. So, love can only be kept by being given away, and it can only be given perfectly when it is also received. Thomas Merton.*

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*What does love look like? It has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like. St. Augustine*

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*Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like unto it. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. Matthew 22:37-40)(KJV)*

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