

# 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)**

**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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## OCTOBER 2010 CALENDAR

03	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting...for Business
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship followed by potluck
04		-	<i>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper</i>
10	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
17	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
24	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
30	9- noon	-	Fall project date – fixing up Meeting House & property
31	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
	Noon	-	New attenders program & potluck lunch (See p.6)
	9:00 P.M.	-	<b>Newsletter items deadline:</b> please email!

SEE MORE SPECIAL CALENDAR ITEMS ON PP. 5 & 6.

**Care of the Meeting House for Ninth Month: Peace and Social Concerns**

## QUERIES FOR TENTH MONTH: THE PEACE TESTIMONY

Do you endeavor to live “in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars?” Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peacekeeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international? ***Faith & Practice, p.41.***

*See more Quaker quotes on page 4.*

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### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Minutes - First Day of the Tenth Month, 2010

Barbara T. (Clerk), Marcia O. (Recording Clerk) and 29 other Friends and attenders present. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

**Nominating Committee-** Leo P. reporting: The Committee will meet third week of Ninth Month. We are encouraged to begin an open flow of information -- all of our Committee needs to be forwarded to Leo for presentation at the first meeting.

**CREC** - Cairn K. reporting: As to children's entry into meeting for worship, CREC would like meeting for business to adopt the revised schedule where children join meeting for worship for the last 15 minutes rather than the first 15 minutes. This proposal was generated during a CREC meeting in 10<sup>th</sup> month 2009 and experimentally adopted in 3<sup>rd</sup> month 2010, as suggested by a new parent as a way to deepen the meeting for worship experience for our children. During sixth month meeting for business a period of worship sharing was held on the topic to give the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the experimental schedule. Feedback has also been solicited from Young Friends on multiple occasions. A sense of unity around the proposed schedule revision was demonstrated during the worship sharing, in subsequent discussions between CREC and Ministry and Worship, and also in our discussions with Young Friends. Feedback indicates that having children come in for the last fifteen minutes rather than the first fifteen minutes does strengthen the bonds among the children, decreases intimidation of the younger children, and above all, deepens their experience by bringing them into a meeting that is already centered, and where they are more likely to be exposed to deep silence or meaningful spoken messages. It is with a sense of seasoning and good Quaker process that we therefore seek approval from meeting for business to adopt this schedule revision of having the children enter meeting for worship for its final 15 minutes. A ribbon will be placed on chairs, designating the place seating for those entering meeting for worship in its final 15 minutes. This proposal was read and unity was found.

Announcement about the elementary program and upcoming needs: Joanna T. reporting: The overall theme for this year's elementary class is the testimonies. A request was made for those interested in presenting programs to the children be in touch with CREC, especially regarding the testimony for peace and later for simplicity, Judaism and WW11 detainment camps, and the children's writing of their own testimonial for peace and their own spiritual journeys.

**Treasurer's Report** - Joel R. reporting: This Report is due, Tenth Month, but of note, we are significantly behind in donations and contributions by approximately \$10K; we have slipped into the red. A request was made to submit the report, when compiled, to the announce list for review prior to submission. A letter of appeal to ease this financial burden is being considered.

**S&F Committee:** Mary K. reporting: The Committee is concerned due partly to the transition of the accounting programs and other changes; communications have not been as clear. Last year we funded the Water Conference on short notice, in addition to meeting the needs of our regular budget. No huge projects have challenged us this year. Time and energy allocations to AFM are extremely important, but financial support is also needed.

The budgeting process for next year is just about to begin. The committee allocations, in the new accounting program, will be best addressed by a summary to the clerks, of last year's distribution and the comparison of requests for next year's distributions.

Overall, about \$42K is needed in unrestricted contributions. As about 55 households contribute, 80 households attend, the estimate in need is about \$500/household. In the process of stewardship among membership, financial obligations may need notification and clarification, relative to the support of our Monthly Meeting. S&F Committee meeting will be held on the fourth first day; friends with suggestions or questions are invited to attend.

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**(9/10 Business Meeting minutes – continued:)**Light House Shelter Changes: Carol B. reporting: The community is commended for the building of this new facility – it is truly magnificent. Information about changes for AFM were reviewed as we are a member congregation. The board is selected from those nominated by member congregations. Our annual, financial contribution needs to be delineated at the years beginning. The new Liaison position is to be filled by member congregations. The roles of these liaisons are specified in the bylaws.

Recommendation for AFM changes in our interaction with the Shelter were reviewed. We must have a board liaison, which works with the board member. The way that the dinners are prepared and served is changing, and will be decided and announced. We may need to find other ways to support the shelter. A working group is to be established for the next 6-12 months under the S&F Committee. It is yet to be determined how we as AFM can specifically support the shelter.

The working group was created and its members specified. Gratitude was expressed to Carol for all the work she has given as well as for her online distribution of details of these changes.

**Darfur Update:** by Sylvia O. & Barbara T. reporting:

A brief update on the situation in Sudan [was provided and the details of this update can be found on line.](#) In summary, the situation in Sudan is dire. Because the 2006 Minute needs revision, for accuracy, it was proposed that we re-commit ourselves to the Unity Statement of the Save Darfur Coalition. This statement is the document our Meeting signed when we joined the Coalition. On line, we will be replacing our 2006 Darfur Minute with the Unity Statement below; note that the link to the website of Save Darfur is included below:

“MINUTE TO RENEW OUR SUPPORT FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE IN SUDAN:

Unity Statement of the Save Darfur Coalition

We stand together and unite our voices to raise public awareness and mobilize a massive response to the atrocities in Sudan's western region of Darfur.

Responding to a rebellion in 2003, the regime of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir and its allied militia, known as the Janjaweed, launched a campaign of destruction against the civilian population of ethnic groups identified with the rebels. They wiped out entire villages, destroyed food and water supplies, stole livestock and systematically murdered, tortured and raped civilians. The Sudanese government's genocidal, scorched earth campaign has claimed hundreds of thousands of lives through direct violence, disease and starvation, and continues to destabilize the region. Millions have fled their homes and live in dangerous camps in Darfur, and hundreds of thousands are refugees in neighboring Chad. Violence continues today. Ultimately, the fate of the Darfuri people depends on establishing a lasting and just peace in all of Sudan and in the region.

We are committed to the goals that the Save Darfur Coalition advocates for, including:

- Ending the violence against civilians;
- Facilitating adequate and unhindered humanitarian aid;
- Establishing conditions for the safe and voluntary return of displaced people to their homes;
- Promoting the long-term sustainable development of Darfur; and
- Holding the perpetrators accountable.

We call on the United States, other governments, the United Nations and regional organizations to focus their efforts on ending this crisis.”See [www.SaveDarfur.org](http://www.SaveDarfur.org) for more information.)

Our Meeting found unity with the replacement of this minute, with gratitude to Sylvia for her tireless work of involvement as well as her regular distribution of information to our meeting.

**Update on fundraising for Ann Riggs** - Tricia R. reporting: Ann Riggs continues to need financial support for her work in Kenya at the Friends Theological College. Explorations are underway to consider the establishment of solar panels for the production of energy within the community. Discussions for fund raising for this project, should it prove feasible, will ensue after the beginning of the next year (2011).BYM will soon send a contribution request to support Ann.

**(9/10 Business Meeting minutes – continued:)** Meeting House and Lands- Bill K. reporting: Guidance is being requested, regarding deliberations over the front walkway and the patch of bare ground. ... The proposal is that only the walkway leading directly from the parking lot to the porch, will be paving brick, professionally installed and leveled. The other walkway will be cement, leaving a section for planting. The contracting bids need renewing; the project will be coming back to meeting for business, prior to implementation.

A new baby-changing table has been installed in the woman's room.  
Fall Clean-up day is tentatively scheduled for the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Tenth Month.

**Outreach Committee-** Barbara T. reporting: BYM has requested that Monthly Meetings reach out to the Islamic Societies. AFM's letter to Islamic Society was read and approved, including the statement that "Annapolis Friends Meeting honors your religion, your place in our community, and your many contributions toward peace, justice and the common good here in our neighborhood and in the world," and offers prayers, support against the "few loud and inflammatory voices of discrimination, bigotry and fear-mongering," and the request to be told how else we can help

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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**QUAKER QUOTES FOR OCTOBER:**

*Let your lives and conversation preach, that with a measure of the spirit of God you may reach to that of God in all.* George Fox, 1675\

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*If each of us, individually, simply decided not to fight, not to let anger take over our hearts, to act always out of love and not out of fear or hate, then the world would be at peace. Isn't this all Jesus asked? This is my prayer.* John Andrew Gallery, *Reflections From A Prayer Vigil For Peace*, p. 22.

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*We utterly deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world. ... The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided is not changeable, so as to once command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know and so testify to the world, that the spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for any kingdoms of this world.* (From the November 21, 1660, declaration made to Charles II by George Fox and other Friends)

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*And all friends everywhere this I charge you...live in peace...and therein seek the peace of all men and no man's hurt....And so...it is love that overcomes and not hatred with hatred, nor strife with strife. Therefore live in the peaceable life, doing good to all men, and seeking the good and welfare of men.* George Fox, 1659

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*A good end cannot sanctify evil means, nor must we ever do evil that good may come of it. Let us try what love will do.* William Penn

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**A NOTE FROM AFM'S STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Our unrestricted contributions are lagging significantly behind where they "should" be at this point in the year. Please consider if you are led to contribute to Meeting financially at this time. In addition to the contributions of time and energy that Friends give so generously, we do need financial contributions to keep the lights on and support our activities. Contributions can be placed in the box on the wall in the worship room beside the doors to the foyer or in the Treasurer's box in the office.

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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)

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### LIBRARY CORNER:

Look for exciting news on the announced list. The Library Com. plans an introduction during pot luck in November (the 7th) for friends to get to know the library better and the many opportunities long and short to experience it.

**The library committee has decided that the check out period for all library items will now be 30 days. We are hopeful that this will encourage Friends to return books promptly so they may be used by others.**

This month's book review: *Living with Oneself and Others*, by New England Yearly Meeting's Ministry & Counsel Committee. First published in 1978, later editions have grown in size. A very useful book, it includes queries and advices for individuals, family life and Friends Meetings. In fact much more, it also deals with same sex relationships, divorce, living without a partner, growing older, and clearness committees.

The 13 queries for individuals in the chapter on "Growing as an Individual" are very challenging; for example, "Do you strive, through your relationships, to be your own best self and to help others to achieve the same goal?" Or # 10 which asks, "Do you strive to find a level of intimacy, caring, and distance that is comfortable and appropriate for the various relationships in your life?"

Although I read this book some years ago, I found it fresh and challenging when I read it again recently. I strongly recommend it to all, whatever stage of life we are at. -- Ria Hawkins, on behalf of Pastoral Care Committee

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### **Pumpkin Patch – 10/14 fundraiser for Lighthouse Shelter:**

When: Thursday Oct. 14 is our Meeting's designated day to volunteer.

We are partnered with All Hallows. If you're just looking for pumpkins, stop by any time between Oct. 9 and Oct. 31.

Where: St Martin's, Spa Road & Hilltop Lane

Who benefits: The Light House shelter and the Navajo Nation (that's whose pumpkins we sell)

How: You can work a two-hour stint any time between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; please email [meredith.peter@gmail.com](mailto:meredith.peter@gmail.com) to volunteer. We also need baked goods and handcrafted items—ask Peter for details.

Note: As always, the organizers of the Pumpkin Patch are offering training. There is no need to take the training, because we will have people there who have gone through it. However, if you are curious about it, please ask Peter for details; the dates are Sat Oct 2, 9-10

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a.m., and Wed Oct 6, 7-8 p.m.

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**The CROP-walk stands for....Communities, Responding to, Overcome, Poverty  
– 10/17 at 1 p.m. (registration & lunch) ; 1:30 p.m. (walk begins)**

Held on the trails of Quiet Waters Park (at the Sassafras Pavilion- first on the right) in Annapolis, this annual fund-raising event is sponsored by Church World Service, including various local churches. Friends are encouraged to try to get persons to sponsor your walk: \$5 per mile for the long walk (4 1/2 miles), and \$3 for the short walk (3 miles). Come as a group or individually

If you cannot come, you can make out a check to CWS/CROP and send it to Bill Schaffer at 123 A Spa View Ave., Annapolis, MD 21401. You can sign your name but do note it's from Annapolis Friends Meeting to give the Meeting credit. You can do this on line, if you wish: [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org)

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**SPIRITUAL FORMATION GROUP STARTS 10/20:**

The Spiritual Formation Group will meet at Patricia Robinson's house at 6:30, on Wednesday, October 20th, -402 Ben Oaks Dr West, Severna Park (21146) 410- 987 8675 RSVP. This is the third year of Spiritual Friendship Groups and they have been fun and fruitful. All are welcome, dudes & dudettes.

Spirituality prospers through Quaker friendship, support and discussion. On October 20th we'll get better acquainted as we talk about our spiritual journeys, select a book to read and discuss, and examine spiritual practices. You are encouraged to have a regular spiritual practice i.e. meditation, journaling, silence, spiritual reading, etc. We'll share a very simple meal of soup/bread/greens. Peace & Joy Tricia (Robinson)

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**Deconstructing Racism will be Sat., 10/23, 2 – 4p.m.:**

Friends get together every 2 or 3 months to talk about our recent experiences related to race and diversity. We open in silent worship, update each other on events in our lives, examine our own unconscious racism, discern our individual and collective leadings for furthering equality and justice, and close in silent worship.

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**New Attender Luncheon on 10/31/10:**

Annapolis Friends Meeting (AFM) is delighted that many new faces peer in our door to learn about Friends worship and community. We would like to provide a special welcoming opportunity for new attenders on Sunday, October 31 at the rise of Meeting for Worship. AFM Outreach Committee will provide a simple meal (soup, sandwich makings, and drinks) and a chance to sit and chat.

We are also asking representatives from AFM committees to join us to explain more about what role the various committees take in ensuring our blessed community is healthy and running smoothly. We invite new attenders to learn more about our inner workings by listening to these committee representatives and considering visiting or even joining one of the committees. For a description of each committee, check the website: [www.quaker.org/annapolis](http://www.quaker.org/annapolis).

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**WORKSHOP TO LEARN “RADICAL HOSPITALITY”**

presented by Brad Ogilvie of William Penn House

sponsored by Annapolis Friends Meeting Outreach Committee

FOR: Annapolis Friends Meeting and local monthly Meetings  
and all your friends whom you would like to invite

DATE: Saturday, November 6, 2010

TIME: 9 AM until 4 PM (lunch will be provided)

PLACE: Annapolis Friends Meeting, meetinghouse worship room  
351 DuBois Road, Annapolis, MD

According to Webster's Dictionary, “*radical*” = “arising from or going to a root or source” and “*hospitality*” = the practice of “having an open mind: receptive.”

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### RADICAL HOSPITALITY (continued:)

“There is that of God in All” is frequently cited as the core truth and guiding principle of Quakerism, as attributed to George Fox. How do we as Friends nourish this in our Meetings and in ourselves as individuals during these times that, at times, seem hopelessly divided and increasingly uncivil? How can we do this with humility, “letting our lives speak” while holding the faith that this is our truth?

For the past few years, William Penn House staff have devoted much of their time exploring these questions. “Radical Hospitality” is what has emerged. In the words of St. Benedict, Radical Hospitality is “to invite all people into your house as if they were Christ”. William Penn House (WPH) has sought to integrate this not just into the hospitality but also into programs such as Washington Quaker Workcamps, believing that when relationships are formed with this as the basis, amazing things can happen. “Radical Hospitality” does not call for agreement on both parties, but instead a faith in one person that there really is “that of God in All”.

For this workshop, WPH Program Coordinator Brad Ogilvie will facilitate conversations and present materials that will give participants an opportunity to learn and practice Radical Hospitality as an expression of Quakerism. Participants can expect to:

- Learn the origins of Radical Hospitality as it developed and continues to develop at WPH
- Hear accounts of this in action
- Learn some of the basic principles to exercise this practice in our daily lives
- Have opportunities to interact with others and get feedback
- Have materials and resources to help stay grounded and to further practice one’s own journey in using Radical Hospitality as a vital part of peace-making in the world

**TO PREPARE FOR THE PROGRAM:** Participants will be sent some reflection questions several days beforehand, which will help set the tone. Saturday, November 6th will begin with introductions and a general overview, followed by more intensive materials and a day of fun and learning, as we explore how this practice can help bring peace to the world and energize our faith and practice. PLEASE RSVP: Sylvia Oliva at soliva@erols.com or 410-224-6708 by October 29th.

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### LIGHTHOUSE UPDATE:

1) Last week a call went out that the shelter pantry was bare: The response was great and we filled 70 bags for the community. Keep it coming, it will take a bit to get inventory back up!

2) We will continue collecting books for the library at the new shelter through October 10th. Categories are listed below.

3) We also looking for volunteers to help sort, write the book cards for cataloguing and stack the shelves. Primary need will be for writing the cards. Eight have volunteered thus far we could use more. We will start that work the week of October 4th through October 15th. I will send more information and schedule on this later in the week, so email me if you are interested and didn’t sign up last first day.

Thanks for all you do. – Carol B.

**DONATING BOOKS for Lighthouse Library:** We will begin collecting this first day through the 2nd first day in October. There will be bins for you to place your books in the coat rack area. The bins will be labeled by categories.\*\*\*

· We are looking for gently used hard and soft cover books with titles and authors that are diverse across culture, race, nationality, gender, etc. The categories we are most interested in are:

· For children( Infant to 13/14years old):

- o Board and Picture books
- o books for children to read themselves-- Fiction, Dinosaurs, Bugs, Fancy Nancy, Harry Potter, classics- Dr. Seuss, etc

· For adults ( age 14/young adult and up)

- o Spiritual/Inspirational/poetry
- o Career and professional development
- o About People: (biog., autobiog., memoirs)
- o Classic Literature
- o books for parents to read to children;
- o Motivational/self help;
- o General Fiction (mystery, Science Fiction, romance, etc);
- o Health/wellness/nutrition
- o **Non-fiction (history, events, etc**

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