

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — September 2012

CALENDAR

- Meeting for worship: 11 a.m. on First Days
- First Day School for children: 11 a.m. (Joining meeting for worship from 11:45 a.m. to noon)
- Nursery care for our youngest: 11 a.m.
- Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1st First Day of month at 9 a.m.
- Adult religious education: As noted in calendar below

NOTE: Early Meetings are offered outdoors on second, fourth, and fifth First Days

SEPTEMBER 2: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

SEPTEMBER 9: 9:15 a.m. adult education: [John Woolman's Journal](#); 11 a.m. Meeting for worship and FIRST DAY SCHOOL RESUMES!

SEPTEMBER 16: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

SEPTEMBER 21: 7:30 p.m. [International Day of Peace and Vigil](#)

SEPTEMBER 23: 9:15 a.m. adult education: [John Woolman's Journal](#); 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; Newsletter items deadline: please email!

SEPTEMBER 30: 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Meeting House and Lands

QUERIES FOR NINTH MONTH: THE SOCIAL ORDER

Do you promote social justice and make your life a testimony to fair dealing? Do you seek to understand and appreciate differing cultures and social values? Do you support fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, age, and other differences? Are you concerned for those in our society who are disadvantaged? Do you take your full share of civic responsibility by voting and giving service? Do you oppose the use of land, labor, technology, and capital for human exploitation or in ways destructive to other living things? (Faith & Practice, p. 40)

DISCUSSION ON JOHN WOOLMAN'S JOURNAL

By Pat Schenck

The adult education program for September and October will be a study of John Woolman's "Journal." We will meet on September 9, September 23, and October 28 at 9:15 a.m.

John Woolman (1720-1772) was an American Quaker from Mount Holly, New Jersey, who is best known for speaking out against slavery. But it isn't the cause as much as the way he approached slaveholders with love and respect that offers us instruction in the skill so needed today of speaking our beliefs civilly and effectively to people who don't agree with us. He coined the phrase, "Love was the first motion."

Woolman writes candidly of his spiritual struggles, such as how hard and embarrassing it was for him to show disagreement with elders of the meeting who owned slaves and how hard he was on himself after admitting to himself that his vocal ministry during meeting for worship was not from the Spirit.

The reading assignments are chapters 1-4 for September 9, chapters 5-8 for September 23, and chapters 9-12 for October 28.

Any edition is all right. If you really don't want to do so much reading, there is a shorter version in "Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings," edited and introduced by Douglas Steere. But if you are up for it, I recommend reading the whole thing. If you are going to order it, I recommend the edition that is edited by Phillips Moulton, but if you have another edition, I don't see a need to buy a new one. I just ordered a used copy of the Moulton edition for a very low price from Amazon.com. There are copies in the library of the original work as well as the two anthologies mentioned above, and they can be ordered from QuakerBooks.org or Amazon.com. Check both sources and compare prices.

If you have never read this major Quaker classic, you are in for a treat!

GAIN: GREATER ANNAPOLIS INTERFAITH NETWORK

INTERFAITH CAFÉ DIALOGUE: A CALL FOR A SEASON OF CIVILITY

On Thursday, September 13, GAIN will hold an Interfaith Café Dialogue at St. John Neumann's from 7 to 9 p.m. This dialogue originates in an interfaith initiative from Wisconsin designed to bring reason and civility to the gratuitous mudslinging of an election year. The framework comes from Quaker author Parker Palmer. The dialogue is designed to explore how Annapolis can benefit from this call to action.

COMMUNITIES IN CONCERT: A BENEFIT FOR ANNAPOLIS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS

On Sunday, October 14, GAIN will hold a community concert from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Church. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 at the door. To buy tickets and see performers list, go to www.gainonline.org. If you have any difficulty with the website in obtaining tickets, please let me know and I will arrange to get them for you myself.

Peace,
Peter

PARTNER ENRICHMENT GROUP: WE CHANGED OUR NAME, PLEASE JOIN US

The Couple Enrichment Group is now the Partner Enrichment Group (PEG) and we meet the third First Day each month at 12:30 p.m. in the Classroom. Our next session begins September 16 and we are inviting new partners to join us. All are most welcome as we practice a very deliberate communication style both in the larger group and privately. In our first session we will share this method to make sure all understand and can practice its potency.

You may think we are partners in distress. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Instead, we are five strong partnerships of varying duration and type. All are seeking to communicate more powerfully with our partners, to deepen our understanding of one another, and to enrich our relationships. Actually as Quakers, we see ourselves as a community within AFM built on mutual trust and caring.

Topics we have covered this past year are: Expressions of Love; Using our Time; Managing Conflict; Understanding How Friendships with Others affect the Partnership; Communicating Based on How Our

Parents Communicated; Money and Financial Decision-Making; Discussing Retirement and End of Life Decisions. Our September 2012 topic is Our Partnership Strengths.

For more information, please contact Karen Pell at rise of Meeting for Worship, call [443-319-5327](tel:443-319-5327), or email kpell851@comcast.net.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE AND VIGIL

Annapolis Friends Meeting will hold its tenth annual International Day of Peace vigil on Friday, September 21, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the main Meeting Room. This year's IDP Vigil will begin with a welcome and light refreshments.

At 8 p.m. our Peace Panel presenters, from the Peace and Social Concerns Committee, will share some of AFM's current peace actions, including an overview of our new Peace Minute, an update on the work being done in the Alternative to Violence program, and current work of the Peace and Justice Center.

There will then be a period of small group response to queries, where others may have the opportunity to share their reflections on peace and peace actions or leadings.

Following this period of sharing, there will be a half hour of silent worship in the manner of Friends.

BYM THINKING ABOUT RACE GROUP

From "Open City: A Novel" by Teju Cole, 2012, p, 251-252

Here, the narrator is attending a concert at Carnegie Hall: "Again the oboist played an A, and this time the woodwinds tuned, and they were joined by a flurry of strings. At last a signal came from the stage, and a hush fell on the hall. Almost everyone, as almost always at such concerts, was white. It is something I can't help noticing; I notice it each time, and try to see past it. Part of that is a quick, complex series of negotiations: chiding myself for even seeing it, lamenting the reminders of how divided our life still remains, being annoyed that these thoughts can be counted on to pass through my mind at some point in the evening. Most of the people around me were middle-aged or old. I am used to it, but it never ceases to surprise me how easy it is to leave the hybridity of the city, and enter into all-white spaces, the homogeneity of which, as far as I can tell, causes no discomfort to the whites in them.

"The only thing odd, to some of them, is seeing me, young and black, in my seat or at the concession stand. At times, standing in line for the bathroom during intermission, I get looks that make me feel like Ora Benga, the Mbuti man who was put on display in the Monkey House at the Bronx Zoo in 1906. I weary of such thoughts, but I am habituated to them. But Mahler's music is not white, or black, not old or young, and whether it is even specifically human, rather than in accord with more universal vibrations, is open to question. Simon Rattle, smiling, his curly hair bouncing, came onstage to applause. He acknowledged the orchestra, and then the lights dimmed further. The silence became total and, after a moment of anticipation, Rattle gave the downbeat, and the music began."

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Working Group on Racism meets most months on the third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net or Pat Schenck, pat.schenck@verizon.net.

Annapolis Friends will meet on Saturday, September 22, from 2 to 4 p.m. for a Deconstructing Racism discussion in our meetinghouse library. Our group is under the care of AFM Ministry and Worship

Committee. Friends get together every two or three 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 unaware racism, discern our individual and collective leadings for furthering equality and justice, and close in silent worship. Hope you can share in this discussion. Newcomers, seasoned Friends, and all in between are welcome!

Peace,
Jean

More information is available at www.understandingrace.org and <http://www.mnh.si.edu/exhibits/race>.

LIGHT HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENTS

RUN FOR SHELTER

The Light House is holding a Run for Shelter on September 30 at 7:30 a.m., and because one of the events is a half-marathon--not something to venture on without training--I am sending this along as an early notice (luckily, there's also a 4.2-mile fun race). The neighborhood is Quiet Waters/Hillsmere.

Details are here: <http://www.active.com/running/annapolis-md/annapolis-run-for-shelter-at-quiet-waters-park-2012> (Don't be misled by the url--this event replaces the very successful Ride for Shelter that was held for several years.)

Neither event is inexpensive, but the cause is very worthy. If 4.2 miles seems like a long way, please consider volunteering--we need help, and there is a contact listed on the web page. (Anyone who runs shorter distances but might like support to increase your mileage may contact Phil at pcaroom@gmail.com.)

Peace and happy running,
Peter

PUMPKIN PATCH

The Pumpkin Patch will be held through October 31 at its usual location, St. Martin's Lutheran Church at the corner of Spa Road and Hilltop. Our Meeting will staff the patch on Wednesday, October 17.

I am a couple months away from looking for volunteers, but the reason I am sending this now is that the organizers are asking local congregations to donate handmade crafts to be sold at the Pumpkin Patch. Some examples are knitted items, jewelry, fall-themed decorative items, and painted photo boxes.

If you are interested in donating items to be sold at the Pumpkin Patch, or if you have questions, please contact the organizer Christy Sample, at christy.sample@gmail.com or 410-897-2478.

Thank you,
Peter

DAYSRING SILENT RETREAT

FOR BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS (October 5 - 8, 2012)

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body: nourishment and refreshment. (William Penn)

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Silent Retreat at Dayspring for Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Monday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation in meadows and woods, reading, walking, resting, praying, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice.

WHERE: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20876 (301-916-1131).

FACILITATOR: Jean C., Member of Annapolis Friends Meeting

ARRIVAL: 3:30 -7:00 p.m. Friday. (Dinner at 7 p.m.) DEPARTURE: 2 p.m. Monday.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Individual room in the Inn with Bible, bed, desk, sink, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth. Nine vegetarian meals in the Lodge dining room. Gatherings in the Yoke Room for community worship and shared solitude by the fireplace. 200 acres for roaming.

COST: \$290

REGISTRATION : Deadline September 28 (if not filled earlier). Minimum number is nine participants. Maximum is 18. Friends will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received.

BRING: Toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes, and a flashlight. Long socks and hats are recommended to deter ticks.

QUESTIONS? Call Jean C. at 410-544-1912 or e-mail jschristianson@gmail.com.

DIRECTIONS: From I-270 take the Damascus exit (#15-A), Route 118 to the north. Go 8/10 of a mile on Route 118 to MD Route 355. Turn left on MD Route 355 and go a VERY SHORT block. Turn right on Neelsville Church Rd. Continue 6/10 of a mile on Neelsville Church Rd. to Dayspring Retreat Center. OR From I-70 take Route 27 south at Mount Airy. It will merge into 355 (Frederick Rd.) continuing south. Turn left onto Neelsville Church Rd. (just before reaching Route 118) and follow directions above.

The emergency telephone number for Dayspring is 301-916-1131.

Make check for \$290 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and send with registration form to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122 (410-544-1912).

Name(s) _____ Meeting _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Special Needs _____

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

AUGUST 5, 2012

Present were: Elise A. (Clerk), Phyllis S. (Recording Clerk), with 21 other Friends and attenders. Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Request for Membership Transfer from Christina Connell: The clerk read aloud the letter from Christina Connell requesting transfer of membership. ACTION: AFM remembers Christina Connell fondly and approves her request for transfer of membership from Annapolis Friends Meeting to Salem Monthly Meeting (North Carolina). She will be a welcomed presence in her new community. We hold her in the light as she continues her journey.

Stewardship and Finance Committee (Karen C. reporting 2013 budget process): S&F invites everyone at AFM to participate in the 2013 budget process and anticipates the following timeline.

August: Committees develop budget requests and submit to S&F by September 12

September: S&F drafts a balanced budget based on committee requests and anticipated income

October: S&F presents draft budget to business meeting; Committees discuss and give feedback to S&F

October 28: S&F sponsors a meeting for learning at the rise of meeting on the stewardship of AFM's resources and the draft 2013 budget

November: S&F revises budget based on feedback from committees and individuals

December: S&F presents revised budget to business meeting for approval

Please contact a S&F committee member (Karen C., Sky E., Carol K., Barb T.) or our Treasurer (Joel R.) with questions, comments, or concerns we should address at the Meeting for Learning in October. Please contact members of S&F with any questions or comments about the budget process.

Quarterly Meeting Report (Jennifer D.M.): The Monthly Meetings at QM were in unity supporting the declaration of support for marriage equality. Monthly Meetings are asked to consider what else we may be doing to support marriage equality in light of the referendum in November.

Sandy Spring has approved a minute on Friends Fiduciary Corporation Investments Relating to Israel/Palestine. Monthly Meetings are asked to consider their support for this minute as well as consider the Palestine/Israel issue in broad terms. S&F and P&SC will consider this issue.

The next QM will be at Sandy Spring in September, and AFM will host QM March 2013. The full report will appear as an attachment in the book of MfB minutes and in the newsletter.

Peace and Social Concerns (Phil F. reporting a Traveling Minute for Harold S.): During the P&SC Committee meeting of July 15, Harold explained his leading to raise the issue that American taxpayers are forcibly complicit in paying for war and to seek accommodation from our lawmakers. The committee took the following actions:

1. United in acknowledging Harold's leading as genuine;

2. Edited a petition for Harold to use in his ministry and approved the following statement:

“We are taxpayers in good standing who suffer because we are deprived of our rights of freedom of conscience, our deep moral convictions, and our freedom of religion. Our suffering is caused by forced complicity in the present Federal Tax System which forces us to pay for war. We respectfully seek redress for our profound grievance, and we petition the United States Congress for immediate action to pass a law establishing a peace tax fund.”

3. Agreed to assist Harold in: (a) requesting a letter from the Clerk of AFM to introduce Harold as a Friend traveling in the ministry; and (b) requesting approval of the letter at an upcoming Meeting for Business;

4. Encouraged Harold, with guidance from AFM, to pursue openings for the dissemination of the petition;

5. Noted, with appreciation, the offer by the Treasurer of AFM, to account for donations that Harold expects to receive in pursuing his ministry;

6. Recognized Harold will not request monetary support from AFM for his ministry.

The traveling minute for Harold reads as follows:

Harold Saunders, a beloved member of Annapolis Friends Meeting, of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, has opened to us his leading to travel and to disseminate information in support of his concern for the right to freedom of conscience.

Harold's concern is that we are all forcibly complicit in paying for war through our taxes and he is seeking accommodation from our lawmakers. He proposes that citizens be released from this forced complicity in paying for war and that taxpayers be given the legal right to direct our taxes toward peace.

Annapolis Friends Meeting unites with Harold's leading. We trust that you will benefit, as we have, from his insights and his faith. We commend him to your care and hospitality.

Approved and minuted at the Annapolis Friends Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business held on August 5, 2012. ACTION: Meeting approves the traveling minute for Harold S., with the exception of one member who is standing aside requesting more research. P&SC and S&F will unite to form a committee for oversight of the funds received for Harold's travel. Members and attenders of AFM are under no obligation to fund Harold's ministry or sign his petition.

Ministry and Worship Committee (Tricia R. reporting):

1. MfB approval of service dogs in Meeting: Religious organizations are exempt from meeting requirements of the Americans with Disability Act. AFM has honored all ADA provisions. Ministry & Worship is asking Meeting for Business to officially approve the AFM practice of permitting service dogs in Meeting for Worship and the Meeting House. ACTION: AFM welcomes service and emotional support animals as required for members and attenders to fully participate in the life of the Meeting. Anyone with questions or difficulties is asked to contact the Ministry and Worship Committee.

2. Update on Ann Riggs ministry and a request for support: Molly Finch presenting a report (also see notebook with photos and journal entries in AFM Library) on her experiences at Friends Theological Seminary this summer. Ann is very dedicated and highly regarded in her work at FTS. There are many funding issues. Ann is working very hard on accreditation for more of FTS activities.

After considering the report from the Committee to Support Ann Riggs Ministry, M&W is requesting Meeting for Business to approve a donation of \$600. Ann's accomplishments as Principal of FTC are outstanding. Knowing Ann, we are not surprised at her success, even given the many difficulties facing a small institution in Kenya, Africa.

Ann Riggs is a Released Friend of the BYM and a sojourning member of AFM. The Committee to Support Ann Riggs Ministry is under the care of M&W. Ann Riggs Ministry donation can be taken from the M&W budget. FUM has not been in a position to fund the salary of their principals in any of their world ministries for the past two years. Ann has not received any salary for the years of 2011 or 2012. It is urgent that financial support be given at this time. M&W is asking the Meeting to help continue a successful ministry that with very little money is changing lives.

M&W is encouraged to approach S&F and come back to the next MfB with this issue.

Closing: These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elise A., Clerk, and Phyllis S., Recording Clerk

MfB attachment--Report from Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting June 10 at Little Falls (Jennifer D.M. reporting):

DECLARATION OF RELIGIOUS SUPPORT MARYLAND MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Meetings that were not able to discuss this item prior to Quarterly Meeting were asked to have their Monthly Meeting consider their support. It seems all Monthly Meetings present are in unity on marriage equality. In addition to supporting the petition, what else might we be doing in the face of the coming referendum? Responses will be reported to Quarterly Meeting.

MINUTE ON FRIENDS FIDUCIARY CORPORATION INVESTMENTS RELATING TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE

On May 6, 2012, Sandy Spring Friends Meeting approved the following: Our Meeting has a significant portion of its reserves invested in Friends Fiduciary's Consolidated Fund. We appreciate that in deciding on investments for the Consolidated Fund, Friends Fiduciary Corporation is guided by its principles of Socially Responsible Investing. Consistent with these principles, the Meeting asks Friends Fiduciary to divest from companies that support and profit from violence of any kind in the Israeli Palestinian conflict. (For purposes of identifying such companies we recommend the American Friends Service Committee document "Companies Violating AFSC's Israel-Palestine Investment Screen" at <http://www.afsc.org/document/israel-palestine-no-buy-list>.)

Quarterly Meeting did not feel we were able to make this decision as a Quarter due to the lack of time. Monthly Meetings were able to give this item as well as questions about the need for the Quarter to make such a stance given that we as a Quarter do not invest. Monthly Meetings are asked to discuss this topic. I propose to refer this to Peace and Social Concern for their further consideration. Additionally, our reps to BYM currently at Annual Session may have more to report. Sandy Spring's Peace Committee will be proposing/has proposed (?) a similar minute for consideration by Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The P&SC committee gave a report suggesting they hope to look at the Palestinian issue in much broader terms than divestment alone. Annapolis Friends Meeting however, sponsored, via the Peace and Justice Center, a

community workshop on July 27 about public issues in the Middle East, including divestment. The workshop was well attended by Annapolis Friends and the general public, with about 25 people participating. Our speakers were Mike Merryman-Lotze (Israel-Palestine Program Director, American Friends Service Committee) and Shelly Cohen Fudge (Chapter Coordinator, Jewish Voice for Peace, DC Metro Chapter).

Thank you to Phil Favero for sharing information about what Annapolis Friends Meeting has already done! Next Quarterly Meetings: Sandy Spring (September 23) and Annapolis (March 10).

REPORT ON SUMMER 2012 BYM ANNUAL SESSIONS

By Pat S.

Karen C., Kit H., Lee L., Pat S., and Barb T. attended BYM annual sessions this year. The theme was "Spirit-Led Social Action."

The new Faith and Practice is near completion after ten years of work. At this point, the F&P committee will still accept comments, but we were told not to expect any more major changes, as there have been many opportunities for input. (The latest version is in the AFM library.)

Two new monthly meetings were welcomed into the Yearly Meeting: Mattaponi MM in Virginia and Shepherdstown MM in West Virginia.

The ad hoc Intervisitation Committee that has been visiting FUM yearly meetings was laid down and then reconstituted as a regular committee.

The YM passed a minute brought by the Indian Affairs Committee repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. (This papal bull of the 15th century gave explorers permission "to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, and subdue" all non-Christians, take their possessions, and "reduce their persons to perpetual slavery" [from Wikipedia]. American law that allowed settlers to take over Indian lands was based on this legal precedent.)

Although the YM had already agreed to pay the previously withheld dues to FUM, there was some reluctance on the part of two people to approve the 2013 budget because of the inclusion of payment toward that debt and because of the extent to which the FGC contribution has been slashed. That session took over an hour, at the end of which the agenda projected at the front of the room came down, then went up again with the added item, "A Very Important Weighty Matter." As the clerk pretended amazement and confusion about this addition, about 30 Young Friends entered the room as the rock music "Twist and Shout" was blasted into the room, and soon the entire YM was dancing. It was just the break everyone needed!

Riley Robinson gave a very heartfelt description of a difficult time he had just been through and how he had been helped by loving people. He was showing us what a loving community looks like.

In the next year, Peace and Social Concerns committee will focus on Israel and Palestine. As they meet with monthly meetings, they find that there is usually agreement that the occupation of the West Bank is wrong, but they don't always find agreement on divestment. They ask that monthly meetings join them in dialogue.

Diane Randall, the new general secretary of FCNL, gave the Carey Memorial Lecture. She reminded us that we are to love God and love our neighbors. She suggested that that includes people in political power,

and that the neighbors of FCNL are the members of Congress. She asked us to hold FCNL in the Light as they attempt to influence Congress toward more peaceful and compassionate legislation. Two other plenary sessions were a panel discussing on spirit-led social action and a session led by Linda Garrettson, recently retired director of Catoctin Quaker Camp, on the BYM camping program.

There were many workshops and interest groups to choose from and interesting people to talk with over meals. The “Produce Department” (I have no idea where the title comes from) and the coffee house (talent show) brought together Friends of all ages.

Friends were again encouraged to include BYM among the organizations to which they make monetary contributions.

LIBRARY CORNER

“Lucretia Mott's Heresy: Abolition and Women's Rights in Nineteenth-Century America” by Carol Faulkner

Reviewed by Phyllis S.

Lucretia Mott was a force in the abolitionist and women's rights movements, believing that there is that of God in all. Her pacifism required action rather than quiet in the face of injustice. She preached, taught, wrote, and acted in support of her beliefs.

This engrossing, well written, and thoroughly researched book illustrates Lucretia Mott's life and work within and against her time. Her life was her message. As a reaction to slavery, she and her husband (as well as other abolitionists) refused to buy, sell, or use products of slavery. When she and others at anti-slavery meetings were threatened by mobs, she bravely and nonviolently helped her black woman colleagues to safety. Lucretia Mott refused to choose women's rights over abolition, seeing them as two sides of the same issue. She defied social norms and religious traditions in declaring and living her beliefs.

You can find this biography of Lucretia Mott by Carol Faulkner in the Biography section of our library.

QUAKER QUOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

Love was the first motion, and then a concern arose to spend some time with the Indians, that I might feel and understand their life, and the Spirit they live in, if haply I might receive some instruction from them, or they be in any degree helped forward by my following the leadings of Truth amongst them. And as it pleased the Lord to make way for my going at a time when the troubles of war were increasing and when by reason of much wet weather traveling was more difficult than usual at that season, I looked upon it as a more favorable opportunity to season my mind, and bring me into a nearer sympathy with them. And as mine eye was to the great Father of Mercies, humbly desiring to learn what his will was concerning me, I was made quiet and content. (John Woolman, 1763)

For God has not given us the spirit of fear but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1: 7)

We were born to make manifest the glory of God within us. It is not just in some of us, it is in everyone and as we let our own light shine we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear our presence automatically liberates others. (Nelson Mandela)

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)

In describing the concern that led him to visit the Indians, John Woolman wrote, "Love was the first motion." Love of our fellow man is more fundamental than international influence or economics or even the preservation of our nation. For 300 years Quakers sensitive to the spirit have endeavored to express a love that knows no limits of race or creed or nation. When motivated by this power, they have testified by word and deed to the dignity of all men everywhere. (Frank S. Loescher, The First Motion)

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by September 23.
- Phil Caroom is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to him at 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; Discuss List: discuss@annapolis.quaker.org

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