

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER — May 2013

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
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- Meditation study group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the main meeting room (except on May 1)
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20th of the month

MAY 5: 9 a.m. Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 1 p.m. Potluck lunch

MAY 12: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

MAY 19: 9 a.m. Committee Meetings; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

MAY 26: 8 a.m. Early Meeting for Workshop; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Stewardship and Finance

QUERIES FOR FIFTH MONTH: PERSONAL WAY OF LIFE

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? So you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways? (Faith and Practice, p. 39)

SPRING MARKET UPDATES

Dear Friends,

Spring Market Day will be here before we know it. Please join us on Saturday, May 4, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to eat, chat, and shop! The Market Committee has been hard at work planning for the Market. There are many ways in which you can help, depending on your interests and availability:

- **DONATIONS**

Start thinking about which items you want to donate to market as we simplify our lives and raise money for good causes (FAIR Girls to combat human trafficking, No Kid Hungry to fight childhood hunger, and AFM Peace & Justice Center's support of an October meeting on Middle East peace). Items can be brought to meeting through Friday, May 4. If the building is locked, please leave items on the porch, and volunteers will bring them inside for sorting. Tax receipts are available for donations.

- **PLANTS**

Divide and pot up any perennial plants you want to donate. If Friends have extra plastic pots (or large yogurt containers), maybe they could leave them on the front porch this first day or next for

gardeners in need. We should have lots of great plants this year, including tomatoes from Phil Caroom, and epiphyllums and orchids from some friends of the Meeting. We will send a later email with a list of available plants, if Friends who are donating plants could let me know what they will be bringing. Please bring plants on the day of the market.

- SORTING

Help sort donations at the meetinghouse any evening starting Monday, April 29. We will have labels set up in the hallway so sorters will know where to put items of different categories.

- SET-UP

We will be setting up the tents, tables, and donations on Friday, May 3, from 4 to 8 p.m., and could use some strong bodies and good organizers. We will undoubtedly be finishing set-up on market morning, starting at 8 a.m. Sign up for this and other tasks on the clipboard at circle or by responding to this email.

- FOOD DONATIONS

Baked goods are always appreciated, and this year we are also experimenting with offering salads to accompany the Quaker Dude's delectable grilled items. If you would like to donate a salad, please let us know what you would like to bring, and whether it needs to be refrigerated. If you would like to help with grilling, please let Karl Richmond know (ksrichmond@verizon.net).

- JEWELGIRLS JEWELRY

We are very excited that folks from FAIR Girls have accepted our invitation to participate in the Market, and will be bringing educational materials plus handmade jewelry created in their JewelGirls programs in DC, Serbia, and Uganda. JewelGirls is their economic empowerment and therapeutic arts program, which you can check out at <http://fairgirls.org/page/jewelgirls>. Proceeds from jewelry sales will go directly to FAIR Girls to support the artists and the program. Please stop by their booth to learn more about their efforts to combat and treat human trafficking, and support FAIR Girls/JewelGirls by picking up some of their lovely handmade jewelry.

- CLEAN-UP

We get a head start on clean-up at 1 p.m., and aim to end by 3 p.m. Many hands make light work.

Many thanks in advance to our community, as we work and gather together to simplify our lives, celebrate community, and raise money for and awareness of three great causes!

With peace and thoughts of spring,
Cairn

AFM DECONSTRUCTING RACISM DISCUSSION

Deconstructing Racism Discussion will take place Saturday, June 8, 2 to 4 p.m. in the meetinghouse library. Our group is under the care of AFM Ministry and Worship Committee. Friends gather 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 unaware racism, discern our individual and collective leadings for furthering equality and justice, and close in silent worship. Hope you can share in this exchange. All are welcome!

Peace,
Jean

DAYSRING SILENT RETREAT: June 14 - 16, 2013

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body: nourishment and refreshment. (William Penn, 1699)

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

SPONSOR: Annapolis Friends Meeting FACILITATOR: Jean Christianson

WHERE: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20876

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

BRING: Toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes, and a flashlight.

MEALS: Vegetarian meals are prepared by a Dayspring cook. Friends share final preparation, set-up and clean-up.

COST: \$210. The fee covers a single room, 6 vegetarian meals, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth, meadows, ponds, woods, wildlife.....

REGISTRATION: Deadline is June 7 (or when full). Minimum number is 9 participants. Maximum is 18. Friends will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received.

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

REGISTRATION

Make check for \$210 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and give or mail to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122, with this completed form. Your check will guarantee your spot. Checks will be deposited after the retreat.

Name(s): _____ Meeting: _____

Address: _____ Phone(s) _____

Email: _____

TEACHING PEACE INITIATIVE

Dear Friends:

The Teaching Peace Initiative, formed and driven by a group of high school students who participated in the 9/11 Ten Year Anniversary Event provided by our Meeting, have produced a video about their origins, actions, and philosophy. The video is available on YouTube at "Teaching Peace Initiative."

These young people are truly inspiring.

Phil

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS MINUTES

SEVENTH DAY OF THE FOURTH MONTH, 2013

Present were: Elise Albert (Clerk), Phyllis Singer (Recording Clerk), Bethanne Albert Bruninga, Martha Baer, Mary Barbera, Carl Benson, Kimberly Benson, Phil Caroom, Karen Cunnyngnam, Jennifer

DeLorge McKeown, Pat Else, Sky Elsbree, Phil Favero, Kim Finch, Kit Hanley, Lynada Johnson, Wes Jordan, Bill Kinzer, Carol Kinzer, Careen Mayer, Sue Podolin, Tricia Robinson, Pat Schenck, Barbara Thomas, and Joanna Tobin.

Our Meeting began with centering worship.

Luce Creek Cleanup – Careen Mayer presented a lively report about yesterday's creek cleanup. Other organizations that worked with AFM include the Severne River Association, the Midshipmen Action Group, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis, and the Unitarian Universalist Church. The clean-up was conducted almost on the 20th anniversary of AFM's Meetinghouse. Some AFM members can remember the draft horses used to help pull out large trash (tires, pipes, etc.) 20 years ago. More than 55 midshipmen and women cleaned the ravine 20 years later, but in a faster manner.

West River Burial (Burying) Ground –Phil Caroom, as AFM representative to West River Quaker Burying Ground (WRQBG) Board of Trustees, relayed the Board's request for AFM to permit WRQBG to use AFM Meeting House for its mail and phone voicemail. Our contact information will appear on the sign at the Burying Ground. WRQBG does not expect many contacts and these would be related to AFM's WRQBG representative for transmittal for action with the other Trustees. Soon all sites at WRQBG will be filled and the WRQBG will become a historical site.

Currently WRQBG is a responsibility of Quarterly Meeting. WRQBG has a trust fund to pay for maintenance, and there is a yearly cleanup of the burying ground.
ACTION: AFM embraces the suggestion that AFM will be the contact listed on the sign at the WRQBG. AFM also offers to have an informational link on the AFM website for the Burying Ground.

Friends Peace Team – Martha Baer and Barbara Thomas presented comments from their travel minute. When they made stops as a Friends Peace Team, community leaders attached comments to their minute.

Most communities expressed gratitude for Friends Peace Team support and assistance in peace training. The community that decided not to hold a workshop expressed its gratitude that the team listened to the community and respected its decision. The comments will be attached in the book of MfB minutes.

AFSC report – presented by Bethanne Albert-Bruninga. During opening worship on the last day, a Corporation member summed up the group's impression of AFSC's work over the past year: "When we hear the stories, we will not cover our ears. We will practice justice, and we will speak truth." Through its national and international programs, AFSC continues to bear witness to the problems of our time. Please check the AFSC website (<http://www.afsc.org/>) for updates on MANY exciting programs!

AFSC is doing well financially. Approximately 76% of last year's budget came from individual donations and gifts. They have begun pursuing grants to fund some of their long-term, established projects with the goal of devoting donations and gifts to the "heart work" of the organization, restorative and healing justice. In order to be more competitive in applying for grants, AFSC asks supporters to please consider setting up a small monthly automatic donation (please sign up on the give page: <http://www.afsc.org/give>). AFSC is indebted to Friends for their support and seeks opportunities to share their work with monthly and yearly Meetings.

Ministry and Worship Committee - Kim Fjnch presented the Spiritual State of the Meeting report, which appears in the Newsletter and as an attachment in the book of MfB minutes. Kim read the summary.

ACTION: AFM embraces the 2012 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report presented by M&W and approves submitting the report to BYM.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee – Carl Benson presented a request to create an ad hoc committee to move forward on Will Candler's leading to write a new minute on climate change. Phil Favero and Carl Benson are available and willing to co clerk the ad hoc committee. Several Friends have expressed interest in participating.

ACTION: AFM approves the creation of an ad hoc committee to write a new minute on climate change.

P&SC also presented the revised FCNL commentary for approval, together with the late suggestion to introduce Quaker Process and mediation to Congress. The revised commentary will appear in the Newsletter and as an attachment in the book of MfB minutes.

ACTION: Friends approve the revised FCNL commentary, with the deletion of references to nuclear energy and the addition of the suggestion to introduce discernment and mediation to Congress.

Peace and Justice Center - Phil Favero presented a request for the Geneva Initiative project fundraiser. P&JC handed out a sheet describing activities and a budget for the project (partnering with the Geneva Initiative for the October 2013 Geneva Initiative 10th Anniversary Project). The proposed activities and budget appear in the Newsletter and as attachment in the book of MfB minutes.

ACTION: Annapolis Friends Meeting approves an effort by the Peace and Justice Center to raise funds for the Geneva Initiative 10th Anniversary Project.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Elise Albert, Clerk, and Phyllis Singer, Recording Clerk

MfB Attachment
Annapolis Friends Meeting

Translated Responses to Travel Minute for
Barbara Thomas, Martha Baer & Harriett Nettles
(approved and minuted 1st month 6, 2013)

Thank you for your visit to our village by Barbara Thomas, Martha Baer & Harriett Nettles, who were loyal to their calling to listen to the perceptions of our village leaders here (in Darul Aman) and who shared their energy & enthusiasm with their friends here.

Peace.
Mutariah and Zaini, Seuneuddon, North Aceh

Thank you so much for the visit from Barbara Thomas, Martha Baer and Harriett Nettles. They shared so many important experiences in how to build peaceful communities.

In love,
Petrus & Nanik, Peace Place, Pati, Central Java

Thank you for the support and attention received from Barbara Thomas, Martha Baer and Harriett Nettles. Their support to the AVP Aceh team to continue always to bring encouragement for peace in Aceh.

In Peace,
AVP Aceh Team (Kristina, Bowo & Fau), Langsa, East Aceh

In the name of Mislan's family and the teachers of the New Sprouts Preschool, we are very grateful to the Friends, Barbara Thomas, Martha & Harriett, because of their presence we feel so helped, even though we do not share a language we are certain they have so many experiences about how to create peace, so we can share endlessly and as long as the sun shines we will continue to pursue peace that we have dreamed of for so long. Please do not forget us here in Indonesia and our warmest greetings to all the Friends that are outside our nation.

Until we meet again, all my respects,
Mislan, Barak Induk, North Sumatra

Attachment MfB
DRAFT APRIL 7, 2013
Annapolis Monthly Meeting
Spiritual State of the Meeting 2012

Annapolis Friends Meeting held a worship sharing on the first First Day of the Second Month, 2013 on queries suggested by Baltimore Yearly Meeting for our annual Spiritual State of the Meeting Report, and gathered other input from within the meeting community about concerns which we find a useful tool in assessing our past year.

SPIRIT IN MEETING AND IN THE MEETING COMMUNITY

How does the Spirit prosper among you? What supports the life of the Spirit in your meeting community? What challenges and troubles are you facing? In what ways is the Meeting less than you would wish it to be? How can you learn to accept seekers in your meeting with different concepts of God and find ways to help them on their spiritual journey? How does your Meeting ensure that ministry is nurtured, and that members and attenders feel valued and cared for?

The Prospering of the Spirit: In response to recent Meetings for Learning about the proposed revisions to Faith and Practice, Friends asked with an active voice: "How does the Spirit prosper among US?" We are responsible for prospering the spirit. The world is large; but spirit moves within the individual, and looks for local support.

The Quality of the Silence: Participants spoke about Meeting as a space for deep listening. The Spirit prospers among us when the mind is subdued, so the spirit and mind can rise up together. Opportunities for Worship: The range of worship opportunities which have arisen continues to strengthen. The bimonthly early meeting for worship continues among a committed group and may further evolve as a weekly Meeting. Weekly sessions of Midweek Mindfulness have provided nurture as a spiritual discipline.

Response and Support for Personal Leadings: Past personal leadings continued, and others have found new leadings on their spiritual journey. Both were supported by the Meeting both spiritually and financially.

In order to appropriately "tend, cultivate and grow" personal leadings, Guidelines for Support of Individual Ministries are being developed, and a line item will be added to the budget for financial Ministry Support. We look for way to open toward assistance and support for others in their leadings.

A Friend expressed thanks for support with her long term personal leading, which she described as "a huge kindness" which had brought her peace and a feeling of being connected.

Nurturing Spiritual Growth: Attenders were grateful for their experiences of finding support and nurture within the community for their personal spiritual journeys and challenges. We remember that while everyone is seeking, the experience is unique for each of us.

A member said that within Meeting she found "no sense of competition"; there was no need to compare her to others. She could give back what she could, when she could; there was non-judgmental acceptance; gifts were respected; and needs were supported and honored.

Quakers may be seen as different, but as individuals we can walk together and support one another. Gratitude was expressed to the community for the generosity and acceptance we share as we struggle together to walk a spiritual path.

Holding in the Light: After exploring various approaches to holding individuals and concerns in the light during 2011, Meeting adopted a practice of asking for the names of individuals to be placed into our worshipful circle near the end of meeting. Attenders have welcomed the opportunity to bring forth names and hold individuals in the light, and have embraced opportunities to do so.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business: We are grateful for Meetings for Business which are skillfully facilitated by our clerk, and the progress we have made in divining what matters to bring to "Business Meeting" and those which will require more seasoning. We continue to learn how to use our committee structure more effectively. Silence is a frequent and appreciated tool in the decision-making process, which allows the Divine voice to be heard.

Welcoming Newcomers: We are pleased to see new faces and returning faces present on First Day. A guest said they felt comfortable saying "our Meeting." A visitor said that at our meeting she felt welcomed by like minds, as well as for her differences, and embraced by the fact that all present were present for seeking, supporting each other in the silence, and to enlighten themselves

Balancing the Work of Meeting within the Community: In dividing the requirements of the community, the hardest task is how the Meeting and committees can structure work so that each individual is invited and engaged in tasks suited to their time, life situation and skills. Friends are reminded of the significance small tasks can have, especially on a one to one level; they can mean a lot. Individuals expressed gratitude for specific kindnesses and support they were provided by the community through personal challenges.

A member indicated that as a recent retiree, she initially took on too much and burned out before learning her personal limits. Another attendee indicated that when she first visited another meeting as a young mother, there were expectations that she would be involved in so many things, that she was put off. Friends are reminded that we are here to support retirees and young families, and to engage them in additional activities as they are lead and able. We need to limit our expectations on young families to encourage continued attendance with their children.

Work often falls to the retirees of the meeting, which may be a natural reciprocal relation for past support from the meeting, but may become burdensome to other personal interests. A concern is helping people to let go or lay down work tasks, either necessary to self-assigned, to allow others to pick them up.

Opportunities to Build Community and Interpersonal Relationships: The Meeting continues to offer a "bountiful buffet" of community building groups from which to feast, which include: a Spiritual Friendship group; a Poetry gathering; Midweek Mindfulness; Quaker Dudes; opportunities to study together in Meeting for Learning; outside speakers and workshops; a Deconstructing Racism group; the Alternative to Violence Program; involvement with the Peace and Justice Center; Friendly Eights dinners; monthly potlucks; a couples group; and our two annual fundraising markets.

A member spoke of how touched she was by the intimate relationship she has developed in this community. Yet attendees still ask to "know each other better." The challenge is finding the time to know each other well on a personal and a spiritual basis.

Attention to Young Friends: We have a vibrant community of young families, which are both a gift and a challenge. A dedicated committee supports our First Day School and intergenerational activities. Others willingly take on the challenge of our younger Friends as the future of Quakerism. A parent stated:

". . . For children there is something very critical in finding a place where spirit is at the core. Children are in a different kind of pressure cooker right now. These are our children, and the meeting community is an extended spiritual family. We are sowing seeds which are being planted for a life joyfully lived . . . this in turn brings joy, bringing spirit into the world at large, and provides a counterpoint to the pain in the world . . . (and) a boundless resource for our children.

Life of the Community: Attendees found that meeting provided a source for personal thoughtfulness which was an antidote and alternative to the outside world.

Opportunities for Learning within the Meeting Community: A variety of learning opportunities allow us to support each other in learning outside of silence, and then bring these lessons into the silence. Opportunities to study together through meetings for learning were found to be valuable.

APPEARANCE AND ACTIONS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LARGER WORLD:

How can you bring that of God of peace into political or other difficult conversations?

Visibility in the World: A member stated that when she first began attending meeting, she felt people in Quaker meeting were living their beliefs of peace, integrity, equality, simplicity. She was grateful that we are connected more than one hour a week through many activities

Carrying Spirit into the World: If a core Quaker value is to help each individual find their personal ministry, people with spiritual journeys which are not the same as ours are our target group. How can we engage in other people's lives and, when having difficult conversation, understand where they are "coming from."

SUMMARY: We found two strong messages expressed within the Meeting on our Spiritual State.

The first: There is much kindness and generosity in this community.

Our 2011 Spiritual State of the Meeting Report called attention to the need to be tender with each other, and loving within our own faith community.

"Let love be the first motion, and let us be loving with each other in the small ways . . . this may become an extra challenge as our community grows, but something we can surely continue to grow in. We must treat each other tenderly."

This year, a new member of our community recorded our worship and shared this insight:

"What stood out for me in all the comments (expressed at worship sharing) is the fact that people in Annapolis Meeting understand the meaning of being in a Quaker community and are deeply grateful for being part of it."

In the past year we have grown as loving individuals and as a loving community, and we are grateful for the spiritual touchstone which Meeting provides.

The second message is one of optimism for the future of Quakerism. We are often inspired to know that God is at work in us and our community and it gives us hope for the future. A member spoke about how small ideas have sprouted, grown and flourished under the care of the Meeting over time, through the variety of meetings for business, learning, worship, committees and worship sharing.

We are "living our beliefs;" we are connected through many structures in addition to Meeting for worship, so we are together even when we are not here in the building. There is a larger sense of the world and our part in it. There is a universe of awareness which maintains a large view of the world and the possibility of long-term progress in God's leadings based on patient and persistent action.

Through struggles, and differences of opinion, we see, hear and feel God's love reflected.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Finch and Patricia Robinson, Co-Clerks
Ministry and Worship Committee
Annapolis Friends Meeting

APPENDICES

Spiritual State of the Library Committee, January 13, 2013

Library Committee is happy to provide a source for spiritual enrichment of the members and attenders of Annapolis Friends Meeting. We continue to search for new ways to draw attention to the library and increase its usage. In 2012 we culled the books to remove underused, outdated or damaged books. We were able to purchase many new books with recommendations by Friends and Friends Journal. The catalog is maintained as the books are processed so that Friends may look immediately for a certain book. Each month a review of a book, CD or pamphlet is put in the newsletter. We are looking forward to 2013 even though we are now a small committee of four. We are looking into making the library a more comfortable place to browse. We hope to provide better displays of pamphlets, CDs, and Videos and to bring in an outside author to spark interest.

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING COMMENTARY ON THE UPCOMING 2013 REVISION TO FRIENDS
COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION 2003 POLICY STATEMENT
APRIL 7, 2013

We recognize that you are receiving and reviewing hundreds of comments by Friend Meetings. We do not presume to have unique insights or issues that ought to be addressed. Rather, we list the issues that have been the focus of our energies and commitment. We anticipate that in various forms, they will find prominence in your 2013 update.

We consider the 2003 FCNL Policy Statement generally to be a superior and widely relevant statement of Friends principles, not greatly constrained by the decade since elapsed, except for Iraq-Afghanistan war issues that have influenced the public narrative, forming an important agenda for specific comments and updates. Here are our legislative proposals:

- To advocate legislation confirming the governmental commitment not to practice torture; to stop the practice of secret rendition of enemy prisoners to third party countries; to bring transparency and accountability for the treatment of prisoners captured in wartime; to close the Guantanamo Bay prison and end this symbol of our huge governmental misdeeds; to end indefinite detention of prisoners and to foster fair and open trials of prisoners. We refer you the NCRAT policy statements addressing these issues.
- To advocate legislation defining an energy and conservation policy that will preserve and enhance our environment, our quality of life, our natural resources; to control carbon emissions in the environment and promote like initiatives particularly by the Republic of China and other emerging economies. We received and endorse the following proposed text from one of our Annapolis Friends:
 - "Global conflict and national instability arises from the inequitable natural distribution of environmental, water and energy resources. We affirm our commitment to reducing our human environmental footprint and restoring our natural ecosystems while reducing waste and pursuing alternative energy from renewable sources and reducing our dependence on dwindling fossil fuels."
- To advocate legislation that repeals the death penalty in the federal and state criminal laws, thereby bringing the United States in line with the European Community, Turkey, Mexico and a host of other countries.
- To advocate legislation or administrative actions that address prison solitary confinement as amounting to torture in circumstances of prolonged or unnecessary solitary confinement.
- To advocate gun control legislation, aimed at limiting and regulating private ownership of weapons to the maximum extent consistent with the Second Amendment to the Constitution.
- To support appropriate budgetary legislation aimed at greatly enhancing the role of the State Department in international affairs vis a vis the Defense Department.
- To support legislation aimed at basic study on developing options for using nonlethal measures by law enforcement authorities and military troops to further their missions to the maximum practicable extent.
- To revisit 2003 Policy Statements in areas where Christian/Friends principles do not resonate as a basis for positions taken—going outside the ranch, so to speak. For example the 2003 Statement at various places opposes increased use of nuclear energy as a public energy resource. Regardless of personal views, this is arguably relevant to the FCNL mission statement only to the extent safety issues are involved. Another example: "We believe it is impossible to improve the lives of all the peoples of the earth if the population continues to grow." The relevance of this is not evident. Still another example: "In general, ongoing federal programs and activities should be paid for with current revenues." This is an economic/political narrative, not a religious narrative; but consider: "Our way of life should be consistent with the renewable resources available."
- To propose legislation and administrative action reinforcing a commitment to using minimum force by military and police and stressing a priority to using non-lethal deterrence in lieu of guns and associated lethal weapons.
- To propose legislation and administrative actions as needed for our government to honor commitments to Iraqi/Afghanistan translators and others risking their lives for our military

forces with assurances they would have a haven in the United States—a timely opportunity to immigrate.

- To reflect, in proposed criminal legislation, our better understanding of how existing drug enforcement laws have the effect of mass incarceration of people of color.
- To reflect in proposed legislation that our society is growing more unequal, as measured by individual wealth and income disparities, leading to more political inequality.

This submission was approved by the Annapolis Friends Meeting at its meeting dated _____ with approximately _____ Friends in attendance.

Clerk

Attachment MfB

Proposed Activities & Budget for the October 2013 Geneva Initiative 10th Anniversary Project

ACTIVITIES

1. Make it possible for 4 representatives of the Geneva Initiative to be in Washington, DC, for three days to hold a press conference and to meet with decision makers.
2. Gather signatures of Americans on a letter of support for the Geneva Initiative & Accord.

BUDGET (estimated as of 4/4/2013)

Estimated Expenses			Anticipated Income Sources & Amount	
Hotel accommodations 3 days for 4 people	@ \$250/day	\$3,000	AFM Spring Market 25% of proceeds	\$500
Meals for 3 days for 4 people	@ \$100/day x 4 people = \$1,200	\$1,200	AVP workshop held at AFM 15 participants @ \$30 = \$450 less expenses of \$25 = \$425 net	\$425
(Assumes use of William Penn House for one meal and taxi fares as needed)				
Room rental Possibly the Nat'l. Press Club	\$1000 (w/ a \$150 discount). Requires \$500 deposit.	\$850	Direct donation solicitations: (1) with assistance of BYM's P&SCC; and (2) using list of donor's of the Geneva Accord Initiative of 2008	
(Possible contract with a social media consultant)	(\$500 to \$1,000)	(\$500 to \$1000)	P&JC's allocation of no more than ½ of its \$3,000 balance	Up to \$1,500
			AFM Committee Contingency Fund, as needed	
Total:		\$5,050 (\$5,550 TO 6,050)		

QUAKER QUOTES FOR MAY

We are called as peacemakers to deal with the violence and aggression within ourselves, to find ways of living in harmony with ourselves and neighbors. A simple lifestyle is useful in this connection, since the pursuit of excessive material wealth or power entails competition and exploitation of others. As John Woolman urged, "May we look upon our treasures, the furniture of our houses and our garments and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in our possessions." The development of inward peace is part of the process of making outward peace. (From BYM Faith and Practice, p. 32)

All the faithful are not called to the public ministry; but whoever are, are called to minister of that which they have tasted and handled spiritually. The outward modes of worship are various; but whenever any are true ministers of Jesus Christ, it is from the operation of his Spirit upon

their hearts, first purifying them and thus giving them a just sense of the conditions of others. This truth was early fixed in my mind and I was taught to watch the pure opening, and to take heed lest, while I was standing to speak, my own will should get uppermost, and cause me to utter words from worldly wisdom, and depart from the channel of the true gospel ministry. (John Woolman's Journal)

The individual Friend should lead a life rooted in an awareness of God's presence in all times and places. Although special times and locations may provide helpful reminders of the need for spiritual communion, they cannot take the place of turning daily to God for guidance. The foundation for all our personal life and social relations should be the consciousness of the Holy Spirit. (BYM Faith and Practice, p. 19)

Dwell in the life, and love, and power and wisdom of God, in unity one with another and with God; and the peace and wisdom of God fill all your hearts, that nothing may rule in you but the life, which stands in the Lord God. (George Fox)

HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th of the month.
- Beth Mayer is the editor of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to 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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