

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2016

MEETING SCHEDULE

- 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 the Meeting Calendar below and in Other Scheduled Items and Items of Note
- Early meeting for worship (weather permitting outdoors) at 8 a.m. on 2nd, 4th, and 5th First Days
- North County mid-week meeting: First Tuesday (November 1) from 7 to 8 p.m., at 7627 Locust Grove Road, Glen Burnie. Call 410-439-2319 for more information.
- The Meditation Study Group meets at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the meeting room
- NOTE: The deadline for submitting newsletter items is the 20th of the month (All committees and their reps, and all F/friends with leadings are welcome to submit items for inclusion).

MEETING CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

NOVEMBER 4: 7-9 p.m. Greater Annapolis Climate Stewards Movie Night

NOVEMBER 6: 9 a.m. Meeting for Business; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 6:30 p.m. William Penn House Potluck

NOVEMBER 9: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

NOVEMBER 10: 2:30 p.m. Spiritual Formation Group

NOVEMBER 13: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 9:15 a.m. Meeting for Learning; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Poetry Group & Writers Gathering

NOVEMBER 16: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

NOVEMBER 17: 7 p.m. Climate Stewards

NOVEMBER 20: 9:15 a.m. Committee Meetings; 10:30 a.m. Hymn Singing; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. Committees: CREC; 12:30 p.m. Potluck/possible children's program; 9 p.m. Newsletter Items Due

NOVEMBER 23: 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group

NOVEMBER 27: 8 a.m. Early Worship; 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship; 12:30 p.m. MPRm Potluck

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 3: Quaker Market

CARE OF THE MEETING HOUSE: Ministry and Worship Committee (Note: Peter T is assisting with mid-week check-in and reporting of any discrepancies found; Thank you Peter!)

QUERIES FOR NINTH MONTH: OUTREACH

Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

OTHER SCHEDULED ITEMS AND REPORTS (Expanded in paragraphs following; all events at AFM unless otherwise noted)

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Interfaith Peace-Building Panel: Sunday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Friends here is the November 6th pot luck & Dialogue information for the next 6:30 pm meeting at William Penn House in DC. I leave my house at 5PM, travel to New Carollton Metro, ride the metro to Eastern Mkt., and then walk a few blocks to East Capital Street. Anyone can travel with me if they arrive at my house by 4:50 pm. I usually return home by 10 pm. Francis W.

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Thinking About Race

Thinking About Race (November 2016)– FFAD Minute Regarding State Sanctioned Violence

“The Fellowship of Friends of African Descent [FFAD] is a 25-year-old Quaker organization that supports the spiritual nurture of Quakers of African descent and provides opportunities for sharing our concerns.

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“The problems of racism, militarism and violence that we face are rooted in the deeper, less recognized sicknesses of materialism and greed. From the slave trade and plantation economics of the American south to the terroristic subjugation of Jim Crow to the modern-day profits of miseducation and mass incarceration, racial stereotypes have been used to mask and justify the exploitation and denial of economic human rights to people of African descent. As a result, these communities are under-resourced, as is evidenced by the lack of jobs, healthcare, quality education and decent housing. In the absence of real opportunities for employment and economic self-sufficiency underground economies rise up in our communities to fill the gap. People in these economies are criminalized and prosecuted even though they are only seeking to provide enough resources to support their families. We realize that we cannot have a meaningful conversation about ending racial oppression without also addressing classism, joblessness and wealth inequality.

“In response to these realities, we, as Quakers and as people of African descent call for the following:

1. PEACEFORCE

2. PEACE CENTERS
3. COMMUNITY TRAINING
4. DISARMAMENT"

You may read the details of these four items and the full minute at www.fofad.org/2016-gathering.html. Click the "Minute Regarding State-Sanctioned Violence" link on that page.

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. 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 at pat.schenck3227@gmail.com.

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Friends Historical Association Annual Meeting: Saturday, November 12 at 12:45 p.m.

Dear Friends,

Due to our location, we have a unique opportunity to attend Friends Historical Association Events -- this one sound specifically unique, and I would personally relish attending this session on Friends and Native Americans at three important Friends locations. Plan to visit Philadelphia, from a Quaker Point of view. Also, view the international migrant crisis from the viewpoint of our internal native population historic migration.

If my calendar clears, I will be happy to be the driver to these interesting historic dives into Quaker history. Let me know if you are interested and I will be creating a smaller group to receive messages.

Kim F.

**Friends Historical Association Annual Meeting
Saturday, November 12 at Haverford College
(Please note change of date, location, and partnership.)
Lunch and Annual Meeting: 12:45-2:15 PM
"Quaker Indian Schools" 2:15-3:30 PM
In conjunction with 3-day conference**

Dear FHA member,

This fall, the Friends Historical Association's Annual Meeting will take place in conjunction with the three-day conference, "**Quakers, First Nations and American Indians from the 1650s to the 21st century,**" which will be held **Thursday, November 10** through **Saturday, November 12** at the University of Pennsylvania (Nov. 10), Bryn Mawr College (Nov. 11), and Haverford College (Nov. 12). The conference program and other information are available [here](#). **Registration for the conference is free, and FHA members are encouraged and welcome to participate.**

The **FHA Annual Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, November 12** at Haverford College and will include a **Luncheon Meeting** and **Panel Presentation:**
Luncheon Meeting: 12:45-2:15 pm, Swarthmore Room of the Haverford College Dining

Center

Panel Presentation: Quaker Indian Schools: 2:15-3:30 pm (This session is sponsored by Friends Historical Association and is the FHA Annual Lecture this year.)

Chair: Joshua Moses

- **Thomas J. Lappas**, "*Tunesassa Echoes and the Temperance Struggle: A Family Tradition at Tunesassa Quaker Indian School, Allegany Reservation Across Generations*"
- **Paula Palmer**, "The Quaker Indian Schools, 1797-2005: What Were They Thinking?"
- **Elizabeth Thompson**, "Quakers and American Indian Assimilation: Teaching American Indian School Children their Positions"

There is no charge for the lunch or for attendance of the session. **Please register for the conference [here](#) (even if you only plan to attend the lunch and panel presentation)** so the planners will know how many to expect for lunch.

Here's more information about the three-day conference:

"Quakers, First Nations and American Indians from the 1650s to the 21st century" is an interdisciplinary conference examining relations between American Indians, First Nations and the Society of Friends. The 17th century founding of the colony of Pennsylvania was made possible by a unique accommodation among Lenape Indians and the Quaker settler colonials. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the Quaker reputation for maintaining good relations with American Indians gave them influence in federal policy on Indian Reservations, at boarding schools and in adoption programs. Quakers also reached out to Canadian officials and the First Nations of Canada. Over time, the pattern of interaction between Quakers, First Nations and American Indians has taken many turns, sometimes giving rise to currents of distrust and disappointment, darkening the celebration of Pennsylvania's mythical, original peace.

Keynote speakers for the conference are **John Echohawk**, Pawnee, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund, and **Jean Soderlund**, author of *Lenape Country: Delaware Valley Society before William Penn*.

The conference is sponsored by Bryn Mawr College, the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research at the American Philosophical Society, Haverford College, and the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, with additional funding from the Friends Historical Association, the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, and the Native American and Indigenous Studies Initiative at Penn. The planning committee includes two FHA Board members, Chris Densmore (Swarthmore College) and John Anderies (University of Pennsylvania).

Members of Friends Historical Association are welcome and encouraged to attend the entire conference. More information and registration information is [here](#). Again, there is no charge for conference registration or for the November 12 FHA lunch and panel presentation. **Please register for the conference [here](#) (even if you only plan to attend the lunch and presentation)** so the planners will know how many to expect for lunch.

Questions? Contact us [here](#).

Note that you can now [contribute](#) to FHA and [pay your membership dues](#) online. Visit our new [website](#) to see more of what FHA offers you!

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Meeting for Learning: Vocal Ministry – Four Doors of Meeting: Sunday, November 13 at 9:15 a.m.

"Vocal Ministry - Four Doors of Meeting" (based on Pendle Hill pamphlet. Prior reading is encouraged, but not required.) - Martha O.

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**ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING
MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS
TENTH MONTH, FIRST FIRST DAY, 2016 (10/2/16) 9 AM**

Present were: Martha B (acting as clerk), Phyllis S (acting as recording clerk), Bill K, Cairn K, Elise A, George C, Ruth C, Jean C, Jeanne W, Jennifer D M, Lee L, Margaret H, Mary B, Mary D, Pat S, Peter M, Phil C, Ruth S, Sue P, Suzanne S, Barb T, Tom W

Opening: We began with centering worship.

1. Calendar notes:

A number of calendar items, listed below, also were mentioned. Friends should see the AFM webpage calendar online for times and locations, if not listed here:

10/9 Poetry Group and Writers Gathering (12:30-2:00 pm)

10/22 Immigrant Detention Center Training (10am – 12 pm) – Nan E

10/22 Deconstructing Racism Working Group (2:00-4:00 pm)

10/23 Potluck (12:30-1:30)

10/29 Fall Work Day (9:00 am-2:00 pm)

Weds. Meditation Group (7:30-9:00 pm)

Meeting for Learning (note changes)

- 10/9 Masculine and Feminine Aspects of Spirituality – Mardy B and Susan W
- 10/23 A Quaker's Guide to the Qur'an – Tom W
- 10/30 Rubrics on Race, Where We Stand and Where We Want to Be – Pat S
- 11/13 "Vocal Ministry - Four Doors to Worship" (based on Pendle Hill pamphlet. Prior reading is encouraged, but not required.) - Martha O.

Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis

- 10/3 "Rising to the Challenge: The Transition Movement and People of Faith." Ruah Swennerfelt, Quaker Earthcare Witness
- 10/20 Rooftop Residential and Community Solar

Off-Site

- 10/3 William Penn House Potluck (6:30-9:00 pm) (Local Service, Justice and Activism: A Conversation with Roger Burns)
- 10/8 William Penn House 50th Birthday Celebration (1-3:00 pm)
- 10/7-10 Dayspring Silent Retreat
- 10/13 GAIN "Ask a Muslim Night," an interfaith café at St. John Neumann's Church (7:00-9:00 pm)
- 10/29 Showing Up for Racial Justice (3:00-5:00 pm) – probably at UU

Mark Your Calendar for November

- 11/5 Katrine Anderson and Isla! Benefit Concert
- 11/27 Potluck

2. Barb Thomas presented the **Peace & Social Concerns** report. The full report, with more details, is attached.
 - On Sunday, Oct. 16, P&SC invites others to join them during the first half hour or so of the P&SC meeting to discern together with Peace Action members the topic for next year's **Peace Essay Contest** for middle school youth.
 - P&SC united around **seeking your approval to add AFM to the Olive Oil Ministry brochure**. Several Quaker Meetings have taken part in this interfaith effort to raise funding for Tent of Nations, an organic farm and peace project near Bethlehem. *Friends approve adding AFM to the Olive Oil Ministry brochure*.
 - **Immigration Issues**: How might you help? The opportunity chart was sent through the announce list to help discern how one might help. The chart lists three nearby organizations, together with their needs.
 - **Upcoming events**
 - (i) **Linda Rabben's new book**: "Sanctuary and Asylum: A Social and Political History" is now available at the Annapolis bookstore.
 - (ii) **DC Detention Visitation Network Volunteer Training**: Saturday, October 22, 10 am - noon; Annapolis Friends Meeting House—see Nan Elsbree for details.
 - (iii) **Sandy Spring Friends Program** at Sandy Spring Museum: "Refugees in our Midst: How can we help?" Sunday, October 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 featuring a panel discussion with the Refugee Council USA, the International Rescue Committee director, Ruben Chandrasekhar, Voices of Victims, and groups now actively working with refugees.
3. Cairn Krafft presented the **Market Committee** report.

In early October the Market Committee met to discern recipients for the proceeds from Holiday Market 2016 and its associated benefit concert. During its meeting Market Committee worked to discern from the many worthy causes that were suggested a suite of choices that would fit together in a complementary fashion to address concerns of the meeting community: peace in the Middle East; the environment, children, and diversity; refugees and immigrants; and the prevention of homelessness. As is MC's custom, the first \$100 of the proceeds will be awarded to our Young Friends for their discernment process. The remainder will be divided evenly among four causes, with 25% each awarded to Afghan Women's Fund, Catoctin Quaker Camp's Green Bath House Project, Centro de Ayuda - Center of Help, and the Light House.

Meeting approved the Market Committee's proposal to write a letter of thanks to Suzan Miller on the meeting's behalf. Suzan's talents at researching, photographing and selling vintage items resulted in the contribution of \$250 to Spring Market 2016, with \$240 already sold towards Holiday Market 2016.

If you have vintage items you would like to donate, please contact Cairn Krafft. Please mark your calendars now for Katrine Anderson's benefit concert on 5 November and Holiday Market on 3 December. Stay tuned for how you can help.

4. Suzanne Spoor presented the following **CREC** report.

Last year, FDS concentrated on learning about the Bible (where the books are, Old and New Testament, how some of the stories they knew fit into the Bible) and spent the spring focusing on Jesus and how he “let his life speak.”

As Suzanne prepared to become clerk, Joanna passed along the usual FDS calendar, and CREC met for the first time in two years to discuss plans.

This year, FDS is not having a new theme, but is continuing to focus on Jesus and the connections between the Old and New Testament. Mardy B will teach two lessons that help make those connections based upon her text book on creation stories. And in the spring, Phil C will teach a few lessons based on his novel, which takes place during the lifetime of Jesus. In the spring, FDS will also focus on magic versus miracles, a theme Phil looks at in his novel, and the differences between meditation and prayer.

CREC came to this curriculum based on input and advice from Nanci Jo, Phil F, and Wes. As Kimberly and Joanna fold their clerks’ cloaks, Suzanne is happy to take over as CREC clerk. Since there are usually only five kids, two of them being Suzanne’s, CREC doesn’t need for a co-clerk. Kimberly, Carl, Jennifer, and Nanci Jo are almost always available.

Here are the kids we see regularly: Ceili M, Trent, Christopher, Laura R, Reece and Kallan B, and Zach and Tyler C. Diana T and Bella F come less frequently.

Friends appreciated Suzanne’s clear report.

5. Mary B presented information about Clarity on Clearness & Support Committees for the Pastoral Care committee. The full report is attached.

The Pastoral Care Committee (PC) establishes clearness committees for special purposes such as marriages, memorials, and seeking God’s will for personal issues. Individuals seeking a clearness committee should contact one of the co-clerks of PC to make arrangements. Clearness Committees for considering membership in the Annapolis Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends are the responsibility of Ministry and Worship Committee.

A 14-page document about clearness committees, revised in 2012 and 2014, is available.

6. Announcements:

- Budget guidelines should be in to S&F for the **2017 AFM Budget**
- There is an assumption that the Google Groups solution is working. Some people (with Comcast accounts), however, are still having problems. If there’s a problem with the **announce list**, please contact Mardy.
- **Cleanup day** is twice yearly. It will be the last Saturday in October.

Closing: MfB closed with silent worship transitioning to MfW.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Baer (acting as clerk) and Phyllis Singer (acting as recording

clerk)

Attachments:

Peace and Social Concerns Report

Pastoral Care: Clearness Committee Information

Peace and Social Concerns Report to Mtg. for Business 10/2/16

1. **Peace Essay Contest:** Annually Peace Action has an essay contest among middle schoolers, which Annapolis Friends support. On Sunday, Oct. 16, P&SC invites other to join them during the first half hour or so of the P&SC meeting to discern together with Peace Action members the topic for next year.
2. P&SC united around **seeking your approval to add AFM to the Olive Oil Ministry brochure.** Several Quaker Meetings have taken part in this interfaith effort to raise funding for Tent of Nations, an organic farm and peace project near Bethlehem, owned by a Palestinian Christian family, who are actively seeking to build peace with neighboring Jewish and Muslim communities while defending their land ownership against repeated challenges. Their guiding principle, “We Refuse to be Enemies.”

Where do funds go? Funds go to planting trees, caring for orchards, supporting the Women’s Education Center in the nearby village, and supporting its Youth Camps.

Why not just give them money and buy olive oil locally? Selling Palestinian olive oil and food products is a positive, apolitical activity that generates income for Palestinian families, creates a market for their economic endeavors, and helps create an organic link between individual Americans and Palestinian farmers and entrepreneurs, enabling them to achieve their objectives.

3. P&JC wishes to open further discussion on the outcome of 4 meetings to educate ourselves on **immigration issues.** Last month, Martha Baer presented An “opportunity” chart: *How might you help?* If there is an activity on the list that interests you, P&JC can assist you in learning more about the organization and how to connect with the opportunity. Close by organizations we are recommending include: (i) 1st Presbyterian Church support of Iraqi family; (ii) World Relief Organization; (iii) Center of Help.

We are hoping that as individuals become more involved, it will help our Meeting discern additional directions for involvement.

Other events as our network of connections with immigration support grows:

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Pastoral Care Committee
Clearness Committee Information
October 2, 2016

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Quakers have used Clearness Committees throughout our history to gather inner and communal wisdom to help guide us in matters of daily life. The following quote from Parker Palmer describes the intended function of the committee.

Behind the Clearness Committee is a simple but crucial conviction: each of us has an inner teacher, a voice of truth, that offers the guidance and power we need to deal with our problems. But that inner voice is often garbled by various kinds of inward and outward interference. The function of the Clearness Committee is not to give advice or “fix” people from the outside in but rather to help people remove the interference so that they can discover their own wisdom from the inside out. If we do not believe in the reality of inner wisdom, the Clearness Committee can become an opportunity for manipulation. But if we respect the power of the inner teacher, the Clearness Committee can be a remarkable way to help someone name and claim his or her deepest truth. (*The Clearness Committee: A Communal Approach To Discernment in Retreats*)

Individuals seeking a clearness committee should contact one of the co-clerks of PC to make arrangements. The individual can request that certain people be asked to serve on the clearness committee or ask PC to suggest names. A mutually agreeable time and place will be determined. Often a member from PC clerks but in all cases PC will provide written resources to facilitate the process.

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HOW TO SUBMIT NEWSLETTER ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- o Please submit items for the calendar and brief descriptions of events by the 20th of the month.
- o Susan W and Nicole S are the editors of the Annapolis Friends Newsletter. Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to annapolisfriendsmeeting@gmail.com. Please include the word “Newsletter” in the subject heading of your email
- o Friends also are asked to watch your email for announcements of meetings and to listen for announcements at the rise of meeting.
- o Event and activity organizers, please also post your announcements on the bulletin board for those who do not use electronic mail!
- o The AFM Announce (announce@annapolis.quaker.org) and Discuss (discuss@annapolis.quaker.org) E-Mail Lists are described on the AFM Information Web Page at <http://annapolis.quaker.org/information>

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