



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday  
9:15 a.m. Wednesday

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### From Worship and Ministry

#### The Purpose of Meetings for Worship and for Business *by Paul Lacey and Bill Taber*

The purpose of a Meeting for Worship is: To turn our attention to the source of all love and joy and truth, to be led by that source in the tasks of life, to know one another in the fellowship of those seeking to turn to that ultimate source to learn to love one another, to take joy in one another, and to do the truth in mutual support. (Robert Barclay says that we need the joint and visible fellowship to be sustained in our faith.) The purpose of a Meeting for Business is: Exactly the same as that of the Meeting for Worship.

— Paul Lacey

#### On Meeting for Business

I want to emphasize the importance of the Friends business meeting in the life of the faithful Friend. One could argue that the business meeting is at least as important as the Meeting for Worship, for it is the actual demonstration of the New Testament vision of a fellowship guided by, and obeying, the Spirit. The Meeting for Worship alone can be (though it should not be) a matter of private salvation or private experience without significant changes in life, behavior, commitment, or sacrifice. On the other hand, the Meeting for Business, if it be Spirit-filled and properly understood, is a hands-on, laboratory-filled experience in which the whole fellowship comes face to face with the Spirit's demands for the sacrifice of time, treasure, convenience, and prejudice. When opinions differ widely and the need for spiritual discernment becomes crucial, the best are driven, as never in a Meeting for Worship, to seek that Spirit which can sustain harmony while waiting for the right leading. Thus,

God's work among us becomes more real and faith is both tested and strengthened in the business meeting.

We can be severely tested by two ever present and very real hazards in the Friends business method; impatience and a vacuous boredom. The Friend who recognizes that these hazards can be a spiritual call to go deeper into worship brings great power to the work of the church as well as an opening of his or her own spiritual gifts, including discernment. Thus the Friends business meeting cannot be described as just the peculiar Quaker form of getting things done; rather it should be seen as an essential part of the spiritual formation and the spiritual growth of every seasoned Friend, for it is that place through which we learn to walk hand-in-hand with each other and the Spirit out into the world to do the work of committed and obedient disciples.

— William Taber, Jr.  
*"Friends Consultation on Discernment"*

#### Some Thoughts on Quaker Process

*Paul Lacey, Ohio Valley Yearly Meeting (from an address at Powell House-notes taken by Jan Greene, NYYM)*

Principles of the Quaker Business Procedure:

1. Integrity of community is more important than quick, or efficient, or right decisions.
2. There is no rush to decide things, since the process is in God's hands.
3. Coming into a business meeting with one's mind made up, even if one is right, is unfaithfulness to the process.
4. The primary aim of the business meeting is to deepen the spiritual life of the community, rather than getting things done.

When a Meeting for Business departs from good order, the clerk may point out that the Meeting is so far out of order that it is over until we can return to good order. This may lead to charges of abuse of power by the clerk, but the clerk has no power. She or he does have the responsibility to discern how the meeting is going, including going downhill.

When the meeting feels 'stuck,' silence is an option. Another option may be 10 minutes of small group talking about the issue to those seated nearby.

Comments from a clerk that may appropriately be heard in a meeting:

- "We have to let this one ripen."
- "We know that you feel strongly about this issue. We also know that X, Y, and Z need to talk with you for understanding."
- To one who has been appointed to a committee to work out divergent views: "You are not allowed to be only a nay sayer if you accept being on this committee. Your work is part of the work of the committee."
- "You must sufficiently respond to the integrity of others."
- "Your contribution to our meeting is valuable. Now you must contribute more by listening better."
- "It seems to me that what we have been saying is \_\_\_\_, but some haven't spoken to it yet. Can we focus on these issues?"
- "This is what I perceive is going on and this is how I understand Quaker process." (It is important that the clerk be very explicit about the process.)

"Sense of the Meeting" does not necessarily mean unity. No Friend has veto power over the meeting, though some have tried to misuse "standing in the way" to effect this. When someone does want to "stand in the way," we are under a strong obligation to think more carefully about this because we don't want to break fellowship. The individual must also think about breaking fellowship. The times in history when Friends were concerned about absolute unity or purity were the times of the splits.

**Coffee and Hospitality for April**  
School Committee

## Upcoming Events

**April 1 — Gathering on Conscience and Militarism**  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Peace Center of Delaware County, Springfield (PA) Meeting. Bring a bag lunch; beverages

and snacks provided. Contact Joan Broadfield at 215-241-7240 or joanb@pym.org for more information.

**April 7–9 — Simplicity Gathering**  
Gathering for Middle School Friends at Upper Dublin (PA) Meeting. Contact: Elizabeth Walmsley at 215-241-7171 or elizabethw@pym.org.

**April 8 — Showcase of Work on Quaker Concerns**  
See article on page 6.

**April 15 — Final "Sacred Texts" Program**  
Earlham School of Religion's final conference of its Vitality Among Friends series, "Non-Christian Sacred Texts," will be held at George School, Newtown, PA.

**April 17 — Lecture on William Penn**  
J. William Frost will present a lecture on "The Enigma of William Penn: A Scholar's Dilemmas" in the Scheuer Room, Kohlberg Hall, Swarthmore College at 7:30 p.m. The lecture is free and open to the public. The lecture is sponsored by the Honorary Curators of Friends Historical Library. For information, contact Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, 500 College Avenue, Swarthmore, PA 19081-1399; 610-328-8498; or friends@swarthmore.edu.

**April 23 — Quakerism — What's That?**  
7 p.m. at the Meeting House. Bob Brookes, Clerk, and Diane Snyder, clerk of Care Committee, will facilitate this meeting for people new to our Meeting and Quakerism.

**April 29 — Quaker Gathering at Medford Leas**  
Morning and afternoon plenary sessions, arboretum tours, potluck supper. For more information or to register, visit [www.medfordleas.org](http://www.medfordleas.org) or call 609-654-3000. Reservation deadline is April 7.

## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business March 12, 2006

The meeting opened with a period of worship. Some 18 Friends were in attendance.

The Clerk read Query Number 8 from *Faith and Practice* — Peace.

In Connie Brookes' absence, the Clerk read the correspondence report.

For the Education Fund Committee, Steve Berryhill summarized a business item held over from February

Meeting for Business. The committee, in cooperation with Finance Committee, has developed a Minute asking the Meeting to approve the creation of an endowment fund incorporating past and future contributions to the Education Fund so that the Monthly Meeting may take advantage of matching grants from the Tyson Fund. The funds would be invested with Friends Fiduciary Corporation. After some discussion, Friends approved.

For Nominating Committee, Lisa Boyell requested final approval of the nominations of Louise Senopoulos and George Harrison to serve on Care Committee. These were held over from February Meeting for Business. Friends approved. Lisa reported that a full slate of new committee nominations will be presented at April Meeting for Business.

Stu Hodges has notified Finance Committee that he will be resigning as Treasurer.

Ceil McFadden reminded us that when someone resigns from a committee, they should write a letter to the Clerk of Meeting and notify Nominating Committee.

The Friendship Committee's annual report (held over from October) was read. "Coordination of committees to assume responsibility for hospitality went well, but several committees asked for assistance. Committees purchasing supplies have not asked for reimbursement and the committee appreciated these acts of generous financial stewardship. Other activities included the purchase of two coffee pots and a supply of 'fair exchange' coffee. The committee asked Monthly Meeting to acknowledge and give thanks to Hiltrud and Art Dodge, Bob Turrin, and Anna Mae Sutterley for their work in cleaning the kitchen." Friends accepted the report with thanks.

For Library Committee, Jayne Stokes presented the committee's annual report. Friends accepted the report with thanks for all of the committee's hard work.

The Finance Committee's annual report will be held over until April.

For Care Committee, Bob Brookes requested that Monthly Meeting approve the nominations of Mary Noland and Deedy Roberts for Nominating Committee. As is customary, these nominations will be held over for one month. Bob also reported that the clerks of Care, Religious Education and Children's Inclusion Committees met and began implementation

of the Monthly Meeting's "Child Safety Policies and Procedures." Copies will be given to committees and First Day School teachers and will be available in the office. All Friends are asked to familiarize themselves with these policies and procedures and keep the safety of our children as a continuing concern. There is a PYM workshop on child safety next Saturday, March 18, at the Arch Street Meeting House, 8:30 to noon. Mary Ann Gaffney has volunteered to attend and report back to Care Committee.

PYM has volunteered to keep an archive of Monthly Meeting records.

For the Peace and Social Concerns Committee and its project, Friends Transition Support Services (FTSS), Justin Loughry reported that FTSS, which has been operating without an office, has found new office space in a building between Market and Cooper Streets in Camden. Donors have agreed to contribute money for the annual rent, which is \$900 per month for the three-room office. Since Haddonfield Monthly Meeting will be the tenant on record, the Clerk's signature will be required on the lease. Haddonfield Meeting will also be responsible for providing the liability insurance. The Clerk asked Property Committee to write to our insurance broker to have the rental property added to our liability policy. FTSS has the funds to cover the cost. A one-year lease has been proposed. At this time, there is no definite date set for the lease, but the property is expected to be available sometime in April. Meeting approved FTSS consulting with Property Committee at the appropriate time. FTSS is happy to have located a new home in Camden because of its easy accessibility and good transportation for the people who are in need of FTSS's services. FTSS has a very active, committed steering committee assisted by a broad base of supporters inside and outside of the Meeting. Friends expressed appreciation and support for the valuable work done in FTSS's ministry.

The clerk reported that the Monthly Meeting's safe deposit box at PNC Bank is, literally, stuffed with documents, mostly related to property records. Many of them are very old. We pay approximately \$40 per year for the smallest size box. A larger box that would allow the older, delicate documents to be laid flat and avoid possible damage would be about \$100 per year. Friends approved the acquisition of a larger box. Connie Brookes will handle this. An ad hoc committee, including Connie Brookes and John Donch, was appointed

last month to decide the long term disposition of these historic documents.

The clerk reminded Friends that Care Committee and Nominating Committee are scheduled to give their annual reports at April Meeting for Business.

The Clerk reminded Friends that there will be a special called Meeting for Business next First Day, March 19, at 7 p.m. to continue our prayerful consideration of the relationship of Haddonfield Friends School and Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. (See article at right.)

Deedy Roberts reported that there were 11 members of Haddonfield Meeting at Quarterly Meeting. It was a very good meeting. (See article at right.)

On March 26, at 5 p.m., there will be a dinner at Moorestown Meeting to raise money for schools for Afghanistan.

Lisa Boyell reported on a treasurers workshop at PYM, which included a discussion on contributions from members of the PYM Monthly Meetings.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Respectively submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

*Friends and regular Attenders may request copies of the complete minutes from the Recording Clerk at joanne@synchcorp.com or 856-429-9186.*

## Religious Education

**April 2** — Ed Dreby of Mount Holly MM will be leading us in a discussion of our response to climate change. This issue will be dealt with in more depth at the residential Annual Sessions of PYM in July.

**April 9** — Monthly Meeting for Business, no adult First Day School.

**April 16** — Easter Sunday. There will be no First Day School, but there are plans to sing at 9:30 before Meeting for Worship.

**April 23** — Mr. Zia Rahman will come to speak on Islam and Peace. He is a Muslim originally from Pakistan who was instrumental in starting a mosque in Voorhees.

**April 30** — This program is still being planned and will be announced soon.

**May 7** — Join us for an intergenerational closing session of First Day School.

## Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

Those of us who attended Quarterly Meeting in Westfield on February 26th, shared a full and interesting exchange of ideas with Friends from Moorestown, Medford, Cropwell, Newton and Westfield. We discussed our feelings on issues which will come up in Yearly Meeting. We also heard The Greenleaf yearly report which might be of interest to members of this meeting. The Greenleaf is a Quaker-run retirement community located in the heart of Moorestown. It requires no initial large down payment and has a very moderate monthly fee.

Another report which generated great interest was Deborah Saunders' description of her prison work. She does not presently have financial support from the Quarter, although she was supported last year by her own Monthly Meeting, Cropwell. People who care are sorely needed in the prisons. She spoke of people who haven't been visited for twenty-five years. Please contact Deborah if you would like to learn more about her mission and to be of help. Her number is in the PYM phone directory. Also, Friends of African descent might be interested to know that there is a gathering taking place on April 20-23 in North Carolina. Please contact Deborah Saunders for more information.

The final part of the program was a presentation on Medford Meeting's initiative to build a school in Afghanistan. The cost of one school is \$60,000. It is hoped that other meetings in the Quarter might join in the initiative. Os Kresson, who spent a few years of his boyhood in Afghanistan, has been a leading force in helping with this fundraiser. He has turned his mother's diary into a book, *We Felt Their Kindliness*. As part of the fund-raiser he will cook an Afghan dinner and give a slide show and talk. This could be a wonderful uniting effort for our whole Quarter.

The meeting continued into lunchtime when Westfield prepared a fine meal. We sat with members of other meetings and enjoyed a nice visit during the meal.

## Called Meeting for Worship for Business March 19, 2006

The purpose of this special called meeting was "to continue our prayerful consideration of the relationship between Haddonfield Monthly Meeting and Haddonfield Friends School and the challenges that will arise out of the governance and operation of our Quaker school in the 21st century."

The meeting began with a period of open worship, during which the clerk read an excerpt from *Faith & Practice*, pages 45-46 on “Friends Schools and Colleges.”

The clerk summarized the origins of this concern, the work of Care Committee in bringing it to Monthly Meeting, and the minutes from the Meetings for Business of October, November and December 2005 at which Friends labored over this matter. From these minutes the clerk also summarized sub-issues on which there is a clear sense of the Meeting. Briefly, Friends are in unity that the school should continue to be under the care of the Monthly Meeting, and that the school should always maintain its essential quality as a Quaker school in which its students are nurtured by Quaker beliefs and values.

The ad hoc committee appointed to study the issues, Bob Turrin, Pat Williams and Connie Brookes (convenor), presented a report on the results of their research of the experiences of three comparable Quaker schools and their Monthly Meetings which have been through similar examinations of school governance and meeting/school relations.

All three schools/Meetings that the committee studied have chosen the formation of two legal entities, leaving only three schools within PYM that remain as a combined single legal entity with the Meetings that sustain them. The committee reported that the schools/Meetings cited many reasons for the formation of two entities, including allocation of costs, payroll, and benefit administration, but the two most compelling reasons were limitation of legal liability and empowerment of both the school and Meeting to pursue their respective missions. The formation of separate legal entities was an organizational benefit but was not found to have impaired the Quaker character of the schools.

The committee put forth a preliminary suggested governance model for HFS that would embody all three criteria accepted by Friends Council on Education (FCE) for what constitutes a Quaker School (any one of which FCE considers sufficient): (1) At least 50% of the board would be Quakers, (2) the school would be under the care of the Meeting and (3) periodic assessment of the Quaker dimension of the school.

After the committee’s report, Friends engaged in worshipful consideration of the issues, including many

thoughtful questions and observations. There was an extended discussion on the importance of the correct composition of a governing body (by whatever name it is called) in order to have meaningful governance and to maintain the Quaker attributes of the school. This included the advantages and disadvantages of self-perpetuating boards, staggered terms, term limits, the appropriate number of members and the percentage of Meeting members and Quakers.

It was observed that a new model could give the Meeting an opportunity to truly have the school under our care, as distinguished from managing and controlling it. After further discussion and worship, Friends approved the concept of forming two separate legal entities, but recognized that a final decision should be held over until April Meeting for Business.

Meeting approval will include authorization of the committee to pursue further work on the details of by-laws, articles of incorporation, property agreements and other matters, the completion and approval of which will be necessary to effect this organizational change.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

## Friends and Intelligent Design

At a recent Worship and Ministry meeting, we discussed Intelligent Design, Creation, Genesis and Friends’ views on these matters. One of our resources was a New Zealand Friends website. We particularly liked the following answer to a question regarding Quaker beliefs in creation and an afterlife. We would like to share this with the Meeting:

“Amongst Friends we hold a variety of views on these subjects. However, outwardly we are less concerned with speculation and theories on humanity’s origin and an afterlife, than with practical efforts to bring in the Kingdom of God, here and now, on this earth. We believe that humanity is evolving, through a continuing act of creation. We are called upon by God to cooperate in this process, by helping one another develop to the full our God-given potential.”

*Johanna DeRose*

## Showcase of Work on Quaker Concerns

PYM's Peace and Concerns Standing Committee sponsors "Think Globally, Act Locally: Peace & Justice work within our faith community." The program is Saturday, April 8, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. Free parking and light refreshments provided.

The program will begin with an inspirational keynote address (to be announced), followed by updates on two PYM-endorsed areas of special focus. Ed Dreby of the Earthcare Working Group will give an overview of the Climate Action Network as well as Quaker Earthcare Witness — a national organization. Margaret Mansfield of Mount Holly Meeting will then report on PYM's new FCNL Network (Friends in Meetings who connect with the work of Friends Committee on National Legislation).

Following a stretch/exercise break, each Working Group under the Peace and Concerns Standing Committee will give a mini-presentation on highlights of their activities. Everyone will then adjourn to the East Room for refreshments and a "Volunteer Fair" where working groups will have tables with information on their projects, including meeting times and how to connect with the work.

For more information contact the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting office: Mary Anne Crowley, Assistant, 215-241-7230 or maryc@pym.org; Joan Broadfield, Peace & Justice Coordinator, 215-241-7240 or joanb@pym.org.

## Zero Percent Interest College Loan Program for Quaker Students

The Mary Jeanes Loan Fund and Anne Townsend Grant Fund are now taking applications from members and children of members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for post-secondary financial aid for the 2006-2007 school year. Loans average about \$1,000 per academic year.

May 1 is the deadline for submission of applications. For more information, or to request an application, contact the Education Programs Office at PYM: 1-800-220-0796, extension 7223, or elkem@pym.org. You may also visit our website at: <http://www.pym.org/education>, and click on "Financial Aid."

## BOOK LIGHTS

By Judy Kruger  
For Library Committee



Instead of highlighting a book this month, I bring you the original Mother's Day Proclamation. Although it may seem early, I wanted to provide us plenty of time to disseminate it widely. You will note that its forgotten purpose is highly relevant today. Julia Ward Howe wrote this proclamation from Boston in 1870 to protest the carnage of the Civil War.

*Arise, then, women of this day! Arise all women who have hearts, whether our baptism be that of water or of fears!*

*Say firmly, "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies. Our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause. Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience.*

*We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs. From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says "Disarm, Disarm! The sword of murder is not the balance of justice."*

*Blood does not wipe our dishonor nor violence indicate possession. As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead.*

*Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each bearing after their own time the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.*

*In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.*

## Inspirational Reading

Do peace-loving Quakers ever get angry? Sure we do! Do we know how to handle anger? If you'd like to learn how to actually embrace and transform it, read Thich Nhat Hanh's *Anger*, a recent addition to our library.

I was introduced to this author's writings many years ago, when a Friend mentioned during a First Day presentation that he made a practice of reading daily from another Thich Nhat Hanh book, *Touching Peace*. I subsequently adopted that practice myself and find it helps keep me centered. I found *Anger* an equally helpful resource.

*Ceil McFadden*

## Arts Festival at Haverford Meeting

Haverford Monthly Meeting (855 Buck Lane, Haverford, PA) will be holding its 2nd Annual Arts Festival Friday, April 28, through Sunday, April 30.

A concert by award-winning activist musicians, Pat Humphries and Sandy O., will take place the weekend before at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 21. Their music has been featured on NPR's *All Things Considered* and Pacifica Radio's *Democracy Now!* Their songs "Peace, Salaam, Shalom" and "Keep on Moving Forward" are sung at vigils and demonstrations around the world. "If I Give Your Name" was Grand Prize Winner of the John Lennon Songwriting Contest.

Suggested ticket prices for concert are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, \$5 discount for students. Suggested price for families is \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door.

Free admission events: an Art Show by members and attenders of Haverford Quarter, an Art Activities Fair from 10 to 2 on Saturday, April 29, and Musical and Literary Talent Shares on Saturday and Sunday.

## Volunteers Needed for Phonathon

The 2005-2006 PYM Annual Fund phonathon will take place in May. Older Friends will be called between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. while all other Friends will be called in the evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Volunteer callers will be needed in both instances.

Last year, 30 phonathon volunteers from 22 Monthly Meetings raised more than \$51,674. Without the service of these Friends we would not have reached the Annual Fund goal last year. We are grateful to these volunteers for the gift of their time that resulted in Friends making the goal, and even exceeding it by \$12,000.

To volunteer for this year's phonathon, please call the Development Office at 215-241-7271.

## Family Camping Weekend in New Jersey

May 12-14 is the 10th Annual Young Friends Family Camping Weekend at Blairstown, New Jersey, near Delaware Water Gap. This gathering focuses on children ages 7 to 13 and their families. The weekend is under the care of Princeton Meeting (NJ).

## WWII COs Sought for Book Project

World War II conscientious objectors are being sought for a book project, tentatively titled *Men of Peace*. Our object is to interview these men to discover who they are through their decision-making processes. They defied all that was sanctioned at the time. What decisions have they made the rest of their lives that echo this early answering of personal principles and leadings?

Other volunteers are needed to interview and transcribe these personal life stories. Guidelines and support will be provided. All material submitted will go into the Swarthmore College Peace Collection.

*Steve Angell, Allan Brick, Terry Engeman,  
Mary Hopkins and Pat Hunt.*



# April 2006

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am First Day School	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am Peace & Soc. Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>13</b> PASSOVER	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 12 noon covered dish EASTER	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>19</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
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