



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

Meeting for Worship  
10:00 am Sunday

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### From Worship and Ministry

But, who are the pure in heart? All error arises from a belief in the possibility of a cause other than God, and so, fundamentally, purity means complete loyalty to the belief in one single, all-embracing omnipotent cause, which is utterly good — GOD, our father in heaven. To believe in God as only cause and absolutely to reject any claim to a lesser cause of any kind; to refuse to concede the power of causation to such things as climate, germs, man-made medical laws, or laws of poverty or decay; to refuse to concede to reality of the race limitations, of time and space; and in the face of appearances, to judge righteous judgement, and hold unswervingly to one cause — this is purity.

*Emmet Fox*

### Facing Bench for February

Blake Angus-Anderson and Gary Smith

### Coffee and Covered Dish for February

Library Committee

### Coffee and Covered Dish for March

Memorial and Graveyard Committee

### Upcoming Events

#### February 6 — Creating a Caring Economy in Venezuela

7 p.m., Friends Center, 15th and Cherry Sts.  
Nora Castañeda was appointed by President Hugo Chavez to head the Women's Development Bank of Venezuela — a bank which funds reforms that benefit the poorest families and communities. Come hear Ms. Castañeda speak about this popular movement.

#### February 21 — Friends Workcamp Celebration and Visioning Day

Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House. Workcamp participants and supporters of Workcamp programs are encouraged to come and join in the continuing discussion of the future of PYM's Workcamp program. Please contact Friends Workcamp Program at 215-241-7236; 1-800-220-0796, ext 7236; or e-mail [Workcamps@pym.org](mailto:Workcamps@pym.org)

#### February 20–22 — Middle School Friends' Winter Gathering: "Light in Darkness"

Westtown (PA) Meeting. The program will include singing, games, worship, learning about and practicing Quakerism, helping with meals, making skits and doing art projects. "Light in the Darkness," our theme this time, will give us a chance to explore what keeps us hopeful and what inspires us. There will also be a parent's support group with Harriet Heath, Friday night from 7–8:30 p.m. This program has been giving parents a chance to share with one another at each of our gatherings. Contact Melanie Douty at 215-241-7171 or [melanied@pym.org](mailto:melanied@pym.org) for more information.

#### February 20–22 — Young Friends Alternatives to Violence Gathering

Burlington Meeting House. For more information, check out the Young Friends website, [www.pym.org/youngfriends](http://www.pym.org/youngfriends), or call Cookie Caldwell at 215-241-7222; 1-800-220-0796, ext. 7222; or e-mail [cookiec@pym.org](mailto:cookiec@pym.org).

#### February 22 — Quarterly Meeting

Westfield Meeting. See article on page 4.

## February 29 — Meeting Houses and the Environment

3–5 p.m. at Moorestown Meeting. Partners in Environmental Quality will be leading a program on making Meeting Houses, Friends Schools and other facilities environmentally sound.

### *Looking Ahead*

## March 25–28 — Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Sessions

Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House.  
See article on page 6.

## January Monthly Meeting for Business — January 11, 2004

The meeting began with a period of open worship. The clerk read from Query #9 from *Faith & Practice* on the Ministry of Outreach.

### **Outreach**

*What are we doing as a Meeting to communicate our presence and our principles to the community around us? Does our Meeting's ministry of outreach lead Friends to share their spiritual experiences with others?*

*What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance? How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each visitor?*

*Are we tender to the needs of isolated Friends and Meetings, and to nearby Meetings seeking support?*

### **Collaboration**

*In what ways does our Meeting respond to opportunities to join with other faiths in worship, in social action, and in spiritual dialogue?*

*How does our Meeting encourage its members to seek opportunities to meet and work with Friends worldwide?*

Connie Brookes read a letter from the Religious Education Committee expressing thanks to Keith Wallace for his service to the Meeting — particularly for his program on “The Presence of God in Scripture” for our Adult First Day School program last fall. Keith is moving to Florida.

For the School Committee, Pat Williams presented the Haddonfield Friends School Budget for 2004-2005. Pat and HFS Business Manager Tom Cullen reported that they are still working to eliminate the deficit in the budget. There are seven more students and tuition has been increased, so the school was able to hire a math/lab teacher. The Meeting approved the budget.

Care Committee recommended approval of the applications for membership of Lynda Yamamoto, Stuart Hodges and the Hodges' two children, Taylor and Madeleine. This was held over from last month's Meeting for Business. The Meeting approved. A welcoming committee including Bill Patterson and Shayna Riddle will visit Lynda and a welcoming committee including Louise and Harold Heritage will visit the Hodges.

Gary Smith presented the Annual Report for Worship & Ministry (*see next page*).

Deedy and Chris Roberts requested a Minute of Travel for Religious Service. This would be a joint minute between Newton and Haddonfield Meetings. The Meeting approved and wished Chris and Deedy well on their journey. The minute will be taken by them to Newton Monthly Meeting for approval.

Jayne Stokes presented the Library Committee's Annual Report.

Ceil McFadden, for Nominating Committee, recommended that Gary Smith be suggested as a representative of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting and Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting to PYM Nominating Committee on a temporary basis.

In Johanna DeRose's absence, the clerk presented the Monthly Meeting Recorder's Annual Report. The recorder showed a net increase of four members in 2003, bringing our total membership to 248.

Pam Anderson, for Property Committee, reported on Joe Dempsey's illness. Members of Property Committee are filling in to perform Joe's duties. Friends will hold Joe in the Light. Friends asked the Property Committee to give an interim progress report at March Meeting for Business on plans for Meeting House interior renovations.

Jake McGloughlin raised a concern that having Meeting for Business after Meeting for Worship on the second Sunday of February will create a conflict with a previ-

ously scheduled First Day School program at which we have a guest presenter. **The Monthly Meeting decided that for February only, Meeting for Business would be held on Friday evening, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. In March, Meeting for Business will return to the second Sunday at the rise of Meeting for Worship.**

Priscilla Adams gave an update for Peace & Social Concerns Committee on “Friends Transition Support Services,” which is continuing to recover from the loss of Tommy Trantino. FTSS has moved from the Camden office and is storing supplies, etc., at 65 Haddon Avenue. The FTSS steering committee is working with death penalty activist Lorry Post to develop educational programs. The Meeting approved a \$1,000 contribution to FTSS, to be taken from the Special Concerns fund, to help cover ongoing FTSS operating expenses.

Flora McKinney proposed that Haddonfield Monthly Meeting contribute \$500 from the Corporate Giving fund (which has \$1,000 available) to the “Friends Committee on National Legislation Education Fund,” which owns FCNL’s headquarters in Washington, D.C. The contribution will support the renovation of the FCNL building, which is integral to FCNL’s effectiveness in its mission.

The Clerk reminded Friends that in February the following annual reports to the Monthly Meeting are scheduled: Treasurer’s Quarterly Report, Children’s Inclusion Committee, Finance Committee Report on Friends Fiduciary Investment.

The Meeting closed with a period of worship.

## **Haddonfield Friends Worship & Ministry Committee Annual Report for 2003**

The past year was a time for reflection and change within our committee. We faced challenges brought to our meeting by war and controversy from within our community as to the nature of Friends spiritual message and its tolerance to different experiences. We experienced the resignation of several members of the committee, welcomed a new member and entered a time of transition as our clerk stepped down and a new clerk was chosen.

With the coming of war, our meeting experienced an influx of attenders to our meeting attracted by the peace testimony. We noticed a surge in political and

anti-war messages spoken in meeting. We were not sure all these messages were spoken out of the silence. Some of us became concerned that a preponderance of political and social messages would preoccupy Meeting for Worship and become a bar to those seeking spiritual nourishment in Meeting. This raised the issue: is the primary purpose of Friends Meeting to tend to the spiritual needs of those of our community, or to participate in social and political issues?

A separate issue arose when some Friends spoke of Christ in Meeting and a complaint was brought to our Committee. We were asked to consider whether the mention of Christ was appropriate in Meeting for Worship, or if discussion of Christ and his message should be discouraged so that those of a different spiritual experience would not feel uncomfortable among us. This issue is under ongoing consideration.

We had several coming and goings this year. Marietta Donovan stepped down from the committee to serve on the Care Committee. Our loss will be the Care Committee’s gain, as Marietta’s warm, loving presence will truly be missed.

David Marshall left for some time to teach in the Peoples Republic of China, an adventure that became a spiritual odyssey for him, and one that he came through with God’s help. David is considering returning to China early this year, and our prayers will go with him.

Keith Wallace announced plans to relocate to Florida. His insights will be missed, as will his efforts in leading the Bible Study within our Meeting. We wish him and his wife all the best.

We welcomed a new member when Shayna Riddle joined our committee. Shayna’s personal experiences and spiritual heritage are rapidly showing themselves to be assets in our deliberations. We are also considering other members of Meeting as candidates for our committee.

Another change to our committee came when Deedy Roberts announced her intention to step down as Clerk and Gary Smith was chosen to replace her. Deedy is planning a series of world travels with Chris, her husband. The committee approved a traveling minute for them, and our prayers will also be with them.

The Committee decided to use the time of transition to come to a sense of purpose as to the role of our committee. As we began our deliberations, it was felt

that we should first come to an understanding of Friends Spiritual message, which we are now considering. We ask the Meeting to hold us in the Light as this process proceeds. We welcome insights that other members and attenders may have, and ask that all who have thoughts on this will relate them to us.

*Worship & Ministry Committee:*

*Harold Heritage, Louise Heritage, Bob De Rose, Johanna De Rose, John Heizer, Deedy Roberts, David Marshall, Keith Wallace, Blake Angus Anderson, Gary Smith, Shayna Riddle. With help from: John Sheffield and Harley Williams.*

## **Adult First Day School**

February will feature a four-session program on Friends and issues of racial equality. This program is being presented by a committee that includes Sheryl Harrison, Kitty and Takashi Mizuno, Inspira Williams and Priscilla Adams.

**February 1:** Friends and Racial inequality and equality between African-Americans and European-Americans by Sheryl Harrison and Inspira Williams.

**February 8:** Issues of Racial Equality of Biracial people by Nancy Diaz (and some others).

**February 15:** Issues of Racial Equality of Friends of Color who are not African-Americans by Takashi Mizuno (and some others).

**February 22:** The role of the white allies toward racial equality by Priscilla Adams and Kitty Mizuno.

## **PYM Visitation Sunday in February**

Our Meeting will be hosting a visit from Elizabeth Foley, Director of Development for PYM, and Curtis Clapham, member of PYM Support and Outreach Standing Committee, on Sunday, February 15. At the rise of Meeting for Worship they will make a 15-minute presentation about PYM and its relationship to Monthly Meetings and answer questions. The purpose of the visits is to help Friends better understand what the Yearly Meeting is and does, and to help PYM better know how to serve Monthly Meetings.

## **From the Library Committee**

The library committee will sponsor a book sale before, during and after the March covered dish on the 21st. Donations of new and used books (no textbooks,

please) are being accepted in a marked plastic container to the right of the stage. Proceeds will go to the library committee. Leftover books will be donated to prisons and other organizations.

On another note, the new books listed in the January newsletter are now ready for circulation. They are displayed next to the sign-out box.

*Irene Bassow*

## **Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting**

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting is on February 22 at Westfield Meeting. Worship starts at 10 a.m., followed at 11 by business meeting and lunch. The business meeting agenda includes a report from the Committee to Assist the Clerk, the Greenleaf, Orchard Friends School, Nominating Committee, approving dates for the next Quarterly Meeting and approval of the budget for 2004-2005.

Lunch is a time to have clerks of Meeting committees get together to build community within the Quarter and to share ideas and assistance between Meetings. These lunch gatherings will include sharing what committees are doing, what issues arise for them, if they would like to meet again and how often, would they like to offer a program for the Quarter, and choosing a convener if they plan to meet again. We will start with five committees: Religious Education, Worship & Ministry, School, Care/Overseers, and Making New Friends/Outreach. At a future Quarterly Meeting or other time, we will convene Monthly Meeting Clerks, Property, Finance, Library and Peace & Social Concerns Committees, and Young People's groups. Please call Jarry Jones with any questions.

## **HFS Selects New Head of School**

Deborah Kost, currently Dean of Students in the upper school at Friends Select School in Philadelphia, will become Haddonfield Friends School's next Head in July, 2004.

Ms. Kost brings an impressive record of administrative experience, teaching, and science and math curriculum development; as well as financial and personnel management. Clearly, she is a person who both cares about the whole child and has the experience and understanding required to manage a growing and complex school.

She has a rich background that includes a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona and graduate work at Lehigh and Villanova Universities. Her home town is Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. She has two children in college, and her husband Michael has launched a new computer security venture.

### **Food Bags for Valentine's Day**

Haddonfield Quarter is collecting non-perishable food to be delivered to Senior Care, an adult medical day center in Camden. A bin will be in the Meeting House foyer. Donations will be collected through February 8th.

### **Update on Ramallah Friends School**

*Howard McKinney passes along this update on Ramallah Friends School.*

This year the school has its largest enrollment ever — kindergarten through grade 12.

We have 1,050 Palestinian students and a staff of over 100 administrators, teachers and support service personnel.

The school offers the International Baccalaureate Certificate and Diploma to its graduating class. At least 96% of our students go to higher education in the West Bank, elsewhere in the Middle East (Egypt, Lebanon and Jordan especially), Europe and North America. 30% of our graduates attend U.S. colleges, often with significant scholarship help.

Our school provides a comparatively happy and secure atmosphere for its students, who all live and come to school in a hostile environment with many violent and life-threatening events happening daily around them.

The school is valued by the community, not just for its academic success, which is good, but primarily for the promise of a “values led” education encouraging our young people to be confident, morally and socially responsible leaders in Palestinian society. We offer a curriculum that values spiritual growth and community responsibility.

### **From Peace & Social Concerns**

A mother of a Haddonfield Friends School student is looking for a two bedroom apartment in Haddonfield.

Just before Christmas, this mother was holding a vigil on Kings Highway and gave Kitty and Takashi Mizuno a flier that read:

#### **GOD BLESS ALL THE LITTLE CHILDREN**

Please take a minute to read this story about an exceptionally gifted child whose light shines so bright that she touches everyone's soul with her brilliance. Imagine the beautiful snow and icicles of the season. Now imagine this child having to trek through harsh winter weather to catch eight buses in order for her to get to a very prestigious private school here in HADDONFIELD. The reason for their inconvenience is not because of car troubles, like some of us, it is because of a problem that has plagued this country for centuries, DISCRIMINATION or an act based on prejudice. There is a program in this country called Section Eight, which is a program trying to integrate society. These government vouchers are guaranteed rent payments, and should be accepted everywhere, just like cash. Unfortunately certain property owners in HADDONFIELD have refused to accept these vouchers. We all have the right to go and live where we please. It is not fair that this child and her mother, who have been trying for a year and a half to get a house in HADDONFIELD have been denied because of how their rent is paid. It is both LEGALLY and MORALLY unacceptable to displace a family this time or any time of the year.

**STOP HOUSING DISCRIMINATION IN HADDONFIELD!**

*Kitty relates what happened next:*

“We called this lawyer, and were finally able to meet him and the girl's mother recently. We were deeply moved by her courage. She told us that there were a number of people openly abusive to her when she was holding her vigil on King's highway, and that one woman told her that she shouldn't try to live in Haddonfield until she could afford to pay for it herself. She said that her daughter is not always able to participate in Friends School activities, particularly those that take place at night, because the trip home takes too long.”

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee feels called to help this family move to Haddonfield so that the girl, who her mother says is at the top of her class, can get to school easily. Can you help?

### **Yearly Meeting Sessions in March**

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting sessions will run from Thursday morning, March 25, to Sunday morning, March 28, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. Friends of all ages, theologies, persuasions, and opinions will come together to worship, do business, dance, laugh, share stories, and experience the love we envision for the world. Mark your calendars for March 25-28, and say “Yes!” to a Yearly Meeting that will be more family-friendly than ever. Registration forms will be sent to all households in February as part of the Annual Sessions program booklet. Advance information will be available at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org).

### **Full Children’s Program at PYM**

At the 2004 Sessions of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, children will be lovingly welcomed into our community of Friends. Experienced teachers will lead special activities and lessons every morning on the theme of “Using Love to Heal Hurts.” Afternoons will include excursions to a local museum, swimming pool and gymnasium; evenings will feature dancing, singing and games. Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers who register for separate overnight programs will do service projects on their own and join younger and older Friends numerous times throughout the weekend.

### **PYM Sessions Need Volunteers**

The smooth running of PYM Annual Sessions requires the assistance of many volunteers along with our dedicated staff. We need volunteers to carry microphones to speakers on the floor of Yearly Meeting and hand out materials at the doors. We like to have six people for each session.

### **New PYM Website, Same Address**

Take a look at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s new website, still at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org). The new site design and software allows Friends to more easily post information through “weblog” technology.

*Judy Kruger sent this along:*

“But liberal anger at its best is drawn from the deepest and purest source of all: love. No one has ever exposed this anger better than Charles Dickens. With his scathing indictments of the numerous institutional injustices of Victorian Britain — from debtors’ prisons to dreadful factories dependent on child labor — he moved a society toward its better self, and towards reform.”

*“The Angry American: Social rage as a measure of the country’s moral and political well-being,” article by Paul Starubin in The Atlantic January/February 2004, p.132.*

# February 2004



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 8:15 am Worship & Ministry (in the library) 10 am Mtg for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship 7 pm School Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Mtg for Worship 11:20 am FDS 12:15 pm REC	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:30 pm Committee for Care of Members and Attenders	<b>11</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:30 pm Monthly Meeting for Business	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter                      deadline</b> 10 am Mtg for Worship 11 am FDS 12 covered dish	<b>16</b> PRESIDENTS' DAY	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Property Committee	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> <b>Quarterly Meeting</b> 10 am Worship 11 am Business/Lunch Haddonfield 10 am Mtg for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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