



## 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

#### Prayer of Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.

Oh, Lord,  
grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

#### Coffee and Hospitality for January

Children's Inclusion and Nominating Committees

### Upcoming Events

January 28 — Threshing Session on PYM Budget  
9:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Arch Street Meeting House.  
*See article on page 3.*

#### Looking Ahead

February 4 — Meetinghouse maintenance workshops  
at Arch Street Meeting. *See article on page 4.*

February 26 — Quarterly Meeting at Westfield.

March 3–5 — Intergenerational Women's Retreat.  
Pottstown, PA.

March 25 — PYM one-day session.

March 31–April 2 — Conference for Racial Justice  
and Equality, Burlington Meeting House Conference  
Center. *See article on page 6.*

### Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business December 11, 2005

Some 25 Friends were in attendance. The Meeting  
opened with a period of worship. The clerk read  
Query Number 9 from *Faith & Practice*, Outreach and  
Collaboration.

Connie Brookes presented the correspondence report.  
Highlights:

- The Meeting is to receive a bequest from Dorothy Collier
- There is a part time position available with *Friends Journal* — Advancement Coordinator. See the notice on the bulletin board.
- Information is posted on the bulletin board re tuition assistance from PYM Education Committee. Extra copies are on the table in the foyer.
- We received a letter for Rushan Dinshah, in care of the Meeting. Does anyone know him?
- Penelope Mott Thompson is looking for information on family members for her genealogy study: Betsy Marter, Priscilla Collins, Lydia Emmaline Evans, Thom. and Rebecca Owen, Wm. and Elizabeth Hanks, Cadwallader Evans.
- We have been asked to respond to the PYM epistle on climate change. There are 3 phases — education, discussion, creating a Minute. This has been referred to Rel. Ed. Comm to develop some FDS programs.

Friendship Committee and Library Committee reports are held over until the January Meeting for Business. For Memorial and Graveyard Committee, Deedy Roberts presented the committee's annual report, which included summaries of the burials and services for Ruth Sheffield, Joe Dempsey and Beth Dougherty Montgomery Hamlett. Deedy also reported that the committee continues to discuss the possibility of having a memorial garden where ashes could be scattered. Friends accepted the report with thanks for the committee's work.

For Nominating Committee, in Lisa Boyell's absence, Ceil McFadden proposed the nomination of Maria Shivers for Worship and Ministry (2008 term). Friends approved. This is not the usual time for nominations, but it was done at the request of the committee clerk.

The Clerk requested that the Monthly Meeting record a minute regarding the resignation of Therese Barringer from School Committee. Friends expressed appreciation for Therese's service.

In a matter held over from November Meeting for Business, Care Committee recommended approval of a set of policies and procedures regarding prevention of sexual molestation. Responsibility for maintaining and monitoring compliance with these policies will rest jointly with Care, Religious Education and Children's Inclusion Committees, with the committee clerks taking a leadership role. The Care Committee Clerk will act as convener. Friends approved the policies and procedures and Monthly Meeting instructed Care Committee to begin implementation of the policies as soon as possible.

Ceil McFadden was concerned about the continuity of awareness. There will be an annual report which can be posted on the secure part of the Meeting website. FDS teachers will receive copies of the Policies and Procedures. Records will be handed down to new clerks as part of committee reports.

Friends resumed the discussion begun last month regarding the relationship between the Monthly Meeting and the School, and in particular the recommendation of the ad hoc committee that the school incorporate separately. This would be a first step toward defining a new model of school governance for us that would allow the two parts of our community to focus on their respective missions with less conflict. We are one of only 5 PYM Friends Schools still jointly incorporated.

The exact make-up of the corporation is as yet undefined, but would probably include a separate governance board for the school instead of School Committee. School Committee would maintain a relationship in other ways. Several Friends raised concerns about the school losing its Quakerly qualities. This is an overriding principal concern. There was no unity for instructing the committee to go forward with separation proceedings. However, since over the past several years, school issues have consumed time and other resources of several committees, it is important to continue searching for a solution. Suggestions were made for alternative forms of restructuring. The Meeting requests that the ad hoc committee continue meeting to consider and develop several models to bring to the Meeting with the intention of having a called meeting for discussion.

The Meeting approved a donation to support Vanessa Juley's ministry on racial justice in the amount of \$200 to be taken from the Meeting's Special Concerns Fund.

For Finance Committee, Pam Perry made recommendations for corporate contributions from Haddonfield Meeting to the following organizations: Haddonfield Ambulance, Haddonfield Fire Company, Interfaith Caregivers, FCNL, Friends General Conference, AFSC, Pendle Hill, Friends Peace Teams African Great Lakes Initiative, Friends Transition Services. Friends approved.

Pam also presented a proposal for changes in the tuition assistance policy. This will be carried over for further discussion. Pat Williams gave a report on tuition aid from the School for Meeting children. School funding from PYM to reimburse the school for Meeting scholarships is decreasing. School, Finance and Education Committees will meet to explore possibilities.

The Clerk reported that PYM approved the grant application made to PYM by Lucy Savarese to fund purchase of a garden bench for a garden she and her art students at Sumner School have made.

The Clerk reported that Priscilla Adams requested that he announce there will be a Mitten Christmas Tree and a Coat Collection project this holiday season.

The Clerk reminded Friends that the following reports are due at January Meeting for Business: Monthly Meeting Recorder, Worship and Ministry, School Committee — HFS Budget (if available).

The Clerk will send a letter of appreciation to the Michener fund for its \$200 contribution for the companion chairs.

Respectively submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

## **Religious Education**

**January 1** — No First Day School. Instead, there will be an extended social time to greet the new year.

**January 8** — Monthly Meeting for Business, no adult First Day School.

**January 15** — A celebration of the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

A special thanks to all the children and adults who produced this year's Christmas play. Written and directed by Ty Drago, the play — "A Family Feud Christmas" — was presented after Meeting for Worship on December 18.

## **Haddonfield Friends School Architectural Planning Study**

CICADA Architecture/Planning, Inc. is working with Haddonfield Friends School to evaluate the School's physical facilities and to conduct a feasibility study related to facilities improvements.

The facilities evaluation will include an Historic Conditions Assessment of the historic buildings occupied by the School (47 and 65 Haddon Avenue); an analysis of existing buildings in relation to current zoning, life-safety, and accessibility codes; and an evaluation of the condition, effectiveness, and anticipated life cycle of existing building structural, heating, cooling and electrical systems.

The feasibility study will address comparative costs and benefits of various approaches to facilities improvements and/or expansion. The outcome of the feasibility study will be an understanding of the School's space needs in the near future, an analysis of the capacity of the existing buildings and site to provide for those needs, and an opinion of anticipated related capital improvements costs. As part of that study, in order to better understand the unique qualities and needs of HFS, CICADA will be meeting with groups of people who are committed to the School's success in the future.

Meeting members are invited to meet with CICADA and HFS School Committee members in the Employee Lounge at the School on Wednesday, January 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

## **Threshing Session on PYM Budget**

The Financial Stewardship Committee invites Friends to a threshing session to address issues surrounding Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's budget on Saturday, January 28, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. The session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and should conclude by 1 p.m.

Included in the morning's agenda will be the work of the Yearly Meeting's Budget Process Group, which has been exploring some entirely new methods of preparing our budget. The groups studying the renovations to Friends Center and the future of the Arch Street Meeting House will make presentations about their activities to date, their current status, and views toward next steps. Financial Stewardship Committee will report on this year's progress in budget-making, and be available to answer questions about Meeting Covenants with PYM, status of funds, and the budget survey.

Under the new budget timeline, consideration and approval of the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 will take place at a Called Session of Yearly Meeting to be scheduled in June. Several months before that, a proposed budget will be presented to Interim Meeting and sent to Monthly and Quarterly Meetings for review.

In case of bad weather the threshing session will be postponed until February 11. If weather raises doubt, look for a cancellation notice on the calendar at [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org) or call 215-241-7205 for a recorded announcement either way.

## **Teachers Workshop on Bullying**

In January, the Nonviolence and Children Working Group of PYM is offering a training on "Countering Bullying/Supporting Children's Friendships." The workshop will give elementary school educators the opportunity to learn about current research on bullying and to develop practical strategies that help children individually and collectively resist bullying and intimidation. For date, time and additional information, contact Elke Muller at 215-241-7223 or [ElkeM@pym.org](mailto:ElkeM@pym.org).

## Meetinghouse Maintenance Workshop

Calling all Property Committee members — to the third in a series of workshops on historically-sensitive meetinghouse repair, maintenance, and adaptation. It will be Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia (Snow date February 25). Sponsored by the HABS (Historic American Buildings Survey) Working Group of PYM. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Cost: \$20 per participant, plus \$20 for purchase of the “Living Witnesses” workbook, if not already owned, since it will be referenced in most sessions.

Building on previous workshops, six concurrent sessions led by 2-3 facilitators will be held on: 1) Addressing Moisture Problems; 2) Structural Stability Issues & Solutions; 3) Energy Conservation Approaches; 4) Fund-raising for Repairs, Maintenance, & Adapted Re-Use; 5) Accessibility & Safety Features; and 6) Property Committee Functions & Responsibilities.

Meetings are particularly encouraged to send new or prospective Property Committee members. For a registration form or other information, visit [www.pym.org/habs](http://www.pym.org/habs).

## Earlham Program on the Bible

Earlham School of Religion will be coming to the Philadelphia area to explore “Vitality Among Friends” in a series of nine day-long conferences. The theme for 2006 is “Reading Sacred Texts as Friends.” The first event will be on the Bible, with plenary sessions and workshops. It will be Saturday, February 18, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House. March and April events at two area Quaker schools will examine “Early Quaker Journals” and “Non-Christian Sacred Texts.” Themes for 2007 and 2008 are “Discerning the Leadings of the Spirit” and “Vitality of Meetings.”

## HFS Service Projects

Service projects are an integral part of a Haddonfield Friends School education. Throughout the school year, projects are “sponsored” by a class or grade that will organize the collection or project. Sponsoring may involve gathering boxes for the books collected in November, for example, and designating sites for collection, or creating posters to advertise the project.



## BOOK LIGHTS

By Judy Kruger  
For Library Committee

### Brevity of Words, But Lasting Impact: Pendle Hill Pamphlets

Do you have urges to attend long spiritual retreats, but you can't disappear for a month? Do you need to know lots more about Quakerism, but concede you won't tackle a 300-page treatise? Maybe you feel stuck on one particular aspect of faith and need a different perspective?

Look in the box in the far left corner of the HMM library for short, concise essays, courtesy of Pendle Hill Pamphlets and Historical Guides. These 381 (as of December) booklets, published continuously since 1934, represent many individuals' thoughts on current matters of concern to Quakers and other seekers. Many of these pamphlets have become classics, such as Howard H. Brinton's "Guide to Quaker Practice" (#20), or his "Sources of the Quaker Peace Testimony" (#27). He reminds us:

*The peace testimony of the Society of Friends cannot be fully understood apart from their other social testimonies.*

*These doctrines form a unit derived from a common source, but in a certain sense they also generate one another.*

*For instance, the testimony for race, class, and sex equality itself works against violence. In the same way the testimony for simplicity tends to remove the superfluities and privileges in which are found so many seeds of war.*

Jeanneal Ravendal's recent pamphlet comprises her thoughts on having been imprisoned for protesting the war in Iraq. Douglas V. Steere, in "Community and Worship" (#10), asks what makes the experience of worship with others both the source and culmination of a religious community.

Pendle Hill Pamphlets, published six times per year, are designed to be readable in one sitting. Perfect for a short retreat.

The projects are open to the entire HFS community in order to generate a greater response. Here are some examples of past and future projects:

In November, a book drive was sponsored by grade 3. New and gently used books were collected for New Visions families. In December, grade 4 sponsored the Hat & Mitten Drive. Hats and mittens were collected for distribution at Sacred Heart in Camden. January will have Pajama Day, sponsored by grade 6. Teachers and students will wear pajamas to school to spark excitement for the collection of socks and underwear for the families of New Visions. In February, Class “buddies” throughout all grades will get together and make decorations and cards that Priscilla Adams will take to New Visions or we will send to Leavenhouse for the families there to enjoy. On March 2nd, grade 2 will sponsor Dr. Seuss Day, which will coincide with the Read Across America book collection: Bring in new or gently used books. In May, we will collect items for Animal Welfare Association’s “Bones for Kindness.”

The Hurricane Katrina Relief collection will continue all year. Each class collects money all week; then the money is counted and turned in to the front office.

Lunches for Leavenhouse will continue, with students who wish bringing in a prepared lunch on the second Wednesday of each month, which the 5th graders will collect and load into the car or van heading to Camden. Teachers are also invited to make greeting cards with the students during the first week of the month to be placed in the lunches. In addition, each class will bring in whatever item was specified in October for the rest of the year. For example, the fifth graders were assigned dish towels; that will be their assigned item every month for the year. This is, of course, on a volunteer basis.

*Priscilla Adams*

## **Nonviolent Peaceforce**

Hope triumphs over fear! We see this every day in the Nonviolent Peaceforce. It is vital to keep in mind when we are barraged with images of fear that can lead people to believe war is inevitable. The nonviolent peaceforce is a responsible approach to violent conflict, one firmly rooted in historical reality and emanating hope.

In 2005 the number of peacekeepers doubled. Now it is planned to make bigger advances in the coming year.

It costs \$30,000 to field one peacekeeper. In the spirit of hope — how many peacekeepers can be fielded next year? Depends on contributions.

*Flora McKinney, Rep.*

## **PYM Annual Fund**

Thank you to our Meeting Members who have already given to the Annual Fund this year — July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 — all eleven families! You’re making support of your family of faith a priority.

Our Yearly Meeting is one tool through which we support one another in living lives of faith and exercising our callings to serve. It would be great if the budget for the Annual Fund could be reached before the end of the fiscal year.

This is an appeal to those who haven’t yet contributed to make a generous gift to the Annual Fund in support of the ways in which PYM brings Friends together and in support of the ways PYM helps us work together to serve the world.

*For the Annual Fund  
Flora McKinney*

## **Putting Faith to Action: The Peace Tax Fund Bill**

What if you could tell the IRS how your tax money should be spent? Conscience, Militarism and War Tax Concerns — a working group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting — is enlisting your support for work on the Peace Tax Fund bill. PYM is affiliated with the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, and CMWTC will be expanding its work to support the campaign, which already includes a lobbying day in May.

Interested? Contact Joan Broadfield at 215-241-7240 or joanb@pym.org.

## **Conference for Racial Justice and Equality**

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s Ministry for Racial Justice and Equality within the Religious Society of Friends, along with Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM), New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM), and New York Yearly Meeting (NYYM), will host the First Annual North American Conference for Racial Justice and Equality within the Religious Society of Friends on the weekend of March 31–April 2, 2006. The Conference

will be held at the Burlington Meeting House Conference Center.

This is the first opportunity for Friends who share commitment and concerns in the area of racial justice and equality from Canada to Mexico to come together in community to worship, learn from each other and develop closer allies and a supportive network.

Guided by the question “Are We Being Faithful To Our Testimony?” the conference format includes shared worship, caucuses, experience sharing and yes, fun. Because of the importance and impact of this issue, high school Friends will be participants in the program. A special program is also being developed for children under the age of 14.

The registration fee is \$130 per person, which includes accommodations and meals (except for Saturday night). Children 13 and under are charged \$65. The maximum fee for families is \$300.

### **PYM Requests Proposals for Urban Youth Ministry**

For many years, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting has provided an urban youth ministry in the form of its workcamp program in West Philadelphia. The December departure of the current workcamp coordinator, Arin Ahlum Hanson, provides members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting an opportunity to consider what kind of urban youth ministry our Yearly Meeting should adopt in the years to come.

The Peace and Concerns Standing Committee is already receiving suggestions for such a ministry. The Standing Committee would like to consider as many ideas as possible and invites you to submit a proposal for an urban youth ministry beginning in the fall of 2006. Please supply the following information:

1. The nature of the program you would like to recommend, with as much detail as possible;
2. The organizations you think might be willing to participate or collaborate in the program — for instance, a Quarterly Meeting, or another Quaker organization, or a non-Quaker social justice organization; and
3. The support you believe the program would need, including a preliminary budget and staff requirements.

Send your proposal by February 15 to: Howard Cell, c/o Peace and Concerns Standing Committee, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1479.

A rainy night; wanting to be free.  
The mind a clinging, unable to surrender.  
Every cell crying for release from the tyranny.  
The music of eternity waiting.

*Harold Heritage*

# January 2006



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm School Committee	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9 am Library Comm. 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>11</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am First Day School 12 noon covered dish	<b>16</b>  MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	<b>19</b>  7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
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