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From Worship and Ministry

Waiting Worship

What worship has historically meant to Friends has centered upon what Friends call “waiting worship,” or “waiting upon the Lord.” These are phrases in which “waiting” means the same thing as it does when we speak of a minister “waiting” upon the king, or a restaurant employee “waiting” on a diner. “Waiting worship” consists of waiting (in that same sense of the word) upon the Guide within our hearts that shows us what’s right and what’s wrong, what’s good and what’s bad, what’s kind and what’s cruel, what’s fulfilling and what’s barren. As its ministers and waiters, we stand by, not thrusting ourselves forward, not groveling in self-abasement either, but just silently presenting ourselves to serve it, to please its slightest whim. And as we please it — which we do by committing ourselves to take the course of action that is good and kind and right, no matter how much we might earlier have resisted that course of action for other, baser reasons — we find our hearts at peace and fulfilled.

There are indeed other forms of worship, and I’m not saying that those other forms are wrong. Indeed, if you find they’re what your heart needs, then perhaps that should be all the justification you require to practice them. Many of those forms of worship have also been practiced by various Friends in the long history of the Quaker sect.

But “waiting worship” is the core of the thing. It’s what the child Samuel — the first of the great prophets after Moses — said when God first summoned him to do His will: “Speak, YHWH, for Your servant hears” (I Samuel 3). For Quakerism is, in essence, the religion of the prophets, Christianized and adapted to the modern world.

Marshall Massey

Coffee and Covered Dish for Summer

The Friendship Committee relies on volunteers for coffee from June through August. See the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Events

June 5 — Strawberry Festival at Rancocas Friends Meeting House. 5–8 p.m. Strawberries, homemade cake and ice cream are among the treats available. Tickets are \$5.

June 25-27 — Inquirers’ Weekend on Basic Quakerism at Pendle Hill, Wallingford, PA
Co-sponsored by PYM and Pendle Hill and led by Gene Hillman of the PYM staff and Deanna Wylie Mayer of Westtown Meeting (PA). Pendle Hill offers scholarships to match grants from Friends Meetings. Contact registrar@pendlehill.org or call 610-566-4507, ext. 142.

June 25-27 — Stopping War Where It Begins: Strengthening the Movement Opposing the Militarization of Youth. Sponsored by AFSC. For more information, email NNOMY@afsc.org or call 215-241-7176.

June 27 — Quarterly Meeting at Newton Meeting. Meeting for Worship at 10 a.m., lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please see page 3 for more details.

June 27 — Arch Street Meeting House Anniversary. The Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia is sponsoring a celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House. The event will begin with an hour of worship at 10:30 a.m. and continue to 4:00 p.m. For program specifics, visit the Monthly Meeting’s website at www.archstreetfriends.org.

Looking Ahead

July 3-10 — “Simple Lives, Radiant Faith.” Friends General Conference will hold the 2004 Gathering of Friends at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. For more information, contact Friends General Conference at 1216 Arch Street, 2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107; 215-561-1700 or email gathering@fgcquaker.org.

July 15-18 — **2004 Annual Gathering of The Fellowship of Friends of African Descent.** Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fellowshipoffriendsofafricandescent.org

July 17 — **Peace Potluck Picnic.** 4 to 7 p.m. at the Taylor Farm, Cinnaminson, NJ. Activists from all directions will meet to exchange stories and develop plans. Sponsored by PYM’s Conscience, Militarism and War Tax Concerns Working Group. For information, call Joan Broadfield at PYM at 215-241-7240.

August 2-6 — **Help Increase the Peace Program (HIPP).** Training in alternatives to violence for those interested in working effectively with young people. Contact Kathryn Liss at kliss@afsc.org, for more information or to register.

August 8-15 — **Middle School Friends Arts Camp** Burlington Conference Center. Enjoy a week together building a fabulous, hilarious, creating, Spirit-filled community. For 11-14 year olds (going into grades 6-9). For information contact Melanie Douty, PYM Middle School Friends Program Coordinator at 215-241-7171 or melanied@pym.org.

August 15-21 — **Peace and Justice Think Tank** for high school- and college-age Quakers. Friends Workcamp Center, Philadelphia.

August 20-21 — **Conflict Resolution Training for Elementary School Educators.** See details on page 5.

May Monthly Meeting for Business — May 14, 2004

The meeting began with a period of open worship. The Clerk read the following queries from the Friends Committee on Unity with Nature:

How gently do I walk on the Earth?

Do I try to avoid destruction of the environment and depletion of the earth’s resources by conserving water

and energy and relying on renewable forms of energy?

Do I honor the life of all living things, the order of nature, the wildness of wilderness, the richness of the created world? Do I seek the holiness which God placed in these things, and the measure of Light which God has lent them?

*Do I hold in the Light my own and other spiritual traditions to discover the ways in which they foster a cooperative relationship with the natural world?**

The clerk read a letter of thanks from acting school head Sandy Trezza thanking the Meeting for the \$300 gift of appreciation for the teachers, which was used for a catered lunch at an in-service gathering.

We received a memo from PYM’s Standing Committee on Worship and Care asking for comments on a proposed minute regarding stories about the passion of Jesus and anti-Judaic sentiment. Monthly Meeting referred the memo to Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Worship and Ministry to report back in June with a recommendation.

Stuart Hodges, Monthly Meeting Treasurer, and Pam Perry for Finance Committee presented the preliminary Monthly Meeting budget for the 2004-2005 fiscal year. Because of important and complex budgetary issues, Friends are considering a called Meeting for Business. See the article on the next page for details.

Bob Turrin presented the Property Committee’s annual report and Marietta Donovan reported on a recent meeting of the Haddonfield Ministerium.

For School Committee, Pat Williams requested that the Meeting approve a governance process for School Committee to implement the recent approval of expanding the Committee to include non-Meeting members. Friends approved the establishment by School Committee of a subcommittee, initially called the Board & Staff Resources Subcommittee, to function as both a personnel & nominating committee. This subcommittee will develop a list of skills needed on the School Committee and a list of proposed nominees and deliver them to the Meeting Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will then recommend nominees from this list to Meeting. Friends approved.

The clerk, in the absence of Ceil McFadden for Nominating Committee, requested that Meeting approve the slate of committee members that was tenta-

* *Walking Gently on the Earth, An Earthcare Checklist*, Jack Phillips, Friends Committee on Unity with Nature, 1992.

tively presented at April Meeting for Business with the addition that Bill Patterson is nominated for Funeral and Graveyard Committee. The Meeting approved.

Priscilla Adams reported that a date of June 28 has been set for the trial of Tommy Trantino.

Priscilla also reported on the Bayside Trials starting on May 17th in the Federal Court House in Camden. The trials “are about violence that occurred in Bayside prison in South Jersey in 1997 when a prisoner killed a guard. Immediately after, and continuing for weeks, hundreds of prisoners were assaulted physically and psychologically.” Priscilla asked that we join the community presence in the courtroom to demonstrate our concern about the violence. One of our members, Justin Loughry, is among the attorneys representing the inmates.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

June Monthly Meeting for Business will be held June 13 at rise of Meeting for Worship. Religious Education, School and Peace and Social Concerns committees will present annual reports. The final Meeting Budget for 2004–2005 will also be presented for Meeting approval. (See the following article.)

Budget for 2004-2005

The proposed budget for fiscal year July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005 projects a shortfall of \$23,418. That shortfall is attributable mainly to increased expenses, particularly tuition subsidy for children attending HFS, without a corresponding increase in contributions. Unless something changes, that shortfall will be filled by a withdrawal from our Fiduciary Accounts.

With regard to the tuition subsidy, the number of Meeting students enrolled in HFS increased from 11 students in 2003-2004 to 14 students in 2004-2005. In addition, the tuition increased from \$8,250 to \$9,000 for grades k through 5 and from \$8,350 to \$9,200 for grades 6 through 8. The Meeting pays one-third of Meeting children’s tuition which represents an increased Meeting contribution of \$250-282 per child. Consequently, the Meeting’s tuition subsidy went from \$30,316 in 2003-2004 to a projected \$42,201 in 2004-2005.

With regard to contributions, Meeting contributions have remained static at about \$78,000 for over a decade. During that time, the Finance Committee has contacted members individually, written letters, published articles, and had a First Day School program on

stewardship. These efforts have not resulted in higher contributions. What is even more discouraging is that contributions have not even kept up with inflation.

The Finance Committee also foresees future budgetary impact when our long-time custodian, Joe Dempsey, retires June 30, 2005. The Property Committee is considering options in that regard and will report back to Meeting next year.

The 2004-2005 Budget was considered at the May Business Meeting and will be submitted for approval at the June Business Meeting. Please attend the June Business Meeting to help us brainstorm on fiscal issues relating to the Meeting.

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting will be held June 27, 2004, at Newton Meeting in Camden. Following Meeting for Worship from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., copies of yearly reports from the Monthly Meetings will be distributed. We will then have lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch. Strawberries and ice cream will be provided.

From 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. will be unprogrammed fun time. Traveling by foot, speedline, or car, we can continue the day at the Camden Waterfront. Some of the possibilities are:

Wiggins Park, open to the public free of charge, which will be the site of the San Juan Baptista Parade and Concert, which begins at 12 noon.

The Camden Riversharks ball game will begin at 1:35 p.m. Tickets are between \$6.50 and \$10.

The New Jersey State Aquarium and Children’s Garden is open until 5:30 p.m. The Aquarium entrance fee (between \$10.95 and \$13.95) includes entry into the Children’s Garden. The Children’s Garden alone is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for children.

A ferry ride aboard Riverlink (prices \$4.00 to \$6.00) would take you to **Penn’s Landing**, where there will be an Irish Festival. The last Riverlink returning to the Camden Waterfront departs Penn’s Landing at 5:40 p.m.

For more information and directions, etc., please visit www.camdenwaterfront.com.

We hope you will be able to join us at Quarterly Meeting. Why not plan on making it a fun day for the whole family?

Faith & Practice

A small group study of *Faith & Practice* will be held over the summer months. The group will meet in the Library at the rise of Meeting. At each session, a section of *Faith & Practice* will be chosen, read and discussed. This may be of benefit for new members and attenders wishing to understand the principles of Quakerism, as well as anyone else who may be interested. For more information, please see Gary Smith or Francine Pagell.

News from HFS

This is an article written by Blaise Paparone, a 7th grade student at HFS for the Middle School Publication, *Forty Seven North News*. It was written to commemorate the retirement of our secretary and good friend, Pauline Martin, following 29 years of service to HFS.

A Fond Farewell

As most of us are now aware, this is Mrs. Martin's last year at Haddonfield Friends School. Mrs. Martin has been here for 29 years! She has aided two head masters, and two head mistresses at HFS. She will be missed by many.

She was born in Liverpool, U.K. At a young age she was evacuated from her home town in Wallasey, U.K. that was across from Liverpool. This action was to keep her family safe during World War II. She came to the United States when she was 17, and worked as a secretary at RCA in Camden for 10 years. She was married to Edward Martin at age 22 and has 2 children and 5 grandchildren.

Her hobbies include seeing movies, knitting, sewing, driving her Dodge Intrepid with the "Limey" license plate, and watching horse races.

When Mrs. Martin retires, she plans to travel, join the gardening club and spend time with her family.

Good luck Mrs. Martin! We will miss you!

Blaise Paparone

Adopt the Butterfly Peace Garden for a Week

HFS is looking for families to tend the butterfly peace garden during the summer months. Just a few hours of

your time will provide a beautiful place for our children to go to paint, read and enjoy nature. No experience required!

PYM Annual Fund Drive in Final Month

The PYM Annual Fund goal for this fiscal year is \$435,000. From 7/1/03 to 5/1/04, Friends have raised \$277,612 from 1,643 donors who made 2,137 gifts. To successfully reach our goal, Friends must raise \$157,388 more by June 30. Your support now can help to keep our Yearly Meeting strong and ready to respond to the needs of Friends and Monthly Meetings, as they care for their members, and follow their leadings.

Hands Across the Nile

Hands across the Nile is a Christian development organization that focuses on grassroots community development. Its goals are to improve basic conditions of life in impoverished communities, empower communities and individuals with sustainable development and promote tolerance, peace and reconciliation in the Middle East.

On Saturday, November 13 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., a one-day program of workshops and seminars will be held. Emphasis will be on Christian/Muslim relations. Professors, development professionals, pastors and lay people with experience in the Middle East will be among the presenters. A perspective on the connection between globalization and terrorism and models for East/West intercultural dialogues will be part of the program. For more information, please see Marietta Donovan.

Financial Assistance for Aging Friends

The PYM Granting Group for Funds for Aging administers four funds whose income is available to aging Friends who are financially unable to afford some of their basic needs. Assistance includes monthly grants, lump-sum grants and interest-free loans. Grants can be used for medical expenses, in-home services, taxes, equipment such as wheelchairs, dental aids and various other items. One fund is especially designated for persons who cannot afford an assisted living home and would like to age in their own home. Preference is given to Friends of PYM, close relatives, non-Friends

who have served Quaker institutions, and — as one fund states — “for those in sympathy with us.” Persons in need of assistance must be at least 55 years old to qualify for these funds. To apply, contact Phil Mullen, PYM director of projects and services, at 215-241-7235 or philm@pym.org.

Totality

“What matters is not adhering to a system, but arriving at a totality of oneself. From the moment we are born, we do nothing else but increment that old feeling of incompleteness, which tells us constantly that there is another part of us that will give us completeness. The path to overcome this is a forced one. In order to learn, we must be spurred. We are always fighting something, avoiding something, preparing for something, that is always inexplicably more powerful than we are.

“This is our world. We can’t renounce it and it is useless to get angry and feel disappointed. We must avoid the wear and tear of blame and self-incrimination. Harmony between our actions and decisions can only come when the war within ourselves comes to an end.”

Carlos Casteneda, — submitted by Harold Heritage

Conflict Resolution Training for Teachers

A training in conflict resolution and community building for elementary school educators will take place Friday and Saturday, August 20-21, at Friends Center in Philadelphia. This training includes practical conflict resolution and community building strategies and techniques, small group exercises, demonstrations, and the chance to practice new learning. Previous participants have described the training as “inspirational,” “full of good ideas,” and “just what I needed to begin next year on a good footing.”

To register, contact Helen Fields of the PYM Education and Religious Education staff at helenfields@pym.org or 215-241-7008. The \$40 fee for training includes light breakfast, lunch and materials. Financial aid is available. Pennsylvania Act 48 credits are available. This training is sponsored by the Nonviolence and Children Working Group of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. both days at 15th and Cherry Streets in Philadelphia.

Peace without Justice, Part 2

I was in Jerusalem and the West Bank last month. On Thursday, the day before returning to the U.S., I went with AFSC’s Quaker International Affairs representatives, Kathy and Paul, and three other people, to a Palestinian village named Budros on the Green Line (the 1967 border). This village had been in the news because its residents had, through months of non-violent resistance, been able to prevent the separation barrier from being built on their land. We saw the wall being built in the distance through the olive trees — soldiers and bulldozers and concrete slabs. Just down the road is another village, called Biddu. This is what happened there on Saturday in a report titled “Anarchy in their Souls” by Gila Svirsky, who works for the Coalition of Women For Peace.

April 25, 2004: Friends, I just spoke to Molly Malekar on her way to the hospital from a demonstration in Bidu, and here is what she reported: “We were about 60 women, only women: roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ Israeli, $\frac{1}{3}$ Palestinian, and $\frac{1}{3}$ internationals. We gathered at Bidu to protest the construction of the wall in this village. It was a quiet march, with women carrying signs and walking toward the area where soldiers were guarding the construction of the fence. At a distance of about 10 meters from them, we stopped walking because the soldiers turned to point their rifles directly at us. I called out to them in Hebrew, “Don’t shoot, we’re not armed, this is a nonviolent demonstration.” Suddenly there was an onslaught of tear gas and stun grenades, falling all around us, completely out of proportion to the quiet, nonprovocative nature of our action. The grenades fell right there at our feet and we were choking, unable to breathe. Most dispersed and ran back. Soldiers charged toward us and fell upon the women, grabbing some whom they arrested. By then, there was no demonstration at all, nothing to disperse. Most of the women had run back, trying to recover from the tear gas, but I stayed as I wanted to talk to the soldiers to prevent the arrest of the four women. Suddenly out of nowhere four horses charged, with border police mounted on them. I started to run away, but one of them ridden by a young woman in uniform caught up with me and she struck me on my head with her billy club. I fell, and then a second horse charged toward me and I felt more blows on my head and back. There was no provocation whatsoever at any point while this was happening.”

Molly is the director of Bat Shalom, which is the women's peace organization that forms the Israeli side of The Jerusalem Link (the Palestinian side is called the Jerusalem Center for Women). I asked her by cell phone, on her way to the hospital, how she feels and she said, "A horrible headache, my ears hurt, and I'm aching from the blows. But let's think about how to wake people up to what is happening out there. We have to wake people up." Wake up, world! Hear O Israel, wake up!! Israeli soldiers have made brutality a way of life against Palestinians, then they turned their weapons and death upon international peace activists, and now they are brutalizing Israelis who express disapproval of their ways. Who will be the first one killed?"

... Today, all demonstrations that take place in the territories — whether by Palestinians or Israelis, women or men, nonviolent or violent — are treated to the same brutal behavior of guns, stun grenades, and clubs. And no one investigates the incidents in a serious, unbiased manner, meaning that the soldiers learn that they can be cruel with impunity. What has happened? The occupation has happened. The occupation has corrupted the soul of Israel. A situation of "Ein din v' ein dayan," as the Bible says: "No law and no one standing in judgment." There is anarchy in the soul of Israel today, and it won't be gone until we uproot the occupation from our land and from our hearts. Gila Svirsky, Jerusalem.

Submitted by Leila Barclay

Book Donations

The Library Committee is very appreciative of all the books donated to the library throughout the year. However, due to the amount of books we have currently, we are putting a hold on donations until next year. At that time, we will have a once-a-year book drive. The Library Committee will then sort through the donated books to determine which are suitable for our library and donate the rest to worthy causes. Thank you.

June 2004

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9:15 am All-school Meeting for Worship HFS Frolic	3	4	5
6 10 am Meeting for Worship	7	8 7:30 pm Care Committee	9	10	11	12
13 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship Monthly Meeting for Business	14	15	16 7:30 pm Property Committee	17 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	18	19
20 10 am Meeting for Worship	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Meeting for Worship 10 am Quarterly Meeting at Newton	28	29	30			