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From Worship And Ministry

From *Faith & Practice*

Friends are reminded that it is the experience and testimony of our Society that there is one teacher, namely Christ; and that in that Spirit there are no distinctions between persons, nor any reason of age, sex, or race that elects some to domination. Live in love and learn from one another. Combativeness in family life, whereby one strives to assert a supremacy of will over another, is not compatible with the conviction that there is that of God in everyone. Amid the growing distempers of social existence, Friends are urged to maintain our witness of Truth, simplicity, and nonviolence, and to test our personal lives by them.

The union of two in marriage having a religious basis, any who contemplate it should seek divine guidance, and any who enter into marriage should seek this guidance without ceasing. Within the family, adults and youth, whether formally in membership or not, should instruct one another by example in the way of life which our Religious Society has professed, seeking in all things the Inward Light as the only certain alternative to an unfriendly struggle of wills. Friends are advised to maintain closeness in their family life and, avoiding distractions and contentions, to make their homes places of peace.

The Spirit of Christ can lead parents to wise counsel for their children in education, reading, recreation, and social relationships, while it can also lead children to wise counsel for their parents in these and other aspects of life. If counsel is unwelcome and if difficulties arise, persevere both in prayer and in a sense of humor. Friends are advised in all things to trust in the Light and to witness to it in daily living.

Accept with serenity the approach of each new stage of life. Welcome the approach of old age, both for oneself and for

others, as an opportunity for wisdom, for detachment from turmoils, and for greater attachment to the Light. Make provisions for the settlement of all outward affairs while in health, so that others may not be burdened and so that one may be freed to live more fully in the Truth that shall stand against all the entanglements, distractions, and confusions of our times.

*Paraphrased from materials contained in the
Epistles of the Yearly Meeting of Pennsylvania and the Jerseys,
1694 and 1695.*

Coffee and Hospitality for May

Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Upcoming Events

May 6 — Deepening and Strengthening Retreat

Now that you have filled out the questionnaire, aren't you curious what others at Haddonfield Monthly Meeting have to say? Take time to be part of our community and its continued growth and health. Come to the final Sunday evening Deepening and Strengthening retreat. We will gather at 4:30 PM for dinner, and finish by 9 PM. Arlene Kelly will facilitate our discussion. If you need child care or transportation, please call a committee member (Diane Werner, Drew Biehl, Gary Smith, Jamie Vermaat, or Judy Owens). We are very excited to see what is next for us; please be with us!

May 6 — Reshaping the Peace Testimony

J. William Frost will speak on "John Woolman: Reshaping The Peace Testimony" at the spring outing of Friends Historical Association in Mount Holly. Mr. Frost is the retired Director of the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College. The program will begin at 10 AM with Meeting for Worship at Mount Holly Meeting, 81 High Street. Please bring a box lunch. Dessert and

beverage served by our hosts from the John Woolman Memorial Association. Tours of the Woolman House will be offered for \$3 per person. For planning purposes, Friends Historical Association is eager to know how many people are planning to attend.

May 19 — Downingtown Hosts Annual Music Festival
1 to 7 PM rain or shine. Uwchlan Meeting (800 E. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA) invites families and friends to its meadow for an all-afternoon music picnic on the grass. It is a full program of seasoned performers, with folk, rock and a few unique, featured acts. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and coolers. Refreshments and snacks will be for sale. Playground for the kids. Admission is \$12 per adult, \$6 for kids 12 and under; \$30 max per family. Profits go to Young Friends program and Quaker school scholarships.

May 20 — Clean-up at the Meeting House
Bring cleaning supplies, gardening tools and plenty of elbow grease and help make the Meeting House and grounds sparkle.

May 20 — Camp Onas Open House
Interested families are invited to attend the Open House at Camp Onas from 2 to 4 PM. Camp Onas is the Quaker camp in upper Bucks County (PA) for kids ages 8 to 13. Spaces are available for the 2007 summer program. Our active and creative program stresses sharing, cooperation, understanding, simple living and most of all — fun. Campers come for 2-week sessions starting June 24 and running into August. A Quaker rate and financial aid are available. Visit www.camponas.org for information.

May 20 — Camp Dark Waters' All Camp BBQ
Miss those summer days at camp? At Camp Dark Waters' All Camp BBQ you can go back again! The day-long event on Sunday, May 20 is a reunion, open house and fund-raiser all rolled into one. Beginning with Friends Meeting and ending with a campfire (s'mores included), the day offers activities, camp tours, canoeing, low ropes challenge, an auction, and plenty of fun and time with friends old and new. Join us for a few hours or all day. The BBQ is 9:30 AM to 5 PM rain or shine. Camp Dark Waters is on New Freedom Road in Medford, NJ. Register today and let us know how many people you plan to bring. A suggested minimum donation of \$5 per person will help cover the day's costs and support camp operations. To register or for more information, visit www.campdarkwaters.org. Read more about Camp Dark Waters on page 5 of this newsletter.

June 1-2 — "PeaceWay" Anniversary Celebration
The eight-month anniversary of the "PeaceWay" outdoor

exhibition at Providence Meeting in Media, PA will be celebrated by a weekend of activities. Friday night's program will be a movie or guest speaker followed by pizza and discussion. Saturday's program, from 12 noon to 5 PM, will feature children's peace art, a new Cost of War/Price of Peace display, a concert by singer/songwriter Tom Mullian and friends, the AFSC "Eyes Wide Open" display memorializing the soldiers killed in Iraq, a meditation labyrinth, Quaker bookstore and literature tables, food and beverages.

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business April 1, 2007

26 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship.

Care Committee Annual Report will be held over until May.

Tim Hogan reported for School Committee:

- A letter has been sent to parents of children at the School reaffirming the school's commitment to the Middle School program. However, there are benchmarks to be met and there is a need to attract more students.
- The School is organizing a 2-week on-line auction. Donations are needed — goods or services.

Connie Brookes reported on the Friends Fiduciary Account. The Meeting is invested in a "Consolidated Fund." The Fund performance has been good, outperforming the market benchmark.

The Ad Hoc Committee has found a replacement for Pat Williams. The Committee's work is very close to completion.

Diane Werner updated the meeting on the Deepening and Strengthening project offered by PYM to help Meetings discover who they are and where they want to go — collectively. A kick-off meeting on March 18 was well attended and preceded by a light dinner. After breaking into small groups for discussion on the life of the meeting, those in attendance reconvened to review the questionnaire that will allow all to analyze their own thoughts and perceptions about three areas of the life of Haddonfield Friends Meeting: worship, community and business. Each active Attender and Member has been asked to complete this anonymous survey and return it to PYM. Your answers will be confidential. (It will not be seen by any member of Haddonfield Meeting.) The questionnaires have been mailed to the members not in attendance that evening and the deadline for submitting the

completed forms is April 8th. The first of two mini-retreats will be held on April 29. Again, a light supper will be served at 5 PM, followed by a report on the responses. The second mini-retreat will be on May 6. The responses will be discussed and the Meeting will determine how best to focus on the goal of deepening and strengthening our Meeting community.

The Nomination Committee report will be delayed until May, awaiting feedback from other standing committees.

The Budget Report will be held over until May. It was suggested that, in the future, this report should be scheduled in May, October and November. Friends approved.

Peace and Social Concerns report is rescheduled for May.

Stu Harris and Mike Lyons presented a request from Property Committee for funds to cover the cost of tree maintenance on Meeting property, including the Meeting House grounds, the graveyard and the school property. Mike Lyons walked the grounds with an arborist from Bartlett Tree Company. Bartlett has made recommendations regarding tree removal and preventive care, including pruning and soil management. Friends approved accepting the proposal and going forward with the work. The Meeting will assume responsibility for the total cost, including the school grounds.

New Business

Howard McKinney observed that the Meeting office has turned into a disorganized storeroom. Stu Harris said that it's on the Property Committee Agenda.

Respectfully 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.

Please note: Due to Mother's Day, May Monthly Meeting for Business will be held May 6 at rise of Meeting.

First Day School For Adults

May 6 — Meeting for Worship for Business. No Adult First Day School class.

May 13 — Discussion and evaluation of this year's Adult First Day School program: Looking ahead to what we would like to do next year and in the future.

May 20 — Clean-up Day, organized by Property Committee.

May 27 — Closing ceremony for the 2006–2007 First Day School year for all ages.

Come to Residential Yearly Meeting!

We will be gathering from July 26 to 30 at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ, for fun, fellowship, learning, worship, discernment, service and manifesting the Kingdom of God. All are welcome! Registration and more program information will be sent to all households that receive mailings from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. More details and online registration will be available at www.pym.org.

Children's Sessions at Residential Yearly Meeting

Excitement is building for Children's Sessions at Residential Yearly Meeting. PYM's Summer Sessions are moving to a new location this year — Rowan University in South Jersey! Children's Sessions will meet morning and evening — at the same time as the adult sessions. The afternoons will be left free for Friendly community, relaxation and workshops for Friends of all ages.

All of the children's activities will be led by gifted, enthusiastic adults who will follow your child's age-defined group throughout the Sessions. Programs will be based upon this year's theme "Dwelling in God: Living Our Faith Out Loud." Since children like living "out loud," we are certain that when your children attend RYM sessions, they will learn about God, their Quaker faith, grow spiritually, and have fun at the same time!

PYM Annual Fund Update

Through April 9, \$267,326 has been raised for the PYM Annual Fund, 56% of this year's goal. The good news is that contributions are running ahead of last year. However, a total of \$475,000 must be raised to reach this year's goal. PYM's fiscal year ends on June 30, so please send in your contribution if you haven't already done so. All contributions should be sent to: PYM, Attn: Elizabeth Foley, 1515 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Remember that \$50,000 matching grant! Any dollars contributed by someone who did not give last year or any increase you make over last year's contribution will be doubled or more by a matching grant from a generous donor (up to a total of \$50,000). So, if you are a new donor this

Make New Friends (But Keep the Old) ...

New HMM member Mary Anne Gaffney, a professor of accounting for 23 years at Temple University, has a message for young people. "Financial literacy is really important. Don't be afraid of numbers." Currently teaching honor students, Mary Anne's favorite students are actually undergraduates new to accounting. She defuses any number anxiety with her sense of humor.

Mary Anne grew up in Fanwood, NJ, in a happy family. Her parents were married for 55 years. Recently she lost her father and brother, and this is a time of transitions for her mother. Her two sisters reside in North Central NJ.

After Susan and Mary Anne became partners as undergraduates, they transferred from their small Catholic college to Rutgers University in New Brunswick. They became involved in the early gay/lesbian rights movement on campus. "We used to go to classrooms to speak with students about being gay." As a result of their activism, they met such luminaries as the late Barbara Gittings of Philadelphia. "We were comfortable coming out at an early age because we were with each other. But our closest friends were four gay men, three of whom later died of AIDS."

"My family gives my life meaning," Mary Anne says. "One of our friends adopted a little girl from China and told us we should have a child, too. But the process was already underway and along came Megan." What were the biggest adjustments after 25 childless years? "Not getting sleep, not reading, and not eating out three times a week!"

When Mary Anne has a quiet moment, she enjoys reading mysteries and fiction. May Sarton's *Journal of a Solitude* is an especially favorite book.

The professor admires Teacher Bonnie of Haddonfield Friends School, who caught Mary Anne's attention when she "stood up and said something wonderful." Once Megan was enrolled at age 3, Mary Anne attended Wednesday worship with her. "From the beginning I liked the peace," she says. When she takes her mother to Mass in Central NJ, "the music is absolutely wonderful, but now I can't stand the continuous noise!"

By Judy Kruger

... One Is Silver And The Other Gold.

A song sung in Girl Scout camp.

year to PYM, your \$100 gift could become a \$300 gift under the formula. If you gave \$100 last year and give \$150 this year, your \$50 increase would be matched and then that gift would be doubled, so your gift would grow to \$400.

For those who would like to volunteer some time to help in the annual fund effort, there will be a May/June phonathon to help reach or surpass our goal. So if you can help on May 31, June 4, 6 or 7, please call Elizabeth Foley at 215-241-7115 or email her at Elizabeth@pym.org. Dinner and training will be at 6 PM and calls would be placed between 7 and 9 PM. Parking and tolls will be reimbursed.

Speaking of PYM finances, handouts from the March Yearly Meeting Sessions have been posted on the Meeting House bulletin board. One is from the PYM Treasurer on funding our work and the second describes how money from the General Fund is used. Please take a look and get informed.

Connie Brookes

Programs for Friends at Pendle Hill

Pendle Hill offers several programs on Quaker faith and practice during the month of May. These programs are designed to provide practical and spiritual support to individual Friends and the meeting community.

May 11-13 — Being a Friendly Adult Presence, on working with middle and high school youth (co-sponsored with the Religious Education Committee of FGC)

May 18-20 — Financial Stewardship as Ministry, with Laura Melly and Howard Zuses

May 18-20 — Early Quaker Letters of Spiritual Counsel, with Michael Birkel, professor of religion at Earlham College

May 21-25 — The Quaker Journal Tradition: Nurturing the Inward Life, Working for Peace and Justice, with Mike Heller, author of *The Tendering Presence: Essays on John Woolman*

For more information, call Pendle Hill at 610-566-4507 or 800-742-3150, ext. 3, or visit www.pendlehill.org. Pendle Hill is a Quaker center in Wallingford, PA.

Anti-Slavery Exhibit at Arch Street

The newest exhibit at Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia is entitled “Let us make their cause Our Own: Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friends’ protest against slavery.” It features a historic narrative on Philadelphia Friends’ effort to abolish slavery, from the 1688 Germantown protest to the formation of anti-slavery societies which worked in concert with African American abolitionists. It showcases the words and work of George Fox, John Woolman, Anthony Benezet and William Still. The exhibit also gives attention to the protest and abolition of slavery in the 21st century — 27 million men, women, and children are living in bondage today.

Idling Gets You Nowhere — a tip from PYM’s Climate Action Network

Would you drive a car that gets zero miles to the gallon? Yet that is your mileage when your engine idles. The belief that the engine needs to idle in order to warm up is an outdated perception. Fuel injection vehicles need no more than 30 seconds to warm up, even in cold weather. Turn your engine off any time you are stopped for more than 30 seconds. Park and walk to do errands. Avoid drive-through lines. Idling wastes money and fuel, contributes to air pollution, and generates carbon dioxide emissions that cause global warming.

— *adapted from the Union of Concerned Scientists*

Temporary Job Opening with Friends Center Capital Campaign

The Friends Center Capital Campaign seeks an assistant to help raise funds for an environmentally-sensitive building renovation. Duties include maintaining the database, donor relations, managing the campaign calendar, and assisting with events, displays, and materials. Qualified applicants will have experience with databases, word processing, and spreadsheets, possess excellent communications skills, and be well-organized self-starters with the ability to manage varied duties and deadlines. Full-time salaried position with benefits (\$22-27K/yr) starting immediately and ending December 31, 2007. Send cover letter and resume to: Friends Center Capital Campaign, Re: Campaign Assistant, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, or e-mail: greeninfo@friendscentercorp.org.

Camp Dark Waters

Meeting member Kitty Mizuno was featured recently in an article in the *Philadelphia Inquirer* about Camp Dark Waters, the Quaker camp in Medford. Kitty, who teaches English as a Second Language at Ulysses S. Wiggins Elementary School in Camden, works with Westfield Meeting in Cinnaminson to select students to receive scholarships to the camp. Westfield Meeting has offered scholarships to students in need for 30 years. Kitty and her school became involved four years ago at the suggestion of Priscilla Adams, another Meeting member. While at camp, the children participate in activities such as swimming, archery and hiking. They meet children from other towns in the area and also participate in conflict-resolution programs. “The students who attend Camp Dark Waters make huge progress in the English language, their social skills, and also gain confidence. I can really see it reflected in their language skills,” says Kitty. Westfield Meeting sponsors five students from Camden and three from Moorestown each year, but is trying to raise funds to sponsor more.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	3	4	5
6 9 am Library Committee 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business 4:30 pm Deepen & Strengthen	7	8 7:30 pm Care Committee	9 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	10	11	12
13 9 am Peace & Soc. Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	14	15	16 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	17	18	19
20 Newsletter deadline 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Clean-up 12 noon Covered Dish	21 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	22	23 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	24	25	26
27 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am Closing Ceremonies for FDS	28	29	30 9:15 am Meeting for Worship	31		