



## 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

#### An Arrival Point on a Spiritual Journey

##### Premise #1

There is a Universal Energy\* that holds the universe together. It underlies all reality as we understand it. It is continuous and equally present in time and space, and is the only absolute — *The Living Spirit*.

No matter what we are physically, what imbalances we may suffer, what situations we have created, we are still part of this energy.

##### Premise #2

Everything depends on how well one can build in the silence. Whatever can be experienced on the surface of life wells up from a deeper level. If we want to navigate the field of intelligence, we must learn from the very depths, *where the silent witness awaits our call*.

To enter the silence we must quell all unreality such as doubt, fear, false beliefs, worry, discontentedness, and all else that flows in our outer personality.

The intelligence of the silent witness cannot be defined and talked about, *BUT it can be experienced*.

##### Premise #3

Individual effort has limited potential. Fuller potential is harvested from *group effort*. Constant effort requires study and must be slowly developed in order to bring about an unbreakable group love, and to cultivate a group sensitivity that works as a unit.

Leadership will grow out of the discipline of the individual and leadership will be found among those who sense the inner issue. It comes to those who lose themselves in the *good of the whole*.

\**The Christ* is a symbol of this higher, finer energy, circulating through our body, *when we allow it*, beyond our physical minds or thoughts.

*Harold Heritage*

#### Coffee and Hospitality for October Care Committee

#### Upcoming Events

##### October 15 — Yard Sale

9 a.m. at the Meeting House. Proceeds benefit the Meeting Education Committee. Donations of items to be sold can be brought to the Meeting House on Sundays. (Arrangements can be made to pick up large items.) Volunteers are needed Thursday night, Oct. 13 from 6 to 9 p.m. for organizing and pricing; and the day of the sale for set-up, clean up and the sale itself.

##### October 21–23 — Middle School Friends Halloween Gathering

See article on page 5.

##### October 22 — Workshop on Pastoral Care at the End of Life

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Plymouth Meeting, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting, PA. This workshop is sponsored by Friends Hospice Project of Philadelphia and the Worship and Care Standing Committee. For more information or to register, contact Brad Sheeks at Friends Hospice Project, 215-241-7525, [friendshospice@aol.com](mailto:friendshospice@aol.com).

##### October 22 — Quaker College Fair

1 to 4 p.m. at Arch Street Meeting House. Representatives from 15 Quaker-affiliated colleges in the US will be participating. This year's keynote

address will be delivered by Melinda Wenner Bradley, a member of West Chester Meeting and an alumna of Bryn Mawr College. The Quaker College Fair is co-sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and the Friends Association for Higher Education (FAHE).

### **October 22 — Lifetime Planning for Retirement and Beyond**

9 a.m. to noon, Arch Street Meeting House. PYM's Deferred Giving Governance Working Group invites Friends to attend a free gathering for those who are planning for their retirement. Come with your questions and be prepared to participate in discussion and activities. Please RSVP before October 10 by calling 215-241-7115, 215-241-7271, or e-mail: elizabeth@pym.org

### **October 28-29 — Draft Counselor Training at Haverford**

J.E. McNeill, executive director of the Center for Conscience and War, will lead draft counselor training at Haverford (PA) Meeting. These training sessions, sponsored by Haverford Quarterly Meeting, are to prepare to counsel young adults should the need arise. We invite young adults to participate as peer counselors. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

### **November 5 — AFSC's Annual Public Gathering** See article on page 5.

### **November 12 — "Experiment With Light" Retreat Planned**

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Solebury Meeting (near New Hope, PA). Led by Marcelle Martin, Friends will gather to learn a form of Quaker meditation based on early Friends' experience of the Light. Tickets cost \$25 and include lunch and light refreshments. This retreat uses the "Experiment With Light" process of British Friend and theologian Rex Ambler. His book, *Light to Live By: An Exploration in Quaker Spirituality*, describes the process he found in his systematic compilation of George Fox's writings, and then updated with elements of psychologist Eugene Gendlin's "Focusing" process.

### **Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business September 11, 2005**

Some 37 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship. The clerk read Query Number 7 from *Faith & Practice*, Social Responsibility and Witness.

Connie Brookes presented the correspondence report. It included:

- a request for support from individual Friends for the PYM fund;
- a note about "Fall Festival Days" in Haddonfield on October 15. The Meeting and the School will share a table. Volunteers are needed. Mary Noland will coordinate.
- a copy of the revised sections of the PYM Nominating Committee Handbook and a copy of the PYM "Opportunities" brochure and its skills and interest survey. Friends who might want to serve the Yearly Meeting in some way are asked to fill out a survey and send it in to the PYM offices at Friends Center. Interested Friends may contact Connie.

Interfaith Care-Givers will join us for Meeting for Worship on October 16. At the rise of Meeting, they will make a presentation about the work of the group and the need for money and volunteers.

Ancora Hospital is seeking financial assistance and volunteers. This concern was referred to Peace and Social Concerns Committee.

The Meeting received a letter from Tish Colombi, the Mayor of Haddonfield, asking individuals, groups, businesses and houses of worship to make contributions to a disaster relief fund from Haddonfield for victims of hurricane Katrina. Friends approved that the Meeting would channel our contribution through the American Friends Service Committee. The Clerk will send a letter thanking the Mayor for her letter and advising her of our decision. Recognizing that the need will be ongoing for quite some time, Peace and Social Concerns Committee has been asked to bring a plan for corporate giving for hurricane disaster relief to the October Meeting for Business. In the meantime, the Meeting encourages Friends to make generous individual contributions directly to AFSC for hurricane disaster relief.

Our annual assessment to the Council of Churches of \$27 per member of Haddonfield Meeting was approved.

The property at 65 Haddon Avenue, purchased by the School in 2003, requires extensive fire protection procedures before it can be used for classes. This prompted a Minute that many Friends are not comfortable with. The Minute, approved at the June Meeting for Business, concerned equity ownership of the buildings

located at 47 and 65 Haddon Avenue. It was reconsidered because several Friends had expressed a concern that it was unclear. The following Minute was approved at the September 2005 Meeting for Business:

“Friends approved that any contributions and/or grant funds obtained for the school will be dedicated for the sole use of the school.”

This Minute replaces the Minute of June 2005 concerning the above matter. Approved.

Stuart Hodges, the Meeting Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report, held over from August Meeting for Business. He began with an enumeration of expenses we should expect to have to deal with in the coming months and years.

Stuart gave us a thorough picture of our financial situation. It’s clear that members need to contribute more generously to the Meeting.

Stuart presented and explained the Balance sheet — Assets/Liabilities and Equity and the Income/Expenses sheet. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted with thanks.

For Care Committee, Mary Noland reported that clearness committees have completed their work with respect to three applications for membership: David Austin, Judy Kruger and the Hogan Family (Tanya and Tim and their children, Mitchell and Elise). All of these applicants were visited and recommended for membership by the respective clearness committees. Care Committee considered the applications and the clearness committees’ reports carefully. Care Committee is in unity that the applicants have a clear understanding of the meaning and commitments of membership, are familiar with Friends’ beliefs and practices and are closely in harmony with Friends’ testimonies. Care Committee recommends that David, Judy and the Hogan family be approved for membership in Haddonfield Monthly Meeting. In accordance with our customary practice, the applications will be held over for one month.

A called Yearly Meeting Session in June united in a desire to incorporate the dangerous implications of global climate change into PYM’s work in the world. Each Monthly Meeting is being asked to discern its own response to the epistle from the called session. The epistle is posted on the Meeting House bulletin board. Connie Brookes, the Monthly Meeting contact

for PYM’s Climate Action Network, has received a draft proposal that the Climate Action Network will be bringing to the PYM Peace and Social Concerns Standing Committee. She distributed copies of the draft proposal for the Monthly Meeting’s consideration of how to start the discernment process. Friends approved referring the matter jointly to our Peace and Social Concerns and Religious Education committees.

Connie will write a letter, on behalf of the Meeting, to the two committees above asking them to work together on a proposal for developing a discernment procedure.

Respectively submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

## Religious Education

The children have already started the new First Day School year. Details about the Fall curriculum will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, here are their wonderful teachers:

Early Childhood Ages 2-7	Helene Drago, Teacher/Coordinator Inspira Williams, Teacher Nancy Engle, Program Assistant
Middle group Ages 8-11	Susan McDevitt, Teacher/Coordinator Teacher — to be determined Program Assistant — to be determined
Senior group Ages 12-17	Ty Drago, Teacher/Coordinator Teacher — to be determined Program Assistant — to be determined

Young Assistant Teachers — Allistair Dodgson,  
Rob McDevitt

For the adults, the year starts off with a three-part series on the Presentation of God in the Old Testament led by Tony Prete. These sessions run two hours each, from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m. Please bring a bag lunch and meet in the auditorium. Here is the schedule for adult FDS for October:

**Oct. 2** — Presentation of God in the Old Testament, Part 1. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

**Oct. 9** — Meeting for Business. No adult FDS.

Oct. 16 — You're a Quaker? What's that? 11 a.m.–noon.

Oct. 23 — Presentation of God in the Old Testament, Part 2. 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Oct. 30 — *Faith and Practice: The Testimonies*. 11:20 a.m.–noon.

### **Inquirers' Weekend on Basic Quakerism**

The next Inquirers' Weekend, designed to introduce attenders and new members to the basics of Quaker faith and practice, will be November 11–13 at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA. Leaders will be Ben Pink Dandelion, Programmes Leader in the Centre for Postgraduate Quaker Studies at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in England; and Deborah Shaw, Worship and Discernment Coordinator at Guilford College. The Inquirers' Weekend is co-sponsored by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Pendle Hill.

For more information, contact Pendle Hill at ext. 3, 800-742-3150 or 610-566-4507 or check the website [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org) under Fall 2005–Winter 2006 Workshops. Pendle Hill has funds available to match grants from Friends Meetings for scholarships; please ask for details.

### **US Military Bases Closing and US Military Bases Abroad: A Discussion with Mao Ishikawa, an Okinawan photojournalist**

Trenton Friends Meeting (clerk: Jada Jackson, a young African-American who joined the Religious Society of Friends a few years ago) is sponsoring this program which will take place at the Trenton Friends Meeting House on Saturday, October 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mao Ishikawa will have a slide show on the US soldiers in Okinawa and the people in Okinawa. A discussion with participants will follow. A majority of people in Okinawa have demanded that the U.S and Japanese governments close the US bases on the island and move the US soldiers back to the USA. Meanwhile, both governments have been trying to build a new base and move the US soldiers in the US bases within Okinawa where 75% of the US bases in Japan have been located. (She and three Korean photographers will have their photo exhibit from September 26th to October 26th at Brown University and have two symposiums there.) I will read one of the poems which I

wrote while I lived in Okinawa from 1996-1997.

We will have a small informal gathering with several ex-US soldiers to listen to their stories from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on October 9th at the Trenton Friends Meeting House.

Please hold/pray the program and us in the Light.

Peace,  
Takashi

### **Meetinghouse Paintings at Airport**

If you find yourself waiting for a flight at Philadelphia International Airport, go to Terminal F to see the exhibit of paintings of Delaware Valley meetinghouses by Merion Meeting member John Satterthwaite. They are available for sale and the proceeds will support the preservation of Merion Meetinghouse, built in 1695. The exhibit runs through the end of December. Special viewing times for Friends are being arranged.

### **Interfaith Caregivers**

Everyone loves a party! Interfaith Caregivers is celebrating its 15th Anniversary at Tavistock Country Club on Friday, November 4, 2005. Please join us for our Gala! The festivities start at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by The Brass and the Beat! Tickets are \$75 per person. Join the celebration!

### **October 8, 2005: A Day to Celebrate FCNL's Return to Capitol Hill**

It's been a long two years of construction, and more years than that of fundraising, but finally FCNL is back on Capitol Hill. Come and see the results of the support that made this building renovation possible. The building is safe and healthy, accessible to all and a visible demonstration of environmentally friendly policy.

There will be two sessions, at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A buffet lunch will be offered at noon at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation. Each session will include remarks by executive secretary Joe Volk and executive secretary emeritus Ed Snyder; greetings by former clerks and special guests; and building tours. (For a virtual tour of the building, visit [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)). Space is limited. Please RSVP to FCNL, 245 Second Street NE, Washington, DC 20002, 1-800-630-1330.

## **Middle School Friends Halloween Gathering**

Middle Schoolers, parents and First Day School students, are you ready for an adventure? Middle School Friends, the Yearly Meeting youth group for 11- to 14-year-olds, will be gathering once again the weekend of October 21-23 to celebrate the start of a new year and the Halloween harvest season.

Come on a journey of discovery to learn more about who we are and about those who went before us. We'll do creative journal and map work, play community games, learn about the history of Burlington Meeting House, and find out amazing stories of the Quakers' involvement in the Underground Railroad. Don't miss the 15th annual Halloween party with games, crafts, and creative Halloween disguises.

Contact Elizabeth Walmsley, Middle School Friends Coordinator, for more information: 1-800-220-0796, Ext. 7171, or [elizabethw@pym.org](mailto:elizabethw@pym.org).

## **AFSC Gathering November 5**

The American Friends Service Committee's Annual Public Gathering on Saturday, November 5, will feature as keynote speaker Barbara Lee, a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. She was the lone dissenting vote when members of the Senate and House voted to give the President authority to go to war against Iraq without further consultation with those bodies.

First elected in 1998, Barbara Lee now serves as Co-chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus and Whip for the Congressional Black Caucus. She has been a vocal opponent of the USA PATRIOT Act and is a supporter of the Homebound Act which calls for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. In her roles in both caucus positions, she has been a leader in the fight for civil rights and civil liberties.

The Annual Public Gathering is part of the annual meeting of the AFSC Corporation. The general theme of the meeting is speaking truth to power. The venue this year is the Holiday Inn at Fourth and Arch Streets in Philadelphia. The public gathering, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, November 5, is free to the public. Visit [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org) for more information.

There are public parking facilities in the area. Parking will not be available at the Arch Street Meeting House, except vehicles with annual permits.

## **“Silent Witness” Panels Featured in Abington Art Center’s “Lost Meeting” Exhibit**

Until November 12, nearly half of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's “Silent Witness” panels about local Quaker meetinghouse architecture will set the stage for the Abington Art Center's multi-layered, interactive, participatory exhibit, “The Lost Meeting”, which takes place in the former Orthodox Meetinghouse (the Little Abington Meetinghouse) in Jenkintown, PA.

“The Lost Meeting” features the work of artist/designer J. Morgan Puett, assisted by other collaborators. Moving through the Hicksite/Orthodox schism and the Quaker culture of that period, the collaborators have set up a provisional drafting studio in the Little Abington Meetinghouse to experiment with historical domestic Quaker objects using 21st century technology.

Friends may wish to start their experience with a visit to the “Silent Witness” panels in the Community Gallery of the Abington Art Center, open Monday–Friday, 10a.m. to 5p.m., Thursdays until 7 p.m. Then, a walk through the Sculpture Park takes visitors to the Little Abington Meetinghouse for J. Morgan Puett's work and other events.

Visit [www.abingtonartcenter.org/](http://www.abingtonartcenter.org/) for details about specific events, including Family Workshops on Saturdays, October 8, and November 12, 1– 3 p.m. and First Day Meetings at 2:00 p.m. on October 2, and November 6. The November 6 event is a dialogue with J. Morgan Puett, Iain Kerr, Julie Courtney, Sue Makler of Abington Meeting, Christopher Densmore of the Friends Historical Library, and Catherine Lavoie of the Historic American Buildings Survey in Washington, DC.

## **The Gathered Meeting, Part 3** *Thomas R. Kelly*

It carries a sense of passivity within it. We seem to be acted upon by a More-than-ourselves, who stills our time-torn spirits and breathes into us, as on Creation's day, the breath of life. When one rises to speak in such a meeting, one has a sense of *being used*, of being played upon, of being spoken through. It is as amazing an experience as that of being *prayed through*, when we, the praying ones, are no longer the initiators of the supplication, but seem to be transmitters, who second an impulse welling up from the depths of the soul. In such an experience the brittle bounds of our selfhood seem

## BOOK LIGHTS

By Judy Kruger  
For Library Committee



Perhaps the most important book in Haddonfield Friends' library is the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting handbook *Faith and Practice* (1997 edition). The Society of Friends has no creed, so *Faith and Practice* is an important overview of our thoughts and practices, which visitors and attenders to our Meeting will find especially enlightening (Members receive their own copies.).

I decided to summarize the contents rather than review the book.

*Faith and Practice* opens with a concise history of Quakerism and of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Next, "Friends' Beliefs and Practices" describes the concepts of the Light Within; Meeting for Worship as the heart of the Society; and our unique methods of decision-making and conflict resolution. This section also describes our clearness process; and Friends' relationships to the Bible, to prayer, and to the inward sacraments.

The third section, "Our Meeting Community," details the membership process; Quaker education; marriage and death procedures; intervisitation; and stewardship of property.

The fourth section, "Applications of Friends Testimonies," develops the connection between worship and self, others, and the physical world.

Because personal revelation is at the core of Quakerism, the heart of *Faith and Practice* comprises many individuals' and Meetings' writings. The authors quoted in this compelling section range from historical (George Fox, Mary Pennington, Robert Barclay, John Woolman et. al.) to modern thinkers (Elise Boulding, Elizabeth Gray Vining, Douglas V. Steere, Howard Brinton, John Punshon et. al.) to local people you might personally know.

The next section, "Structures in our Yearly Meeting," describes the organizational components of the Society of Friends.

The final section sets out useful current Queries, or questions, which individuals and Meetings use as a framework of self-evaluation.

The library has multiple copies of *Faith and Practice*.

softened; and instead of saying "I pray" or "He prays," it becomes better to say, "Prayer is taking place." So in a truly covered meeting an individual who speaks takes no credit to himself for the part he played in the unfolding of the worship. In fact he deeply regrets it if any anyone, after the service, speaks in complimentary fashion to *him*. For the feeling of being a pliant instrument of the Divine Will characterizes true speaking "in the Life." Under such a covering an individual emerges into vocal utterance, frequently without fear and trembling, and subsides without self-consciousness into silence when his part is played. For one who is greater than all individuals has become the meeting place of the group, and He becomes the leader and director of worship. With wonder one hears the next speaker, if there be more, take another aspect of the theme of the meeting. No jealousy, no regrets that *he* didn't think of saying that, but only gratitude that the angel has come and troubled the waters and that many are finding healing through the one Life. A gathered meeting is no place for the enhancement of private reputations, but for self-effacing and obedience to the whispers of the Leader.

A fifth trait of mystical experience may well be added to James' list — the sense of unity, unity with the Divine Life who has graciously allowed us to touch the hem of His garment, unity with our fellow worshippers, for He has broken down the middle wall of partition between our separate personalities and has flooded us with a sense of *fellowship*. This unity with our fellow-worshippers, such that we are "written in one another's hearts," is in one sense created and instituted in the hour of worship. But in a deeper sense it *is discovered* in that hour that we *are* together in one body, which is the true and Catholic church invisible. And in a fashion the vividness of our unity fades, is transient, and grows weaker after the rise of meeting. But the fact *disclosed* in the meeting, namely, that we *are* one body, hid with Christ in God, remains, secure from the flow of *feelings* and *emotion*.

## **Elaine Pagels Lecture Now on CD**

The Outside Lecturer Working Group of PYM has received permission from Elaine Pagels to make available a two-disk CD set in connection with her lecture to Friends on May 21, 2005. The compact disks include her lecture — titled “The Secret Gospel of Thomas: New Perspectives on Jesus and His Message” — the questions from the floor, her responses to written questions, and a PDF file containing the Gospels of Thomas and Mary. These CDs are available for \$15.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling.

*Elaine Pagels is the Harrington Speare Paine Professor of Religion at Princeton University, and a well known scholar of Gnostic writings. About 700 people attended her lecture at Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia.*

## **Gifts to Workcamp in Memory of David Richie**

The Friends Workcamp Program of PYM has established a fund in memory of David Richie, who died on July 15 at the age of 97. David developed the Weekend Workcamp model in the late 1930s and worked for PYM’s Workcamp program for 34 years. Checks should be made payable to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, earmarked “David Richie Memorial Fund,” and sent to the Friends Workcamp Program, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia PA 19102.

In 1953 the Yearly Meeting’s workcamps had 730 volunteers from 36 schools, engaged in 54 weekend workcamps of service in low-income communities. David retired in 1973, but the program continues to this day.

David leaves behind a legacy of light, love and caring. In honor of his service, PYM is collecting stories of workcamp experiences. These stories will become part of a collection that will be available for circulation among friends and presented to David’s family.

The Workcamp Program is collecting the names and addresses of past workcamp participants for the alumni database. This database will keep workcamp alumni linked to current workcamp activities, as well as establish a volunteer network. To send stories, or if you are a past workcamp participant, please contact Susanna Corson-Finnerty, Workcamp Alumni Project Assistant, at [susannac@pym.org](mailto:susannac@pym.org) or 215-241-7236.

## **Friends General Conference Job Openings**

Friends General Conference seeks Friends for four part-time positions: Bookstore, Junior Gathering, Ministry on Racism, Youth Ministries.

# October 2005

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>2</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 FDS 11:30 am-1:30 pm God in the OT	<b>3</b> ROSH HASHANAH	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm School Committee	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9 am Peace & Social Concerns 10 am Mtg for Worship Meeting for Business	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>12</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship YOM KIPPUR	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9 am Yard Sale
<b>16</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b> 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:00 am FDS 12 noon covered dish	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:15 am Meeting for Worship 7:30 pm Prop. Committee	<b>20</b> 7:30 pm Worship & Ministry	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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