



Horsham Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Ninth Month, 2005

Query for Ninth Month

Outreach

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

What are we doing to invite persons not in membership to attend our meetings for worship and to encourage their continued attendance?

How does the Meeting welcome visitors? Are we sensitive to the needs and hesitations of each

visitor?

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

How do I ground myself in the understandings of my faith? Am I clear about my beliefs? How do I prepare myself to share my faith and beliefs with others?

Does my manner of life as a Friend attract others to our religious society?

Do I seize opportunities to tell others about the Religious Society of Friends

and invite them to worship with us?

Is my manner with visitors and attenders to our Meeting one of welcome?

Collaboration

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

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

What opportunities have I taken to know people from different religious and cultural backgrounds, to worship with them, and to

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work with them on common concerns?

What opportunities have I taken to know, to work, and to worship with Friends outside of my own Meeting?

Minutes of Eighth Month 2005

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Horsham Monthly Meeting for Business held Eighth Month, 27th, 2006. Annual Meeting held at Warminster Meeting.

There were 22 members and 3 children present.

The Eighth Query on Peace was read in Meeting for Worship by John W. Lee III with Advices offered by Dorothea C. Sines. Clerk Amy A. Jarrett, Clerk, asked for

further comments regarding the Query. R. Evelyn Carpenter told about the American Friends Service demonstration "Eyes Wide Open" in Philadelphia which displayed the boots of soldiers who lost their lives in Iraq. The boots, which are being displayed several other locations are a chilling, sad commentary on the horrors of war.

Having received no additions or corrections the Minutes were approved.

Clerk of Trustees Elizabeth O. Jarrett requested David E. Charles, representing The Quaker School Committee, to present the required financial information for the Phase One building. The reworked figures showing the financial stability of The Quaker School, which include cost reductions, additional loan availability from The Reinvestment Fund, collection of pledges and the School's Contingency fund negate the need, at this time, to borrow money from Horsham Monthly Meeting. The bids from Contractors are being studied, con-

tractors being interviewed again, with the prospect of being able to begin construction soon. A Minute was approved for the building of Phase One as follows:

Horsham Monthly Meeting of Friends agrees to permit The Quaker School at Horsham to proceed with the building of the Phase One segment of their building project, said approval to include monthly project and financial reports.

**Peace Quote:**

Then it was as if I suddenly saw the secret beauty of their hearts, the depths of their hearts where neither sin nor desire nor self-knowledge can reach, the core of their reality, the person that each one is in God's eyes. If only they could see themselves as they really are. If only we could see each other that way all the time, there would be no more war, no more hatred, no more cruelty, no more greed... I suppose the big problem would be that we would fall down and worship each other.

- Thomas Merton

The Minute was approved. A copy of the Minute will be sent to the School.

Christopher Gruber gave a detailed report about his week at the Junior Friends Conference. He had lots of fun, swimming, great counselors, liked the showers and the food was "OK". His mother received no phone calls during the week so she knew he was enjoying himself. Christopher was impressed by the number of "campers" from other Meetings. This was a new experience for him.

There was no OLD BUSINESS

There had been no Interim Committee, Overseers meeting was cancelled in August but will meet Monday, September 19th.

Elizabeth W. Lukshides announced the birth of Daniel Joseph Bachinsky, her grandson, child of Rebecca Lukshides Bachinsky and Joseph Carl Bachinsky. Daniel arrived August 13, 2005 at 5:38 am, at 8 pounds 1 ounce and 21 ½ inches long. Daniel's Great Grandparents were Edith and William Wood.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

J. Ellwood Kirk reported that a new stove has been purchased and installed in the Farm House. Trustees will meet September 12, 2005 at 7 pm.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Christine Greenland is in contact with the Meeting's young people on a regular basis. The Newsletter is sent to the young people also.

A "Special Issue" of The Friends Journal will be issued next month. Meeting approved order-

ing 6 extra copies.

The Nominating Committee Report is scheduled for next Monthly Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There will be no more used clothing accepted in Philadelphia by the American Friends Service Committee.

Matthew Keck and Kelly Tessena have written a letter requesting to be married in July, 2006, at Horsham Meeting, the wedding to be under the Oversight of both Horsham and Patuxent, Maryland, Meetings. Their letter will be given to a Clearness Committee to be appointed by the Meeting.

Clerk Amy A. Jarrett read a letter from the family of James Norris Barnard, recently deceased. Many present remember Copey

and Jim Barnard.

The letter will be given to the Meeting Recorder.

Christine reminded Friends of the Abington Quarter Picnic to be held at Byberry Meeting, Sunday September 3rd.

David E. Charles told of his recent meeting with Friends from the Snipe Family at the Friends Meeting in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. The Snipes are from lower Bucks County not too far from David's home, an interesting experience.

There was no further business. The Meeting adjourned after a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothea C. Sines,
Assistant Clerk

AFSC Stops Clothing Collections in Philadelphia

The American Friends Service Committee's Philadelphia warehouse has stopped receiving donations of used clothing effective July 31, 2005. The collection and shipment of used clothing overseas to people in need has long been a cherished program of AFSC. As relief practices have changed in recent years, AFSC has looked carefully at the program and its efficacy and a consensus developed to end foreign clothing shipments.

Many countries have altered their policies regarding used clothing imports; most are even prohibiting such imports. Along with other charities, AFSC has learned that purchasing locally to support overseas communities in crisis makes the most sense. It's timely, cost effective, items purchased often are more suitable to the local needs, and local economies are bolstered.. The agency hopes to continue to collect standardized hygiene and infant kits as part of new initiatives, so these can be on-hand in the warehouse for immediate shipment when emergencies arise.

Read the full AFSC statement at:

<http://www.afsc.org/emap/blueing-letter.htm>



News from around PYM

Friends General Conference Job Openings

Friends General Conference seeks Friends for four part-time positions: Bookstore, Junior Gathering, Ministry on Racism, Youth Ministries. For information, call Ellen Helmuth, 215-561-1700, or ellenh@fgcquaker.org

Sad Loss for Friends Counseling Service

(Memorial Service September 10 for Lindley Winston) With sadness the Friends Counseling Service reports the death of psychiatrist Lindley Winston in a car accident on August 14. He and his wife, Joyce Winston, were returning from Cape May. She survived with injuries.

Lindley was a long and faithful member of the Friends Counseling Service and touched the lives of many through his psychiatric practice and as a member of Willistown Meeting (PA) and PYM Interim Meeting. We know there will be many within the PYM community who will miss his generous, wise, and gentle spirit. We especially want to let any of Lindley's former clients know. Any who would like to talk with a counselor about the loss of Lindley Winston may call Counseling Service Coordinator Deborah Cooper at 215-248-0489 or PYM staff member Steve Gulick at 215-241-7068. A memorial service for Lindley Winston was scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, September 10, at Willistown Meeting, 7069 Goshen Road, Newtown Square, PA 19073.

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 Work camp 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 or 215-241-7236.

Last Chance for 'Peace' Banner

If anyone would still like a "There is No Way to Peace... Peace is the Way" banner, QuakerBooks of FGC is offering them one last time. We need a minimum of 15 orders to have the banner company make these 4-by-8-foot banners. The price is \$250.00 each. Orders will be accepted until the end of Novem-

ber. After that, these banners will no longer be available. Phone 215-561-1700. www.quakerbooks.org

Meetinghouse Paintings at Airport

Friends traveling through Terminal F at Philadelphia International Airport may wish to notice 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. Additional information can be obtained from Alice Hoffman -- amhoffma@brynmawr.edu

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 from Sally Rickerman, 121 Watson Mill Road, Landenberg PA 19350; 610-274-8856; sshrr@earthlink.net for \$15.00 plus \$1.50 postage and handling. Elaine Pagels is the Harrington Spere 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.

"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 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 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, 10am to 5pm, Thursdays until 7pm. 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/ for details about specific events, including Family Workshops on Saturdays, September 10, October 8, and November 12, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. and First Day Meetings at 2:00 p.m. on September 11, 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.



Upcoming Events

October 22

Workshop on Pastoral Care At End Of Life.

All Friends are invited to a remarkable training to prepare ourselves for caring for members, attenders and their families at the end of life. The workshop is sponsored by Friends Hospice Project of Philadelphia and the Worship and Care Standing Committee. It will take place Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Plymouth Meeting, 2150 Butler Pike, Plymouth Meeting PA 19462.

As Quakers, we are the ministers, and as the saying goes, "God has no hands but ours." This workshop includes ways to lovingly ask difficult questions, learn what challenges the person and the family are facing, create a care circle, find additional resources, offer information and support in making decisions, be a person of presence,

offer practical help, opportunities for finding meaning and doing the work of forgiveness and reconciliation, have worship and prayers for wholeness.

For more information and to register, contact Brad Sheeks at Friends Hospice Project, 215-241-7525, friendshospice@aol.com.

October 22

The annual Quaker College Fair will take place Saturday, October 22, at Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Representatives from the fifteen Quaker-affiliated colleges in the United States, along with an expert on the college financial aid process, will be participating. The Quaker College Fair usually attracts 100 high school students and parents from all parts of PYM; it has consistently been regarded as a valuable and worthwhile experience.

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).

"Experiment With Light" Retreat Planned

Friends will gather to learn a form of Quaker meditation based on early Friends' experience of the Light at an "Experiment With Light" retreat led by Marcelle Martin. The event will be held at Solebury Meeting near New Hope, Pennsylvania, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 12, 2005. Tickets cost \$25 and include lunch and light refreshments. For tickets call John Ellsworth at (215) 348-1215. Childcare is not available. 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.

Draft Counselor Training at Haverford

J.E. McNeill, executive director of the Center for Conscience and War, will lead draft counselor training sessions on October 28-29, 2005. The training will occur

at Haverford Meeting, 825 Buck Lane, Haverford PA 19041. These sessions are sponsored by Haverford Quarterly Meeting to prepare to counsel young adults should the need arise. We invite young adults to participate as peer counselors. For further information and a registration packet, contact Christine M. Greenland, Haverford Quarterly Meeting Coordinator, P.O. Box 3072, Warminster, PA 18974-0108; 215-322-4105, 215-534-5928 or cmgreenlnd@aol.com. Enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

November 11-13

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 under Fall 2005-Winter 2006 Workshops. Pendle Hill has funds available to match grants from Friends Meetings for scholarships; please ask for details.

About Horsham Monthly Meeting

We welcome all to visit us for worship on Sundays at 10:30AM. First Day (Sunday) school is held during worship from September through May. For more information, call (215) 672-1714, or email our Clerk, Amy Jarrett, at ajarrett@peoplepc.com.



Information for this newsletter should be given to Alan Folsom by the 10th of each month for inclusion in that month. Articles or information can be emailed to: alan@folsoms.net.