

Adelphi Friends Meeting
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Weekly Schedule:

Sunday:

Early Meeting for Worship 9:00 AM (except 3rd Sunday)
Singing 9:45 AM
Meeting for Worship 10:00 AM

Wednesday:

Meeting for Worship 7:30 PM

Monthly Schedule:

Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August):

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business

Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9 AM

Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting 10 AM

Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of meeting

Last Sunday: Newsletter submission deadline

Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting

Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 AM, at *Sangha*, 7014 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912

Teacher Check-in

Sunday February 5th is the RE Midyear Check-in. All RE Teachers are invited to attend this annual check-in, for an informal time to share our experiences in the classroom and plan ahead for the second half of the year. The RE committee will present Adelphi Meeting's Youth Safety Policy and discuss how this will be implemented. This is a valued time of renewal for our volunteer teachers who provide spiritual guidance to our community's children. We will meet in the library of the White House at about 11:30 AM and will end by 1:30 PM. A Light lunch and child care will be provided.

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NL Ann: FCNL Priority Setting 3/19(1) 2nd Hour

A unique feature of the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is the process of involving a large number of its constituents in shaping priorities for its lobbying efforts. Here is your opportunity to participate in that process. Come to the 2nd Hour 3/19.

Guided by the FCNL Statement of Legislative Policy <www.FCNL.org/priorities> and your responses, we must choose a list of priorities commensurate with FCNL's staff and volunteer resources that will speak to the issues likely to face our nation and the world during the next session of Congress. The federal government's continuing emphasis on a "war on terror," national security, the war in Iraq, the budget, and the results of natural disasters are expected to remain high on its agenda.

FCNL has limited resources and so it is important to be precise in identifying those issues that are most significant. As background, it is suggested to review the FCNL Legislative Priorities for the 109th Congress (2005-2006) <www.fcnl.org/priorities/priority_109th.htm>

Frank Massey workshop on ministry in Meeting for Worship

Frank Massey may have gone from his position as General Secretary of our Yearly Meeting, but his ministry to among us continues. On Saturday, February 11 from 10 AM to 1 PM in the Assembly Room at Friends Meeting of Washington Frank will return from his new home in Greensboro, North Carolina to lead a workshop to guide us in answering several queries about ministry in our Meetings for Worship:

- Ministry: What is it?
- How do we encourage and support ministry in our Meeting?
- We all are ministers and can deliver a spiritual message out of the silence. How do we prepare for worship and for being open to ministry?
- What are my spiritual practices of listening and preparing myself for worship?
- Do I come prepared to respond to the prompting of the Spirit, or am I prepared to give "my" message?
- How does the Meeting support, encourage (nurture and elder), and create an openness for ministry in the Meeting?

His workshop is part of an ongoing four-times-a-year series offered by the Friends Meeting of Washington Ministry and Worship Committee in an effort to equip and encourage each of us to help our Meetings for Worship be powerful spiritual experiences for every worshipper. Former Clerk of our Yearly Meeting Lamar Matthew is planning to lead the next workshop in the series on May 6, 2006.

Snacks will be provided. So we know how much to provide, please let us know if you plan to attend either by sending an email to David Etheridge at david.etheridge@verizon.net or by calling him at (703) 533-7498.

Teachers of Peace: Educating for Peace and Social Change, March 2-5, 2006

The William Penn House of Washington, D.C. (www.WmPennHouse.org) is offering a seminar on teaching peace for those who teach middle through high school-aged students. This seminar takes the recent trend toward conflict resolution programs in schools one step further by focusing on how teachers can help their students change society.

Building on the success of two previous *Teachers of Peace* seminars and using the model of Multi-Track Diplomacy (www.itmd.org) put forward by Dr. Louise Diamond and Ambassador John McDonald, we will learn together how peace-building can and is being enacted in various sectors of society. Within a supportive community of peacemaker-teachers and with the leadership of our Planning Committee of master teachers, we will share strategies, lessons, ideas, stories, and questions about ways to create peace with young people.

The seminar will take place at the William Penn House from Thursday evening, 3/2/06 through Sunday 3/5/06 at noon. We will start with an informal gathering Thursday evening and proceed with community-building, lesson-planning, resource-sharing, and personal testimonials from peacemakers from all sections of society.

We hope to inspire and energize peace-teachers and provide resources and support in their efforts to help change society. Our topics include Transforming Street Violence, Economic Justice through Worker Cooperatives and Fair Trade, and The Teacher's Toolbox. Among our speakers for the weekend will be representatives from the Alliance of Concerned Men, Equal Exchange, and the media.

The *Teachers of Peace* seminar is for teachers at middle, junior, and senior high schools, as well as those teaching First Day/Sunday school and youth programs. Participation in this seminar will count toward continuing education requirements for licensure renewal in most school systems. Upon completion, you will receive a certificate for 20 contact hours. We also ask that all participants commit to creating their own lesson, unit or course for teaching peace, to be developed during and following the seminar. This resource will be shared with all participants. As an incentive, you will receive a \$50 gift certificate from Friends General Conference bookstore upon completion of your lesson, unit or course.

The seminar costs \$400 per person, including program costs, lodging, meals, and materials. If you or your school or organization is unable to pay the full amount, please pay what you can afford – we do not want a lack of funds to keep anyone from being able to participate. To register, call Janaki, Bernadette, or Patricia at (202) 543-5560 for an application, or download the brochure or application at www.WmPennHouse.org/teachersofpeace.htm

Teachers of Peace: Educating for Peace and Social Change

This Seminar Is for You If ...

You are a middle, junior or senior high school teacher, you teach First Day or Sunday school, or lead youth programs.

AND

You are looking for inspiration, ideas and support for teaching peace.

Multi-track Diplomacy: Peacemaking as a Living Social System

*A web of interconnected parts that
exchange both
energy and information.*



To Help with Your Lesson, Unit or Course, We'll Provide:

- Consultation and opportunities to begin planning
- A \$50 gift certificate from Friends General Conference bookstore (QuakerBooks.org), upon completion of your lesson, unit or course

Logistics

- **When:** Thursday evening, 3/2/06 through Sunday 3/5/06 at noon, starting with an informal gathering Thursday evening
- **Where:** At William Penn House
- **Cost:** The seminar costs William Penn House \$400 per person, including program costs, lodging, meals, and materials. If you or your school is unable to pay the full amount, please pay what you can afford.
- **To Register:** Please call Janaki, Bernadette, or Patricia at 202-543-5560 for an application, or download the application at: www.WmPennHouse.org/teachersofpeace.htm

In a Supportive Quaker Community, You Will:

- Learn about Multi-Track Diplomacy — a holistic framework for understanding and teaching peacemaking
- Feed your imagination in sessions featuring peacemakers from a variety of "tracks"
- Have the chance to share stories, ideas, questions and concerns with others who share your commitment to teaching peace
- Create your own lesson, unit or course for teaching peace

Peacemaking takes place on two levels — our individual interactions, and our work on society's policies and institutions. Our schools have begun to embrace peacemaking at the personal level with a rich variety of conflict resolution programs. **This course takes the next step, focusing on curricula that explore the many ways we can change society.**

We will explore peacemaking through the Multi-Track Diplomacy lens (www.imtd.org) provided by Dr. Louise Diamond and Ambassador John McDonald.



You will walk away from this course with:

- A new perspective on teaching peace and social change
- A network of supportive colleagues
- Sample peace and social change curricula
- Inspiration and renewed enthusiasm for teaching peace

Professional Development

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A Quaker Center on Capitol Hill

Teachers of Peace:

Educating for Peace
and Social Change



A Seminar for Those Who Teach
Middle, Junior and Senior High
School-Aged Students

March 2-5, 2006

Andrew Mack

Peace on Earth? Increasingly, Yes.

Seen through the eyes of the media, the world appears an evermore dangerous place. Iraq is sliding toward civil war, the slaughter in Darfur appears unending, violent insurgencies are brewing in Thailand and a dozen other countries, and terrorism strikes again in Bali. It is not surprising that most people believe global violence is increasing.

However, most people, including many leading policymakers and scholars, are wrong. The reality is that, since the end of the Cold War, armed conflict and nearly all other forms of political violence, have decreased. The world is far more peaceful than it was.

Why has this change attracted so little attention? In part because the global media give far more coverage to wars that start than to those that quietly end, but also because no international agency collects global or regional data on any form of political violence.

The Human Security Report, an independent study funded by five countries and published by Oxford University Press, draws on a wide range of little publicized scholarly data, plus specially commissioned research to present a portrait of global security that is sharply at odds with conventional wisdom. The report reveals that after five decades of inexorable increase, the number of armed conflicts started to fall worldwide in the early 1990s. The decline has continued.

By 2003, there were 40 percent fewer conflicts than in 1992. The deadliest conflicts — those with 1,000 or more battle-deaths — fell by some 80 percent. The number of genocides and other mass slaughters of civilians also dropped by 80 percent, while core human rights abuses have declined in five out of six regions of the developing world since the mid-1990s. International terrorism is the only type of political violence that has increased. Although the death toll has jumped sharply over the past three years, terrorists kill only a fraction of the number who die in wars.

What accounts for the extraordinary and counterintuitive improvement in global security over the past dozen years? The end of the Cold War, which had driven at least a third of all conflicts since World War II, appears to have been the single most critical factor.

In the late 1980s, Washington and Moscow stopped fueling "proxy wars" in the developing world, and the United Nations was liberated to play the global security role its founders intended. Freed from the paralyzing stasis of Cold War geopolitics, the Security Council initiated an unprecedented, though sometimes inchoate, explosion of international

activism designed to stop ongoing wars and prevent new ones.

Other international agencies, donor governments and nongovernmental organizations also played a critical role, but it was the United Nations that took the lead, pushing a range of conflict-prevention and peace-building initiatives on a scale never before attempted. The number of U.N. peacekeeping operations and missions to prevent and stop wars have increased by more than 400 percent since the end of the Cold War. As this upsurge of international activism grew in scope and intensity through the 1990s, the number of crises, wars and genocides declined.

There have been some horrific and much publicized failures, of course — the failures to stop genocide in Rwanda, Srebrenica and Darfur being the most egregious. But the quiet successes — in Namibia, El Salvador, Mozambique, Eastern Slovenia, East Timor and elsewhere went largely unheralded, as did the fact that the United Nations' expertise in handling difficult missions has grown dramatically.

A major study by the Rand Corp. published this year found that U.N. peace-building operations had a two-thirds success rate. **They** were also surprisingly cost-effective. In **fact**, the United Nations spends less running 17 peace operations around the world for an entire year than the United States spends in Iraq in a single month. What the United Nations calls "peacemaking" — using diplomacy to end wars — has been even more successful. About half of all the peace agreements negotiated between 1946 and 2003 have **been signed** since the end of the Cold War.

With the Security Council often reluctant to act — the abject failure to stop the Rwandan genocide remains a key example — and with too many missions having been denied adequate resources, appropriate mandates or properly trained personnel, these successes are all the more remarkable.

In the wake of last month's global summit at the United Nations, many critics wrote the United Nations off as an institution so deeply flawed that it was beyond salvation. The analysis and the carefully collated data in the Human Security Report reveal something very different: an organization that, despite its failures and creaking bureaucracy, has played a critical role in enhancing global security.

The writer directs the Human Security Center at the University of British Columbia. He was director of the Strategic Planning Unit in the executive office of U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan between 1998 and 2001.

From Wednesday, December 28, 2005, Washington Post

Continuing Revelation

I think openness is a huge Christian value.... What we really have to say is This I believe, but perhaps there's another angle on it Perhaps there's something I don't know, and maybe someone else will add to my understanding of faith."

-Rev. Joan Brown Campbell

One of the central Quaker values
but much misunderstood, we believe
that God is not done with us yet.

She did not create the world,
inspire various scriptures,
bring Her son to live among us,
and then go to sleep.

Our God is an active God,
concerned with Her creation.
Because we are trapped in space,
time, culture and sin, God is
constantly bringing us up to date.

This God who is much bigger than any one religion,
tried to make it clear with Jesus and Buddha

but brings us up to date with Gandhi
and Martin Luther King Jr.

Ringling us awake once again
with a new insight on Her nature
and love for Her children.

Friends worship in silence
partly to allow new revelation
to continually wash us in spiritual waters
not so different from the waters of baptism
confirming ancient and continuing revelation.

Listen!

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Submitting to the newsletter: Phillip Payette, the Newsletter Editor, welcomes any material of interest to the Adelphi Friends Meeting community. The best way to submit material is by e-mail to afm-newsletter@earthlink.net. Either attach a Word file to the e-mail or type the information directly into the e-mail. You may also submit clean, typed copy to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

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