

Adelphi Friends Meeting
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 Pam Tyng, clerk – Karen Cunyngnam, treasurer

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

June potluck Quaker Potluck & Dialogue

You are invited to a potluck & Quaker dialogue at William Penn House, Sunday, June 5, 2005 at 6:30 PM.

Our Program this First Day is presented by Frank Massey, General Secretary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Andrei Israel, Director of Washington Quaker Workcamps, Hope Braveheart, Youth Secretary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Phoebe Stern, Clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends

They will discuss Quaker service in Ramallah. Frank, Andrei, Hope and Phoebe recently spent several days in Ramallah exploring the possibilities of conducting a workcamp for BYM youth at the schools and the meeting house. They will share their insights about the Mid East and how they see an opportunity for Quaker service and witness.

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William Penn House is a Quaker center on Capitol Hill. We host groups and individuals who visit Washington to help make this a better world. We also host programs and seminars on peace and social justice issues and on Quakers, past and present.

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Carrie Newcomer and Jim Wallis event in DC area

Sojourners is pleased to announce a special benefit concert with musical guest Carrie Newcomer (www.carriewcomer.com) and activist preacher Jim Wallis.

Join Us for a Gathering of Spirits, Friday, June 3, 2005, Cedar Ridge Community Church Spencerville, Maryland (in the Washington, D.C. area off the Capital Beltway)

7:30 p.m. concert: \$25 (group rates are available by phone) 9:30 p.m. reception with Brian McLaren, Jim, and Carrie: \$100 (includes catered refreshments, a free autographed copy of God's Politics, and one concert ticket)

We are very excited to have Carrie Newcomer join us for this event. Her music has something for everyone - she has been using her talents to help charities and social justice organizations for years. And Jim will be joining us from his nationwide God's Politics "movement" tour. Our host for the evening will be writer and pastor of Cedar Ridge, Brian McLaren.

The most important part of this event is you. This will be an opportunity for you to connect with your fellow sojourners in the area. The cost of your tickets will help support Sojourners' mission and programs.

Order by phone at (800) 714-7474. All are welcome - bring a friend. Please feel free to respond with any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you there!

Grace and Peace, Jessie Doerrer, Marketing/Development Assistant, Sojourners, 2401 15th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009, (800) 714-7474, x235

Lucas-Schwenke family moving

On August 1st, the Lucas-Schwenke family is heading for a year in Uganda! Stephen Schwenke has been awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to lecture and do research in development ethics in the Ethics and Public Management Program of the Department of Philosophy at Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda, during the 2005-2006 academic year. Stephen will focus his efforts on writing a guide to development ethics for use by development practitioners, and will link this guide to specific case studies of development initiatives and challenges in Uganda. Christine intends to work while she is in Uganda in her fields of public health and social work, and Ian (10) and Audrey (5) will attend the International School of Uganda. Stephen has been traveling to and doing short-term project work in Uganda since 1982, and lived and worked in neighboring Kenya from 1979 to 1989.

P&SC Comm. Minute for Monthly Meeting

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee will present the following Minute tailored on a recommendation of the FCNL for adoption at the next Monthly Meeting. Because it is so comprehensive P&SC is publishing in the newsletter beforehand.

Alexander E. Barnes for the Peace and Social Concerns Committee

Iraq STEP Resolution (Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace)

On April 13, 2004, President George W. Bush stated that "as a proud and independent people, Iraqis do not support an indefinite occupation and neither does America" and that the U.S. will remain in Iraq "as long as necessary and not one day more"; and

on February 17, 2005, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld assured the Senate Armed Services Committee that "we have no intention, at the present time, of putting permanent bases in Iraq"; and

on February 2005 the Wall Street Journal reported that 60% of the people in the United States think that the Bush administration should set a public or private timetable for withdrawing U.S. troops from Iraq; and

former Secretary of State James Baker, former Pentagon official Anthony Cordesman, the International Crisis Group, and other respected leaders and analysts have said that it is critical that the U.S. government declare now its intention to fully withdraw from Iraq; and

political parties opposed to the ongoing U.S. military presence won the overwhelming majority of votes in Iraq's January 2005 election and a clear majority of voters interviewed in exit polls cited their desire to see an end to the military occupation as a major impetus for voting; and

the perception that the U.S. intends to permanently occupy Iraq aids insurgent groups in recruiting supporters and fuels violent activity; and

many insurgent groups have expressed a willingness to engage in political dialogue if the U.S. clearly states its intention to withdraw from Iraq; and

we can best honor the lives and memories of all who have died in Iraq by expediting the end of the war, bringing U.S. troops home as quickly as possible, and supporting the Iraqi people in rebuilding their country; and

a clear statement of intent to fully withdraw U.S. troops and bases does not imply the setting of a particular deadline, time frame, or exit strategy; and

such a statement would send a strong signal to the people of Iraq and the international community that the United States does not have imperial intentions in Iraq and affirms that the Iraqi people will regain through their elected representatives the full exercise of national sovereignty, including control over security and public safety;

Therefore, the Adelphi Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends holds the people of Iraq, the U.S. troops and international troops and humanitarian workers in Iraq, the leaders of Iraq and the United States, and all others affected by this war in the Light; and

the Adelphi Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends calls on the United States Congress to adopt a sense of the Congress resolution declaring: "It is the policy of the United States to withdraw all U.S. military troops and bases from Iraq".

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee requests Monthly Meeting to send a copy of this resolution to our members of Congress.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee also notes that the FCNL resolution after which this is tailored includes "And be it also resolved that this ...Meeting... will send a copy of this resolution to the local media." and commends that to Meeting.

July Potluck & Dialogue Cancelled

Due to the Gathering of friends in Blacksburg, there will be no potluck and dialogue on July 3.

August Potluck & Dialogue

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 PM on Sunday, August 7, 2005

Our Program this First Day is presented by Johannes Williams, of Friends Meeting of Washington
Quakerism and Law: Affirming the Truth both in and outside of a Courtroom juror immunity ... never swearing, especially not with a hand on the Bible, whether before a judge or not ... legislating for the common good, that is, to improve justice in society ... conscientious objection to compulsory military service ... constructing and operating the machinery of government

... the role of a representative in any commercial transaction....

These are but a few of the numerous topics where Quakerism and law converge.

What have we seen when we Simple People have pursued activities dominated by their legal significance? What can we expect in future confluences of Quakerism and law? What are the defining characteristics of that confluence? Why and how does Quakerism matter to lawyering and what does the law mean to Quakers?

Johannes is a member of the William Penn House board. He earned a law degree from Georgetown University, an M.A. in history from the U. of Wisconsin and a B.A. with honors from Ball State. His career has included large law firms, a national trade association and an in-house corporate position. He established a solo law practice last spring.

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Additional workshops being offered at Annual Session.

All workshops and details about Annual Session are posted on the BYM website*. Please announce these new workshops to your Meeting during announcement time, list them in your newsletter, and encourage members and attenders to register now at reduced rate. The Program Committee has worked hard to reduce the cost of attending Annual Session, making it affordable to many more Friends. Financial aid is available through first-time attender vouchers, workgrants, the Young Friends programs, Monthly Meeting funds and participant's donations.

For more information and for a registration form: *(Go to <http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/index2005may.shtml>. Click on the green "here" under **Interchange** and **2005 Annual Sessions** for full information about all the workshops, other events and details about the week, and registration forms)

Additional workshops being offered at Annual Session:

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

12A. *Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves - Strategic Peace Witness Today* We will work to think strategically about how to apply our personal and meeting resources to maximize our impact for peace amidst the current "wars and rumors of war." We will give special emphasis to the challenge - and opportunity - of counter-recruiting work, as the military ratchets up its saturation efforts to recruit young people, especially those less privileged.

Leader: Chuck Fager is a member of State College Monthly Meeting and Director of Quaker House in Fayetteville, NC.

12B. **History, Practices, and Use of the Bible—Evangelical Friends Church of Rwanda.** Friends from Mid-America Yearly Meeting, an evangelical yearly meeting, came to Rwanda in 1986 to start a mission church there. From these small and recent beginnings, Rwanda Yearly Meeting of Friends (Evangelical Friends Church of Rwanda) has grown to over 5000 adult members. Learn about the history, manner of worship, yearly meeting structure, use of the Bible, and other aspects of the Friends Church in Rwanda.

Leader: Cecile Nyiramana is Secretary to the Legal Representative (General Secretary), Rwanda Yearly Meeting of Friends.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

24A. Clerking: Engaging Mercy and Justice How can clerking model both mercy and justice while conducting God's business? What elements of structure and training can encourage participation, listening, and openheartedness? Bring your experience *and* your inexperience to share in our conversation towards deepening our Meeting communities.

Leader: **Peggy Dyson-Cobb** is delighted to share her enthusiasm about native plant propagation and Quaker committees (among other joys) - just ask!

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

37. Meeting Challenges, Nurturing our Diversities: Raising Quaker Children of Color This workshop offers a safe space where parenting adults (of all descriptions) can explore how to nurture children of color informed by our Quaker faith. Jean Marie Barch will present psychosocial developmental needs, followed by group discussion of the ways being a child of color influences these needs. Sharing of helpful techniques and strategies, networking, brainstorming, and formulating guiding

queries will expand our “successful parenting” abilities. Young Friends are encouraged to participate.

Leader: Jean Marie Preswich-Barch (sojourning at Valley Meeting, member Schuylkill, PYM), is a clinical psychologist and clerk of FGC's Committee for Ministry on Racism.

38. The Reality of Racism (See Friday's description)

39. *Retaliate with Blessings: 1st Peter 3:9* Peacemaking is fraught with perils. There is burnout confronting those committed to non-violent resolution of conflict, bitterness by being exposed to anger of the world and burden by carrying the pain and suffering of the oppressed. We will explore becoming servants of peace and without falling prey to those and other perils. (Experiential 40%, Discussion 35%, Lecture 25%).

Leader: **Tom Fox** is a member of Langley Hill Meeting and is currently a member of the Christian Peacemaker Team in Iraq.

The Alternatives to Violence Project continues at the Annex prison at Jessup.

For those not familiar with this workshop, participants engage in role-playing and other activities learning non-violent ways of dealing with conflict situations. I, and those who have joined me, have found it to be a life-changing, life-affirming experience.

More can be found at <avpusa.org>. If you'd like to become involved contact me, Alexander Barnes, at <Barnes@alumni.Amherst.edu> or 301.474.5310.

For sale

From Pam Tyng – for sale: wardrobe, 57”hx40”wx20”d, dark pine, best offer; desk, standard office, 60”wx30”d, best offer. You haul (will need at least a pickup for either of them). Call 301/345-3718.

M&W workshop

The Friends Meeting of Washington Ministry and Worship Committee inaugurates its quarterly workshops series on Meeting for Worship with a session facilitated by Joe Izzo entitled “Encounters with Silence and Vocal Ministry” on Saturday, June 11 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM in the Quaker House Living Room.

During our time together we will share our personal experiences of silent worship and the purpose and role of vocal ministry in our communal worship. We will address the following topics:

- 1) Preparing for silent worship: How, what and when?
- 2) Using silence to encounter “that of God” (the Light, the Inner Christ, Truth, etc.) in ourselves, others and the created universe. How do I settle into silence and how do I use or “structure” the silence to open myself to listening to that inner Light?
- 3) Letting the Inner Light guide me and help me discern whether insights or messages are for myself, the community, or both.
- 4) Letting go of pre-conceived attitudes, beliefs or assumptions about vocal ministry.

Participants are invited to read John Punshon's book, *Encounter with Silence*, prior to attending the workshop. John Punshon tells his own story of coming to Quakerism from another denomination, experiencing silent worship and developing his own approach to making the most of that manner of worship. His thoughtful and articulate account can help us in our own encounter with silent worship and with the vocal ministry that arises out of the silence. Reading the book, however, is NOT necessary in order to attend and participate in a meaningful way.

A few copies of *Encounter with Silence* are available for purchase in the Meeting Office Bookstore. The book may also be purchased on line at www.quakerbooks.org or www.quakerhillbooks.org.

If you have questions, difficulty locating the book, or want to let us know you are coming to the workshop, please contact David Etheridge at david.etheridge@verizon.net or (703) 533-7498 or Joe Izzo at jizzo@wwc.org or (202) 526-2471.

Through this quarterly workshop series the Ministry and Worship Committee seeks to equip and encourage each of us to help our Meetings for Worship be powerful spiritual experiences for every worshipper. Margery Mears Larrabee will facilitate the second quarterly workshop, addressing the gift of eldering, on September 16 and 17, 2005.

2005 Summer in South Dakota

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, INTERMOUNTAIN YEARLY MEETING, JOINT SERVICE PROJECT on PINE RIDGE

We will undertake a variety of work projects around Pine Ridge. We will work on housing for the Oglala Lakota or on other projects of their choosing. We will be camping in different locations, depending on the work project. Some projects

will be chosen based on the number of volunteers signed up for the week and their skills.

July 10-16, July 17-23, July 24-30, July 31-Aug 6, August 7-13

Cost: \$375.00 each week, Beginning and ending in Denver, CO.

Contact: Mike Gray, 2852 W.Gamez Rd., Benson, AZ 85602, 520-907-6321, mgray@afsc.org

The American Friends Service Committee is a Quaker organization which includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. Its work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person, and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice.

Bill Sutherland Institute for Africa Advocates

“Gender and the Politics of Inequality” June 23-25, 2005

The American Friends Service Committee invites you to attend the Second Annual Bill Sutherland Training Institute for Africa Advocates. The Institute is an annual event that aims to provide U.S.- based Africanists:

Practical grassroots organizing skills, Exposure to the cutting edge issues that challenge Africa, and

Opportunities to network with their peers from around the country.

This year we will explore the issues of economic inequality and associated conflict through a gender lens, looking specifically at the ways in which women and girls in Africa are differentially affected.

As part of this conference, join us for the national Life Over Debt lobby day, when activists will meet with legislators to advocate for debt cancellation.

Location: Kellogg Conference Hotel, Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, N.E. Washington, DC, Date: June 23-25, 2005

Advance registration: February 1 thru May 16, 2005, Advance registration fees: General Public - \$60, Students - \$40, Organizations - \$175, Single Day Rate - \$40

On-site registration fees: Space is limited so advance registration is encouraged. General Public - \$70, Students - \$50, Organizations - \$185

For more information contact us via E-mail at africa@afsc.org or call (215) 241-7168.

This event is organized by the American Friends Service Committee's Africa Programs and its Nationwide Women's Program 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19012

AFSC/MAR-DC PEACE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE PROGRAM HELP NEEDED FOR MAY AND JUNE 2005

Dear Friends,

To achieve its goals and objectives for the month of May and June, 2005, the AFSC/MAR-DC Peace and Economic Justice is seeking help from volunteers for the following activities:

Activities:

1. Tutoring

Help needed: Math tutors to provide individualized tutoring (mostly algebra and geometry) sessions to 10th graders for DC public schools. Sessions occur on Mondays and Thursdays, from 6:30 PM-8:00 PM. We also need GED tutors.

2. Africa Initiative

Help needed: help recruit volunteers and attendees for the Bill Sutherland Training Institute scheduled for June 23-25, 2005. Please call the office or visit the AFSC webpage for more details.

3. Support Rennie Coalition

Help needed: Volunteers with legal background to provide advices on how to better assist the DC community against police brutality and demand more police accountability. Volunteers can also help with the ongoing support to the Rennie Grandison case. If interested, please contact the office for more details, at (202) 299-1050.

4. Program Fundraising:

Help needed: Volunteers with fundraising background to help AFSC-DC fundraising efforts. Please contact us for more details, at (202) 299-1050!

5. Passport to Work

Help needed: volunteers with youth organizing background to guide 15-20 DC youth during their six week summer employment. We want to train our youth to improve the following skills: communication, conflict resolution, interview techniques, job search, teamwork, mural art, and telephone techniques. Please call us for more info!



6. HIPP

Youth: Do you want to understand how to deal with conflict and with others who are different from yourself? Are you interested in developing your leadership skills? Want to reduce violence in your community? Do you want skills to help work with each other around social justice issues?

Allies to youth: Are you frustrated with programs that are so boring the young people can't sit still to learn this information? Want to experience a program that is dynamic, interactive, elicitive, experiential? Do you want to help the young people you work with better understand the social justice issues which affect non-violence and peace?

Help Increase the Peace Program (HIPP) goes beyond the conflict resolutions skills of Alternatives to Violence Program to help communicate effectively about the issues which are on the minds of young people. Experience the HIPP training and learn how to present it. Become a certified facilitator in a five day training. You will experience the Basic, Advanced and Training for Facilitators.

Join us at Friends Meeting of Washington **June 27 through July 1.**

\$200 for youth, \$400 for adult, \$550 if paid by your institution. Deposit \$100 to hold a space.

Late registration fee after June 10 (DC) additional \$50

Refunds of all but \$50 up to 2 weeks in advance. After that \$100 withheld.

Lunches and manual included. Some scholarship support may be available.

Contact Kathryn Liss at kliss@afsc.org or 202-299-1052 for more information or to register

Come One Come All To
The Great Adelphi

Strawberry Festival

Adelphi Friends Meeting
2303 Metzert Rd., Adelphi, MD
Saturday, June 4th, 10am – 4pm
Rain or Shine

Strawberries

White Elephants Sale

Silent Auction • *Lunch*

Tie Dye • LEMONADE

Children's Games

Bake Sale • **BOOKS**

Tee Shirt Painting

Face Painting

Ice Cream Sundaes

Great for the Whole Family!

Poet's Page

She-Wolf by Carol Beigel

My paternal grandmother set out to write the story of her life when she was in her eighties. For many years she labored over this document telling the story of her childhood; being raised by her maternal grandparents; how life changed when her grandfather died, and going off to college in 1918. The heart of the story deals with her relationship with her sister and concludes with the birth of her niece. This effort was such an intensive labor of love for my grandmother as it was to her the story of her life. To my mother, however, it was vastly incomplete. She noted that my grandmother had been married for over 60 years, and never once in her story had she mentioned her husband or two sons. There is a part of me that understands this omission.

If I were to set out to document my own life as I have lived it in my soul, I too would only make passing mention of my husband of twenty years and our two children. Why is this? Perhaps for me, family life felt like a sacrifice; an abandoning of who I dreamed to be, whatever that was, not realizing in the moment where I was in the circle of creation. Like trees, we women blossom into fruit; then grow leaves that nourish, shelter and shade; then shed our beauty into dormancy to bring forth new life in a different season.

Yet the irony of those blank years in the story of my own spiritual journey is that they eventually produced my most indescribable joy. No sound of music or singing in my soul could ever match the sound of that first cry; no face was ever so beautiful or body held so dear. In that first loving gaze, a heavenly brilliance filled every dark recess of my soul. Only Light and victory surrounded me as I became Grandma, the She Wolf, protector of her children's children.

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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