

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

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<p>WEEKLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (except 3rd Sunday) 9:45 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship</p> <p>Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Meeting for Worship</p>	<p>MONTHLY SCHEDULE:</p> <p>Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business</p> <p>Third Sunday: Singing begins at 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting</p>
<p>Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:30 a.m., currently at the home of Arthur Karpas, 6916 Westmoreland Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.</p>	

FIRST DAY DECEMBER 2ND THE ADELPHI MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUNG FRIENDS ARE VISITING ST. CAMILLA'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

As part of our new curriculum, "Visiting and Learning About Other Religions," we will be leaving the Meeting House at 10:10 sharp, returning by 12:00 noon. It is essential that the middle schoolers are here by 10:00 and that their parents have signed the permission form. (Ask your child for the form.) Questions? Contact Joanna Axtman, (202) 723-4428 or jaxart@infionline.net.

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT AVAILABLE

Certified Nursing Assistant ChiChi Villanueva is available, (202) 234-2817. ChiChi has an extensive background of elder care in private homes and in hospitals. She speaks some Spanish. ChiChi is referred by Carol Nezzo, (301) 864-5267. References available.

WINTER-SPRING ART WORKSHOPS

Winter-Spring art workshops at Joanna Axtmann's Studio start 1/16/08, 2/27/08, 4/16/08 and are held Wednesday mornings and evenings. These three six-week sessions explore the figure, imagery source, set-ups, and various art media. There will be some Saturday retreats. For flyer and info, call (202)723-4428 or e-mail jaxart@infionline.net. Reserve space ASAP! Magenta fliers are in Adelphi Meeting House foyer.

AFSC DISCUSSION OF JOSEPH GERSON'S BOOK, *EMPIRE AND THE BOMB: HOW THE UNITED STATES USES NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO DOMINATE THE WORLD*

This discussion will take place at the American Friends' Service Committee's Washington Public Policy Office, 1822 R Street, NW, Washington, DC, 20009 (near the north exit of the Dupont Circle Red Line Metro station), Thursday, November 29, 2007, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

The United States is the only country to have attacked a nation with nuclear weapons. Since the A-bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, every U.S. president has prepared and threatened first-strike nuclear attacks. This concise history shows how the United States has used nuclear weapons to expand and maintain its global empire. Leading nuclear specialist and peace campaigner Joseph Gerson explains why atomic weapons were first built and used—and how the United States continues to use them today to preserve its global dominance.

Joseph Gerson is the Director of Programs of the American Friends Service Committee in New England—an international nonprofit organization in the United States focused on implementing the Quaker values of peace and justice. Gerson is a veteran in the U.S. peace movement. His previous books include *The Sun Never Sets* and *With Hiroshima Eyes*.

Light refreshments will be served. The discussion will be followed by a book signing. Books will be available for purchase. To RSVP, contact Anisa Virji at avirji@afsc.org or (202) 483- 3341, ext. 113.

WORKSHOP ON BEING A WELCOMING MEETING

The Friends Meeting of Washington (FMW) Ministry and Worship Committee invites you to appreciate and inquire how your Meeting has made you feel welcome, envision a Meeting in the not-too-distant future that is perceived as welcoming to all within commuting distance who would find our form or worship helpful in their spiritual journey, and identify ways to build on our strengths to realize our vision of a more welcoming Meeting.

Elizabeth DuVerlie, member of Baltimore (Stony Run) Friends Meeting and Clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Working Group on Racism, and David Etheridge, a member of that Working Group as well as the FMW Ministry and Worship Committee, will facilitate our inquiry on Saturday, December 8th, in the Quaker House Living Room, 2121 Decatur Place, NW, Washington, DC, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We welcome any Friends in the area regardless of where they worship. We are making a special effort to design the workshop so Friends from different Meetings can learn from one another.

Registration is not necessary, but if you know you are coming please call the Meeting office at (202) 483-3310 so the Nominating Committee can estimate how many sets of materials and snacks to have on hand.

JANUARY QUAKER POTLUCK AND DISALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

You are invited to a potluck and Quaker dialogue at William Penn House Sunday, January 6, at 6:30 p.m. Our program this First Day will be presented by Gloria Molenje of Bethesda Friends Meeting and The Festus Molenje Memorial Children & Youth Foundation, <http://www.fmmemorial.org>.

To address the critical issues of AIDS orphans in Kenya, Gloria has formed a foundation in honor of her late husband, Festus Molenje, to build a Boarding School and Health Clinic/ Infirmary on Molenje land in Kakamega, Kenya. Its mission is to educate and care for children orphaned due to AIDS. It will be a home, a school, a library and a clinic/infirmary. The distinguishing feature of the program is to keep siblings together in an effort to preserve the surviving family unit and maintain a linkage and relationship with their communities. The specific aim of the foundation is to nurture, provide health care, educate and provide the AIDS orphans in Kakamega with the necessary life skills for an independent and productive adulthood. The long-term goal is to provide the services needed to reintegrate them back into their society, to protect their family assets and reduce the incidence and stigma of HIV/AIDS in Kenya's Western Province.

Festus died in 1993 and was buried in his native Kenya. Following his death, Gloria often worked two jobs to enable her sons to complete their education. In 1997, Gloria, a Physician Assistant, returned to Kenya with the Howard University HIV/AIDS Prevention Study Group. This experience reinforced her goal to provide direct aid and assistance to those who have lost their parents to AIDS.

Our monthly potluck is the first Sunday of each month at 6:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for fellowship among Quakers and attenders. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. William Penn House is an alcohol and tobacco free facility.

William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003, Tel: (202) 543-5560, Fax: (202) 543-3814, e -mail: Office@WmPennHouse.org, www.WmPennHouse.org.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE INTERN POSITION FOR SPRING 2008 AVAILABLE

The Washington Office of the American Friends Service Committee seeks to fill a semester-long full-time intern position for service in the office between January, 2008 and May, 2008. A person with some prior experience in policy or political science is preferred. Such experience may be in a campus or academic setting.

The intern will work closely with other Washington Office staff on a variety of lobbying, advocacy and policy analysis tasks, including writing briefing papers, attending hearings, and bringing to bear AFSC's grassroots experience to the Washington policy process. We seek a person with an understanding of Quaker traditions and values and a commitment to apply these values to the complex public policy issues of our day in Washington. This position is unpaid. The Intern will be responsible for her/his own housing. Applications due December 7th. For more information please email: washofficeinfo@afsc.org.

TAKE, THOU THESE HANDS

I look at these hands
as we sit silent in meditation:
the callouses, healing cuts,
still that elusive sliver;
and that black nail!
Just because my illiterate
hammer could not tell
the difference in nails.

I am proud of these hands
that served me that first scary day,
then the first week and now a month.
They are more deliberate now,
more skilled. They have learned
to cooperate with other hands
to lift walls and fasten them together.
They have learned to feel roughness
when it should be smooth
and can feel excellence.

I have learned to see with these hands
just as I see with my eyes.
But my hands also see goodness
as they eagerly receive the cold drink
brought by the smiling red haired girl
whose cherry locks
hang from her hard hat.

Now at rest and slowly healing
these hands, hardly noticed before,
are eager to once again
go into action to serve
now better than
ever before.

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