

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

First Month, 2008

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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>	

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING: FCS BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF ADELPHI FRIENDS MEETING

According to the FCS by-laws, the membership of Friends Community School, Inc. consists of the FCS Board of Trustees and the members of Adelphi Friends Meeting, Inc. Therefore, if you are a member of Adelphi Friends Meeting then you are also a member of the Corporation. Please join us for the annual Corporation Meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2008; second hour (11:30 am) at AFM for the '06-'07 financial report on the school.

Suggestions for additional agenda items may be sent to Mary Kate O'Neill, FCS Board Clerk: mkoneill@starpower.net. An agenda for the meeting and copies of all items for action will be available in the lobby of the meeting house on Sunday, January 6, 2008. Please contact the Board Clerk for an advance copy of the financial report.

Following is a copy of the Bylaws of Friends Community School. The FCS Board approved the proposed changes for final approval at the Corporation Meeting in January. As stated in Article VII of the Bylaws, "all amendments, alterations or repeals of the Bylaws must be provided in writing to the membership of the Corporation, thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting...."

Copies of the proposed changes to the Bylaws will also be available in the lobby of the meeting house from Sunday, December 16, 2007 through Sunday, January 20, 2008.

By-Laws of Friends Community School, Inc.

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

The membership of Friends Community School, Inc. (the School), shall consist of the Trustees of the School and the members of Adelphi Friends Meeting, Inc.

ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of Friends Community School, Inc. in the State of Maryland shall be located at 5901 West Cligster Park Drive, College Park, Maryland or at any other place the Trustees may recommend and the Corporation approve.

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ARTICLE III: TRUSTEES

Section 1. General Powers

The business and affairs of Friends Community School, Inc., shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Trustees, which is to serve as the successor body of the School Committee of Friends Community School, Adelphi Friends Meeting, Inc. In addition to the powers expressly conferred upon them by these Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation, the Board of Trustees may exercise all powers authorized by Section 2-103 of the Maryland Corporations and Associations Title, as it may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. Number

The number of Trustees shall not be less than nine nor more than fifteen, at least one of whom shall be recommended by the Parent-Teacher Association as Parent Representative on the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. Terms of Office, Succession

Trustees shall be appointed for a term of three years, and shall serve no more than two complete consecutive terms with the exception of the Parent Representative(s), who shall be appointed for a two year term and shall serve no more than two complete consecutive terms.

Trustees in Office or Trustees shall begin each year on the appointed year and shall end on June 30th of the following year.

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Section 4. Manner and Time of Appointment

The Nominating Committee of Adelphi Friends Meeting, Inc. shall from time to time, as necessary to maintain the membership of the Board of Trustees, bring nominations to a Meeting For Worship for the Conduct of Business of Adelphi Friends Meeting for approval in the regular manner adopted by the Meeting for its committee nominations. At the request of the Board of Trustees, the Parent-Teachers Association of the School shall recommend to Adelphi Meeting the nominee(s) for Parent Representative(s) to the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. Qualifications of Trustees

All of the Trustees shall be twenty-one years of age or over. With the exception of the ex-officio members designated in Section 6 of this Article, no member of the Board of Trustees shall be an employee of Friends Community School, Inc. With the exception of the PTA Representative(s) at least two-thirds of the Trustees shall be members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Section 6. Ex-Officio Members

The Head of School, and one faculty representative shall be ex-officio members of the Board of Trustees, and their number shall be in addition to the minimum number provided by Section 2 of this Article. The Head of School shall also serve as a regular member of the Quaker Life Committee of the Board of Trustees of Friends Community School, Incorporated.

Section 7. Vacancies

Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees shall be filled in the manner specified for appointment of members in Section 4 of this Article. The person appointed to fill the vacancy shall serve until the expiration of the original term.

Section 8. Compensation

Trustees shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their service as Trustees.

Section 9. Removal of Trustees

The members of Friends Community School, Inc., may at any time, remove any Trustee, with or without cause. Participation in the removal of Trustees is limited to the membership of the School. Any Trustee whose removal is being considered shall be given an opportunity to be heard at the meeting or meetings at which the matter is considered. Any vacancies created when a Trustee is removed shall be filled in the manner specified in Section 8 of this Article.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1. Required Officers and Terms of Office

The Officers of the Board of Trustees shall be President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Officers shall be chosen by the Trustees from among its membership. The terms of office shall consist of a two year term from July 1st through June 30th. No person shall serve more than two complete consecutive terms in the same office. The Clerk, Recording Clerk, and Treasurer of the School Committee at the time of incorporation of Friends

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Community School, Inc., shall serve respectively, as President, Secretary and Treasurer until succeeded in due course.

Section 2. Removal of Officers

Any officer of Friends Community School, Inc., may be removed by the Board of Trustees if in its judgment the best interests of the School would be served thereby.

Section 3. Vacancies

A vacancy in any office may be filled by the Board of Trustees for the balance of the term.

Section 4. Office of the President

The President shall preside at all meetings of the board of Trustees and shall be an ex officio member of all committees that may, from time to time, be constituted by the Board of Trustees. The President may execute any deed, mortgage, lease, bond, contract or other instrument which the Board of Trustees has authorized to be executed, except in cases where the execution thereof shall be delegated by the Board of Trustees, or by these Bylaws, to some other officer or agent of the School or shall be required by law to be otherwise executed; and shall have general direction and supervision of the School, subject at all times to the advice and direction of the Trustees.

Section 5. Office of Secretary

The Secretary shall (a) keep the minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Board of Trustees and committees of the Board in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the corporate records and the seal of the School; and (d) in general perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to them by the Board of Trustees.

Section 6. Office of Treasurer

The Treasurer shall (a) organize periodic financial presentations of the School to the Board of Trustees; (b) organize the presentation of annual and revised budgets for approval of the Board of Trustees; and (d) serve as Chairperson of the Finance Committee.

Section 7. Annual Report

The President of the Board of Trustees shall annually prepare, or cause to be prepared, a full and correct statement of the affairs of the School, including a balance sheet prepared by a Certified Public Accountant. A statement of operation for the preceding fiscal year shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting of the School and filed within twenty (20) days thereafter at the principal office of the School in the State of Maryland.

Section 8. Compensation

The officers shall not receive any salary or other compensation for their services as officers.

ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Meetings

An Annual Meeting of Friends Community School, Inc., for submission of Annual reports shall be held the 3rd Sunday of October at a place determined by the Board of Trustees. An agenda and copies of all items for action shall be posted at Adolphi Friends Meeting House at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

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Section 2. Board of Trustees Meetings

The Board of Trustees shall meet monthly, or as determined by the Board. Special or emergency meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called as needed.

Section 3. Quorum

One-half of the Trustees serving at any time shall constitute a quorum, with a quorum to be not less than five.

Section 4. Decisions

Business will be conducted *after the manner of Friends*.

Section 5. Telephone Meetings

Members of the Board of Trustees may participate in a meeting by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment if all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participations in a meeting by these means shall constitute presence in person at the meeting.

Section 6. Informal Action by Trustees

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of the Board of Trustees may be taken without a meeting, if consent in writing to such action is signed by each Trustee and such written consent is filed in the minutes of proceedings of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VI: COMMITTEES

The Board of Trustees shall have the following standing committees: Development, Finance, Personnel and Quaker Life. The Board may establish other standing or ad hoc committees from time to time as needed.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

The Corporation shall have the power to alter or repeal any Bylaws of the School and to make new Bylaws. All amendments, alterations or repeals of the Bylaws must be provided in writing to the membership of the Corporation, thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting, or thirty days prior to meeting called for this purpose. Publication in the Monthly Newsletter of Adolphi Friends Meeting, Inc. shall constitute written notice for the purposes of these Bylaws.

DO YOU PLAY THE PIANO?

I'd like to put on a performance of Tom Wolfe's "Convinced of What" at annual sessions.

For those of you who aren't familiar with this play, it centers around William Penn's early life. The story is told through comment and song. The songs are all familiar except that Tom has embodied them with most humorous lyrics. So, the announcing and singing can be done by walk-ons.

But we need a pianist.

So, if you're going to the 337th Annual Sessions and would like to play the piano in what promises to be a fun time, drop me a note at ALEXANDEReBARNES@Yahoo.Com or give me a call at (301) 474-5310. Even if you don't play the piano but would like to join as chorister or soloist, I'd like to hear from you, too.

ROOM AVAILABLE FOR SHORT TERM STAYS

We have a small private space in our Mount Rainier, MD, home that is available for guests for short term stays. We see this as a service of hospitality for people in transition, interns, activists and also retreatants. The space includes a small kitchen and a bathroom and lots of prayer energy from the past 17 years and accommodates one person. If interested please contact us via e-mail: robbinsp@verizon.net.

--Joe and Patience Robbins

"PEACE, PROPAGANDA & THE PROMISED LAND"

Please join the Prince George's Peace and Justice Coalition as it uses the projector bought with Adelphi Outreach funds to show "Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land" on 1/27 (First Day) at 3:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. There is no charge to Adelphi members, attenders, or anybody else, for that matter.

"Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land" provides a striking comparison of U.S. and international media coverage of the crisis in the Middle East, zeroing in on how structural distortions in U.S. coverage have reinforced false perceptions of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. This pivotal documentary exposes how the foreign policy interests of American political elites—oil, and a need to have a secure military base in the region, among others—work in combination with Israeli public relations strategies to exercise a powerful influence over how news from the region is reported. Through the voices of scholars, media critics, peace activists, religious figures, and Middle East experts, Peace, Propaganda & the Promised Land carefully analyzes and explains how—through the use of language, framing and context—the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza remains hidden in the news media, and Israeli colonization of the occupied territories appears to be a defensive move rather than an offensive one. The documentary also explores the ways that U.S. journalists, for reasons ranging from intimidation to a lack of thorough investigation, have become complicit in carrying out Israel's public relations campaign. At its core, the documentary raises questions about the ethics and role of journalism, and the relationship between media and politics.

Interviewees include Seth Ackerman, Mjr. Stav Adivi, Rabbi Arik Ascherman, Hanan Ashrawi, Noam Chomsky, Robert Fisk, Neve Gordon, Toufic Haddad, Sam Hussein, Hussein Ibish, Robert Jensen, Rabbi Michael Lerner, Karen Pfeifer, Alisa Solomon, and Gila Svirsky.

WHITE FRIENDS CONFRONTING RACISM: DOING OUR WORK

Mark your calendars for a workshop entitled "White Friends Confronting Racism: Doing Our Work." It will take place Friday evening through Sunday morning, February 29–March 2, 2008, at William Penn House in Washington, DC. The Working Group on Racism of Baltimore Yearly Meeting and William Penn House are co-sponsors.

Too often, white Friends don't take the time to talk about their shared racial identity and how they can become more effective agents for racial justice and healing. This workshop is a chance to have these conversations and develop these skills. Through activities, readings, role plays, discussion, and worship-sharing, we will deepen our understanding of our racial identity as white people and build skills for being more effective agents in working for racial justice and healing in our lives. We will gain a deeper understanding how racism operates and what we can do to interrupt racism as we encounter it. As part of this work, we will develop strategies for working through some of common emotions and

issues that are often stumbling blocks for many of us in this work. Throughout the course of the week-end, we will build a loving, spiritual community and re-energize ourselves for this work we are called to do.

Participants should plan on one to two hours of reading and writing prior to attending the workshop. Full attendance and participation in the workshop is also requested. This workshop is specifically designed as a space for white people to work. Friends of Color who are interested in the workshop are encouraged to speak with the facilitator, Lisa Graustein, (617) 740-9377, prior to registering.

Lisa Graustein is high school teacher and youth worker in Boston. She is also pursuing a Master's degree in diversity and anti-racism work. From 2003-2006, Lisa served as the Young Friends coordinator for New England Yearly Meeting and has been a member of NEYM's Working Party on Racism for a number of years. Lisa is an assistant facilitator of the Beyond Diversity 101 program and has facilitated many workshops and trainings on a range of diversity issues for Quaker meetings, public and private schools, and non-profits.

APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE WITH IRAQI REFUGEE FAMILIES

Langley Hill Monthly Meeting, McLean, Virginia asks for assistance in meeting the needs of a number of Iraqi refugee families who have recently arrived in the U.S.

In October 2007, a gentleman who had worked in Iraq with the State Department stopped by our meeting, explaining the plight of three Iraqi families living in an unfurnished townhouse in Springfield, Virginia. They had been involved with a Commission to identify corruption in the current Iraqi government. However, their exposure of corruption had led to threats against them, and they were seeking political asylum in the U.S. Their families were plucked from Iraq by the State Department. However, after their delivery to the U.S. they were left completely on their own, with no financial support from the Government. They were brought into the country under new, rarely-used visa statuses, and thus could not be helped by existing refugee assistance organizations, whose contracts with the Government limit their assistance to certain visa statuses.

Since that time, we have worked to help these three families, plus two others that came to our attention. In addition to the ten adults, there are 14 children ranging in age from two months to 14 years. We have helped the families with housing, clothing, and food. We have helped them sign up for food stamps and Medicaid coverage for their children, and have helped enroll the older children in school.

Other faith communities, including Hopewell Centre Friend Meeting in Winchester, Virginia, have joined our work. However, much assistance is still needed. We need to find more permanent housing for the families, as well as furnishings. Some family members need English instruction, and will need job-hunting assistance once their refugee status is granted and they obtain green cards and work permits.

We know that these families are only the leading edge of an incoming wave. Millions of Iraqis have traveled to refugee camps in Jordan and Syria, escaping the violence in their country, and many are seeking to come to the U.S. In particular danger are Iraqis who have helped U.S. forces as interpreters or in other roles.

We are hoping that your community will feel led to assist our work through one or more of the following actions: 1) contributing to an Iraqi refugee fund established by Langley Hill, 2) helping to provide material goods such as housing, furniture, automobiles, etc., 3) driving assistance for food, medical appointments, meetings with Immigration, etc., 4) adopting one Iraqi family and helping them get set up with basic needs such as medical care, public assistance, education and training, etc.

Please contact Jeannette Smith at jeannette.smith@cox.net or (703) 801-5947 if you have more questions or can offer assistance. Contributions can be sent to Langley Hill Friends Meeting, 9408 Fairview Ave, Manassas, VA 20110, noting "Iraqi Refugee Fund" in the memo field.

MIXED RACE IN GLOBAL SOCIETY AUTHOR WILL SPEAK FIRST MONTH 20TH DAY

Friend Joy Zarembka will speak about her book, *The Pigment of Your Imagination: Mixed Race in a Global Society* on January 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Stony Run Friends Meeting, 5116 North Charles Street, in Baltimore.

The book is a compilation of oral histories of black/white families in different several countries. By combining anecdotes of the author's travels, historical background of each country, and the

stories of mixed race families, the book explores the varying notions of race and racial identity in Britain, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Jamaica as well as the United States.

The author's story: "I was born in the United States. My mother is Kenyan and my father is of European-American descent. When I was born, the nurse asked my parents what to mark for my race. My parents replied, "Human race." The nurse at the hospital chose to write that baby Zarembka was "black." Eighteen months later, when my parents returned to the same hospital for the delivery of my brother Tommy, they were greeted by a different nurse who made no inquiries about the race of their second child. However, when my parents received my brother's identification papers, they noticed that the nurse had chosen to indicate that, this time, baby Zarembka was "white." Tommy and I share the same two parents, have similar physical appearances, and yet were labeled two distinctly different racial designations at our births."

So, what is race? How is it determined? Is it real? Most people can say that, after gender, race is the first thing they notice about someone. But with people of mixed race, the lines between races become blurry. So, in the end, who is black and who is white? *The Pigment of Your Imagination* attempts to answer these questions by interviewing people all over the world about racial identity.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Joy Zarembka graduated from Haverford College with a degree from Bryn Mawr College in Sociology and Africana Studies. She later attended Yale University on a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship where she began her research for *The Pigment of Your Imagination*.

Joy works in Washington, DC, as the Executive Director of Break the Chain Campaign, a project of the Institute for Policy Studies. She is working to end modern-day slavery and human trafficking in the United States. She has also written a critically acclaimed chapter in *Global Women: Nannies, Maids and Sex Workers in the New Economy*, edited by Barbara Ehrenreich and Arlie Russell Hochschild. Joy has been quoted extensively in *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report* and *The Washington Post* as an expert on human trafficking. She has made presentations about her book, as well as about her work, at the annual gatherings Friends General Conference and at Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Copies of the book will be available for sale. This event is organized by the Working Group on Racism, Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. For further information, contact Stony Run Friends Meeting, (443) 703-2590.

FIREWOOD ALERT

The emerald ash borer, an insect that was recently found in Prince George's County, is a major threat to millions of ash trees in MD forests and neighborhoods. For these reasons, there is a quarantine making it illegal to take ash products and any firewood out of the county. www.emeraldashborer.info or 1-(800) 342-2507.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 6, Thursday: Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia. Open House to celebrate another milestone in Friends Center's green building renovation. For more information and to RSVP contact Adrien Finckel at (215) 241-7098 or greeninfo@friendscentercorp.org.

December 7, Friday: Registration for BYM Women's Retreat Due. Retreat date is January 11-13. See below for more information.

December 7-9, Friday-Sunday: Pendle Hill Program, "Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream" with Andrew Brazington and Hollister Knowlton. For more information go to www.pendlehill.org/programs.

December 8, Saturday: Friends Wilderness Center, Meditation Retreat from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Stillpoint Cabin. Bring items needed to be comfortable, wear comfortable clothes, journals, cushions, water bottle. Facilitator, Elizabeth Johnsen, for more information: homestone11@juno.com.

December 14-16, Friday-Sunday: Young Adult Friends Gathering (Ages 18-35): "Sharing our Spiritual Journeys". Baltimore, Homewood Friends Meeting, 3107 North Charles St, Baltimore. For more information contact Laura Goren at goren.laura@gmail.com or Benjamin Zuses at Benjamin.zuses@gmail.com.

December 15, Saturday: Friends Wilderness Center, Trail Hike. Call Sheila Bach at (304) 728-4820 or email snbach@earthlink.net for more information.

January 5, Saturday: Potluck Dinner with FUM General Secretary Sylvia Graves. Baltimore, Homewood Friends Meeting, 3107 North Charles St, Baltimore, 6:30 p.m. For more information contact (410) 235-4438 or homewoodfriends@verizon.net.

January 6, Sunday: Adult Education Hour with FUM General Secretary Sylvia Graves. 9:00-10:30 a.m. Baltimore, Stony Run, 5116 North Charles St, Baltimore. For more information contact (410) 435-377e [sic] or stonyrunfriends@starpower.net.

January 6, Sunday: Adelphi Monthly Meeting, 2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD. Tea with FUM General Secretary Sylvia Graves. For more information contact (301) 445.1114 or Sharon Stout at skstout@gmail.com.

January 6, Sunday: William Penn House Potluck and Quaker Dialogue at 6:30 p.m. 515 East Capitol St SE, Washington, DC, (202) 543-5560 or byron@williampennhouse.org. Gloria Molenje from Bethesda Friends Meeting will speak on The Festus Molenje Memorial Children & Youth Foundation.

January 7, Monday: Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, Rte 161, Darlington, MD. Potluck Dinner with FUM General Secretary Sylvia Graves. For more information contact (410) 457-9188 or Harriett Holloway at (410) 457.4678.

January 8, Saturday: AFSC-DC Annual Holiday Party from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St, NW, Washington, DC. Keynote speaker will be Paul Lacy, Board President of AFSC. RSVP to Jean-Louis Peta Ikambana at (202) 544-0324 or jikambana@afsc.org.

January 11-13, Friday-Sunday: Young Friends Executive Committee meets. For more information contact bym@bym-rsf.org.

January 11-13, Friday-Sunday: BYM Women's Retreat: "Beyond Stuff to Do: Connecting with Your Quiet Leadings", Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center near Front Royal, VA. For questions contact: bymwomensretreat08@yahoo.com. For further information about the retreat contact: Bette Nanavati (804) 515-1652.

January 11-13, Friday-Sunday: Pendle Hill Program, Recording: Spiritual Discipline and Communal Gift, with Mario Cavallini. For more information go to www.pendlehill.org/programs.

January 19, Saturday: Friends Wilderness Center, Winter Stargazing and Crafts by the Fire. Winter stargazing, led by Kevin Boles, more details coming soon. Crafts by the Fire, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Niles Cabin. Call Sheila Bach at (304) 728-4820 or email snbach@earthlink.net for more information.

February 1-3, Friday-Saturday: Young Friends Conference. For more information contact bym@bym-rsf.org.

February 1-3, Friday-Saturday: Pendle Hill Program, Praying with Francis of Assisi and George Fox with Marcelle Martin. For more information go to www.pendlehill.org/programs.

February 4, Monday: The BYM Newsletter, *Interchange*, is edited by BYM Staff. The next deadline is Feb. 4. Send submissions to bym@bym-rsf.org.

February 8-10, Friday-Sunday: Pendle Hill Program, Building and Holding Safe Spaces for Quaker Youth: a FAP workshop specifically on safety issues for overnight events for middle and high school-aged Friends. For more information go to www.pendlehill.org/programs.

OTHER IMPORTANT BYM INFORMATION

The correct dates of BYM Annual Session - Aug 4-10, 2008.

As always BYM is in the process of cleaning up the database. Your patience is greatly appreciated and your corrections are welcome. Contact Ann Whittaker at (301) 774-7663 or admin@bym-rsf.org with any corrected information.

Grants for the Study and Practice of Christian Mysticism. The Elizabeth Ann Bogert Memorial Fund for the Study and Practice of Christian Mysticism, administered by Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, is accepting grant proposals. A brochure describing the fund is available. Inquiries may be sent by e-mail to the secretaries at muccidem@verizon.net. Proposals and references for 2008 grants are due on March 1, 2008.

The Sue Thomas Turner Quaker Education Fund committee of BYM supports Quaker understanding and Quaker faith and practice in schools and the growth of a "life lived in the Spirit" by members of the school communities. New proposals are due March 1, 2008.

Remember, for updated information, check www.bym-rsf.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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Submitting material to the newsletter: Ann Marlowe, 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 and photographs to the newsletter box in the meetinghouse. No handwritten material please. Deadline for submissions is noon of the last Sunday of each month.

Contributions:

Please place in box in the foyer, or send to Michael Levi, 702 Malibu Drive, Silver Spring MD 20901.

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