

Adelphi Friends Newsletter

2010, Fourth Month, 25th Day

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE: Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Early Meeting for Worship (small) (2nd Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship) 9:50 a.m. Singing 10:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship	MONTHLY SCHEDULE: Second Sunday (Third Sunday in May, July and August): Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business Fourth Sunday: Junior Meeting at 10:00 a.m. Fourth Sunday: Potluck at rise of Meeting
Takoma Park Friends Meeting (Preparative) under the care of Adelphi Meeting. Every Sunday: Meeting for Worship 10:00 a.m. at the Liz Lerman Dance Exchange, 7117 Maple Street, Takoma Park. See http://TakomaPark.quaker.org Meeting for Worship for the Preparation of Business, fourth Sunday following Meeting for Worship.	

AnnaLee Flower Horne and Nathan Rockwood to marry!

2010-05-15, 1:00 pm, Langley Hill

On 2010, Fifth Month, Fifteenth Day (a seventh day of the week), at 1:00 p.m., we have a scheduled meeting for the wedding of AnnaLee Flower Horne and Nathan Rockwood. It will be at Langley Hill Friends Meeting. All attenders of Adelphi Friends Meeting are welcome to attend. Please bring customary finger foods to share after this meeting for worship.

Service opportunities for BYM Camps



From: David Hunter, BYM

Subject: Friends Service Weekends

Dear Friends,

It is time to start planning to join Friends at the BYM camp properties for a Friends Service Weekend this spring. We have lots of projects and activities planned and hope to see lots of folks come out to enjoy some time at camp. The dates for this spring's Friends Service Weekends are:

Opequon Quaker Camp	May 15-16, 2010
Catoctin Quaker Camp	May 22-23, 2010

We want to encourage everyone to come and enjoy the properties and some good times with Friends. We'll enjoy great food, fellowship, hikes, fun in the creeks and streams, work projects, a fire circle and lots, lots more. Please make some time to join us!

There is a lot more information at

http://www.bymcamps.org/work_weekends.htm

Please visit the site and send David Hunter an email at [davidhunter \(at\) bym-rsf.org](mailto:davidhunter@bym-rsf.org) to let us know when you are coming and how many people you are bringing. We want to make sure that we are ready for you and have plenty of good food for everyone.

We also wanted to let you know that you can keep up with all that is happening at Friends Service Weekends at our new "Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends Service Weekend" group on Facebook. Just sign up for facebook (if you haven't already) and search for "Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends Service Weekends group" in the search box at the top of the page and request to join. Could it be any easier or more fun?

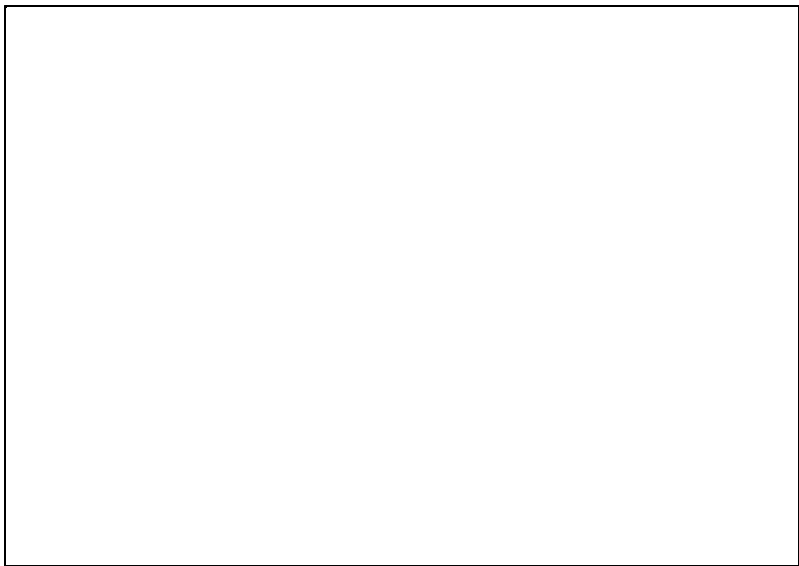
We are looking forward to seeing you at one of the prettiest places on earth this spring!

Peace to you,

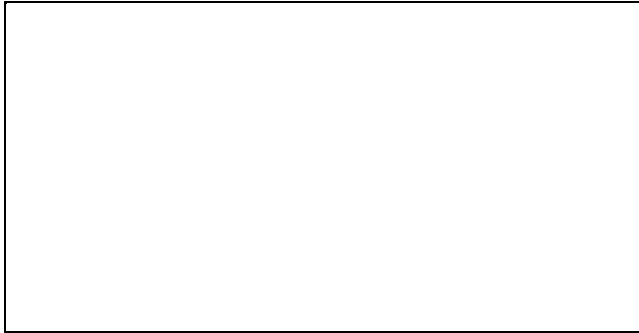
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Sandy Spring celebrates 100 years of Ramallah Friends Meetinghouse

On 2010-04-10, over 100 people gathered at Sandy Spring Meetinghouse to celebrate the centennial of the Ramallah Friends Meetinghouse. Although Jean Zaru could not attend, several of her family members did. Her son, Saleem Zaru, shared memories of growing up attending Friends meeting in Ramallah. The stories were touching for how familiar they were. Landrum Bolling (of Earlham College) shared stories of the role Ramallah Friends Meetinghouse has played in sharing the Light of Peace in Ramallah and the rest of Palestine.



Jim Fine, Clerk of the Friends International Center in Ramallah (FICR), presented photos and descriptions of current activities.



I had the pleasure of attending with an exchange student from Ramallah, Zaid. He is attending Sidwell as part of the Sidwell/Ramallah-EI Bireh Friends Exchange Program. We enjoyed a catered Middle Eastern meal. My hopes of peace elevated by news of the J Street Lobby, and the continuing work of Ramallah

Friends.

My other photos of the event are at:

<http://www.taterenner.com/ramallah.htm>

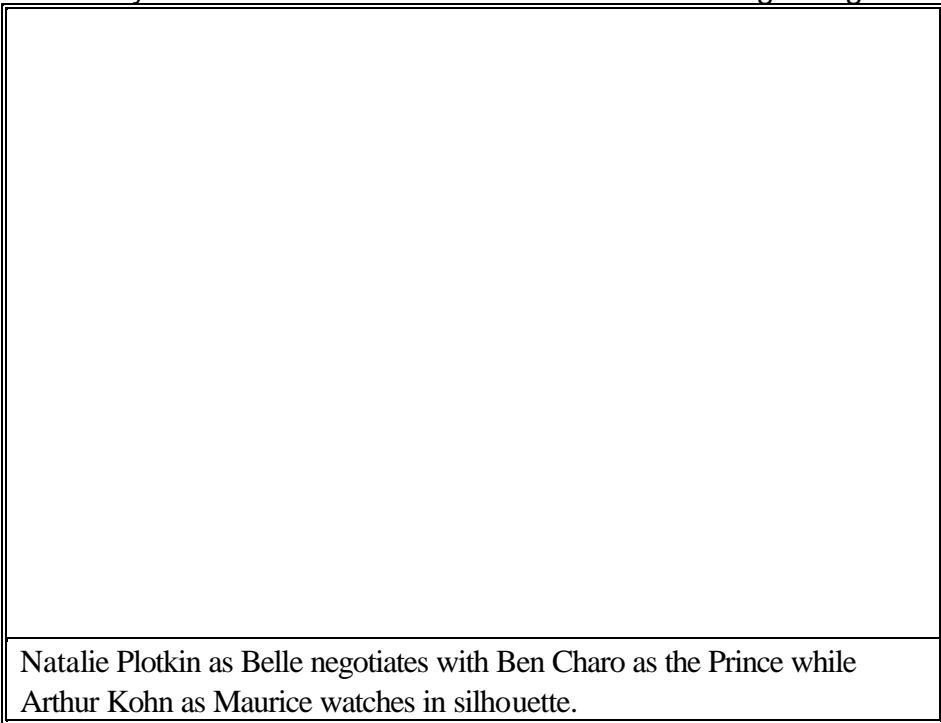
FICR's web page is:

<http://www.ramallahquakers.org/>

Cast and crew shine in Sidwell's Beauty and the Beast

Last weekend, Sidwell Middle Schoolers captured the spirit of Beauty and the Beast in their musical production. Directed by Tim Reagan, this production focused on characters and story progression. They effectively evoked the central theme of the bliss of being loving to one another.

I was impressed by the courageous self-deprecating humor of Arthur Kohn as Belle's father, Maurice. [Conflict of interest disclosure: Arthur Kohn is the son of my law partner.] I was also impressed by the vocal talent of Toria Rose as Babette. [No conflict of interest disclosure here.] The cast of 45 supported with each other effectively to develop their



Natalie Plotkin as Belle negotiates with Ben Charo as the Prince while Arthur Kohn as Maurice watches in silhouette.

characters' relationships. The program notes that six rehearsals were missed due to the snow-cation, but no apologies were necessary.

Calendar of Events

2010-04-30, First Day

I'm writing to invite Adelphi Friends Meeting to an event hosted by the Friends Committee on National Legislation on Friday, April 30th, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm. Alexandra Douglas is a former FCNL program assistant. She now works as the program manager at the Friends Women's Association, a grassroots women's clinic in Burundi. We are pleased to welcome Alexandra back to Washington, DC and she will be giving a talk on the 30th, "Restoring Health, Hope and Peace in Burundi."

[More information is below, after the "Calendar:"]

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

In peace,

Rebecca Sheff

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Friends Committee on National Legislation

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2010-05-02, First Day

The Whitney Street Quartet performs from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the New Deal Cafe, 113 Centerway, Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt, MD 20770, 301-474-5642, www.newdealcafe.com

2010-05-02, First Day

From: Byron Sandford

Subject: WPH Programs through June

William Penn House Potlucks and Workshops

The Potlucks and Dialogues begin at 6:30 PM with dinner and the program starts at 7:30 PM and concludes at 9:00 PM. Bring a dish and share. We also have a workshop scheduled this spring..

Sunday, May 2, Potluck: Restoring Health, Hope, Peace: Reflections from a Grassroots Doctor in Burundi. Dr. Alexia Nibona, a member of Friends Church, will share her journey, her belief that health, not just the absence of peace, but the whole well-being of body, mind and spirit, is the basis of peace, and how her work with Friends Women's Association is an expression of that belief.

Byron Sandford, Executive Director, William Penn House, (202) 543-5560,

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2010-05-09, First Day

Sunday May 9, Potluck: Interfaith Cooperation and the Politics of Climate Change. Chris Brown and representatives of Friends Committee on National Legislation and Virginia Interfaith Power and Light will discuss current legislation and possible action on climate change.

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2010-05-15, seventh day

From: Joanna Axtmann

Subject: Teen Service trip fundraisers

!!!!SAVE THESE DATES!!!!

PLEASE HELP SEND US TO BUILD HOUSES IN TIJUANA, MEXICO THIS JULY Ben, Celeste, Isaac (Adelphi Young Friends), Anna, Anne, Devon, Emmy, Kaia, Logan, Meg, Rafi, Sarah (other friendly teens), chaperones Adelphinians Joanna & Rob, plus Marty, Debbie & Joe.

SATURDAY MAY 15TH MEXICAN DINNER 6-9PM ADELPHI MEETING HOUSE

2010-06-15, third day

TUESDAY JUNE 15TH FRANKLIN'S (5121 Baltimore Ave. Hyattsville 301-927-2740) ALL DAY
20% GOES TO OUR TRIP WATCH FOR FLYERS & POSTERS BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
!!!!WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

For more information please contact Isaac or Joanna - (202) 723-4428

joanna.axtmann (at) gmail.com or isaac.axtmann (at) gmail.com

2010-05-16, first day

Sunday May 16, Potluck: Quakers and Web 2.0. Mary Craudereuf of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting will explore how young Friends stay connected and grow their community through face books, blogs, twitters and other new media.

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2010-05-22, seventh day

From: Robert Oerter

Subject: Spring work day

Work Day: Saturday, May 22, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Please join the House and Grounds Committee at our spring work day. This is a terrific opportunity for community building and inter-generational interaction. Do you want to beautify the grounds by planting lovely flowers or weeding our gardens? Do you have a passion for clean windows? Do you enjoy fixing things? Then please come and help us provide some loving care for our physical environment. No particular skills are needed: there will be something for everyone to do.

Robb Oerter

for House and Grounds Committee

2010-05-22, seventh day

Saturday, May 22nd, 9:30am - 1pm "WORDS & IMAGES/SPIRIT & PASSION" Art Workshop/Retreat at Axtmann Art Studio.

For more info contact Joanna: (202) 723-4428 joanna.axtmann (at) gmail.com. Flyers in Adelphi Meeting foyer - please sign up by May 15th.

2010-05-28, Memorial Day Weekend

May 28 – May 31 Young Adult Friends Gathering

To be held at University Friends Meeting in Wichita, KS. See

<http://bit.ly/48JtbC>

2010-06-06, First Day

Sunday, June 6, Potluck: Washington Parks and People Steve Coleman of Friends Meeting of Washington will join us to talk about Washington Parks and people, an organization he helped to start in 1990 after the murder of a 17-year old youth next to his house on Martin Luther King Day. Steve started

his professional career over 40 years ago as an AFSC volunteer. He has always found deep Quaker inspiration and roots in Parks and People's work to reconnect people with the land and to use the land to help all life.

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2010-08-05

Baltimore Yearly Meeting

Annual Session Workshops Still Available!

The Program Committee is clerked by [Peg Hansen](mailto:Peg.Hansen@gmail.com), 814-349-5908 or Hansen.peg (at) gmail.com

2010-08-16, second day

August 16th - 20th, 9:30am - 3:30pm ADULT SUMMER ART RETREAT, Week-long Art Workshop/Retreat at Axtmann Art Studio.

For more info contact Joanna: (202) 723-4428 [joanna.axtmann \(at\) gmail.com](mailto:joanna.axtmann@gmail.com). Flyers in Adelphi Meeting foyer - please sign up by June 1st.

Health, Hope, and Peace: Providing Health Care in Post-War Burundi

The people of Kamenge, Burundi face many interconnected challenges in the aftermath of Burundi's

12-year civil war. Among these challenges are extreme poverty, the country's highest HIV/AIDS rate (16%), no healthcare, pervasive sexual violence, food insecurity, lack of potable water, and deep psychological trauma from the years of war. Women, like Maria Golette, are made particularly vulnerable in this post-conflict environment and are often left without hope for the possibilities of a better future.

In this talk, Alexandra Douglas tells the story of the Friends Women's Association (FWA), an organization which was founded by and for Burundian women in Kamenge to empower each other to work towards the recovery of personal and community peace and health. Through a small, community-based clinic, FWA provides comprehensive health care, psychological counseling, community trauma healing, nutritional support,

micro-credit loans, and women's empowerment programs. They work under the belief that where there is health, there is hope. And when there is hope, there is the possibility of long-term peace.

When: Friday, April 30, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Mott House, 122 Maryland Ave NE

Light snacks and drinks will be provided. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch.

About Alexandra Douglas

Alexandra Douglas is the program manager for the Friends Women's Association (FWA), a grassroots women's clinic focused on HIV/AIDS, sexual violence, and post-genocide trauma in Kamenge, Burundi. Alexandra came to FWA as an extended service volunteer of the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams after working in Washington D.C. with the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Prior to that, she spent two years advocating with and doing research for sex workers and trafficked persons in Cochabamba, Bolivia, San Francisco, CA, and the Twin Cities, MN. Her work and passion are concentrated on the intersections between gender equality, community development, health access, and conflict.

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For the early fall, we are developing an "alternatives gift" program, highlighting Friends and others who combine their passions for a better world with hobbies or useful items that all people can consider as Holidays approach.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Announcements

***BYM* Camp Registration Continues!**

There are still spots available at all three of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's camps. Your child can join other Friends from around the Yearly Meeting, and beyond, in the beautiful mountain settings of our camps. For full information and to register, visit the [BYM Camps](http://www.bymcamps.org) website. (www.bymcamps.org)

Learn about Israel and Palestine! Invite FCNL Program Assistants to your Meeting!

FCNL has Program Assistants who are available to give fascinating presentations on the issues and life in Palestine and Israel. There are a wide range of subjects available and all of the presenters have personal field experience in the area. For more information, contact [Kimberly MacVaugh](mailto:KimberlyMacVaugh@fcnl.org), (202-903-2513) FCNL Foreign Policy Program Assistant.

Learn to be a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence

The Maryland section of Alternatives to Violence is offering introductory sessions, based on its years of peace work in prisons, for new facilitators throughout central Maryland this spring. Check the group's website at avpmd.org for the schedule of sessions or contact [Jack Kammer](mailto:jkammer@yahoo.com). (jkammer@yahoo.com)

Sign up for BYM's auto donor service. It's easy! Friends are encouraged to sign up for BYM's automatic donor program – a convenient, budget-friendly way for each of us to provide sustained support for our Yearly Meeting. To learn more about the program or to obtain an enrollment form, contact [Robinne Gray](mailto:RobinneGray@bym.org), Development Director (301-774-7663).

Get the latest draft version of Faith and Practice! The draft version of the new Faith and Practice is available. Get your copy by contacting the [BYM office](mailto:BYMoffice@bym.org). (301-774-7663)

Keep up on the latest news from BYM! You can now get automatic notices when updates have been made to the [BYM website](http://www.bym.org). Find the Watch That Page button at the bottom right.

BYM needs your help keeping the database updated. Your corrections are welcome. Send any updates to the office, or call 301-774-7663.

Remember – for updated information, check www.bym-rsf.org

UFUFUO changes web host

Another Important Announcement

Because AT &T internet service is being abolished as of the first of April, we had to find a new web host for the Ufufuo website and Harold Confer's Writing in Ministry website. Both can now be accessed by simply typing <ufufuo.net>. This will take you to the main page from which you can select either website.

Many thanks to Vladimir Tamari in Tokyo who originally designed the websites and has helped move them so we would not lose any information or pictures. I am also indebted to Phil Martens in Illinois for agreeing to help update the websites and serve as webmaster.

Because of the need to update the websites, please be patient as Phil finds the time to make necessary changes.

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Let the beauty we love

be what we do.

There are hundreds of ways to

kneel and kiss the ground.

--Rumi

Workcamp Cancellation Announcement

Sometimes, in spite of our best intentions, things just don't work out. At the invitation of Muhonje Monthly Meeting (MMM) Ufufuo sent John Wolfrum and Anne Sedda to visit their feeding project and discern how we might help.

This assessment team discovered that the MMM project had run out of money for materials but had carefully estimated the money needed to complete their kitchen renovation, and to bring electricity and potable water to the site as well. Assuming they would welcome volunteers from America we tried to raise the necessary funds for the material costs so volunteers would have useful work.

Those fundraising efforts have fallen far short of success and in addition the Kenyan leadership have expressed a surprising reluctance to have an Ufufuo workcamp.

Accordingly we have had to cancel our plans for an Ufufuo workcamp in Kenya. The money for materials which was be used to enable Ufufuo volunteers to have meaningful work will be used for the purpose for which it was given. A future workcamp needing material support will receive those funds.

Request for Housewares

From: Stephanie Warner [mailto:stephcwarner (at) gmail.com]

A request for housewares: Maura Warner is moving into a group house in St. Paul, MN, since Macalester College can house only a few juniors and seniors. Her mom is assembling the basic necessities for a functioning kitchen, bathroom, etc. on an extremely small budget. If you have basic housewares destined for the thrift store or freecycle, Stephanie would be very grateful to take them to Maura. She needs almost anything you can imagine to make a house function: plates, bowls, mixing bowls, an electric mixer, kitchen utensils, small trashcans, a shower curtain, lamps, etc. etc. Please contact Stephanie at 240-305-3616 or StephCWarner (at) gmail.com. Thanks very much.

301-474-0357 (home)

240-305-3616 (NEW cellphone number!)

An Appetite for Difference

a poem

When the children
leave my Friend's meeting
after the first 20 minutes of silence
It is like a parade of the United Nations.
Olympic athletes.

The wee ones run out with exuberance
while the older youth walk, befitting
the dignity of their age.
Black, white brown, yellow
they come from many nations
and speak many languages.

We older folk revel in this parade;
a visual promise our next generation
will better honor the stranger
in our midst, the differences
of the world that divide us.

In the first day school they go to now
they learn from scripture and
Friend's history, resources used
by dedicated and visionary teachers
to give them an appetite for diversity.

In the grand scheme of spiritual
paradox they learn superficial differences can
lead to essential commonalities.



Great lessons imparted by memorable
texts and teachers singing in
the tones of truth, simplicity,
love and peace
every first day.

Every great spiritual tradition
has stories and scripture
that can lead to
compassion.

Herein lies the hope
that peace will prevail
and diversity will be our
deliverance from revenge
and violence.

This parade of the nations
reminds us weekly of
unity in diversity - a
canticle of the Christ.

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Imagine, if you will
a solitary mail box
and appended to it
a sign that says:

Leave here incoming
mail for God, Allah,
Brahama, Ra, the
Great Spirit, Yahweh
or any others calling
me by different names
in any languages. I
made and speak them
all. Speak in the language
"love" as that is my
middle name. Or speak
"peace," for that is another
tongue I speak well.

(No Title 1)
a poem

messages do not
ask me to support your
crusade nor bless your war.
The god of war does not get
his mail here.

Be patient for my reply. While
you wait, heal each other,
work for recovery after disaster,
using your own hands and feet.
I get a lot of mail and I need
all the help I can get.

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Movie Review: Prodigal Sons

by Richard Renner

I wanted to see the new film, Prodigal Sons, since I saw the glowing review on At The Movies. A documentary by the transgender filmmaker Kimberly Reed about going back to Montana for her 20th high school reunion where she had been the football star? How could I miss it? Today I got to see it with Laura Yeomans and Chloe Schwenke.

Prodigal Sons puts life in perspective. Early in the film we see that her transgender experience was no big deal to her classmates. They partied with her just like they did with everyone else. All of them had changed, albeit in different ways. That message comes quickly from the pre-reunion informal kegger, and we don't even see the formal reunion at all. We don't even hear much about Kimberly's transgender experience.

The drama comes not from the reunion, but from the uneven reconciliation with her brother, Marc. Marc was adopted when the parents thought they could not conceive. Surprise. They could. Although Marc was the oldest, his sibling excelled while he struggled in school. Marc felt competitive throughout school. He longed for the experience that Kimberly is now trying to suppress. Marc had to find activities other than academics and athletics in which to excel. Driving fast, it turns out, is not the safest way to excel. Marc spent his adulthood recovering from a head injury and struggling with the mental effects.

As Kimberly gets to know Marc in his current state, together they process the experiences of their youth, their survival after their father's death, and their inner natures. Midway into the film, they discover the identity of Marc's birth parents. It is a revelation that changes Marc's life. Unfortunately, he cannot perceive how both he and Kimberly are both transformed by the mere awareness of their true conditions of birth.

Prodigal Sons does a good job of portraying the sacrifice family members make for one suffering from mental illness. Families suffer hard times together. Years of loving attention can lay a foundation for weathering the storms, but grace can open rivers of support from once fallow deserts. I appreciated a scene in which a Bible thumping tirade against homosexuality and transgender people is portrayed as mental illness. I appreciated a well-trained police officer who explained that enforcement of domestic violence law is a matter of state policy, owned by the state and not the family. I appreciated the arc of family life that bends with the transformations of each individual, buffeted still by the ripples of those who are gone.

During the movie, I had trouble understanding why Kimberly took such offense at Marc's use of old family photos that showed her as a boy. Chloe helped me understand how such photos can deny respect for who a person is today. It was ironic that Kimberly would take offense at the same photos that she, herself, showed in a feature documentary about her life. I see now that her offense arose in her capacity as the subject of the film. As the film's maker, she is brave, and even charitable, in sharing her past so that we can better understand our present.

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**Diversity: The Way of the Universe.
A Lenten Homily**

As I read the writings of many scientists and spiritual mentors such as Desmond Tutu, I stand convinced ever-widening diversity is the way of nature: always growing, always maturing, ever revealing new ways to live and love together.

While sadly we lose some species others are appearing and being catalogued for the first time ever. This is rebirth.

I believe that in the processes of nature and in human history there is an inbuilt prejudice in the universe for constantly evolving diversity and, if you will, a movement in political and economic affairs of a gradual acceptance of that diversity. love and peace as opposed to violence and war.

The crusades, wars, and pogroms of history are rightly seen as an anathema to God. On Sunday, April 11th is Holocaust Remembrance Day, with the useful motto, "Never again." But in 2010 the tribalism and homophobia that lead to contemporary genocide, persecution and death force us to realize that the holocaust was not just an aberration of history but is being repeated over and over again.

It is with great sadness that I write these words as I would like to bequeath to my grand daughters a kinder, gentler and more loving world than the one I was born into. Is there no hope? Today, fundamentalist Christians are lighting the fuses of intolerance rather than bringing the love of Jesus back into the world. The Jesus who praised the Samaritan as the good neighbor. The Jesus who defended the woman caught in adultery. The Jesus who healed on the Sabbath. The Jesus who ate with the tax collector. The Jesus who chose to die rather than lead a violent uprising against Rome. This Jesus who, as a Jew, dies over and over in the pogroms of history.

"Never again" becomes an empty phrase as Israelis continue policies to deny a Palestinian state; as Ugandans imprison and execute people openly gay. It is meaningless in the face of tribalism in Africa that leads to hatred and distrust at best and genocide at worst.

It is past time for the people who say they walk in Jesus' sandals to accept the diversity that he taught his disciples and the active redemption and reconciliation that he practiced in his short ministry.

It is time to practice the lenten gesture of grasping hard, then letting go. In our silence, recognize and confess we grasp violence and distrust and hatred almost as a reflex. Clench your fists but then slowly open them wide to let go of these impulses and allow the love of Christ move our spirits towards diversity and the actions of love. Let "Never Again" become a gateway to compassionate caring for all.

--Harold Confer

My Druthers

"I can imagine nothing in the world preferable to a nice, well-heated room, with the books one loves and the leisure one wants."

--Gustave Flaubert

I have discovered that retirement is not a time for the leisure one wants.

As soon as my friends discovered I had retired they rushed to nominate me for their favorite committee or pet project. Imagine what my enemies did!

I know all about pet projects. As a lobbyist at the FCNL I was the target of Quakers who believed that in spite of the priority setting process of the Annual Meeting their pet project needed the time of a lobbyist to work on it.

My boss, being a soft touch, instead of saying "no," sent them to me also with an unspoken message: I needed to work on their pet project. After all, they were generous contributors.

From welfare reform to state of the railroads Quakers have pet projects and expected me to get aboard

Over the years I have learned to say "no" instead of foisting other's pet projects on friends I don't mind turning into enemies.

I find satisfaction in asking "What part of no don't you understand?" When friends can't believe their pet project is not mine, nor do I want it, while they regard it as the salvation of the world.

I now, at considerable cost, have a warm room in the winter, books I want to read and the time to read and write.

Not as much time as I would like, partly because my four published books require time for marketing as well as writing in non-lawyer speak.

But Flaubert is correct, nothing beats a warm room a good book and leisure time!

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disregarding my tasks as assigned.

I suspect when I was fired
for "not being able to write in lawyer-speak,"
my termination had less to do with my skills
in writing and more with my lack of expertise
in helping the many Friends with pet projects
who all demanded a piece of my flesh.

Just as Summer follows Spring
so childhood songs are followed
by songs of love as young bodies
and spirits search for the other.

Today we do the Hokey Pokey
in our 1st grade class where the
boys barely notice the girls and
the girls think most of the boys
stink which they mostly do.

But it won't be long before
the boys see through different
eyes those curly locks and find
themselves looking again and
the girls feel the stares of the boys
and are inwardly pleased knowing
they are causing their confusion.

They still hate each other and many
a lad has worn a black eye from a well-aimed
feminine fist on the playground. But as
wise grandparents point out, love and hate
are curious bedfellows at this age.

Metamorphosis

About the time girls sprout legs and
find themselves towering over the boys
the boys discover there are other wondrous
changes occurring without and within.

Confusion continues to reign but
wise women counsel the girls to
"stand straight and tall! Never forget,
American Beauties have long stems!"

And sure enough, the boy's appreciative
stares show they are capable of adoring
beautiful roses, even with their thorns.

As their voices deepen and mature
all the children learn
harmony is a precious gift.

So now, the songs change from
funny nonsense to serious
lovely poetry that praise this
miraculous marvelous mystery
that keeps the earth and all of life
going, over and over again.

Job Announcements

From
<http://www.fgcquaker.org/about-us/employment-internships>
FGC begins search for a new General Secretary

The General Secretary provides Spirit-grounded servant leadership to Friends General Conference (FGC). S/he articulates the organization's vision and mission, to both internal and external audiences. The General Secretary is the chief executive officer of FGC and is responsible for the effective management of all FGC's affairs.

* Learn more

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/jobs>

* Read the job description

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/jobs/general-secretary-job-description>

FGC seeks a Development Assistant

FGC is seeking candidates for a full-time position on our Development team, supporting all aspects of our Development work. Duties include: support for annual fund and major campaigns, gift entry and acknowledgment, mailing coordination and record keeping. The ideal candidate would have DonorPerfect and Salesforce experience, good writing skills and attention to detail. Familiarity with Quakers and commitment to diversity are a plus. Read the job description >

<http://www.fgcquaker.org/about-us/employment-internships/development-assistant>

This position is full-time, with full benefits, and is based in the Philadelphia office.

To apply, submit your letter and resume to carrieg@fgcquaker.org. Interviews will begin in May.

From

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- * Head Librarian - Haverford College - Pennsylvania
- * Technical Services Librarian (TS Librarian) - Earlham College - Richmond, IN
- * Head of Geography - Friends School - Essex, MD
- * Teacher of Geography - Friends School - Essex, MD
- * Technical Services Librarian - Richmond, IN
- * Head Librarian - Haverford, PA
- * Newborn Care In Your Home Or Ours (Starting July 1) UPDATED - Lubbock, TX
- * Christian Professor Jobs - Chair of the Division of Fine Arts - Friends University - Wichita
- * Information Manager, Spanish Bilingual - Kendal Corporation - Kennett Square, PA
- * Development Assistant
- * LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER - PRINCETON FRIENDS SCHOOL - Princeton, NJ
- * Human Resources Clerk - WILMINGTON COLL/CLASS - Wilmington, OH
- * Christian Professor Jobs - Chair of the Division of Fine Arts - Friends University - Wichita
- * Nursing Home Administrator/Senior Director - Chandler Hall Health Services- Newtown PA
- * First-Year Connections Coordinator - Wilmington College - Wilmington, OH
- * History Teacher - Sidwell Friends School - Washington, DC
- * History Teacher - Sidwell Friends School - District of Columbia
- * Christian Professor Jobs - Chair of the Division of Fine Arts - Friends University - Wichita
- * Network Engineer - Sidwell Friends School - Washington, DC
- * Head Baseball Coach - Earlham College - Richmond, IN

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<https://jobs-afsc.icims.com/jobs/search>

Job Title	Location	Deadline
Associate Representative, QUNO	US-NY-New York	Friday, May 7, 2010
Healing and Transformative Justice Project Coordinator	US-NY-New York	Friday, May 14, 2010

FCNL In Search of new Executive Secretary!

Friends Committee on National Legislation has begun looking for its fourth Executive Secretary in its history. Joe Volk will be retiring in 2011. For full information on the search process and the position description, check the [FCNL website \(www.fcnl.org/about/jobs/executive_secretary.htm\)](http://www.fcnl.org/about/jobs/executive_secretary.htm) Applications are being accepted through May 31, and can be submitted to [Gretchen Hall \(gretchenhall.search \(at\) gmail.com\)](mailto:gretchenhall.search@gmail.com)

Adelphi Friends Meeting Newsletter, 2010, for the 5th Month

This is Richard Renner, subbing for editor Ann Marlowe. We still welcome newsletter contributions from all attenders of Adelphi Friends Meeting. As I will be subbing for the next four months, a good way to submit material is by email to me at [renner \(at\) igc.org](mailto:renner@igc.org). Contributions with photos are encouraged. Reports on events, with photos, are also encouraged. For text submissions, plain unformatted text is preferred. Did I mention photos? Deadline for submissions is noon on the last first day of each month.

Financial Contributions:

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

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