

Newsletter



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MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2005, 7:30 p.m., AGENDA (tentative)

Opening Worship

Consideration of Query 10, "The Peace Testimony."

Continuing to Worship, we consider:

Review of Minutes of Meeting on September 6, 2005.

Overseers Report.

Nominating Committee.

Formal Reports

Indian Affairs Committee.

Burial Ground Committee.

Informal Reports

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting.

Friends School Liason.

Indian Affairs: Update on meeting with MD DOC concerning

Sweat lodge privileges in Maryland prisons.

Announcements.

Worship Sharing and Silent Worship.

Close of Meeting.

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From the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting **QUERY 10 The Peace Testimony**

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars"? Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peace-keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

From the Advices of Faith and Practice **Peace and Non-violence**

Since their beginnings over 300 years ago, Friends have been led by their commitment to the ideal of peace to renounce wars and violence, as in the declaration made to Charles II by George Fox and other Friends on November 21, 1660:

We...utterly...deny all outward wars and strife and fightings with outward weapons, for any end or under any pretense whatsoever. And this is our testimony to the whole world. ... The spirit of Christ, by which we are guided, is not changeable, so as to once command us from a thing as evil and again to move unto it; and we do certainly know, and so testify to the world, that the Spirit of Christ which leads us into all Truth will never move us to fight and war against any man with outward weapons, neither for the kingdom of Christ, nor for any kingdoms of this world. George Fox, 1660

God's law of love, as taught and lived by Jesus Christ, applies to all the levels of society. Wars break the law of love as do violence in communities and families and fighting between individuals. Friends have a settled intention to practice love and to make peace.

As peacemakers we hold that attitudes of justice and compassion are basic. A peacemaker must be able to identify with others. Peace cannot be attained at the expense of others. "Do to others as you would be done by" is indeed a Golden Rule.

We are called as peacemakers to deal with the violence and aggression within ourselves, to find ways of living in harmony with ourselves and neighbors. A simple life style is useful in this connection, since the pursuit of excessive material wealth or power entails competition and exploitation of others. As John Woolman urged, "May we look upon our treasures, the furniture of our houses and our garments and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions." The development of inward peace is part of the process of making outward peace.

Friends need to wage peace boldly and positively. The promotion of peaceful methods of conflict resolution, of international exchanges, of peace education and research, of world law and world-wide standards of human rights -- all are positive ways.

One important aspect of our peace witness is refusal to serve in the military or in activities contributing to military preparedness. Friends who face the draft or registration for it should consider prayerfully their alternatives. Their Meetings should stand ready to counsel and support them. Friends of all ages may witness by acts ranging from refusal to pay war taxes to non-participation in war-related work to demonstrations and other public witness. All should be aware of the tragic consequences of indifference, timidity and procrastination.

Additional Statements on Peace by Friends in times past.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting (in time of war in 1815)

"Friends are united in a renewed sense of the preciousness of our testimony against War ... whatever may be our share of sufferings, our sincerity cannot be better manifested than by a conduct on our part correspondent with meekness and gentleness of Christ."

Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace (in time of war in 1967)

"We declare our faith in these shining truths taught and exemplified by Jesus Christ: Every individual of every race and nation is of supreme worth. Love is the highest law of life. Violence is to be overcome by positive good will expressed in individual behavior and in the institutions of law and justice and freedom."

MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

MINUTES

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run

September 6, 2005

Sept 05 – 1- Consideration of Query. The Meeting began at 7:35p.m. with silent worship and the reading of Query 9. Eighteen people were in attendance. Diana Campuzano Schramm and Larry Schramm were in attendance for the first time in a long time. The clerk noted that a number of f/Friends are taking the training for volunteers for the Eyes Wide Open exhibit and thus could not be here.

Sept 05 – 2 – Minutes of July 17, 2005. John Michener offered a technical correction to item 2 of the minutes, as follows: “John also submitted to the clerks a copy of [~~the page of instructions to the Broadmead investment manager~~] *Broadmead’s list of residents’ assistance funds and the eligibility requirements for their use.*” The minutes were then approved.

Sept 05 – 3 – Community, Care and Clearness Committee report. Diane Proctor reported.

Membership Clearness:

Bruce Boswell for membership was approved on second reading. Welcomers will be Bob and Gail Breyer, Michael Vermehren, Geni Elliott and Diane Proctor.

Michael Doo for membership was approved on second reading. Bill Miles will find out if he is still in town or has left for his year in China. Meg Meyer and Arthur Boyd will initiate a welcome event if he is available.

Welcoming: New member Bill Read was welcomed at Ellen Lerner's home recently. Also present were: Michael Boardman, Elizabeth DuVerlie, Blaine Keener and sons, and Brian Gamble.

Transfer: Kathy Rogers, a longtime Friend and member of Sandy Spring Friends Meeting, has requested a transfer of her membership to Stony Run. A group of members met with Kathy on first day, August 28, to become better acquainted with her, and warmly welcome her involvement in our Meeting. A letter of release from Sandy Spring has been received. Welcomers: Given the small number of people in attendance, Diane will make contact in regard to a welcome for her.

Marriage under the care of the Meeting: Sean McKinney and Havala Salkowski Bartlett were married at Stony Run on the 30th of July. Friends report many loving & joyful messages.

Deaths:

Elizabeth Campuzano died on July 19, 2005. Although there was no memorial Meeting for Worship, her daughter has prepared a statement about her life for us.

Karen Hanscom's father died in late August; Karen and her daughters, Autumn and Gwen, gathered with other family members on August 27 in Virginia.

News of Friends: Several Friends continue to deal with medical concerns and we ask you to hold them in the Light, including Lillian Freudenberger, Suzanne O'Hatnick, and Anne Michener. Are there others we should know about? Lillian, recovering from meningitis, and sheltering refugees living with them from New Orleans, said that prepared dishes would be welcome.

Sept 05 – 4 – Memorial Minute for Elizabeth Pound Campuzano - read by recording clerk.

Sept 05 – 5 – Memorial Minute for Margaret (Peggy) Randol - read by recording clerk.

Sept 05 – 6 – Peace and Social Order Committee. Elaine Yamada reported, referring Friends to the called Meeting for Worship in April 2003 during which Friends committed to becoming more active in promoting peace and social justice, especially around the issues of the Iraq war. The committee is now proposing a Peace Making Day for spring 2006 with workshops and other activities that “will touch participants about the human costs of war and their sense of compassion, thus moving them to seek more information on how you really ‘do’ peace.” One inspiration for these activities is the book *War Prevention Works – 50 Stories From Around the World* about interventions that influenced a more peaceful outcome. Modules could include sessions for first day school teachers on teaching peace, for day care workers who need credits for accreditation, teachers at higher school levels, etc. One goal is to make the connection between a peaceful world and social justice at the local level. Some possible co-sponsoring/collaborating organizations are listed in the flyer distributed by the committee. The committee asks for Meeting approval so that the committee, as it moves forward with its planning, can say that the event is sponsored by Stony Run Friends Meeting. **Friends approved.** A Friend urged the committee to include other meetings when possible and to keep the Meeting informed as plans progress. Another Friend noted that “sponsorship” implies financial backing, and he encouraged the committee to propose a substantial and realistic budget. Elaine invited Friends to join in the planning during the next two monthly committee meetings; the Oct. meeting will be the week *after* “committee Sunday” (thus October 23) to make it easier for those on other committees to attend.

Other PSW announcements:

Elaine invited Friends to review the complete schedule of the many events associated with the Eyes Wide Open exhibit. She highlighted the film Arlington West at the Rotunda Cinemas on Thursday evening and the Margaret Diorio Poetry for Peace reading on Sunday afternoon. Maria Brown is coordinating planning for bus tickets to the Sept. 24 anti-war demonstration in Washington, DC, two of which will leave from Stony Run at 9 am. You must have an advance ticket to ride the buses.

On Nov. 13 there will be a session on conscientious objection led by J.E. McNeil.

Sept. 05 – 7 – BYM Annual Session Report. Michael Boardman gave the report. Attendance was up this year. He summarized some highlights of each committee's reports or decisions and reported on the progress on BYM's decisions relating to Friends United Meeting's policy of sexual discrimination, on the special Meeting for Listening related to meeting's dealings with sex offenders and on the three talks in evenings on the session's theme, "Called To Be Merciful." A Friend called Friends' attention to copies of the Spiritual State of the Yearly Meeting Report, "a remarkable document," that was written in part by Lamar Matthew. Another Friend noted her pleasure at seeing so many new faces at BYM this year.

Sept 05 – 8 – Property Committee: Update on Friends School construction in relation to Stony Run property. Michael Vermehren reported. Parking lot construction accidentally lengthened the garden by 7 feet, obliterating access to one walkway to the meeting house. Solution: the first parking space is "striped" to serve as walkway. A new curb as a stop to the parking spaces will allow water runoff to go to the garden. Landscaping between the Meetinghouse and the school will be a joint decision. The school will reseed the grassy oval in front of the meetinghouse in late fall. The water in the meetinghouse is now yellow; the origin is unknown; it could be rust or sediment from construction. The water has been tested and is safe to drink, and the solution to the problem is still being sought. A Friend advocated exploring options for more complete handicapped accessibility.

Sept 05 – 9 – Indian Affairs (IA) Committee. Bill Miles updated the Meeting on efforts to meet with the governor concerning sweat lodge privileges of native peoples incarcerated in Maryland prisons. This appeal was made after all earlier ones had been exhausted and was made in conjunction with other monthly meetings in Maryland after extending an invitation to them to join in this appeal. Most responded, and all responses were supportive. Bill read from a letter from Mary Ann Saar, Secretary of the Dept of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS), on 7/28/05, inviting the Meeting to contact Dr. Mary Livers, Deputy Secretary for Operations of the DPSCS with a proposal. The Clerk of Meeting is sending a response to the Secretary and the IA Committee is preparing the proposal of concern. It plans to nominate three Friends and one Indian to attend the anticipated meeting. The objective is to gain an agreement in principle that the state is obliged to make this accommodation. A recent Supreme Court ruling makes their (the state's) position of an outright ban untenable.

Bill said with a sense of relief, "We are moving forward." A Friend commented that he is "a little astounded" by the breakthrough with the state; he acknowledged the power of what one person's persistence can do and thanked Bill for his efforts. At Bill's most recent meeting at ECI, the circle presented the Meeting with a sacred fan in gratitude for his and all Maryland Friends' work. A Friend said that this gift of the fan is truly profound and make the Meeting aware of it by placing it in the Meetingroom during at least some meetings for worship, with a notice in the silent announcements to explain its origin and significance. The Meeting approved two minutes:

The Meeting expresses its great appreciation to Bill Miles for carrying forward, over the past several years, with the support of monthly meetings throughout Maryland, the effort to convince the State of Maryland to accommodate sweat lodge practice for native American devotees within Maryland State prisons.

The Meeting gratefully acknowledges the precious gift of a fan from a member of the Green Stick Hoop of the Eastern Correction Institution (ECI) West Compound, received on Saturday, September 3, 2005.

Formal Reports

Sept 05 – 10 – McKim Committee. Helen Riley presented the report, which describes the help that inner city youth receive from the McKim Center. The great challenge is the need for money, especially for upkeep of the building. She acknowledged the dynamic contributions of Dwight Warren, Director at McKim. In the past 5 years, 10 youth received their GED and one graduated from junior college. This year's appeal raised \$4,208 from

Stony Run Members and attenders. Helen invited others to join the committee and acknowledged, without naming them, the efforts of those who work with the McKim Center.

Sept 05 – 11 – Ad Hoc Committee on Aging – A Friend had requested an informal interim report on this; Arthur Boyd gave a brief update. FRAUC at its meeting this month will consider further what to do with the funding request. Don Gann added that, at the joint meeting with the Friends Care Board, there was a suggestion to look into opportunities to collaborate with Stadium Place. As a result, they are in active correspondence with Stadium Place. One expressed need of those responding to a survey is to “be in community,” even when one is not needing care, and in a place where there is relatively easy access to the Quaker meetings within Baltimore city. Don feels that the board is listening actively and that this is a positive development.

Sept 05 – 12 – Announcements.

Alice Cherbonnier will be the liaison from the Friends School Board of Trustees to Stony Run and will help maintain the dialogue between the School and the Meeting.

Thank-you’s received for donations:

Friends School, for scholarships

For activities at the Meeting, especially the memorial service for Benjamin Huxtable of

Gunpowder Meeting

AFSC-MAR for Eyes Wide Open

QUNO

GEDCO for CARES food pantry

Geni Elliott reminded friends of the potluck next Monday evening at 6 pm to welcome the new Head of School Matthew Micciche and his family.

After a brief closing worship, the meeting closed at 9:30 pm. with 20 people present.

Respectfully, Elizabeth DuVerlie, Recording Clerk, and Arthur Boyd, Clerk

Friends present, as they signed in: Michael Vermehren, Don Gann, Helen Riley, David Diorio, Meg Boyd Meyer, Fred Leonard, Diane Proctor, Elaine Yamada, William O. Miles, John Michener, Ann C. Michener, Mike Boardman, Larry Schramm, Diana C. Schramm, William Morton, Geni Elliott, Lamar Matthew

**INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, HOMEWOOD / STONY RUN
ANNUAL REPORT**

Ninth Month, 2005

Queries: *To what degree am I aware of the historical mission of Friends among Native Americans & indigenous peoples? To what degree shall I be involved in the continuing service of Friends to these much-abused peoples? What can I do to raise the level of awareness of Indian issues & concerns in the Americas?*

Members: Dellie James & Bill Miles from Stony Run; Dave Greene (clerk), Barbara Katzenapple (recorder) & Dave Katzenapple from Homewood; Anna Brown from Gunpowder. Our corresponding member, Elizabeth Koopman, has moved from Chestertown, MD, to Gwynnedd, PA. Bill Read is now living in Costa Rica.

Meetings: The committee meets regularly, usually on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M. at the home of Anne & Dave Greene, 500 East 42nd Street, beginning with dinner. Interested attenders are always welcome.

Scope: IAC regards as within its scope the Native American & indigenous peoples of the Western Hemisphere & therefore, has local, regional, national & international concerns. Typically, Indian Affairs will touch upon many issues & advocacies common to Friends with specific reference to traditional & impoverished peoples. Current areas of action & interest include the following:

The Navajo (Dine) Nation: We contributed \$200 to support the 2nd Annual Eastern Navajo Arts & Crafts Festival held on the grounds of the Starlake/Torreon Chapter House. Anna Brown attended the festival &

spent some time visiting Pat Kutzner. It was a working visit: Anna restored order to the Furniture Annex so that it's reopening for business coincided with the festival and so provided direct advertising for the Annex as well as income for the Chapter.

Baltimore American Indian Center (BAIC): We receive BAIC's newsletter. Dellie James attends their meetings. Helen Heckwolf is the Interim Director of BAIC. The gift giving to BAIC children at Christmas time was redirected to provide \$300 for dance regalia for the Soaring Eagles dance troupe. (Among Native Americans, traditional dress at dances and Pow-wows is resolutely called "regalia" rather than "costume" because costume suggests something being artificially acted, not genuine.) Members attend Pow-wows on their own initiative. BAIC's 2005 Pow-wow was held at Patterson Park. The committee continues to support the Vera Shank Day Care Center. Day Care activities included Head Start, classrooms for 1 through 4 year- olds, & health programs for the children of 40 low-income families.

Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA): MCIA maintains a standing interest in MD's Indian inmates and has endorsed Eagle Speak's request for sweat lodge at ECI. Bill is a frequent attender of MCIA's monthly meetings in Crownsville and is on one of its committees. During the 2005 state legislative session, MCIA was transferred from the Department of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) to the Department of Human Resources (DHR), the transfer to be complete by 10/1/05. Native support for this change was mixed, but DHR has initially granted that MCIA will have it's own executive administrator and a small budget within the Department. Reorganization of MCIA will necessarily include the Governor's appointments to a majority of its nine seats, which have lately been vacant. Bill was asked 5/18/05 by the Secretary of DHR to submit his resume for consideration for appointment to MCIA and did so 5/23/05.

Native American prisoners' rights: In April, Bill qualified with Division of Corrections (DOC) as a Religious Volunteer at Eastern Correctional Institution (ECI). Bill is designated by Eagle Speak Society (ESS) at ECI as its agent for gaining accommodation of sweat lodge practice at ECI and he drafted the most recent form of its request for sweat lodge, which was ratified then in counsel in 2003.

Frustrated by the lack of responsive action by the Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services (DPSCS), Indian Affairs (IA) returned to the Meeting for Business 11/9/04 with its Minute 9/04/01 and a request for guidance. Subsequently, the Meeting advised IA to draft a letter from the Presiding Clerk to the Governor requesting either access to DPSCS or a meeting with the the Governor and to circulate it for endorsement among Meetings in Maryland. The Clerk's letter 4/15/05 was sent to Annapolis in May endorsed by nearly all MD Meetings as well as Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's Indian Committee IAC-PYM, which embraces the Eastern Shore.

In March, the US Supreme Court heard the state of Ohio's challenge to the *Religious Land Use & Institutionalized Person's Act - 2000*. In June, the Court unanimously upheld the law, specifically the "least restrictive means" standard which underpins accommodation of all religious practices in prisons and which is cited in all applications to DPSCS on behalf of Eagle Speak's request for sweat lodge. Also in June, the Governor's Liaison for Community Initiatives agreed to receive IA's information and to follow the Clerk's 4/15/05 letter through Annapolis.

On 8/4/05, the warden at ECI rejected ESS's renewed request for sweat lodge; however, in a letter 7/28/05 to the Presiding Clerk, the Secretary of DPSCS invited Friends to schedule a meeting with her Deputy Secretary to "discuss the religious practices of Native Americans in our prison system". Bill conveyed this news to ESS in person at ECI on 9/3/05. The Secretary's letter was read to Meeting for Business 9/6/05 and a reply was drafted and signed by the Clerk. At this writing (9/10/05) IA is preparing for a meeting with DPSCS officials, perhaps within 60 days.

Throughout the year and with the committees support, Bill receives and fulfills requests for books, videos, sacred herbs, and other material supplies for Indian inmates in Maryland and other states. Most recently, he received a request to assist with (re)building the sweat lodge at the federal prison in Cumberland, MD. In April, Bill spoke about "Indians and the Prison System" to the Groves Conference on Marriage and the Family in Washington, DC.

Leonard Peltier Defense Committee: (LPDC @ <http://www.leonardpeltier.org>): It is our minuted concern that Leonard Peltier has remained a prisoner of the US government since June of 1975. Leonard Peltier was

transferred from USP Leavenworth, KN, to USP Lewisburg, PA on 8/15/05. Stony Run subscribes to the "Spirit of Crazy Horse" which gives information & updates on Leonard Peltier's condition.

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL): We receive the FCNL Indian Quarterly Report on national legislation affecting Native Americans.

Indian Affairs Committee - Baltimore Yearly Meeting (IAC-BYM): Neither Homewood nor Stony Run have an active member on the IAC-BYM at this time.

Labels for Education: Collection boxes for "Labels for Education" to be sent to the Payallup Tribal School in Washington state were available at both Meetings; however this program has been recently discontinued by the school.

Ten Thousand Villages (TTV): Dave Katzenapple is now on leave as a volunteer & board member for this 'Fair Trade' enterprise in Fells Point. Volunteers to work at the store are always welcome & much needed; call (410) 342-5568 or contact members of IA-H/SR. TTV again had a selection of goods for sale at BYM. The annual December Rug Sale was held in the Mennonite Church on Roland Avenue. Over \$200 of drums were sold at the BYM Women's retreat. TTV has surpassed their goals with sales of \$330,000, a 30% growth rate!

Native American Month: The Governor usually proclaims November to be Native American Month in Maryland. IA-H/SR thanks the Friends for the recognition & attention that they give to our Indian relations annually at this time. IA-H/SR draws attention to projects for the Meetings, including: Christmas toys & clothes & Labels for Education.

Books, Pamphlets & Videos: Books & videos on Native American topics are available for Friends to borrow. Topics include: "Black Indians", "Talking God" (Tony Hillerman), "Women of the Native Struggle", "Mysteries of the Ancient Americas", & ten more titles.

AFSC The Gathering of Friends & Native Americans: We purchased the report of this Gathering, which took place in Boulder, CO, April 28 to May 2, 2004.

Committee status: Technically, Indian Affairs is a sub-committee of Social Order at Stony Run working jointly with Friends at Homewood & other meetings. From time to time, the committee considers applying for full Committee status but has not yet determined to do so. Among impediments are the "term limits" implicit in committee status.

FRIENDS BURIAL GROUND COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

September 2004 through August 2005

Committee: Appointed by the Meeting, this committee is responsible for managing the property and operations of the Burial Ground on Harford Road. Members of the committee during this reporting period included: David Bakker, Win Cain, Lorraine Cain, Nick Fessenden, Cindy Maier, Ann Michner, John Michner and Eric Winzenburg.

Staff: Francis Ferguson, the groundskeeper, maintains the premises and digs graves as necessary. Noa Oren is the resident of the Burial Ground.

Accomplishments:

- Rehabbing the Bathroom in the Burial Ground residence: The bathroom was completely renovated by Jensen Plumbing, Noa Oren and her friend Tom for a cost of \$3,300. The committee was pleased with the results.
- Trees: The large, dead Silver Maple in the Northwest corner was removed, as it was a hazard.
- Back Gate: In November, Krug and Sons offered Stony Run an estimate for repairing the back gate of \$2,600 to \$5,800 depending on the level of damage to the gate currently covered by earth.

Francis Ferguson was assigned the task of clearing the gate and access to it. Due to weather, only minimal progress has been made.

- Historic designation: In November, 2004 Friends Burial Ground was officially placed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Dogs: The Burial Ground 'employs' two dogs, Loki and Tasha, for security purposes. After a recent vet visit, Tasha was diagnosed with Lyme's disease and heartworm. The committee agreed that reasonable, but not extraordinary, medical measures would be taken regarding Tasha's health.

Pending Projects

- Rear fence and garbage heap
- Memorial Garden and benches
- Test caretaker's residence for lead paint

Internments:

There were no internments during this period.

Peace and Social Order Committee
Request to Monthly Meeting for Sponsorship of a Peace Making Day
September 6, 2005

Peace and Social Order Committee would like to host a day of workshops and teach-ins probably centered on the theme, **War Prevention Works**. The goal is to give people tools for creating and making peace. It is also to reach out to a group beyond the choir. We are considering a Saturday next year, sometime in March, April or May. We hope to co-host this event with Friends School, with classes using their classrooms as well as our building. Initial brain-storming for workshops have generated the following possibilities:

- ✍ Understanding situations where war prevention worked at some point in the conflict - pre, during, or post.
- ✍ Experiential of understanding what is violent, what is non-violent.
- ✍ Experiential of how to talk with someone when you disagree strongly.
- ✍ Circle of Truth - Experiential of putting yourself into someone else's shoes - e.g. arms maker, Iraqi civilian, soldier, military family, politician.
- ✍ Peace education.
- ✍ Effective parenting.
- ✍ Fair fighting in families.
- ✍ Film series.

Target group: There is the hope that events such as Eyes Wide Open and Cindy Sheehan's efforts, will touch people in the heart and move more people to a concern about war. We hope that this concern will lead them to seek more information about peace making and that this day of trainings will fill that need. We may include efforts to continue to reach out to deepen people's level of compassion.

As a way of reaching out beyond the choir, we are exploring providing trainings for child care and day care providers, Sunday school teachers, and political science and history teachers.

Co-sponsors: We hope that other committees in the Meeting will consider how they might fit into this event - either with their own workshops or by taking on a segment of the day (e.g. provide lunch).

We hope to coordinate with Friends School, AFSC, BRIDGE, Shambhala, Goucher Peace Studies Program and the other peace-making organizations with whom we have been working these last years.

REQUEST: Peace and Social Order Committee requests that Stony Run Meeting sponsor this day of workshops/trainings on peace-making in early 2006.

MEMORIAL MINUTE

Elizabeth Pound Campuzano

December 1, 1908 – July 19, 2005

A member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run

Elizabeth Pound Campuzano, M.A., died on Tuesday evening July 19, 2005 from consequences of a fall. Born December 1, 1908, on a farm in Kansas, she won national prizes for her essays in Spanish and after her graduation from the University of Kansas, took a trip to Spain. On board ship, she met and fell in love with the ship's doctor, Tadeo Campuzano e Ibanez, who was born in 1889 on a ship in the Bay of Gijon. After a few years, they married.

Their first child, Carlos, was born in Madrid shortly after the Spanish Republic was declared. When civil war broke out, Tadeo was on a ship heavily laden with arms and ammunition from Canada and Mexico, bound for Republican forces in Spain. Although repeatedly attacked from the air, the ship arrived safely in Barcelona. Elizabeth and Tadeo ran clinics in various locations for refugees and wounded soldiers. He wrote, and she edited, a manual for civilian defense against gas attacks. They built a bomb shelter for their patients to protect them from multiple bombing attacks.

Eventually, lack of milk and food for their young son made it imperative that Elizabeth take Carlos out of the country. Later, because her husband was a member of a seamen's union and a Freemason, he was forced to flee when the last Republican bastion fell to the Fascists. Elizabeth had been busy raising funds and public awareness of the Republican cause in Kansas City, Missouri, and didn't learn until two weeks later that her husband had survived. Other than a first cousin who fled to Mexico, Tadeo never saw any members of his Spanish family again.

After many months, during which her mother enlisted the aid of Kansas City's mayor, Elizabeth was reunited with Tadeo. Their second child, Diana, was the "reunion baby", born in 1940. Elizabeth and Tadeo translated Sir James George Frazer's *The Golden Bough, Magic and Religion* into Spanish (the only such translation and an effort for which she was still receiving royalties when she died.) Elizabeth taught Spanish at Stephens College, university of Missouri and Missouri Valley College while completing her master's degree. After Tadeo's death in 1949 in Marshall, Missouri, Elizabeth took her daughter to live in Mexico City with his cousin's family. Elizabeth managed that cousin's civil engineering office for three years before returning to Kansas City and, eventually, California, to live near her son's family.

After Diana's marriage in a Quaker ceremony, Elizabeth returned to her ancestral "roots" and became a very active Friend, co-founding the Marloma Meeting in San Pedro, California, and working as a social worker. She learned to drive a car at the age of 55 so she could cross the country twice a year to lobby Congress on behalf of Friends' concerns. She traveled to Panama to protest against the use of American soldiers to train soldiers of a repressive government in tactics of "persuasion."

In the late 1970s, the house she built on the Pacific coast was undermined by a landslide and she moved to southern Arizona where she helped found a new community, Friends Southwest Center. Starting in a trailer, she built her house out of compressed bricks that she made herself. During her 18 years there, she was founding Clerk of the Meeting and the community's business manager. When she moved to Baltimore in 1997 to live with her daughter, she became a member of Stony Run Friends Meeting and joined its Peace Committee.

Elizabeth is survived by her son and daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. In her last year, she was comforted by the thought that, although coming from a long-lived family, she was the first of them to reach 96 years of age. Reflecting on her life she concluded, "On the whole, I've been very lucky."

MEMORIAL MINUTE

Margaret (Peggy) Randol

December 8, 1921 - December 18, 2004

A member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting, Stony Run

Margaret Neustadt Randol grew up in Winnetka, Illinois, the daughter of James Lawrence Houghteling and Laura Delano. Her mother was a first cousin to Franklin Delano Roosevelt. It was a time of political ferment and her parents often engaged in thoughtful discussions at home on politics and social issues. Peggy, as she was called, developed an avid interest in national events and the world around her at an early age, and this interest continued throughout her life. In 1937, her father was appointed Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization by Franklin Delano Roosevelt and the entire family moved to Washington, DC where they sometimes were guests at the White House.

At one Christmas Eve dinner where Winston Churchill was the honored guest, Peggy found herself seated next to Secretary of State Averell Harriman. When he learned she was a student at Vassar College majoring in modern European history, he engaged her in a spirited discussion of foreign affairs. Her daughter, Katherine Neustadt, said she “had a great time expressing her opinions,” but years later confessed she was “mortified” to think she had the nerve to hold forth on foreign affairs with the Secretary of State! Her enduring modesty, coupled with a determined commitment to working for peace and social justice were characteristic of her throughout her life.

After graduating from Vassar, Peggy returned to Washington, DC, where she last worked as a community organizer and researcher for the National Committee on Segregation. By then she had met John “Jack” Neustadt, a Johns Hopkins medical student, whom she married in 1947. They moved to Baltimore in 1948 where she worked for the City Housing Authority in Baltimore as a research analyst and Jack went on to become a psychiatrist.

Peggy and Jack began attending Stony Run Friends Meeting in the early 1950's, and their children attended First Day School. She became a member by convincement on November 2, 1958. A long time Friend recalls she was “as beautiful on the inside as she was on the outside.”

From then on, she took an active role in the life of the Meeting, serving on committees almost continuously until 1995. She served on the Friends School Education Committee from 1959 to 1962 at a time when the school was being racially integrated, and again from 1969 to 1971. *Minute by Minute, A History of the Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends*, notes that the school “agreed to admit black children to the nursery school in 1955-1956, ...to the first grade in 1956-1957, to the second grade in 1957-1958, and so forth.” In her first term, Peggy worked determinedly with other members to integrate the school more rapidly, an effort that finally met with success.

Her other committee service included Ministry and Counsel, 1961-1963; Social Order, 1964-1968 and 1983-1989; Peace, 1968-1971 and 1972-1979; Nominating, 1978-1981; Advisory, 1987-1992; and Overseers, 1989-1995.

Both in her professional life and as a volunteer her energies remained directed towards peace and social justice issues. She worked for Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. (BNI) promoting equal opportunity in housing, the Maryland Commission on Human Relations, investigating employment discrimination complaints, and later, Planned Parenthood, and even after retiring served on the Maryland Foster Care Review Board advancing children's rights.

Peggy's volunteer service included a long association with Amnesty International, to which she was devoted. An AI newsletter in 1993 entitled, “A Woman of Valor: A Tribute to Peggy Randol,” notes that she wrote a letter to the editor of the Sun in 1975 inviting people to attend an organizational meeting of the Baltimore Chapter of Amnesty International: “I think I can safely say,” the writer notes, “none of us were so steadfast as Peggy in our commitment to the group. It is not simple to write an appreciation of Peggy because she wouldn't like too much said in her praise.”

Her other volunteer activities included the American Civil Liberties Union board, service as Vice President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and as a trustee of the Christopher Reynolds Foundation, a human rights group.

Jack Neustadt died in 1964, and eight years later, in 1972, she married Dr. Lee Randol, a Meeting attendee who was a pediatrician and peace activist. Dr. Randol traveled several times to El Salvador during its dangerous civil war period to donate medical services.

In 1984 Peggy and Lee Randol were instrumental in persuading the Meeting to provide sanctuary for Central American refugees, a policy approved by Monthly Meeting in September 1984. The *Baltimore Sun* quoted Peggy as explaining the Meeting would "house people at the Meeting House, itself, if need be, but some members have already agreed to put people up in their homes."

Augustin Diaz, an El Salvador refugee, was referred to the Meeting in May 1985 by the refugee network. The Meeting held a joint press conference with St. John's Church and Peggy was chosen to be Meeting spokesperson. She appeared with others on local TV channels explaining calmly and with dignity why the Meeting granted sanctuary to Mr. Diaz. The *Baltimore Sun* quoted a U.S. official who said he did not intend to take action against people hosting Mr. Diaz even though the penalty for harboring an illegal alien is up to five years in jail. "They are not hiding him... They are not harboring if they are standing before the news media and telling the world."

Lee Randol died in 1986, and Peggy continued her volunteer activities even as her health began failing. In 1999 she moved from her Rosebank Avenue home to Roland Park Place, a lifetime care center. She attended Meeting when able, but her condition gradually weakened. She died peacefully on December 18, 2004.

NOTES ON CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting was held September 11, 2005 at Homewood Meeting House, Baltimore, Maryland. Stony Run confirmed the Quarterly Meeting's March 2006 gathering at Stony Run Meetinghouse. 9th Month Quarterly Meeting always conflicts with BYM Spiritual Formation program. Betsy Meyer has been informed. However, reservations at the retreat center that is used holds them to this date.

Gunpowder thanked the whole Quaker community, especially Stony Run for their outpouring of support for the Huxtable family and the cooperation on Benjamin's memorial meeting and the following reception.

Nine students at Sixth Grade level are attending the new Harford Friends School.

There will be a Yard Sale at Patapsco Meetinghouse October 15th.

Patapsco Friends will offer a series on the issues surrounding death and dying beginning September 25 and ending January 22. You can find all the particulars at www.patapscoFriends.com.

Sandy Spring's pamphlet on "Death & Dying," is on their website.

A program on preparation for conscientious objection will be presented by J. E. McNeil, November 13, at Stony Run.

Gun Powder will have their annual book sale Saturday, November 12, at their Meetinghouse.

Friends were reminded that monthly meetings' events can be put onto the web by sending items to the Webmanager.

West River Burial Ground has four board members from CQM. Projects that attract their attention are; maintaining the historic trees on the grounds, ongoing tree maintenance, rebuilding the fence, maintaining grave stones. The Board will need to dip into equity funds (\$98,000) to accomplish some of these projects. There are some plots available. Sale of plots will be terminated in a couple of years. At that time, the Board will apply for historic recognition. Grants for archaeological work to find the location of the original meetinghouse, are being investigated.

BYM Trustees are convinced that the Burial Ground at Ellicott City is the property of the Yearly Meeting. Easement for a new home has brought this to light. The burial ground at Bush Creek is also owned by the Yearly Meeting.

Ken Stockbridge was brought forth for a first reading for Clerk of CQM. Alan Desilva will serve another two years as recording clerk.

CQM minute was added its name (and support) to the Amicus Brief for Maryland Marriage Equality now in the courts.

The latest version of Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting's statement of purpose was discussed. Meetings are asked to consider, "How can we use this statement of purpose?" Some suggestions heard; inter-visitation, as a corporate voice when dealing/communicating with the political world, promote growth, publish it in Interchange, on the BYM website, publish it in the Baltimore Sun. Friends were reminded that all our statements/minutes, that are of importance, defining our spiritual beliefs, who we are, and what we understand as truth about important issues of the day, should be published in our local newspapers. The next to last paragraph will be reconsidered to more accurately reflect CQM's involvement in other organizations. The active involvement in Yearly Meeting by many Friends from the Quarter was recognized and commended.

There were 37 in attendance at the business meeting, 8 from Stony Run.

A LETTER OF GRATITUDE AND THANKS

Dear F/friends,

This letter has been a long time in its composition; though not because I have not tried, but because I was so unsure of how to express my feelings through the written word. I finally decided to stop repeating the words over and over in my head and simply put pen to paper. My creation of this letter began just after receiving a call from the Clerk of Religious Education (Michael LaBua) informing me that my request for Nurture funds to send my two oldest girls (Gwendolyn and Amelia) to Opequon Quaker Camp had been approved. However, I am glad that something inside of me decided to refrain from its composition until after the completion of camp. I believe the only proper way to express my feelings would be to start at the beginning.

When I first requested Nurture funds, I explained that I was requesting the full amount of the girls' tuition because as I was (and am) living on a very limited and fixed income, I could not see a way to afford both tuition, and acquire all of the necessary equipment (of which we owned none,) that the girls would require to attend camp. Thankfully (as it always does) the way opened, and Michael's call did come through, telling me that the Meeting had approved the full amount requested. Of course, I still knew that I had an up-hill battle in front of me in acquiring all of the necessary camping accoutrements for both girls; and in the knowledge that even though, as they were attending separate sessions, they could share a few items, I was still waging an up-hill battle in even acquiring these.

Just as I thought things were beginning to really go my way, I learned that the beloved Opequon Quaker Camp that I'd attended and worked at twenty years earlier, though located in the same physical place, had in fact changed. Not only had the people changed, which considering the time frame was inevitable, but the formula that I'd known had changed as well. Not only were the overnights shorter than in my recollection, but the emphasis, and the name (Opequon Quaker Arts Camp) had changed as well. Realizing (once again) that at times in our lives everything changes, I proceeded on faith that I was still on the correct path for my children.

If someone had asked me twenty years ago where my most favorite place in the world had been, I would have told them that it was in Brucetown, Virginia; and that is where I would have wanted my ashes spread upon my death, along the banks of the Opequon Creek. When I first drove my three girls back to Opequon, I realized that my answer might have changed if asked that same question. Though the physical place may not have changed, the spirit and appearance of it had. I could not exactly put my finger on what all of the changes were, I just knew that they were there.

After a lot of phone calls, I was told that yes, my help would be accepted in the kitchen, not only for the third week as originally requested of me, but there was also a great need for me to work the fifth week as well. Maddie and I left Amelia with my parents for the week as we left the comfort and normalcy of our everyday lives for the dust and the unknown that was to come with a week in the woods. At the end of the first week I had learned several things. I learned that I, too, could still make the bonds of lasting and

fulfilling friendships that I'd long associated with camp. I also learned (once again) that yes, though change is inevitable, it could be good!

Because of a few scheduling snafus, Maddie and I (this time accompanied by Amelia) returned to Opequon for the fourth week to help fill in gaps that had been created in the kitchen. Of course, by this time, I was yet again an old pro in the camp kitchen and it was another pleasant week.

The last week of the first four-week session, however, may have had one of the best nights of my life. After dinner and clean up, we all made the long walk to the fire circle. Even though this was Gwendolyn's first time at Opequon, due to her age it would be her last as a camper and, therefore, it was graduation night for her. Sitting at the entrance to the fire circle, I had in my direct vision all three of my girls. As Wendi stood holding her candle in front of the fire/candelabra, for the first time in my children's lives, I could see on their faces that they finally understood what I'd been trying to tell them. All of my girls understood what camp had meant to me, and what it was coming to mean for them as well. In that instant, with all four of us crying around the same fire circle where I had been seated so many years ago, in seeing into their faces, I realized that I could give my girls no greater gift for them to experience for themselves exactly what I had been telling them stories about. Until that very moment, I don't think I had ever felt real pure joy, but there it was, and I can only hope in the retelling of that moment that you can in part imagine the pure joy I felt, and realize how truly amazing it was.

The next morning, I drove Wendi home to spend the next week with my parents so that I could work the fifth week in the kitchen and Emily could officially begin her time as a camper. At the end of that week, I asked the director (Elaine) whether or not I could have a meeting with her so that we could discuss some of the things that I had observed over the previous three weeks, as well as the fact that I had been asked by both her and the current kitchen manager (Maria) to return the following year in the position as Head Chef, if not as Kitchen Manager.

Elaine expressed great thanks for the three weeks of service that I'd already given, as well as regret that I could not return for the following (and final) week of camp. I told Elaine that if my service was required, I would love to return the following week. We also discussed the fact that my three weeks (thus far) of service had been just that, service. Elaine did not know Stony Run had paid in advance for the girls' tuition, and that I had been completely volunteering all of the time I had been there. I explained to her because of my disability, I had been unsure of how much time I'd actually be able to contribute to the camping community and did not know whether or not I would be able to survive repaying the girls' tuition, and that is part of the reason I'd asked Stony Run to pay their tuition in the first place. Elaine tried to pay me for the time that I had worked, and I, again, explained that I could not accept for two reasons. One because of my disability, and two because I would much rather donate the time I'd worked to another family in need.

As our meeting ended, it was decided that I would return for the last week in the kitchen as Head Chef, and that the time I had worked would go to offset some of the funds needed to fly friends from New Mexico that had attended camp.

Another wonderful thing came out of my family's summer camping experience. I (once again) found my writing voice. For the past year, I had been at an impasse with myself when it came to writing. Whenever I tried to write (even in my journal), I found I could not. As you can see by this letter alone, I have now found that voice (as well as my pen) within myself, and I am forever grateful!

I cannot begin to thank friends enough for all that they have afforded my family for the past fifty years, let alone over the past several months. I do, however, hope that this little peek into the past few months of my family's lives will begin to explain my gratitude.

Love and Peace, Kimberly M. DeSha-Doll,
11 September 2005

PLAN TO ATTEND THESE INFORMATIVE ACTIVITIES

Seekers and Speakers: An Introduction to Quakerism

Newcomers and seasoned Quakers are invited to attend the fall series, "Seekers and Speakers: An Introduction to Quakerism" to be held for six weeks starting Sunday, October 2, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. Come to one session or all six. Children welcome. We will have activities for school-aged children and childcare for younger children. Bagels and beverages served in the Dining Room.

Session 1: October 2, 2005 – "Frequently Asked Questions about Quakerism"

*What does it mean when Quakers say that "there is that of God in everyone"?
Are all Quakers Christians? Are all Friends friendly? Your questions.*

Session 2: October 9, 2005 – "Quaker Worship"

What happens in the silence? When is it time to speak? What do you do if someone snores?

Session 3: October 16, 2005 – "Meeting for Worship"

Join us for Meeting for Worship at the 9:30 a.m. "quiet" Meeting or the 11:00 a.m. "family" Meeting. Opportunities for discussion will follow.

Session 4: October 23, 2005 – "Quaker Lifestyles"

*Are all Quakers pacifists? How do Friends carry their beliefs into everyday life?
Do I have to give up anything to become a Quaker?*

Session 5: October 30, 2005 – "Quaker Process"

*How do Quakers make decisions? What is the structure of the Quaker community?
Who's in charge here?*

Session 6: November 6, 2005 – "Follow Up Session"

What questions do you want to discuss further? What questions are still unanswered?

COMMITTEES AT STONY RUN

A workshop for committees and clerks

Do you serve on a committee at Stony Run? Or would you like to? Why is the role of committee members so important? Are you a clerk, or would you like to be a clerk? What is the role of the clerk? What makes a Quaker committee meeting different from other types of meetings? How can we make our committee meetings more open to Divine guidance? What are good Quaker business manners?

The work of the Meeting is conducted largely by committees of the Meeting. If you do not currently serve on a committee, or if you do, you are invited to attend a session on Committees at Stony Run. (For some a review, for others a revelation!) Explore how committee meetings differ (or don't) from Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, the role of the committee clerk, the role of committee members, keeping good records, good Quaker process for decision making and more.

Plan to attend one of the sessions on Quaker committee work and find the answer to:

Can we be open to Divine Guidance and get our work done, too?

Thursday, September 29, 7:30 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday, October 15, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 23, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

In the Dining Room at Stony Run Meetinghouse (Light refreshments will be served at all sessions.)

This workshop is sponsored by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel. RSVP to the office one week prior to the session you plan to attend, 410-435-3773 or stonyrunfriends@starpower.net

HAPPY NEWS: Joe and Sandi Adams's daughter, Joellen Megan, who was raised at Stony Run Friends Meeting and attended Friends School for 10 years, was married to Gary Andrew Malstrom, Sunday, September 4, in Elkridge, Maryland. Lillian Freudenberger from Meeting and her husband, John Ariosa were in attendance, as was Joellen's Friends School classmate Christine Huxtable.

LOTS TO BE DONE AT THE QUAKER

CAMPS: A work weekend was held at Shiloh last weekend and David Hunter said, "We accomplished a ton of stuff!" There is a lot planned and there is need for many hands at the upcoming work weekends at **Catoctin: October 14 – 16, October 28 – 30 and November 4 – 6.** It is hoped that the work can be started on the Catoctin Pond Water Quality Improvement Project, which Stony Run Young Friends have helped to fund. Another fabulous Peter Bugler post and beam cabin will definitely be built at Catoctin, so consider giving time and energy to these projects this fall. Please visit <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/work.html> for more information or contact David Hunter, Camp Property Manager, at www.bym-rsf.org, 301.774.7663 (office).

HUMANITARIAN HEROES: As his bar mitzvah project, Elliot Chen, of Bolton Street Synagogue, has created a deck of playing cards featuring humanitarian heroes from the world. Elliot, a friend of the Causey family, will be donating all of his profits to the Maryland Food Bank. To purchase this wonderful, unique deck of playing cards, or for more information, please contact Elliot and his mom.

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE

MEETING: The next Unity with Nature meeting will be on **Sunday, October 16, at 9:00 a.m.,** at Homewood Meeting. Everyone is welcome. We are trying to find a better time for Friends to attend.

VEGETARIAN COOKING CLUB: Unity with Nature Committee invites Friends to Vegetarian Cooking Club dinners on **Saturday, October 22,** and **Saturday, November 19,** from **4:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Stony Run kitchen. We will cook together and then enjoy the fruits of our labors, as well as good company. RSVP to Lynn Huntley if you plan to attend.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS, open to all between the ages of 18 and 35-ish, meet for socializing, eating and worship on the first Tuesday evening of each month. The next gathering will be **Tuesday,**

October 4. Bring food to share if possible, but come anyway; there's always enough. Potluck is at 7:00 p.m., Meeting for Worship starts at 8:00 p.m.

CROP WALK 2005, a nationwide event, will take place on **Saturday, October 8** and, for the third year, CARES, the food pantry operating under the auspices of the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO), will benefit from this program. More information is available on the hall table.

QUAKER READERS' GROUP will begin meeting **Tuesday, October 11** (second Tuesday of each month) at Stony Run. The evening will begin with a light **supper at 6:30 p.m.,** followed by discussion of a selected reading. This season's readings will center around matters of conscience and their effects on the individual, the family and the community. Copies of the readings will be available in the library. For this first meeting, we will view and discuss a portion of the movie *Friendly Persuasion* in lieu of reading. All are welcome to participate in this Friendly way of increasing our understanding of Quaker faith.

PEACE MAKING DAY IN THE PLANNING!

Peace and Social Order Committee is looking for all in the Meeting Community who would like to **help plan a day of trainings, workshops and classes in 2006 focused on positive ideas for how to create peace.** The theme we are working around is "War Prevention Works," which looks at the idea of preventing violence at the personal, to local, to international levels. **In order to reach a broader audience, we will be focusing on the educational community and we are especially hopeful that educators in the Meeting will help us with developing the day.** Currently, we are considering Sunday school teachers, day care workers, and public and private school teachers. Please see the handout on the hall table that will update you with what we are currently thinking, then talk to a member of Peace and Social Order Committee, and consider being a co-creator of this project! **Our next brainstorming session will be on Sunday, October 23, 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the lower classrooms.**

TUESDAY WORSHIP: Beginning in September, Meeting for Worship will be held every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Meetinghouse on the campus of Sheppard Pratt Hospital. The small brick meetinghouse is located at the top of the Charles Street entrance drive and is adjacent to the parking garage. The fireplace is usually burning and there opportunities for fellowship after Worship.

NEWS FROM THE FLETCHER FRONT: Tom Sr. and I still live in Chesterfield, VA (just southwest of Richmond) on a wooded 4 acre lot. We enjoy the country setting as the city continues to creep towards us - making our errand running a lot easier, but still giving us the nature environment that we both love. Tom attempts to garden (but the deer and squirrels usually get the best of us). Our son Tom Jr., is a sophomore at Virginia Wesleyan College and is currently taking an immersion summer school class in Spanish by spending the month of July in Mexico, studying at the University of Madeira in Puebla. From this he hopes to complete his language requirement of Spanish proficiency while earning 6 credit hours towards his degree! He plans to major in Computer Science at this point, although this is always subject to change! I work part-time for several soccer referee services in the Richmond area, providing basic bookkeeping and backup assigning help from our house in Chesterfield. Tom Sr. still works for Philip Morris USA in the Research and Development area of the company. If anyone is traveling in the Richmond area, we would love to have a visit from them! And who knows, you may even see us at Meeting sometime if our travels to visit F(f)riends at Broadmead bring us to town on a Sunday! Fondly, Marian.

QUAKER LUNCH: The next Quaker Lunch, at Holly House on the Broadmead campus, will be held **October 20, at 12:00 noon.** If you would like to be part of this nourishing and friendly event, call Marjorie Scott by Tuesday, September 18, to reserve a place at the table.

A LONG WAY FROM BROAD BRIMS AND BONNETS, QUAKERS ON THE NET: The Internet has created wonderful opportunities for distant (and close) Friends to stay in touch with Quakerism and to keep abreast of what Friends' organizations are doing. A general gateway to all this material is at www.quaker.org. Plan on spending some time to explore the many, many links! You can receive mailings from the Wider Quaker Fellowship at quaker.org/fwcc/Americas/wqf. For general information and reading materials, go to www.fgcquaker.org. To buy Quaker books and periodicals, try www.Quakerbooks.org or www.PendleHill.org. AFSC.org and FCNL.org let you sign up for regular e-mails and access their periodicals online. You can keep up to date and even participate in activities around Quaker testimonies. Stay in touch with Baltimore Yearly Meeting at www.bym-rsf.org.

BOOK REVIEW BY SANDI MORTON: The Objector: a magazine of conscience and resistance: Focus on Counter – Recruitment. Oakland, CA: Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors, July 2005. Why are military recruiters having increasing difficulties meeting their recruiting goals and what are the real reasons for the slump in recruiting? What chain store is playing Marine recruiting commercials every hour from 7 am to 11 pm? What are military recruiters actually doing in schools? What is the ASVAB and why are students being told they need to take it? If you are concerned about the “illegal and unjust war” and want to know more about the “deceptive and aggressive tactics” used by military recruiters to entice young people to serve in the armed forces, this magazine may be the place for you to begin. The Objector is available by mail and/or may be downloaded for free from the CCCO Web site: <http://www.objector.org>.

BALTIMORE CROP WALK, Saturday, October 8, 1:00 p.m. starting at Govans Presbyterian Church, 5836 York Road (just south of the Senator Theater). CROP WALK is a community-based fund raising event to raise money for local hunger-fighting agencies as well as the international relief and development efforts of Church World Service (who is very active in relief work down in the Gulf). The donations are split with 75% going to Church World Service and 25% staying in Baltimore. This year's Baltimore share will be given to the GEDCO's CARES program, which helps those in need along the York Road corridor. They operate a food pantry as well as give financial assistance to those who are facing eviction, utility cut-offs, or need help purchasing medications. The WALK is only 1 1/2 miles long so all ages can join in. It will meander through the neighborhood with a "water" stop at the CARES facility. This is an excellent opportunity for both youth and adults to actively help combat hunger. Walkers are asked to get pledges from friends, families and co-workers as sponsors. Sponsor sheets are available on the hall table.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S JOURNEY, Nurturing - Renewing – Empowering: Marilyn Clark (Stony Run) and Judith Waldman, Co-Directors of Celebrating Women's Journey Workshops & Community Empowerment Workshops are offering a workshop, Saturday, October 15, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. - Registration & coffee). Celebrate your journey as a woman at a country workshop with woods, streams, and waterfalls! Feel renewed with deep relaxation and with light movement and play. Empower yourself as you move

through the transitions of your life. Feel the joy and freedom of expressing your creative spirit. Registration is limited so enroll early. There is a sliding scale fee (\$65 to \$90 for the day) to participate. Directions will be sent to registrants in advance of the workshop.

"DEADLINE": On **October 20** the Megaphone Project will be presenting *"Deadline"* the first of a series of four films on criminal justice issues. *"With astounding access to clemency hearings, death row prisoners, exonerated men and Governor George Ryan, this documentary brings us behind the scenes in the emotional and legal storm surrounding Ryan's decision granting clemency to all 167 people on death row in Illinois."* There will be a **panel discussion after the film with filmmaker Katy Chevigny, Jane Henderson of Maryland Citizens against State Executions, exonerated Maryland death row inmate Kirk Bloodworth, Shari Silberstein of Equal Justice USA, and moderator Paul Santomena of Megaphone Project.** The screening takes place at **8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:00)** at The Creative Alliance at the Patterson, 3134 Eastern Avenue. Tickets are \$8. Stony Run has taken a public stand in opposition to the death penalty and our Peace and Social Order Committee is a co-sponsor of this event.

OF INTEREST TO PARENTS: Dr. Brad Sachs will speak at Ruxton Country School, 11202 Garrison Forest Road, Owings Mills, MD, **Thursday, Oct. 20th, 7:00 p.m.** Dr Sachs, nationally renowned clinician and author will talk about "The Good Enough Child:" How to have an imperfect family and be perfectly satisfied and "The Good Enough Teen:" Raising kids with love and acceptance (despite how impossible they can be). -"From the moment Dr. Sachs begins speaking, you know you'll become a better parent." -"Dr. Sachs' message is one that all mothers and fathers need to hear." Signed books will be available for purchase. Free admission. Please contact RCS with questions 443.544.3000.

FRIENDS WILDERNESS CENTER (sponsored by Friends Meeting of Washington) is a remarkable and unique wilderness preserve and spiritual sanctuary offering events, retreats, overnight indoor hospitality (with meals), camping, and opportunities to explore nature within a 1400-acre preserve called Rolling Ridge. The Center is located 20 minutes from Harpers Ferry, West Virginia. One or more can visit the Center for a day's retreat or hike, attend a scheduled event, have your own personal retreat or group event, or stay several nights camping indoors

(in a yurt), under a roof (in a tree house) or outdoors (bring your own tent), or enjoy Niles cabin hospitality with real beds and tasty meals. Silent retreats are an option. Contact Sheila Bach, Resident Manager, Friends Wilderness Center, 305 Friends Way, Harpers Ferry, WV 25425. Phone: 304-728-4820 Email: center@friendswilderness.org. Find more information at www.friendswilderness.org.

WE HEAR FROM JEAN ZARU IN

RAMALLAH: Dear Friends, I came back through Jordan on the 10th [of September]. Before crossing I felt the words of "I looked over Jordan, and what did I see, a band of angels coming forth to carry me home". I hoped for angels, but it seems they had no visa to function there. I made it home to find all my plants dead, dry for lack of water all through the summer. I had to deal with lots of mail, cleaning, phone calls, and so, I am already tired. I do get tired easily these days and sleep early. I have been using physical as well as financial resources, but I do not know if you can cash this anywhere!

I found out when I went to Meeting on Sunday that they have cut off electricity for the last three weeks. They wanted us to pay fees for testing the electric meter, fees for the electrician and engineer. I spent all yesterday doing that and interceding to the director of the electric company so they will connect it as soon as possible. I had also to follow up with the water company and mayor. It is not easy, but I hope today's efforts will accomplish what is needed.

On the fifth of October we have guests from the Swedish fellowship of Reconciliation. We will have also the group coming with Kathy Bergen [AFSC Olive Harvesters] in October. In November, we have visitors from Norway.

As of this writing, I have received three applicants for the Friends International Center in Ramallah program coordinator position.

I received two awards this summer. One from the Swedish Fellowship of Reconciliation reads: "The Non-Violence Award of 2005 is awarded to Jean Zaru, a Palestinian Quaker of Ramallah, Palestine, receives the award for a life long commitment to non-violence and a just peace between Palestinians and Israelis. As a Quaker, Jean has carried out the mission to bring justice and peace along with the calling to see God in every human being. Jean's testimony of a vibrant culture of nonviolence has left and continues to leave deep traces in the international peace movement, and among Muslims, Jews and Christians." This was offered to me in the public

square in Vastaros, in the presence of two thousand people during a concert of a famous Swedish singer, who sings about peace, and justice, equality, etc. I had to speak earlier and lead a workshop on nonviolence, and answer some questions put to me, by the archbishop of Swedish Church, and the Bishop of Uppsalla.

The other award was mailed to me because I could not make my speaking engagements for the Assembly of the United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Both through global ministries have delegated Marla Schrader to help me in collecting my papers or sometimes responding to my emails. Marla accompanied me faithfully. Their award reads in short "Global ministries affirms Jean Zaru, Clerk of Ramallah, Palestine, Friends Meeting whose faithful journey is a response to God's call to pursue peace, justice and the unity of the global community."

It is against my nature to share these things, but it is for the record of our community and the recognized role we play. I share them because they were empowering at a time of vulnerability, and not to say the least, a time of great difficulties. Paul said share each other's burdens and joys. So I did both according to Paul's instructions, though I disagree with him on many other things! With warm best wishes, Jean.

FILM OF INTEREST: Friends School parent Dr. Carol Ritter, an OB-GYN who spearheaded last spring's Fifth Grade Kilinochi School tsunami relief project, figures prominently in a new documentary titled, "If the Bough Breaks—Raising Awareness of the Medical Liability Crisis." The documentary, produced and directed by Maryland filmmaker Steve Yeager, will premiere at Maryland Institute College of Art's Brown Center on **Thursday, November 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** For more information, call 410-337-8299 or www.iftheboughbreaks.com.

WORK WEEKENDS AT THE QUAKER CAMPS: David Hunter writes to us, "We ended up with a great work weekend crew at Shiloh for Saturday and we accomplished a ton of stuff! We stained the entire new cabin, discouraged the powder post beetles in Ruby's Cabin, and got about 90% of the finish carpentry done in the Retreat. We also enjoyed a couple of fantastic meals, thanks to Judy Cahill. Betty Nash came and brought two strapping young men, Charlie Shobe and Matthew Moliterno, to help out. We thought that we had lost Chip Trails to the lure of the Green Mountains, but we were pleasantly surprised to have him with us again! Of course, the ever-present Ralph Reed was there to

show us how it is done. The next weekend will be at **Opequon on September 30 – October 2.** We have a lot planned and hope to see a lot of you there. The **Catoctin dates are October 14 – 16, October 28 – 30 and November 4 – 6.** We may be able to get started on the Catoctin Pond Water Quality Improvement Project and we are definitely going to build another fabulous Peter Bugler post and beam cabin, so make sure you are able to visit CQC this fall. Please visit <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/work.html> for more information on work weekends this fall and plan to come out! Peace to you, David Hunter, Camp Property Manager, Baltimore Yearly Meeting www.bym-rsf.org, 301.774.7663 – office."

FRIENDS SCHOOL STUDENT RAISES FUNDS FOR KATRINA RELIEF: When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast three weeks ago, Friends School Fifth Grader **Haley Sieglein** watched the news showing the destruction and decided to do something for the affected children and families. She sent a letter to family and friends and went door-to-door in her neighborhood soliciting donations on behalf of the American Red Cross. "My original goal was to collect \$1,000 before I started school on September 8," said Haley. She ended up collecting \$1,276. Of this amount, she sent \$1,151 to the American Red Cross. She donated the balance of \$125 to PetSmart Charities, which has launched a nationwide hurricane relief effort for injured, lost or abandoned pets. Said Haley, "I saw pictures on the news of the dogs and cats that were lost and hurt because of the hurricane. I love animals. I decided to donate the balance of \$125 to PetSmart Charities because of that."

TERESA CARUTHERS WRITES: I have moved to Arizona. I have completed a family nurse practitioner degree, funded by The National Health Service Corps. Now it is payback time! I have a 2-year service commitment in a medically underserved area.

ANOTHER CHAPTER in Quaker history began. Harford Friends School opened its doors for its first day of school for 9 pioneering students, including Katrina. There were Quakers from Stony Run (Bruce Manger), Gunpowder, Broadmead, Little Falls and Deer Creek. The school day started with Meeting for Worship for children and adults. We feel so lucky to be part of this amazing adventure in education, and it is special to see Friends from so many different places and Meetings coming together for this historic event.

A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE AND PRIVACY:

The Pentagon announced just this summer it has been collecting and using data—including such sensitive personal information as Social Security numbers, ethnicity, GPA, personal email addresses, height, weight, and even the cell phone numbers of kids, without their parent's permission. They had been keeping the database secret for more than three years—a violation of federal privacy laws and the privacy of tens of millions of young Americans. In addition, a little known provision in the federal No Child Left Behind Act is forcing public high schools to release the personal information of their students to local military recruiters, again without the consent of their families.

Information for a database is collected by the government from a variety of sources, including DMV records, SATs, and ASVAB test results. A private marketing firm has been hired to manage the database (it is updated daily and distributed monthly to the four branches of the military for military recruiting purposes). With increasing reports of identity theft and security breaches at private data collection firms, compiling such a vast collection of sensitive data without consent, particularly on minors, is irresponsible—even dangerous.

While law compels schools to violate the privacy of student, it also creates a way for them to "Opt Out" of both their high school military recruitment lists, and the national Pentagon database. Working Assets, Mainstreet Moms (the MMOB) and ACORN have put together a useful website called www.LeaveMyChildAlone.org that helps you easily generate letters to both the Pentagon, and to your high school district to opt-out of both databases. You can use this "Opt Out" to stop the use of your data or the data of your child. If you are a parent interested in protecting the privacy of your child or if you're between the ages of 16 and 25, this is an easy way to protect your privacy. (The Pentagon will retain your data in a "suppression file," but will no longer use it. The high schools, however, will remove your data before releasing lists to recruiters.)

Congress is just starting to realize the implications of what they have done by going around parents in this way, to get at their kids. People are really mad about this. Join the effort at LeaveMyChildAlone.org for action alerts related to this issue.

PAX CHRISTI TO CELEBRATE 20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY, OCTOBER 1 :

Pax Christi/Baltimore, the local Chapter of Pax Christi USA, will be observing 20 years of activity on continuing issues of justice and peace. The special event will be held Saturday, October 1, at the College of Notre Dame, 4701 North Charles Street. (Charles Street between Cold Spring and Homewood). A prayer service at 7 pm at the Assumption Chapel with commentary by Marie Dennis of the Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns., will be followed by a buffet dinner at 8:00 p.m., with a welcome by Judy Coode, Chair of Pax Christi USA National Council, and remarks by well known columnist, author, and Pax Christi USA honoree Colman McCarthy. Mr. McCarthy is founder of the Center for Teaching Peace and author of the recent book, "I'd Rather Teach Peace." Dinner is \$50 per person until September 23 (after that date, \$55 per person "at door" rate). Send registration to Pax Christi/Baltimore, 1579 Dellsway Road, Baltimore MD 21286. For questions contact C. Michaels.

PAX CHRISTI TO PRESENT SPECIAL PROGRAM ON NON VIOLENCE, OCTOBER 2:

Pax Christi/Baltimore, the local Chapter of Pax Christi USA, will present a program on considering the challenge of non-violence in these difficult times. The program will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2005, the anniversary of the birth of Gandhi and near to the Feast of St. Francis (October 4). Focusing on prayer, reflection, and group discussion, the program will encourage participants to examine the principles of non-violence and invite them to take the "vow of nonviolence." The afternoon program will be held from 2:30 pm to 5:00 p.m. at St. John Parish in Columbia, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center. For more information go to the Chapter website at www.paxchristibaltimore.org or call C. Michaels. There is no admission or registration fee. All are welcome.

Baltimore Yearly Meeting Yearly Meeting Day October 22, 2005

Hosted by: Nottingham Quarterly Meeting:
Little Britain (Eastland and Penn Hill) Meetings) and Oxford Meeting

Friends will provide hospitality Friday and/or Saturday night and lunch and dinner on Saturday. Friends are offering places for those traveling a distance so do not hesitate to request a place to spend the night. Coffee and tea will be available Saturday morning. It is important that you let the host know if you plan to attend so that overnight accommodations and meals can be arranged!

Hospitality forms are available on the hallway table. Please return forms by October 10th.

Reservations required for childcare and hospitality.

Committees Scheduled to Meet

Advancement and Outreach	Religious Education
Camping Program	Right Sharing of World Resources
Criminal and Restorative Justice	Search (closed)
Indian Affairs	Stewardship & Finance
Ministry and Pastoral Care	Trustees
Nominating (closed)	Unity with Nature
Peace and Social Concerns	Youth Programs
Gender and Sexual Diversity Concerns	

Saturday's Schedule

9:30 a.m.	Coffee & Rolls [Eastland]
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Committees meet [Eastland, Penn Hill, and homes]
1:00—2:00 p.m.	Lunch [Eastland]
2:15—5:00 p.m.	Interim Meeting [Penn Hill]
5:00 p.m.	Dinner [Penn Hill]
5:45 p.m.	Program—History and witness of Friends Nottingham Quarter

Childcare is available during business meeting and committee meetings if requested in advance.

No program offered for Junior Young Friends or Young Friends.

FIRST DAY SCHEDULE

Little Britain Eastland Preparative Mtg.

10:00 a.m. First Day School
11:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship

Oxford Meeting

10:00 a.m. First Day School
11:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship

Little Britain Penn Hill Preparative Mtg.

10:00 a.m. First Day School
11:00 a.m. Meeting for Worship

Directions to the Little Britain—Eastland Meeting House

From points south: Route I-95 North from Baltimore. Exit onto Route 152 (Fallston) West; to U.S. Route 1 North to Conowingo Hydroelectric Dam; after bridge, at top of hill, turn north onto Route 222. After crossing Pennsylvania border, take right fork at Y in road (approximately 1 mile) onto Little Britain Road; drive about three miles, turn right onto Friends Road. Eastland Meeting House is on the Left.

From points north/west: Exit from Rt. 30 to Fruitville Pike (South). Follow through Lancaster City (becomes Prince St/272(S)). Follow 272 approximately 20 miles south to Wakefield. After passing Penn Hill Meeting House and Robert Fulton Firs Company, turn Left continuing on 272 S. Follow four (4) miles to Stop sign. Turn Right onto Little Britain Road. Take Second (2nd) Left (approximately 1.5 miles) onto Friends Road. Eastland Meeting House on Left at top of hill.

For those coming only to Interim Meeting at Penn Hill Meeting House, please check your Yearbook for directions.

**Hospitality for Yearly Meeting Day
October 22, 2005**

Returning this form is essential
if you need overnight hospitality, meals, and child care during Yearly Meeting Day.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone no.: _____ e-mail: _____

Need hospitality for:

Friday evening _____; for _____ (# of persons) Saturday evening _____; for _____ (# of persons)

List special needs, (i.e. allergies to pets, smoker, can't climb stairs)

Are you willing to stay in house with smoker? _____

Do you have access needs? _____

Specific needs? _____

Which Committee meeting will you attend? _____

Will eat noon meal _____ (# of persons) Vegetarian Meal _____ (# of persons)

Will eat evening meal _____ (#of persons). **Donations for meals are appreciated!**

Participation in Children's Program and Nursery:

Need childcare during the morning _____ afternoon _____.

Names and ages of children: _____

Special needs of children:

Please Return by: October 10, 2005

Send registration to: **Linda Coates**
126 South Fulton Street
Strasburg, PA 17579

Unity with Nature Committee invites you to
VEGETARIAN COOKING CLUB DINNERS
Saturday, October 22, and Saturday, November 19
4:30 to 7:30 p.m., in the kitchen at Stony Run.

**We will cook together and then enjoy the fruits of our labors
as well as good company.**

**RSVP to Lynn Huntley
if you plan to attend.**

**UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE
will meet Sunday, October 16,
9:00 a.m. at Homewood Meetinghouse.
Everyone is welcome.**