

Stony Run Newsletter

JULY - AUGUST, 2005

Arthur Meyer Boyd, Clerk
Elizabeth DuVerlie, Recording Clerk
Jacquelin Potter, Administrative Assistant
Charles Cluxton, Finance Secretary
Lamar Matthew, Executive Secretary



Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run

5116 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210

Phones: 410.435.3773; Fax: 410.435.3779

e-mail: stonyrunfriends@starpower.net on the web at www.stonyrunfriends.org

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS JULY 17, 2005, 11:15 A.M., AGENDA (tentative)

Opening Worship.
Consideration of Query 7.
Continuing in worship, we consider:
Review of Minutes of MM of June 14, 2005.
Community, Care and Clearness Committee Report.
Nominating Committee Report.
INFORMAL REPORTS
Interim Meeting Report
Announcements.
Worship Sharing and Silent Worship.

From the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting QUERY 7: CARING FOR OTHERS

Do you respect that of God in every person? Do you search yourself for and strive to eliminate prejudices such as those related to race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation and economic condition? In what ways do you accept and appreciate differences among your friends and associates? Do you avoid exploiting or manipulating others to accomplish ends, however worthy?

From the Advices of Faith and Practice Prejudice and Discrimination

From its earliest days, the Society of Friends has supported the equal right of all individuals to be treated with dignity and respect. The opposition of Friends to slavery is well known. Less well known is their support of the rights of women. Quakers, particularly Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony, and Alice Paul, were in the forefront of the American suffrage movement. We oppose all forms of prejudice. Prejudice should never be allowed to keep any persons from a chance to develop or use their abilities, or deprive them of their political, economic or social rights. We are called to work creatively for equal opportunity in education, employment, justice, housing and the like.

Since thought and action are reflected in words, we should take care to use language that reflects the equal dignity and worth of all human beings. We support an ongoing search for broader language to express the continuing revelation of the nature of God. Use of masculine or feminine forms when referring to God perpetuates gender-specific images. With terms such as the Inner Light, That of God in Everyone, and the Seed, Friends already have a vocabulary which is inclusive.

Those Requiring Special Care

We must be sensitive to the need for an institutional and societal framework within which disadvantaged individuals can achieve dignity and can experience a purposeful life within the limits of their capabilities. Aging is a natural part of human life. At no time should people be considered to be on the periphery of society because of their age. Older persons, who represent an increasingly large portion of the population, have varied talents, interests and concerns. Friends have a long tradition of appreciation of the gifts of older members, and our Meetings should continue to encourage participation of all ages in Meeting activities.

The same concern for human dignity, and opposition to the use of physical force and violence, has motivated Friends to work toward improvement in institutions and services for the aged, for the mentally or emotionally ill, the retarded, and the handicapped. Employment of members of these groups is encouraged, as well as special education and training.

The Society of Friends has long worked toward improvement in the treatment of offenders. While continuing to press for programs of rehabilitation inside prisons, Friends also recognize a need for pre-trial justice and the elimination of police brutality. Friends are led to oppose capital punishment by our belief in the sanctity of life.

Fellowship and Community

It is not easy to find community and fellowship in the modern world. Many Friends view relationships within the local Meeting as similar to partial relationships established with people met regularly at work, at play, and in the neighborhood. It is perhaps too much to expect that we all will make the Meeting central to our lives. But unless the Meeting fellowship can be made to speak to something deep in our lives, our Society falls short of fulfilling the true spiritual needs of its members.

Typically Friends come together in meetings for worship from diverse neighborhoods, seeing one another rarely except on First Day or on special occasions. Many Meetings find it helpful to encourage groups to meet in one another's homes for worship, recreation, study or fellowship. Committees provide opportunities for other kinds of relationships within the Meeting. But all too often these contacts fail to satisfy our yearning for community. Sometimes a glimpse of the meaning of community comes as Friends work together in projects of social service, peace education, religious education or pastoral care for fellow members. Each Meeting should have as an active concern before one or more of its standing committees the nurture of the Meeting community in whatever ways may open.

Our belief in the universality of the Inner Light requires us to "walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone" as George Fox urged. No human being is excluded from our sense of community, for we are led by our faith to view human beings as children of God rather than as stereotypes of cultures, nations, or ideologies. It is individual people with whom

fellowship must be established, and each Friend must seek in the quiet of worship the personal strength to work at the establishment of community.

QUERY 8: OUTREACH

Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends? Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak? Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship? Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

From the Advices of Faith and Practice

Fellowship and Community

The life of a religious society consists in something more than the body of principles it professes and the outer garments of organization which it wears. These things have their own importance: they embody the society to the world, and protect it from the chance and change of circumstances; but the springs of life lie deeper, and often escape recognition. They are to be found in the vital union of the members of the society with God and with one another, a union which allows the free flowing through the society of a spiritual life which is its strength. (William Charles Braithwaite, Memoirs, 1905)

Within the Local Meeting

It is not easy to find community and fellowship in the modern world. Many Friends view relationships within the local Meeting as similar to partial relationships established with people met regularly at work, at play, and in the neighborhood. It is perhaps too much to expect that we all will make the Meeting central to our lives. But unless the Meeting fellowship can be made to speak to something deep in our lives, our Society falls short of fulfilling the true spiritual needs of its members.

Typically Friends come together in meetings for worship from diverse neighborhoods, seeing one another rarely except on First Day or on special occasions. Many Meetings find it helpful to encourage groups to meet in one another's homes for worship, recreation, study or fellowship. Committees provide opportunities for other kinds of relationships within the Meeting. But all too often these contacts fail to satisfy our yearning for community. Sometimes a glimpse of the meaning of community comes as Friends work together in projects of social service, peace education, religious education or pastoral care for fellow members. Each Meeting should have as an active concern before one or more of its standing committees the nurture of the Meeting community in whatever ways may open.

Within the Society of Friends

Friends who restrict their experience of the Society to their local Meeting are missing rich experiences of fellowship in the wider community. Quarterly, Half-yearly and Yearly Meetings as well as larger gatherings provide opportunities for Friends of all ages to broaden their experience of the Society and the circle of their spiritually-based friendships. Attendance at such larger Meetings should be seriously considered by each of us as a benefit of membership, an opportunity for spiritual nourishment and a means of widening our community.

Another rich resource within the Society which provides opportunities for fellowship and community is the variety of service committees and action organizations established to further our testimonies. Involvement in these endeavors can help to knit us one to another in common

effort. The Society also sponsors study, conference and retreat opportunities at various centers. Meetings should assist the attendance of members and provide opportunity to share the fruits of such experiences in the local Meeting.

Finally, the Friendly tradition of intervisitation, whether under the weight of specific concern or in the interest of wider Quaker fellowship, should be fostered among our local Meetings. (See Appendix C of BYM's *Faith and Practice*.)

With Other Religious Bodies and Persons

Our belief in that of God in every person requires that we cooperate with other religious bodies. We are aware that we have much to learn from the religious experiences of other groups, Christian and non-Christian. We believe also that we have a rich and unique experience from which we can contribute. The Friends World Committee for Consultation brings us into contact with Quaker groups worldwide, often different from our own in culture, theology or practice. Through Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference our Yearly Meeting is affiliated with national and international ecumenical movements. In addition, many of our local or area Meetings cooperate in community councils or associations of religious groups. In all these affiliations, we make clear that our faith is one of experience rather than one of creed or doctrine. In sharing that experience with persons from other backgrounds through common worship and shared service, we enrich our sense of community.

With All Humanity

There is an evangelical and saving light and grace in everyone, and the love and mercy of God toward mankind is universal, both in the death of his beloved Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the manifestation of the light in the heart. (Robert Barclay, Apology, Proposition 6)

Our belief in the universality of the Inner Light requires us to "walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone" as George Fox urged. No human being is excluded from our sense of community, for we are led by our faith to view human beings as children of God rather than as stereotypes of cultures, nations, or ideologies. It is individual people with whom fellowship must be established, and each Friend must seek in the quiet of worship the personal strength to work at the establishment of community.

MINUTE IN SUPPORT OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY

Approved by Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting

The Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is a gathering of eight Monthly Meetings and one Preparative Meeting in central and southern Maryland. At our gathering on the 12th of June, 2005 in Lusby, Maryland, we approved the following minute (communication) on this matter.

In keeping with our faith and witness, we wish to express our clear support for the establishment and protection in law of equal rights in civil unions for all people in Maryland including lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. In doing so, we wish to be clear that there is a distinction between civil law, which no single religious view should predominate, and the right of various denominations and congregations to decide whether they will perform, support, or recognize unions between or among lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender people.

SUMMER HOURS FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Meetings for Worship will be held at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., now through Sunday, August 28.

**MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS
MINUTES**

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run

June 14, 2005

June 05 – 1- Consideration of Query 6 The Meeting began at 7:30 pm in silent worship, with 22 people present (3 arrived later), during which Query 6, Home and Family, was read. Friends welcomed John Cezar, attending Monthly Meeting for the first time.

June 05 – 2 – May Minutes.

The minutes were approved.

June 05 – 3 – Community, Care and Clearness Committee. Diane Proctor gave the report.
Membership Clearness

The committee recommends for membership in the Religious Society of Friends Karie Firoozmand. This is the second reading of Karie's name. Friends approved. Welcomers: will be Diane Proctor, Lillian Freudenberger and Anne Griffith.

The committee recommends for membership in the Religious Society of Friends: Sandy Robson and Bill Read. This is the first reading for both named. We hope that Friends will get to know them better during the coming weeks.

Elaine Yamada reported on the welcoming for Claire Salkowski and Richard Bartlett. Phil Perkins, Margaret Allen, Elizabeth DuVerlie, Geni Elliott and Elaine were the others in attendance for a potluck supper at Elaine's home on June 5.

Membership Resignation

Mary Dunlap has submitted a formal request for resignation from membership in Stony Run. She is affiliated with an Episcopal church in the Frederick, MD area, near her current home. A Friend requested that in the letter to her we repeat our thanks "for her tremendous work in the Archives."

News of Friends

Paris Kern's mother, Marie Kern, died recently and the memorial service will be held at Stony Run on Thursday, June 30.

Suzanne O'Hatnick continues to cope with health problems and Friends are asked to hold her in the Light.

Becky Copeland reported on the status of her daughter Beth's recovery from her foot and leg injuries in Australia.

John Arioso will be having a pacemaker put in, in the near future.

Charles Cluxton is in St. Joseph Hospital for care of heart problems.

We ask for support and prayers for all those in our community who have suffered losses and health problems.

June 05 – 4 – Memorial Minute for W. Berkeley Mann. Elizabeth DuVerlie read the minute. A Friend noted that Berkeley had led the effort to establish Friends Village, moderate-income senior housing, while he was Chair of the Board of Broadmead.

June 05 – 5 – Nominating Committee Report. John Cezar gave the report.

There are two resignations, for information only, not for approval by monthly meeting:

Evan Runde from Friends in Unity With Nature

Marilyn Clark from Friends School Board of Trustees. Marilyn was Friends School Board of Trustees liaison to us. Friends hope a new liaison will be named

Appointments for approval by monthly meeting:

Four appointments to the Friends School Board of Trustees. All four will have terms beginning July 2005 and ending June 2006. Friends approved:

Dorothy Powe, non-member. Dorothy is a Friends School parent of Jasmine (9th grade) and alumna Camille. She is active in the Quaker Dimension Committee and was part of the Strategic Planning Committee for Friends School. She is a manager of Investor Relations at McCormick & Co.

Geri Mullan, non-member. Geri is a Friends School parent of Billy '05, Maureen '10, and Michael '12. She is a Friends School parent volunteer, a lawyer and works with Coventry Resources Corp., i.e., Coventry Care Link, which is related to Live Well with Friends.

Alice Cherbonnier, member of Stony Run

Winfield Cain, member of Stony Run

Frank Hendry to Property Committee, Cynthia Kerman to Library Committee, Freya Bosky to Spiritual & Intellectual Nurture Committee and Claire Salkowski-Bartlett and Richard Bartlett to Hospitality Committee, all serving terms from June 2005 to May 2008. Friends approved.

Correction of start date for Bill Morton's appointment to the Friends Care Inc. Board of Directors. Bill's term began in February, not January 2005.

June 05 – 6 – Trustees request to add Phil Perkins as a check signer for the Trustees' account. There are also two continuing signers. Friends approved.

June 05 – 7 – Policy Manual Updating.

Cynthia Kerman gave the update. John Michener started the process of creating a policy manual. It includes all the decisions the Meeting has made establishing continuing policies or procedures on all kinds of issues. Cynthia brought it up to date in 1998. The original intention was that the recording clerk would be responsible for keeping the book up to date. All the minutes since 1998 need to be reviewed for items that represent policy decisions. Nancy Moore has tried to keep a folder of items that might qualify as policy. Some items that seem to be policy originate from committees, not necessarily MM minutes. She felt that someone knowledgeable, or a small team, could accomplish this. Cynthia Kerman, Nancy Moore, and Ellen Lerner volunteered to help with this. They would bring the chosen items for the update to the Clerk. The Clerk and Recording Clerk will consult with previous recording clerks as to whether this could be more formalized as a responsibility of one of both of these parties.

June 05 – 8 – Ad Hoc Committee on Aging update. This is a final report and recommendations. Alice Cherbonnier reported and led the discussion on this. She briefly reviewed the history of this Ad Hoc Committee, also summarized in the "Introduction" page of the report. Live Well with Friends still exists and may be an option, but it is not the only option. Marjorie Scott was involved and her name was inadvertently left off. Ellen Lerner started out with the group but was unable to continue; some others participated sporadically. The group realized how expensive it is to start up a whole new endeavor.

The Friends Care Board has invited members of the Ad Hoc Committee to meet with them on June 28 (not June 21 as noted in the report). They would like to find out: What role do we see FC playing?

Friends commented on the value of the Saturday informational session held in April regarding services for the aging. It would be a goal to have such a meeting every year. Ann Heaton (Board)

and Carolyn Huffman reassured Friends at that session that Broadmead wishes and tries to be supportive of all Friends. FRAUC could help administer “scholarship” funds that are income from our “Elder Care Fund” to assist with the cost of admission to Quaker retirement communities.

It was suggested that it would be important to meet right away with Carolyn Huffman to gather information on not only Broadmead but other options, and also how to create a stronger connection with Broadmead.

Comments and questions: Correction to statement in #3, that the Taylor fund does provide help with entrance fees. FRAUC funds could also help Friends who are not entering Broadmead.

John Michener noted that the Broadmead residents assistance fund is quite large, but he was not sure of whom it would cover. There is a need to look into this. At the origin of Broadmead, all area meetings were involved, but the Taylor Fund is only available to Stony Run members. Regarding Item 6, “little evidence of interest in lifetime care at home,” historically, there was initially little interest in a lifetime care community, either. Long-term care insurance looms as a big potential problem for people. A common resource in the past was family care, less used today. Medical problems are the greatest source of financial need. In sum, perceived need is not the main criterion. A real exploration is needed to look at real risks, costs, and what’s available.

The clerk proposed a summary and suggested action: We need a mechanism to look at continuing needs and interests: 1) informational, 2) concrete needs that often have a financial component (from admissions fees, to someone who might help someone sort through the options) so some ongoing mechanism to address this, and 3) care of individual Friends (CCC). FRAUC and CCC could be asked to take this report and consider an appropriate ongoing mechanism to carry forward the concerns. Meanwhile, #7, to lay down existing committee, could be accepted.

Sue Carnell thanked the committee for their hard and diligent work, the excellent questionnaire and the survey results. As the incoming clerk of FRAUC, she reported that the committee recognized the importance of this report. The committee has in escrow approximately \$14,000 from last year and anticipates \$12,000 for this year. She invited Arthur Boyd (clerk of Meeting), Alice Cherbonier (convenor of Ad Hoc Aging Committee) and Lillian Freudenberger (Friends Care Board) to join them for a meeting on Sept. 18, 2005.

Genie Elliott emphasized the value of having a separate committee that would carry on this work, perhaps under an established committee or committees. For now, should be seasoned by the existing committees. Fred Leonard commented on some of the parallels with GEDCO and its concerns and planning in regard to Stadium Place; they are moving forward, cannot wait for another year for decisions. Tom Mondloch, director of Friends Care, has been referred to discuss with them. And the Ad Hoc Committee report has been sent to Tom Mondloch and Henry Hallowell

The clerk asked if there are new volunteers for the continuation of this Ad Hoc committee? Fred Leonard volunteered. Alice said she could continue through the summer and asked that the Clerk of the Meeting also serve. All other past members will be invited to continue, knowing that some are no longer able. The Meeting approved asking the Ad Hoc Committee to continue its work based on the original charge (“**We propose appointing a committee to study how we may fund/become involved in furthering, either through Friends Care or by other means, our concern with the aging**”), to season the observations and recommendations, to come up with

more specific actions, and to continue to explore possibilities, including those items that are implementable coming out of the April working day, and bring back findings to Monthly Meeting in September.

June 05 - 9 – Religious Education Committee Formal Report. Nancy Moore spoke and noted that she did not have the information to fill in the blanks in the draft. Comments: All people who have taught this year should be included. Peggy Steele and Brian Gamble, who were teaching this spring, had been left off the list. Thanks to Margaret Allen for her many years teaching the Senior High-Qs, who gave her a memory album.

June 05 – 10 - SINC. Anne Griffith reported and thanked everyone who has been involved in bringing forth ideas, being on panels, leading sessions and more. The only action needed is to continue to come forth with energy and ideas.

June 05 – 11 – Ushers Formal Report. Bob Breyer filled in for Ellen Lerner who had to leave. The question arose as to whether Ushers are responsible for setting up the cookies at the carol sing, cookies being baked by the Senior Hi-Qs. He felt ushers would not mind doing that.

June 05 – 12 – Report from Quarterly Meeting. Michael Boardman reported. The schedule is set through 2007; Stony Run is set to host Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (CQM) in March 2006. Michael will report our acceptance of this date to John McKusick, clerk of CQM. It was suggested and agreed to put the dates on the Stony Run website and calendar. The question arose as to the merits of not scheduling the final picnic event of First Day School on the same date as Quarterly Meeting. This year the RE committee felt that it could not find another date. We are reminded of this concern once again. It is important not to schedule Stony Run events on the same day as Quarterly Meeting, always the second First Day in September, March and June. Lamar Matthew pointed out that this is stated in the Policy Manual, the original minute having passed in 1992. That is a decision until Monthly Meeting changes it. A Friend advocated for “individual choice” rather than “edicts.”

June 05 – 13 – Setting of date for summer Monthly Meeting. July 17 was selected, following the rise of the later meeting for worship that day.

June 05 – 14 – Announcements.

Three thanks for gifts, Shepherd’s Clinic (FRAUC), Friends General Conference, and Friends Council on Education (budget). Becky Copeland thanked friends for their many phone calls, cards and visits following Beth’s leg and foot injury and her return from Australia.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. , with 20 people present.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth DuVerlie, Recording Clerk, and Arthur Boyd, Clerk

Friends who signed in, as they signed in: Nancy Moore, Bob Goren, Larry Reid, Anne Griffith, John Steele, Cathie Felter, Becky Copeland, Ann Michener, John Michener, Robert Breyer, Ellen Lerner, Jolanda Ferguson, Lillian Freudenberger, Bill Read, Margaret Allen, Fred Leonard, Elaine Yamada, Cynthia Kerman, Geni Elliott, Lamar Matthew, Sue Carnell, Mike Boardman, Alice Cherbonnier, Diane Proctor, John Cezar, Arthur Boyd.

A NOTE FROM ANN MEYER: Dear Friends, I just don't know where to start to tell you about my life. My life has always been good out here – good friends, a beautiful place to live, back home on the land my ancestors settled, singing in good musical groups (all of us), satisfying jobs (full and part-time), kids not at all like everyone else's, but doing well in their own ways. And yet, my forties were hard, and I wouldn't want to go back to that time. Then I turned 50, WOW. John (my ex-husband) had this wonderful surprise birthday party for me, and it really was a surprise! and my cousin flew in from Texas, and my whole family was there, and all my co-workers, including one who was moving that day, and all my friends, and it was on a day when Carrie was home from college. My co-workers gave me a hot tub - the big 6-person kind, and my Amish friends moved it to my yard, with the help of another friend who drives a flatbed tow-truck. Then a nurse who I have known casually for 4 years asked me out, and we have been seeing each other daily ever since. By the third day, we knew we wanted to spend the rest of our lives together. In a tiny hospital like this, we are in for plenty of teasing, but it's OK, everybody is happy for us. We canoe a lot, and go for walks, but everything is with a kid around because John is home-schooled and figures Glenn comes to see him. John has some kind of autistic spectrum disorder so he doesn't always pick up on social cues. Sometimes that's helpful – he doesn't worry about my life too much – but sometimes it's a pain. [A corner of the postcard was torn and unreadable, Ann closed with] I have never been so happy. Love, Ann Meyer

A NOTE FROM SETH WEBB: Hello friends! Autumn has again come to the lower North Island. It's hard to believe that Marisa, Edison and I have been here for almost a full year. We have delighted in getting involved with the Wellington Friends Meeting: a wonderful gathering of friends in a growing community. Marisa has become very involved with the children's program and a spirituality reading group. I have joined a process of inquiry into Quaker faith and practice called Hearts and Mind, a project of the Woodbrooke Study Centre in

Birmingham, England. Both of us are enjoying where these activities are taking us, and our family. Edison continues to amaze us both. Recently, while speaking of a friend from meeting, he said, "Martin? I love that man. He's beautiful." Edison continues to remind us of the importance of pausing and being present. Marisa is expecting our second child in mid-September! We are slowly fluffing our "nest" here and are extremely excited about the new addition to our clan. We'd love to hear from friends far and wide. Love and light, Seth. Seth Doolittle Webb. You can reach me at: 116 Waddington Drive, Na enae, Lower Hutt, New Zealand. (4) 934 0088

GREETINGS FROM ANDREW SAMUELSSON: Hello Friends, It has been sometime since I last attended the Friends Meeting in Baltimore. I was a young child then. Now I am 23 years old and have just graduated from The Ohio State University. In a couple of weeks I begin graduate school. The program I am entering is an interdisciplinary program between the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon in Neuroscience (PhD program). I am excited about this upcoming transition, but it will not be my first and am confident that I can handle it. I think fondly of my days at Friends School and Friends Meetinghouse. It has been awhile since my last "simple lunch" in Baltimore (or anywhere), but I hope to get back to it in the future. Pass my greetings on to all of those at Stony Run. Sincerely, Andrew Samuelsson

QUAKER LUNCH, at Holly House on the Broadmead campus, will be held **Thursday, July 21, at 12:00 noon**. If you would like to be part of this nourishing and friendly event, call Marjorie Scott at 410.785.6148 by Tuesday, July 19, to reserve a place at the table.

QUAKER LUNCH, at Holly House on the Broadmead campus, will be held **Thursday, August 18, at 12:00 noon**. If you missed July's Lunch and would like to be part of this nourishing and friendly event, call Marjorie Scott by Tuesday, August 16, to reserve a place at the table.

WHEN IN THE MEETING HOUSE, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG.

BYM QUAKER CAMPS LOOK GREAT: Dear Friends, David Hunter , BYM Camp Property Manager, reported on the wonderful, sunny work weekend at Shiloh Quaker Camp. The weekend was full of singing, youthful energy and tons of productive work. Tandem Friends School students and parents and members of Charlottesville Meeting came out to enjoy some spring weather in the mountains. This wonderful crew was able to raise the walls and ceiling joists in the new cabin and to nearly finish the roof of the crafts shelter. Those present enjoyed fantastic food the entire weekend. This was a fitting finish to a spring filled with great work weekends. They enjoyed fantastic weather, great company and accomplished lots of meaningful work. There are pictures at:

<http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/WorkWeekends/WorkWeekendsPics/workpicsCQC4.15-17.05.html#SQC5.13-15.05>

There are many who are and will be grateful for all the contributions of Friends who came out to the work weekends this spring. If you were not able to make it, don't worry, opportunities await you right around the corner!

This year, Common Ground, long time faithful friends of the camping program and hosts to the Teen Adventure Program are building a pavilion for our TA campers to use while there are there. They will be hosting some work weekends in the coming weeks had have invited us to join in. This is a great way for us to give them a big thank you for all of the years of hospitality and kindness they have offered to the TA staff and campers. I will pass on information about these work weekends as soon as I have it. Hope to see you there.

Preparations are underway for a whole batch of work weekends at the camps in the fall. We are looking forward to building another cabin at Catoctin for starters. The dates for the fall work Weekends are: Catoctin Quaker Camp: October 14-16, October 28-30, November 4-6. Opequon Quaker Camp: September 30, October 2. Shiloh Quaker Camp: September 16-18.

Please call David Hunter at the Yearly Meeting Office for more information or if you would like to attend a work weekend. More information at <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/work.html>.

A HEARTY THANK YOU TO HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE AND ALL WHO HAVE HELPED WITH SIMPLE LUNCH OVER THE PAST SEASON. The Stony Run community deeply appreciates all those who have prepared, served and cleaned-up Simple Lunch. We are thankful for this time together that nourishes are bodies as well as our spirits. Simple Lunch is laid down over the summer months and will begin again on September 4.

THANKS TO STONY RUN FRIENDS AND ONE FRIEND OF A FRIEND: It took only four weeks to raise the money needed for the Kibimba Women's Peace Committee Sewing Project to purchase the additional eight trestle sewing machines needed to get their project going. Thanks to those generous Friends who reached out to help others that they will never know. Thanks to Matt Thomson for bringing us this concern in his talk and video presentation about his work in Burundi in April, and to those at Stony Run who pushed this forward, collected the checks, and kept our tallies. A check for over \$800, earmarked for the sewing machines, will be sent to African Great Lakes Initiative Friends Peace Teams in St. Louis, Missouri. Thanks for your generous giving.

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE FUTURE from the Stony Run Community to our **High School Graduates:** Deanna Meyer Boyd, Rachel Brocato, Jennifer Buell, Edward Arthur Dannenberg, Michael Doo, Toby Fitzick, Morgan Griffiths, Wesley Jamison, Linnea Meier, Helki Phillipsen, Cora Sellers, and Sam Wirtz and to **our College Graduates:** Ned Bartlett, American University, Elizabeth Faas, Johns Hopkins School of Nursing, Daniel Ray, Temple Law School, Carrie Runde, University of Pennsylvania, and Michael Clark, Maryland Institute College of Art.

JACKI LaBUA AND RILL CAUSEY WENT FOR THE GOLD in National Foreign Language Exams. Jacki and Rill distinguished themselves in the national foreign language exams at which Friends School had the largest contingent of all participating schools. In the Mid-Atlantic Regional Olympiad of Spoken Russian, held at George Washington University, Jacki LaBua (Middle School) and Rill Causey (Upper School) both earned Gold medals. Congratulations!

GOOD NEWS FOR INDIAN AFFAIRS

CONCERN? In an article for the Washington Post, Gina Holland wrote of the High Court's decision on Inmates and religious accommodation. "The Supreme Court recently upheld the constitutionality of a federal law requiring state prisons to accommodate inmate religions. Justices unanimously sided with Ohio inmates, including a witch and a Satanist, who had claimed they were denied access to religious literature, ceremonial items and time to worship. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the 2000 law, which was intended to protect the rights of prisoners, is not an unconstitutional government promotion of religion.

"It confers no privileged status on any particular religious sect, and singles out no bona fide faith for disadvantageous treatment," Ginsburg wrote.

The law requires states that receive federal money to accommodate prisoners' religious beliefs unless wardens can show that the accommodation would be disruptive.

Opponents of the law had argued that inmate requests for particular diets, special haircuts or religious symbols could make it harder to manage prisons.

"We do not read (the law) to elevate accommodation of religious observances over an institution's need to maintain order and safety," wrote Ginsburg. "We have no cause to believe that (the law) would not be applied in an appropriately balanced way, without sensitivity to security concerns."

Justices left open the door for a future challenge, on grounds that the law as applied overburdens prisons.

The decision overturns a ruling by the Cincinnati-based 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which had struck down part of the law, called the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act, on grounds it violated the separation of church and state. The Ohio case is *Cutter v. Wilkinson*, 03-9877. On the net at: <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>.

ASTT TO RECEIVE SOCIAL ORDER

CONTRIBUTIONS: The Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma (ASTT), located at 431 East Belvedere, is a group of physicians, psychologists, social workers and human rights advocates who have come together to find ways to help survivors

of torture and trauma. Begun in 1994 as a non-profit group, ASTT has worked to alleviate the suffering of those who have immigrated to this country after experiencing the horror and trauma of war and human rights abuses. ASTT offers psychological treatment to survivors who come through self-referral, agencies that assist immigrants, and lawyers who work with those seeking asylum.

ASTT is dedicated to reestablishing the connectedness between the survivors and the world in which they exist. ASTT has no religious, political, or economic agenda and excludes no nationality or ethnic group from our care.

ASTT provides direct service to individuals who have experienced torture, assists survivors in establishing safety in the United States by aiding in the preparation of political asylum documents, provides survivors with psychological and medical treatment and assistance with their social adaptation to the US, develops links with community groups, organizations, and individuals with a shared vision, and educates the public regarding the world's human rights issues and the large number of torture survivors who seek or have obtained refuge or asylum in the US.

ASTT will receive all contributions made to the Social Order Box in July, August and September.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES ISSUES A

CALL TO SPEAK OUT ON IRAQ: The Governing Board of the National Council of Churches, meeting in Louisville, Kentucky on May 23 and 24, 2005, resolved to circulate the following statement "A Call to Speak Out on Iraq

A Call to Speak Out on Iraq: "This year our nation is at war as we observe the 4th of July, a day that honors those founders who spoke out for independence from tyranny. Today in Iraq a cruel dictator has been deposed, yet the suffering of the Iraqi people continues. Mandated elections have been held, yet the future of Iraq remains as uncertain as ever. Day by day the cost of this war for the United States, for Iraq, for peace grows clearer. No weapons of mass destruction have been found; no link to the attacks on September 11, 2001 has been shown. It has become clear that the rationale for invasion was at best a tragic mistake, at worst a clever deception.

As people of faith, we believe in the transcendent sovereignty and love of God for creation, and that the

responsibility of human beings is thus to pursue justice and peace for all. We also believe that, as the biblical prophets of old, who in faithfulness to God spoke out to a people and a nation they loved, in humility before God we too are to speak to a land and people we love. As religious leaders we invite others who share our affections and dismay to recognize the time has come to speak out.

The time has come to say:

- **NO** to leaders who have sent many honorable sons and daughters to fight a dishonorable war;
- **NO** to the violence that has cost over sixteen hundred American lives, left thousands grievously injured, and killed untold numbers of Iraqis whose deaths we are unwilling to acknowledge or count;
- **NO** to the abuse of prisoners that has shamed our nation and damaged our reputation throughout the world;
- **NO** to the price tag for this war that has rendered our federal budget incapable of adequately caring for the poorest of our own citizens; and,
- **NO** to theologies that demonize other nations and religions while arrogantly claiming righteousness for ourselves as if we share no complicity in human evil.

The time has come to say:
YES to foreign policies that seek justice rather than domination, compassion rather than control;

- **YES** to an early fixed timetable for the withdrawal of United States troops and the establishment of a credible multinational peacekeeping force;
- **YES** to the honoring of human rights even for our enemies and for a restoration of our reputation as a people committed to the rule of law;
- **YES** to spending and taxing priorities that put the poor first, providing health care, housing, employment, and quality education for all, not just the few; and,
- **YES** to a restoration of truth telling in the public square and to "last resort" rather than "first strike" as the criterion for the use of force to restrain evil.

On the day we celebrate our freedom, we acknowledge that the freedom promised in the toppling of a dictator has been replaced by the

humiliation of occupation and the violence of a civil war. The sacrifice of brave men and women has been used to serve policies that have diminished our nation's prestige and our capacity to be agents of justice in the world. It is time to speak out that this 4th of July will celebrate the best ideals of our nation for our sake and for the sake of the world."

SHAMEFUL: A letter written by the best friend of a member of Stony Run Meeting recently appeared in the Baltimore Sun. It is a reminder that Friends must continually work to secure and insure the equal rights of all people. The letter reads, "For six years now, my life partner for 22 years, has accompanied me every step of the way in my battle against cancer. He wrapped his arms around me when we learned first of my diagnosis and then of my relapse; held my hand and stroked my head during my many bone marrow biopsies; sat by me in my hospital room through the weeks of my stem cell transplant and recovery; scoured the Internet for treatment options; questioned my doctors closely; took over my household chores when I didn't have the strength; listened each time I needed to talk; and celebrated with me each victory, large and small. Just this morning, when I was again feeling scared, he reminded me that the day was beautiful and that I was loved. When I read that Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich Jr. had vetoed a measure that would allow him and me, as a gay couple, to make medical decisions for each other, I respond with one small, angry word - shameful."

UNIVERSALIST FRIENDS: Patricia Williams of Charlottesville, Virginia, Friends Meeting has recently become the editor of the twice-yearly Quaker journal, *Universalist Friends*. Quaker Universalists emphasize the original Quaker belief of the presence of the Light in everyone, regardless of belief, race, sex, or other human distinctions. Pat is looking for articles of not more than 3,000 words (about 12 double-spaced pages). They could be as short as 500 words. We are interested in spiritual journeys to Quaker universalism, material on how other religions fit Quaker universalism, history and sociology dealing with some aspect of Quaker universalism, relevant book reviews and, sometimes, poetry. Material may be sent to her at P.O. Box 69, Coveseville, VA 22931. Information on Quaker

universalism and back issues of *Universalist Friends* are available free at www.universalistfriends.org.

SANDI MORTON REVIEWS Robert Lawrence Smith's *A Quaker Book of Wisdom: Life Lessons in Simplicity, Service and Common Sense*. New York: Quill, 1999.

Smith, former Head of Sidwell Friends Schools, understood from his grandfather that anyone's most precious possession is what they have learned from life. His purpose in writing this book was to pass on his most precious possession; what he learned from his life of Quaker practice. He saw this as especially important as today's complex and materialist world is in need of the Quaker message of "...peace, social justice, education, health care, poverty, business ethics, public service, the use of the world's resources..." Smith's reminiscences are honest and reflective. He discusses his decision to serve in uniform during World War II along with more than half of draft-eligible Quaker men. "Quaker ideals formulated in the seventeenth century remain contemporary in every sense, ...let your life speak."

IN ITS CRABTOWN DEBUT, Friends School Crustacean Promotes Coexistence: Friends School of Baltimore this week unveiled its colorful crustacean as part of [The Crabtown Project](#), a public art and fundraising partnership between the Creative Alliance, the Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance and Mayor Martin O'Malley's Believe In Our Schools campaign.

Titled "Coexistence," the giant fiberglass crab features an assortment of multicultural faces bound together in a sea of blue with colorful mosaic "continents." Friends Middle School art teacher Espi Frazier designed, painted and tiled the crab, with help from students and faculty.

The Coexistence Crab, one of 200 entries in The Crabtown Project, will remain on display at the School's entrance at 5114 North Charles Street until November, when all crabs will be auctioned off at a fundraising event to benefit Baltimore City Public Schools.

Each year, Friends School chooses as its theme a Quaker testimony, or belief, for community-wide reflection, discussion and celebration. The School's participation in The Crabtown Project was inspired by this year's school-wide theme: [Coexistence](#).

POW WOW: Baltimore American Indian Center's 31st Annual Pow-Wow will be held at the Eastern Avenue & Linwood corner of Patterson Park, **August 26, 27 and 28.**

NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR AT AFSC – MAR: Greetings, Friend of AFSC/Middle Atlantic Region, I have very good news. I'm pleased to announce that **Clinton Pettus** will be the new Regional Director of AFSC's Middle Atlantic Region. He most recently served for more than seven years as the president of Cheyney University of Pennsylvania, a historically black university, now part of the Pennsylvania state system, which Friends had a central role in founding. He has significant experience in fundraising, budget, planning, human resources, and policy and procedure.

He has served on boards and committees of numerous organizations. He recently was certified by the Mediation Training Institute International as a "Trainer of Managing Workplace Conflict." Clinton is an attender at Wilmington (DE) Friends Meeting, and has been a participant in a session at Pendle Hill on Quakerism. He has been volunteering at Wilmington Friends School. He attributes the basis for his experience in practicing nonviolence from his parents and family, who survived and thrived as he grew up in rural Virginia. He also participated in nonviolent demonstrations in the civil rights movement as a college student.

During June, Clinton will spend a number of days attending the orientation session in Philadelphia with two other new regional directors, and attending the scheduled meetings of the Program Consultative Group.

I'm sure that, like me, you are looking forward to working creatively with Clinton Pettus as we develop the next phase of MAR's life and work.

In Friendship, Riley Robinson, Clerk, AFSC - MAR

DO YOU SEEK A DEEPER SPIRITUAL

EXPERIENCE? You are invited to participate in the BYM Spiritual Formation Program. The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Spiritual Formation Program invites its participants into a deeper experience of God's presence through retreats, devotional readings, spiritual community and individual spiritual practices. Spiritual Formation provides a practical way for people in our busy culture to turn to God with their minds through spiritual reading, with

their hearts through daily spiritual practices and with their human relationships through local friendship groups.

Participants attend retreat weekends at the beginning (**September 9-11, 2005**) and end (**May 19-21, 2006**) of the Program year. During the year, participants attend two meetings per month: (1) the monthly meeting of the local group to share reflections on a spiritual book that all have agreed to read; and (2) the monthly meeting of the friendship group, a subset of the local group -- usually three to five people -- who meet to share spiritual journeys and to support one another in spiritual practices. In addition, each participant is encouraged to devote at least 15 minutes per day to a spiritual practice. Those who participate in the Program are rewarded with a closer relationship with God and an opportunity to form deep spiritual friendships.

If you seek a richer spiritual experience or yearn for a deeper spiritual community, the Spiritual Formation Program may be for you. The Program serves Friends (and meeting attenders) who are at many stages of their spiritual journeys. Those who are new to Friends find that the Program is an effective way to learn about Quaker spirituality and to form personal friendships within the meeting. Long-time Friends who are experiencing a period of spiritual dryness or who have become burnt out with committee work turn to the Program for spiritual renewal. Friends who are beginning to feel God's call into service and who want to explore their gifts and leadings in community find that the Program meets their needs. The Program meets all of its participants wherever they are in the journey, and all benefit when the group includes Friends with a variety of backgrounds and reasons for participating. Whatever your reason for wanting to participate in the Program, you will find it transforming. In addition to enriching the spiritual lives of individuals, the Spiritual Formation Program benefits the monthly meetings to which its participants belong by building community, nurturing spirit-led ministries, and developing spirit-led leadership.

If you would like to participate in the 2005-6 Spiritual Formation Program, send in your registration form along with payment (the cost covers both retreats) by August 9. Registration

forms and information are on the hallway table. Mark your calendar for the **retreat dates: September 9-11, 2005 and May 19-21, 2006.**

EYES WIDE OPEN: Beyond Fear – Towards Hope will be in Baltimore Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, **September 9, 10, and 11**, (Location pending).

When the Eyes Wide Open exhibit was unveiled in the Chicago offices of AFSC in January 2004, there were 504 pairs of boots symbolizing the lost lives of US soldiers in Iraq. As the exhibit toured the country, to 60 cities, more and more boots were added to represent the newly fallen soldiers. There are over 1700 boots in the exhibit at this writing. At each presentation of the exhibit, families and friends come to grieve for lost loved ones and strangers honor those who gave their lives. At each stop, person after person leaves notes of commemoration, photographs of lost soldiers, identification tags, and American flags to accompany the boots on their journey.

There is an important second component of the exhibit: a labyrinth of shoes representing the tens of thousands of Iraqis who have perished in this war. The exhibit begins its second tour July 1, 2005 and will spend the three day weekend of 9/11 in Baltimore. A variety of activities and programs are planned, including marches, vigils, teach-ins, and concerts which will occur all over the city during these three days. For more information contact: Tia Steele, Eyes Wide Open Exhibit Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee, 4806 York Rd Baltimore, MD 21212.

Eyes Wide Open is sponsored in Baltimore by the AFSC, a Quaker organization that includes people of various faiths who are committed to social justice, peace, and humanitarian service. AFSC work is based on belief in the worth of every person, and on faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. The labyrinth of civilian shoes is sponsored by September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows.

Co-sponsorship opportunities are available through financial and volunteer support. Information and applications are available on the hallway table.

PLEASE CONSIDER GOING --- THEN SHARE WIDELY: American Friends Service Committee "Faces of Hope - Olive Harvest Delegation 2005" is scheduled for **October 8 through 17, 2005.**

Why should I go on the Faces of Hope – Olive Harvest delegation? This delegation is an excellent opportunity to observe and participate in the nonviolent resistance movement to the Israeli occupation. This movement brings together Palestinians, Israelis, and internationals to support the Palestinian olive harvest. The olive harvest season in the West Bank is generally a time of great community activism, where people of all ages work together to pick olives and join farmers as they reap their harvest. Assistance from Israeli peace activists and international volunteers has helped Palestinian communities overcome many obstacles that impact the harvest, including gaining access to farmers' fields, transporting olives through checkpoints, and replanting olive trees destroyed by Israeli soldiers or settlers.

Participants in the Faces of Hope – Olive Harvest Delegation will benefit from the AFSC's long history of working in Israel and Palestine, as well as our network of activists in the United States. The olive harvest is one focus of our Faces of Hope Campaign supporting nonviolent resistance and refusal in Israel and Palestine, and participants will be encouraged to get involved in this work upon returning to the U.S.

What will I do on the delegation? While the main focus of the delegation is to support the Palestinian olive harvest, participants will also be exposed to the Palestinians and Israelis who are working nonviolently for a peaceful future in the region. The delegation will include an extended homestay in a Palestinian village where participants will assist in the olive harvest. In addition, participants will also meet with representatives of Palestinian nonviolence organizations actively resisting the Israeli occupation and the Separation Wall, as well as Israeli organizations building a movement for conscientious objection. The delegation will also meet with Israelis and Palestinians with a variety of viewpoints on the conflict.

When considering joining the delegation, please be advised that participating with the olive harvest may include strenuous physical activity in warm weather.

What is the cost of the delegation? The delegation costs approximately \$2,000 per person (depending on airfare). The cost includes: roundtrip airfare from Newark International Airport, 8 days in

Israel/Palestine, hotel and home stay accommodations, breakfasts and dinners, local transportation, guides, speaker/event fees, basic tips and gratuities. Participants are responsible for their travel to Newark International Airport.

How do I sign up? Please submit an application by **Friday, July 22** and you will be notified by the beginning of August if you have been accepted to participate in the delegation. Because of limited capacity we cannot promise that all applicants will be able to join the delegation. Contact olives@afsc.org with any questions about this delegation. Information and applications are available on the hallway table.

YOUNG FRIENDS IN RAMALLAH PROGRAM

MOVES FORWARD: Hope Braveheart, BYM Youth Secretary, wrote; "Hello Friends, I'm happy to report that on Saturday, June 18, 2005 at Interim Meeting of Baltimore Yearly Meeting held at Richmond (VA) Meetinghouse, Youth Programs Committee asked Baltimore Yearly Meeting to take the Young Friends in Ramallah Program under its care... The request was approved. YEAH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Names were brought forward to serve as an Advisory Group, and all were approved. A draft of an intention statement is being circulated among the Advisory Group, and will be distributed to Young Friends and Monthly Meetings when it is finalized. In the draft Hope wrote, "In the book *Healing the Soul of America*, Jewish author Marianne Williamson reminds us of those whose lives bore witness to the hunger for some transcendent good. Lincoln, Gandhi and Dr. King she wrote 'were not geniuses who just happened to care about the human race; they were people who cared passionately about the human race, and out of that passion their genius emerged.' We will gather in the summer of 2006 to witness not only the painful reality of occupation, but also the resiliency of hope. Palestinian and American youth will have the opportunity to offer each other respect, dignity and friendship. May that bond provide us with what we most need as citizens in human community – each other." Hope is waiting to hearing back from Joyce Ajlouny, Head of Ramallah Friends School about a candidate to co-coordinate this project. Friends will be informed as the program moves forward and way opens.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE NEXT CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING to be held **Sunday, September 11**, at the Homewood Meetinghouse. Homewood Friends are working on the program, with special events that will coincide with the “Eyes Wide Open: Beyond Fear – Towards Hope” exhibit. This is an opportunity (just down the street) for Friends to experience first hand “how Truth prospers among us.” Brochures will be available on the hallway table.

BALTIMORE SACRED HARP SINGERS invite you to be part of a unique experience! Baltimore Sacred Harp Singing is open to all interested singers, is free, and requires no previous knowledge. Singing is done in the shape note tradition and tunes are from *The Sacred Harp, 1991 edition* hymnal (first published in 1844). The singing is not performance music; it is experiential and done for the joy and spiritual nurture of those assembled. The group is recognized by the Baltimore Folk Music Society. Baltimore Sacred Harp Singers meet at Stony Run Meetinghouse each **2nd Sunday of the month**, year round, from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. (loaner hymnals are available; bring a dish to share at the 6:00 potluck) Please use the sun porch entrance. For further information, e-mail Liz.

YOUNG FRIENDS, PLAN NOW! Are you an individual, male or female, who is or will be of draft age soon (18-26 years old)? Have you been wondering what it means to be a conscientious objector to war? A good summer project would be to review the materials in the manila envelope on the hall table (“TAKING AWAY THE OCCASION OF ALL WARS: The Quaker Peace Testimony and Conscientious Objection to War”). You might want to begin pulling together a “Peace Scrap Book” as described in one of the articles. Then plan to come to the program on **November 13**, on Conscientious Objection with J.E. McNeil from the Center on Conscience and War. If you have any questions or would like to review your thoughts with a counselor before then, please contact the Peace and Social Order Committee.

CARDS for CARES: Thank you to everyone who has purchased CARDS for CARES that have been
Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends,

on the hallway bench since April. Stony Run purchases have totaled about \$250 so far. We were also glad to be able to sell a large quantity to a Stony Run bride-to-be to be used as thank you notes. If you know of any other future brides or grooms or other folks who may write lots of personal notes, the CARDS for CARES are a wonderful way to express support for the CARES food pantry and financial assistance center. Contact Becky Boynton for more information or to buy the cards in larger quantities.

DON'T MISS THE 334RD ANNUAL MEETING OF BYM: CALLED TO BE MERCIFUL, the 2005 session of Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) is **August 1 through 7**, at James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. See BYM's *Interchange* (available on the hallway table) for details, list of additional workshops, and registration forms. **The pre-registration deadline for the BYM Annual Gathering is Monday, July 11. This saves 20% on registration fees.**

SCHOLARSHIPS TO BYM FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHERS: Have you taught First Day School (FDS) at least six times in the past twelve months? If “yes,” the Religious Education Committee of BYM offers a scholarship of \$100 toward attending BYM summer sessions to the first 15 people to submit the FDS teacher scholarship application, available at the office or the BYM website, www.bym-rsf.org.
COUPONS FOR BYM ANNUAL SESSION: The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Program Committee is offering each monthly meeting the opportunity to send three of its members or attenders to the August 1-7, 2005 session **for two days at no cost**. They write: “Our intention is to encourage participation by those who have not previously attended a Baltimore Yearly Meeting annual session.” If you have never attended BYM, this is a great opportunity to find out what an enriching and delightful experience it is, as well as to save money! If your schedule does not permit attending for the entire week, then come for fewer days. If you are interested in attending for the first time, please contact the Meeting Office.

NEWSLETTER COPY DEADLINE IS THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH. WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT COPY DEADLINE IS THURSDAY NOON.

Non Profit Organization
Stony Run
5116 North Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21210

U.S. Postage Paid
Baltimore, Maryland
Permit # 8046

Address Service Request

**AT THE MEETINGHOUSE THIS FALL
COMMITTEES AT STONY RUN**

- What makes a Quaker committee meeting different from other types of meetings?**
- How can we make our committee meetings more open to Divine guidance?**
- Do you serve on a committee of the Meeting? Or would you like to?**
- Can we be open to Divine Guidance and get our work done, too?**
- Why is the role of committee members so important?**
- Are you a clerk? Would you like to be a clerk?**
- What are good Quaker business manners?**
- What is the role of the clerk?**

Committees do most of the work needed to make Stony Run Meeting a lively and well functioning community. Sooner or later, almost everyone serves on a committee. So... You are invited to attend a session on *Committees at Stony Run* – for some, this will be a review, for others a revelation! Topics of interest will include: how committees differ (or don't) from Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business, the role of the clerk, the role of committee members, keeping good records, good Quaker process for decision making and much more.

Sponsored by the Committee on Ministry and Counsel.

Date and time to be announced

IT'S EASY TO GET STONY RUN'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY. Just call or e-mail the Meetinghouse office and let us know (Phone 410.435.3773 or stonyrunfriends@starpower.net.) Be sure to give your e-mail address. When you request this method of delivery, your printed newsletter will no longer arrive by mail. Help conserve resources by getting Stony Run publications electronically.