

Newsletter

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MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005, 7:30 p.m., AGENDA (tentative)

Opening Worship.

Consideration of Query 9, "The Social Order."

Continuing to Worship, we consider:

Review of Minutes of Meeting of July 17, 2005.

Community, Care and Clearness Committee Report.

Memorial Minute for Margaret "Peggy" Randol. (See pages 8 - 9 in this Newsletter.)

Formal Reports

McKim Committee (See page 7 in this Newsletter).

Burial Ground Committee.

Informal Reports

BYM Annual Session Report. (2005 Epistle and Spiritual State of the Meeting Report are available on the hall table)

Property Committee Report: Update on Friends School construction in relationship to Stony Run property.

Indian Affairs: Update on effort to meet with the Governor concerning Sweat lodge privileges in Maryland prisons.

Announcements.

Worship Sharing and Silent Worship.

Close of Meeting.

From the Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting

QUERY 9: The Social Order

Do you promote social justice and make your life a testimony to fair dealing? Do you seek to understand and appreciate differing cultures and social values? Do you support fair treatment of all regardless of race, gender, age and other differences? Are you concerned for those in our society who are disadvantaged? Do you take your full share of civic responsibility by voting and giving service? Do you oppose the use of land, labor, technology and capital for human exploitation or in ways destructive to other living things?

From the Advices of Faith and Practice

Social Responsibility:

"It seems to me that the moving force behind the Quaker social witness has got to be some vision, however faint and tantalizing, of what the world would be like if we were really obedient to God." (Deborah Haines in *Friends Seek Wholeness*)

The basic Quaker trust in the Light within leads to our trust in the inherent dignity and sacredness of each person. This trust, combined with our Society's own history of persecution, underlies our social witness. Some concerns which once drew the witness of Friends are obsolete today, but still we have many challenges. War, violence in streets and homes, injustice in the justice system, prejudice and discrimination, the plights of starving, homeless and disadvantaged people, and business conduct which involves exploitation of people or nature's resources -- all these still call us to action in obedience to the Spirit.

Civic Responsibility: Friends believe that the aim of government is to preserve a community in which justice, peace, good order and individual development are possible. Members of our Society are also citizens of the community and the nation. Quakerism is not intended to be a refuge from the disturbing events of our times, but rather a source of strength and support in facing them. The free institutions under which we live give many of our members a direct share in the responsibilities of government and in forming a healthy public opinion. Friends have supported the state as long as its requirements have not opposed the leadings of the Inner Light. They have generally believed that *...if any be called to serve the commonwealth in any public service, with cheerfulness it be undertaken, and in faithfulness be discharged unto God.*(Elders at Balby, 1656). Whether or not directly involved in government, we need to consider carefully our responsibilities in influencing legislation and educating fellow citizens on public issues. Friends should work with people in other churches and in the community to bring about desirable ends through the institutional resources of society.

From the beginning, Friends have found that loyalty to God results at times in refusal of the demands of the state, as in opposition to war and unjust laws, and have supported decisions of conscience taken by individual Friends. Before deciding on a course which involves civil disobedience, a Friend should consult with persons of trusted judgment who have sympathy with the individual's sense of duty. Clearness committees within the Meeting are valuable in such situations.

Vocational and Financial Decisions: The relationships, decisions, and actions of our working lives should reflect a calling to the service of God. Our witness will be unconvincing unless we seek and heed Divine guidance. Individual leadings vary with differences in talents and interests. Each Friend's talents, however, should be fully used. Investment of assets and consumption of resources require our careful stewardship. As Friends we can direct our investments toward socially desirable ends, avoiding speculation and activities wasteful or harmful to others. We seek to participate constructively and without greed in the economic life of the community. We should refrain from undue accumulation of wealth as well as irresponsible borrowing.

Friends' Meetings and concerns require money and time. Non-pastoral Meetings do not need as much financial support as churches with paid ministers, but our concerns do call for considerable funding. We are required to give generously of our time, since our way of serving the Spirit depends on our personal efforts. For every Friend, the responsibility to give generously of both money and time is real. Monthly Meetings should provide regular opportunities for us to discuss our practices in the use of money and time. Wills should be made and periodically revised with care. This avoids difficulties for heirs and beneficiaries. The needs of our own family members and the merits of contributions to worthy causes should be considered in a spirit of love. Selection of a capable and understanding executor is encouraged.

MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS
MINUTES

Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run
July 17, 2005

July 05 – 1- Consideration of Queries 7 and 8. The Meeting began at 11:20 am with the reading of Query 7, Caring for Others, and Query 8, Outreach. Friends welcomed Betsy Forbush, Nancy Fayer, Bruce Boswell, Mary Jane Rutkowski and Michael Doo, attending for the first time. Approximately 33 people were in attendance.

July 05 – 2 – Minutes of June 14, 2005. June -05- 8, para. 6. Replace the first three sentences, beginning with “John Michener noted...” and ending “but Taylor Fund is only available to Stony Run members” with the following:

John Michener noted that the Broadmead Residents Assistance Fund (which is very large and helps residents who need assistance with their monthly fees) is available only to residents who initially passed Broadmead’s financial screens but subsequently encountered financial difficulties. Broadmead’s Taylor Fund is available to help both with entrance fees and the subsequent monthly payments. Payments from the fund require approval of the Broadmead Board of Trustees. However, the Taylor Fund, which is not restricted to Quakers, is not yet large enough to provide useful help.

The minute would then continue, starting with the fourth sentence: “Regarding Item 6...”

With this change, Friends approved the minutes. John also submitted to the clerks a copy of the page of instructions to the Broadmead investment manager.

July 05 – 3 – Community, Care and Clearness Committee Report. Diane Proctor reported.

Membership Clearness:

? This is the second reading of the committee's recommendation of Sandy Robson for membership. Friends approved. Welcomers: Alice Cherbonnier, Meg Meyer and Arthur Boyd, Don and Gail Gann, Lamar Matthew.

? This is the second reading of our recommendation of Bill Read for membership. Approved. Welcomers: Ellen Lerner, Brian Gamble, Elaine Yamada, Elizabeth DuVerlie and Michael Boardman.

? The committee has approved the application of Bruce Boswell for membership. This is the first reading of his name. Friends are encouraged to get to know Bruce better before our September meeting.

? The committee has approved the application of Michael Doo for membership. This is the first reading of his name. Michael will be living in China for the coming academic year and plans to go on to college after that experience. Bill Miles stated, “I am certain beyond a reasonable doubt that Michael’s application for membership is not made with any concern for his status with regard to the Selective Service System.”

A welcoming lunch for our newest member, Kari Firoozmand, was held at the Proctor house recently. Also attending were Anne Griffith, Lillian Freudenberger, and Elaine Yamada.

Friends are reminded of the coming wedding of Havala Salkowski-Bartlett and Sean McKinney to be held under the care of Stony Run Friends on Saturday, July 30 at 8:30 am. All in our community are invited.

News of Friends: Several Friends have had recent medical concerns, and we ask you to hold them in the Light, including Charles Cluxton and Suzanne O’Hatnick. Jonathan and Melissa

Graf Evans and family will be purchasing a home, in a barn, near Westtown Friends School, where Melissa will be teaching.

July 05 – 4 – Nominating Committee Report. Blaine Keener reported “nothing but good news - no resignations.” Friends approved all five nominations:

David MacFarlane to Burial Ground, Dellie James to Community, Care & Clearness, Elizabeth Reed to Friends in Unity with Nature, and Robert Breyer to Ushers, all from 7/05 to 5/08, and Bill Morton’s appointment to the Friends Care Board is extended until 10/08.

July 05 – 5 - Informal Report: BYM Interim Meeting, June 18 at Richmond Friends Meeting. Michael Boardman gave a detailed report, of which some highlights follow:

- The Ethel Reynolds Fund, an unrestricted 1976 bequest, has grown from \$62K to \$83K. Since it was intended to be spent, rather than be an endowment, the money will be allocated to the Camping Program, Youth programs, Religious Education, and Advancement and Outreach and will be spent within three to five years. Any money remaining after 2010 will be added to reserves.

- Hope Braveheart, Youth Programs Coordinator, had reported on plans being formulated for a visit to Ramallah by five young friends and two adults in the summer of 2006.

- Sheila Bach, of the Long Range Property Planning Committee, reported on some recommendations, including: 1) Camp Property: better marketing of camp properties; long-term lease for Opequon; add a playing field at Opequon; consider feasibility of winterizing either Catoctin or Shiloh. 2) Camping Program: expand Teen Adventure; would need new location.

Discussion of relations with Friends United Meeting, concerning the FUM minute 88-GB-52 on selecting hires and volunteers, was a major agenda item. The Interim Meeting approved a minute from the Ad Hoc Joint Committee of four committees, to send the BYM dues from 2004 and the first half of 2005 to FUM now, as a restricted contribution, to be used only for direct costs of a new program of intervisitation.

Don Gann spoke about details about the FUM minute of 1988, and the sequence of subsequent events. The policy states that anyone in a committed relationship outside of traditional marriage may not be employee or volunteer of FUM, and, in addition, others must agree not to support such individuals. This policy affected Lamar Matthew in his anticipated volunteer role at the FUM Triennial meeting in Kenya in 2002. Don said the ad hoc joint committee consists of Ministry and Pastoral Care, Stewardship and Finance, Advancement and Outreach and the Ad Hoc Committee on Gender and Sexual Diversity Concerns. Arthur re-read the minute that SRFM approved in March 2004 which reads in part:

“We recognize the value of FUM’s programs and its importance to Quakerism; however, we must recommend that Baltimore Yearly Meeting withdraw all its financial support from FUM while continuing to maintain a dialogue in the hope of change in FUM’s position.”

The Interim Meeting also approved using all the BYM funds for intervisitation. BYM sent the money after the June 18 meeting, and FUM has sent it back, saying that accepting it would violate two principles, namely, 1) it didn’t provide for overhead, a requirement of all monies received from Yearly Meetings (YMs) and 2) intervisitation is not an approved program within FUM. They also stated that they hoped BYM would continue to do it and to involve everybody else. Therefore, this Joint Ad Hoc Committee will continue to consider the matter as to what to do with these BYM monies designated for FUM.

Four YMs on the east coast, New England (NEYM), New York (NYYM), Southeastern (SEYM) and Baltimore (BYM) have membership in FUM. SEYM has asked if Friends within its verge are deriving benefits sufficient to make it worth continuing their affiliation. This is being considered on a meeting-by-meeting basis. A letter from a lesbian Quaker in New York that

appeared in the FUM journal *Quaker Life* talked about the inequity of the General Board of FUM and stated that she is a rep from NYYM to the Triennial now taking place in Iowa. *Quaker Life* in the same issue also stated that they would not be publishing any further dialogue on this matter. Don Gann said, "I do not know where this is going to end. I don't think this is going to tear the Religious Society of Friends apart. Perhaps the world will just move on." He called people's attention to the fact that the tension within BYM is not about how we "get them to change," but is between people who cannot support a discriminatory policy, and those who feel we have committed money for 2005 and need to send it. Current suggestions are 1) to support intervisitation with FUM meetings, in both directions. 2) Go back to the FUM General Board to ask them for further clarification.

Questions:

What does intervisitation involve? It would consist of visiting at annual sessions and within monthly meetings, going to several MMs, meeting in homes, and other opportunities that may arise. The idea is to promote mutual understanding among the parties in dialogue. Friends would visit, in pairs or larger groupings, with travel minutes endorsed by BYM, not to "convert" anybody, but to be open to being changed (in both directions). It is recommended to start with North Carolina YM. The response so far from NC Friends is encouraging. Western YM is also considering a revised policy. It was noted that the FUM General Board (GB) will not be able to resist changing if the YMs change their positions, because (unlike the structure of Friends General Conference), it is representatives from the YMs that make up the GB. BYM has three reps to the FUM GB. At BYM's Annual Session, there will be visitors from FUM again this year. A Friend noted that this is a concern with which BYM has labored for nine years.

Elaine Yamada commented on the potential similarity between this dialoguing opportunity and the one raised by the Eyes Wide Open exhibit. There may be members of military families or veterans who do not feel comfortable with the message of the exhibit. Organizers hope it will be a place for dialogue and are creating structured opportunities for this. She said it might be fruitful to compare approaches, such as telling stories, "how to have difficult conversations," and so forth.

The 2006 budget has no line item for FUM. A YM can be a voting member without giving contributions. FUM is more concerned that BYM remain involved than that it make a financial contribution. Every effort is made to have respectful listening and not to split our own YM. A Friend spoke about the opportunity for real change that this represents - and the ultimate inevitability of change. The fact that "that is there of God in every person" is "the Quaker text," and has been considered such for 250 years. The clerk reminded Friends here of the world context: that FUM is a worldwide body of Friends, in which North American Friends are a distinct minority. Therefore, the people working on this need a lot of support.

A Friend who said she is relatively new to Quakerism asked if there is a written policy that dictates behavior among Quakers. The clerk said there is no single policy and referred this Friend to the various YM's Faith and Practices, noting that these reflect different understandings regarding God's will. There also differences among Quakers in where the authority lies, e.g., monthly meetings ... or administrative head (as in FUM).

In regard to supporting the FCNL's STEP (Sensible Transition to an Enduring Peace) Congressional resolution, the Interim Meeting recommended that monthly meetings support this. In April Stony Run approved sending a letter regarding U.S. policy in Iraq; the clerk has sent our Meeting's letter to all congressional offices serving our area. There has been one response by phone from Rep. Cardin asking for additional information, which we have sent him, and one letter of support from Sen. Sarbanes; no other responses have yet been received.

July 05 – 5 - Informal Report: Peace and Social Order Committee.

Maria Brown brought to the meeting a question regarding BRIDGE. It includes an “in-reach” process, which other congregations have found to be very enriching. A core group is trained as listeners, who then engage one-on-one with a thorough cross-section of the congregation, through conversation that occurs on a purely voluntary basis. It includes raising questions such as: “What are your critical values? Any sense of where you would like to focus your involvement?” It is an opportunity to draw everyone out, and has turned out to be a “sacred process” that deepens connections within a faith community. Laura Kinsey, David Diorio and Maria Brown are the group attempting to organize this at Stony Run. There is overlap with the responsibilities M&C and CCC and PSO. It is a 2-3 month process in which people get trained as listeners, then do the listening. Maria is asking for the meeting’s advice on how to proceed. Elaine Yamada pointed out the potential connection this might have with the Nominating Committee’s struggle to find committee members and suggested that this might be a way to get a deeper understanding of the positions and values of those people who are not active on committees. Bob Breyer suggested introducing this idea through an item in the newsletter. Meg Meyer suggested that PSO talk with M&C and CCC to see how they would recommend going forward, with both committees suggesting what segments of the meeting would be relevant and helpful to addressing this. The PSO could report back to the Meeting and, as needed, seek further guidance.

Elaine Yamada reported on the Eyes Wide Open exhibit. The current sites being offered are “the beach” at Hopkins and Pearlstone Park across from the Meyerhoff. The AFSC national office will make the decision. The inside space offered is the Friends School gymnasium. In regard to the concern about children seeing this exhibit, the newly hired RE coordinator at Homewood is developing a curriculum on how to work with children on the topic of war. Volunteers are sought to be docents at the exhibit to work with school groups who come. One of the goals for the exhibit is that it be a place where all sides can come and have a conversation. The organizers are inviting military and veterans and peace workers – Amy Rakusin and Phil Fratesi are working on how to facilitate these difficult conversations. There are also plans for story circles for veterans and a film series. Co-sponsorships are now being sought, both individual and organizational. PSO as a committee is giving a \$300 grant, and challenges Meeting members to match the grant. Volunteers are also needed to “staff” the exhibit.

Elaine announced the July 21st event at Stony Run by Fahima Vorgetts on Afghanistan.

July 05 – 6 Announcements.

Thank-you’s for donations have come in from the Africa Great Lakes Initiative; GEDCO CARES; McKim Center through our McKim Committee; Friends School Summer Writing Opportunity program and other outreach to less advantaged youth; FWCC, used for workshops in El Salvador and Bolivia on Quakerism and on peace; BYM Camp Property for the “Lagoon Fund” at Catocin Camp; and Owen Baron to attend the Earlham College Explore College Program.

The Meeting closed just after 1:00 pm with a brief period of silent worship; 18 people were present.

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

Friends who signed in, as they signed in: Lillian Freudenberger, Debbie Jones, Meg Boyd Meyer, Bill Morton, Sandi Morton, Marjorie Scott, Lamar Matthew, Maria Brown, Brian Gamble, Diane Proctor, Donald Gann, Gail Gann, Geni Eliot, Blaine Keener, Ann Kehinde, Mike Boardman, Sam Legg, Elizabeth DuVerlie, Arthur Boyd, William O. Miles, Bob Breyer, Elaine Yamada, Nancy Fayer, Alice Cherbonnier, Robert Goren, Nancy Moore, Cynthia Kerman, Bruce Boswell, Geni Elliott, Mary Jane Rutkowski, Ann and John Michener, Ellen Lerner, Phil Perkins

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS SCHEDULE

November, December, January, February, March

Monthly Meeting is held the first First Day (Sunday) of the month at 1:00 p.m.

April, May, June, **September, October**

Monthly Meeting is held the first Third Day (Tuesday) of the month at 7:30 p.m.

July, August

Monthly Meeting is held at 11:15 a.m. on a First Day as arranged.

THE STONY RUN MCKIM COMMITTEE

FORMAL REPORT 2005

The summer of 2005 at McKim Community Center has been a busy one. Dwight S. Warren, director, reports that 75 children ages 5-13 years enjoyed six weeks of camp. Twenty-one youth acted as counselors, which provided them with valuable work experiences. This summer the heat was a factor and trips to parks, beaches, and a local swimming pool were most welcome. Along with sports, crafts, and dance, there were computer classes and tutorials.

After school homework help and tutoring are being led by Tracey Queen, who believes that fun enhances the learning experience. Academic growth has been measurable and the children's enthusiasm has led them to arrive a half-hour before their tutors! Other after school programs include Drama and Art Club, Dance, Chess, Young Girls' Club and Brothers' Club, Computer Club, and Saturday Camp. Last year there was a trip to the circus, bowling, and festive Easter preparations, to mention a few activities.

Sports continue to be important at McKim. There is lacrosse, T-ball, baseball, basketball, and a new track team. The wrestling team has always been a source of community pride. Five youngsters won state championships, and one young man was named Maryland Junior Wrestling League Outstanding Wrestler. The team won the MJWL Lehigh Division Championship and the MJWL league McKim's YO (Youth Opportunity) program, held at a separate location, is for at risk youth who have dropped out of school. The federally funded 5-year program provides staff who help these young people further their education, earn a GED and prepare for employment. This is the last year for the grant; in 2004-05 ten young people earned GED's and one graduated from Baltimore Community College. The philosophy of the program is that "being a part of the McKim YO program is like being a part of a winning team and a supportive family."

"Supportive family" sums up the emphasis for all of McKim's programs. As a result of last year's fundraising letter, our committee was able to send \$4,208 to McKim to support its important programs. We continue to be grateful for those gifts, and for the ways McKim is assisted by Friends School, Stony Run, and by individuals from the Stony Run community who help McKim in many important and selfless ways.

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 attender 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.

Statement of Conscience for Emma Morris Bartlett
August 16, 2005

Even if I were not Quaker, I would still be a Conscientious Objector. Peace is in my blood. Many mornings when I come downstairs for breakfast, the radio announces more shootings and bombings across the country and all over the world. Every time I hear a report, I feel nauseous, as if my brain registers the news and the negativity spreads throughout my whole body. Any unnecessary deaths disgust me. What makes people think that they can take another person's life? Sure, war has been considered a way to resolve things from the beginning of human existence, but since when has it actually worked?

I have always been the kind of person who transforms physical anger and energy into pacifist verbal confrontation. What's the point of punching someone? They're just going to punch you back, and you'll be right back where you started, but both of you will be a little more angry. Ah, the lessons learned by having an older brother! Let him start the fight and let the wrath of my nonviolent parents be brought down upon him! A yelling match, hooray! Much better than a spanking. I don't remember ever being spanked. Not that I didn't ever do anything naughty, but my parents knew better than to hit me or even to yell at me. Both would upset me to the point of tears, and nothing would be accomplished. I have always been a perfectionist; so when I do something wrong, I'm already mad at myself, and it doesn't help for someone else to kick me while I'm down.

Talk to me, don't hit or yell. My body is hypersensitive, especially my ears; I have never done well with loud voices. Yelling, gunfire...I don't think so! I can't deal with wars in movies; so how would I ever deal with one in real life? Bang! (Grunt.) (Groan.) (Moan.) Blood spurting everywhere. I always look away. When we had to watch "documentaries" in high school history, I closed my eyes and covered my ears, and once I even walked right out of the room. I went to the Friends School of Baltimore, a Quaker school, but they still had to teach about our past wars because of the enormous impact they have had on our present way of living. I remember learning that a majority of the people involved in the wars thought that they were justified because they were fighting for a cause. Ha! There is no such thing as a "just cause" for war. Mankind never seems to learn from its past horrors of war as history repeats itself from generation to generation.

I have grown up surrounded by the comforting nonviolence and the silent Meetings for Worship of a Quaker atmosphere, having gone to Friends School for 15 years, having participated in Quaker conferences and protests, and having a Quaker mother. Who would have guessed it: I'm Quaker! Not only does my religion disapprove of and object to war, but I have developed, from a very young age, a repulsion to violence and killing so strong that I would have to consider leaving the country if I were forced into a conflict situation. To me, "Support Our Troops" means to hold them in the light to make sure that they return home safely.

So why am I a Conscientious Objector? Because "War Is Not The Answer"!

Emma Morris Bartlett

(Editor's note)

Emma Bartlett is the daughter of Cindy Maier and attends Haverford College. The Peace Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting encourages Monthly Meetings to document all Young Friends' participation in activities of our Religious Society. All Young Friends are also encouraged to write and file a statement of conscience with their Meeting. Documentation is critical for conscientious objection status in the event of a national draft.

STONY RUN STANDING COMMITTEES, MEETING DATES and CLERKS

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Clerk or Convener</u>
Burial Ground	time & place tba	2 nd Sunday	David Bakker
Community, Care and Clearness	7:30 p.m.	4 th Monday	Diane Proctor
Finance	9:15 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Margaret Allen
Friends Aid	on call		Maria Brown
Friends in Unity with Nature	7:30 p.m.	2 nd Thursday	Liz Entwistle
Funds Review And Use Committee (FRAUC)	9:00 a.m.	usually 3 rd Sunday	Sue Carnell
Hospitality	on call		Gail Breyer
Indian Affairs	7:30 p.m.	3 rd Tuesday	Bill Miles David Greene
ITOP (subcom.)	9:00 a.m.	2 nd Sunday	David Drumm
Library	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Anne Richardson
Ministry & Counsel	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Elizabeth DuVerlie
Nominating	on call		Blaine Keener
Peace & Social Order	8:30 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Elaine Yamada
Property	7:30 p.m.	3 rd Wednesday	Michael Vermehren
Religious Ed.	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Michael LaBua
Spiritual and Intellectual Nurture (SINC)	9:00 a.m.	3 rd Sunday	Anne Griffith Karie Firoozmand
Staff Oversight & Personnel (SOPC)	6:30 p.m.	3 rd Wednesday	Cathy Felter
Trustees	7:30 p.m.	4 th Tuesday	Brenda Blom
Ushers	on call		Ellen Lerner

Note: Committees do not meet in July and August unless on special call.

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BALTIMORE MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, STONY RUN

COMMITTEES REPORTING TO MONTHLY MEETING

Annual Formal Reports must be published in the Newsletter BEFORE Monthly Meeting (10th of the month previous to reporting). Informal Reports need not be written but are listed on the tentative agenda published in the newsletter. Groups not listed may request to give a report.

	<u>FORMAL</u>	<u>INFORMAL</u>
January	Staff Oversight & ITOP Executive Secretary Archivist	
February	Property Library Friends in Unity with Nature	Young Friends
March	Hospitality Ministry & Counsel (Formal & State of the Meeting Report) Funds Review & Use (FRAUC)	
April	Friends Aid Nominating (First reading) Trustees (Formal & year end financial) Finance (Formal & year end financial)	Quarterly Meeting BYM Interim Meeting
May	Nominating (Second reading) Community, Care and Clearness (Formal & Statistical) Peace & Social Order Naming	
June	Religious Education Spiritual & Intellectual Nurture Ushers	Men's Retreat
July/August		Quarterly Meeting BYM Interim Meeting
September	Burial Ground Stony Run McKim Com.	BYM Annual Session FGC Gathering
October	Indian Affairs Com.	Quarterly Meeting Friends School Liaison
November	Finance Com. (First Reading)	BYM Interim Meeting BYM Camping Program Camping Weekend
December	Friends School Trustees Finance Com. (Second Reading) Friends Care, Inc. (Broadmead)	

**STONY RUN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE
FIRST DAY SCHOOL PLACEMENT GUIDELINES:**

Religious Education has set new guidelines for placement of children in First Day School classes. Please note that these guidelines are to be used in determining where each child is placed, with the goal that children will reach Jr. Hi-Q's and Sr. Hi-Q's on time.

Pre-Primary Class - children who are age 4 by August 31, '03 and 5 year olds.

Primary Class - children who are ages 6 and 7 and competing P1 or 1st grade next June.

Intermediate Class - children who are ages 7, 8 and 9, and completing 2nd or 3^d grade next June.

Upper Class - children who are ages 9, 10 and 11, and completing 4th or 5th grade next June.

Due to the level of topics that will be covered, children entering Jr. or Sr. Hi-Q's must be entering middle or upper/high school:

Jr. Hi-Q's - middle school aged children in 6th, 7th and 8th grade.

Sr. Hi-Q's - upper/high school aged children in 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th grade.

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.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS, open to all between the ages of 18 and 35-ish, meets for socializing, eating and worship on the first Tuesday evening of each month at Homewood Meetinghouse. Next meeting is **September 6**.

DINNER AND DOCUMENTARY: Friends in Unity with Nature Committee invites Friends to a Vegetarian Cooking Club dinner on Saturday, **September 10**, at Stony Run Meetinghouse, cooking to start at 5:00, dinner at 6:30, followed by a 7:30 showing of "*We Are All Smith Islanders*." This 50-minute documentary produced by the Chesapeake Climate Action Network looks at local impacts of global climate change. Someone from CCAN will be there to talk about the documentary. Please RSVP to Polly Heninger or Liz Entwisle if you plan to attend the cooking club and dinner. For the film only, no RSVP is needed.

EYES WIDE OPEN: Beyond Fear-Towards Hope THE HUMAN COST OF WAR, a memorial exhibit to the U.S. and Iraqi lives that have been lost in this war. This exhibit of military boots and civilian shoes is a witness to our Quaker belief that no war can justify its human cost. It is hoped that the exhibit will be a place where all sides can come to honor the dead – military and their family, veterans, all seekers of peace. The memorial can be viewed September 9, 10 and 11 at the outdoor site, "The "Beach" (Hopkins Campus) at 34th & Charles Streets. If the weather for the weekend looks inclement, it will be set up indoors in Friends School Gymnasium.

It is hoped that the memorial exhibit and the additional programs that will be sponsored throughout the city will provide an opportunity for the Baltimore community to begin talking about the war and its impact upon us – as individuals, as families, as a community, as a country, as citizens of the world. "**If we would like the war to end, we need to -Broaden the Peace Movement!**"

Individuals as well as organizations are needed to support this exhibit. The goal is to be able to publish a long list of names, indicating the broad support that the exhibit has. Stony Run Peace and Social Order Committee has given a \$350 grant to the project and hopes the Meeting community as a whole will match it! Deadline for listing in print was August 29.

Why not carry a few extra copies of the Co-sponsor Form and the Volunteer Sign up Form and the flyer for Eyes Wide Open with you to share as you go

about your week? Extra forms are **available on the hall table** along with flyers and buttons. Meeting people who know of other church groups or organizations or individuals that would want to participate are asked to please pass this information on to them.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP AS A VOLUNTEER FOR EYES WIDE OPEN.

Volunteers will be needed in a range of roles at the exhibit as well as to set up (6:00 a.m. Friday) and take down (7:00 p.m. Sunday). Exhibit volunteers will receive training to notice what visitors might need a chance to talk; skills in listening; skills in peacekeeping; update on the exhibit. **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED** to help on committees; to distribute flyers around the City; to pass out flyers at specific events. **FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO SIGN UP**, contact Tia Steele, AFSC, 410 323 7200 x20, tsteele@afsc.org or go to www.afsc.org and follow links from Eyes Wide Open to Baltimore dates (9/9-9/11).

LOOKING FOR AN OPPORTUNITY TO VIGIL AT THE EXHIBIT? We are looking for 2 hour shifts of vigilers for Friday and Saturday nights (9/9 and 9/10). This is especially critical if the Exhibit is held outdoors, but it is also an opportunity for worship. The group gathered can choose if they wish to be candle lit, meditative, etc, but the overall atmosphere should be in keeping with the Exhibit – quiet and respectful. The shifts start at 8:00 p.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Stony Runners Phil Fratesi and Amy Rakusin to sign up or if you know of other groups that might wish to participate.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING WILL BE HELD AT HOMEWOOD FRIENDS MEETINGHOUSE, 9th Month, 11th day (September 11, 2005). The theme of Quarterly Meeting will be “Finding Creative Responses in the Post 9/11 World” with an afternoon talk by Marq Anderson who has toured with the Eyes Wide Open exhibit to more than 58 cities across the country. He will share with us some of the deeply moving experiences he has had along this soulful journey and how the exhibit has become a focal point not only for witness to Quaker beliefs, but also the creation of new and deeper connections within communities where it has

toured. He will also speak of the goals and hopes for the exhibit and how they relate to the strategies of AFSC with regards to peace building, conflict resolution and counter recruitment.

Quarterly Meeting Tentative Schedule

9:00 a.m.: Welcome and Refreshments

9:30 a.m.: Business Meeting
Childcare 9:30-10:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.: Meeting for Worship
First Day School 11:15 to noon

12:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m.: Marq Anderson
AFSC staff person and
EWO National Tour Manager

3:00 p.m.: Adjourn

Please RSVP with the number of adults and children and their ages by Friday, September 2, 2005. Hospitality for those traveling from a distance will be available upon request. RSVP to Elizabeth DuVerlie.

PEACEPATH 9/11-Women in Black, Baltimore is again organizing a stand to honor the memory of September 11, 2001. “Join us on Charles Street, **Sunday, September 11, noon to 3:00 p.m.**, as we create a Peace Path through Baltimore. All around the world, supporters of Women in Black stand vigil, wearing black as a symbol of mourning for the ravages of war. Women in Black, Baltimore, invites you and the greater Baltimore community to stand on Charles Street, from the Inner Harbor north to the beltway, holding a sign of peace.” Call 410-467-9114 or go to www.peacepath911.com or peacepath911@yahoo.com.

PLAN TO ATTEND A POTLUCK WELCOMING DINNER to welcome Matthew Micciche, new Head of Friends School Baltimore. Matt and his family are new to the Baltimore area. Take the opportunity to meet and get acquainted with the Miccichi's at a potluck dinner **Monday, September 12, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at Stony Run Meetinghouse. For more information and to RSVP, call Ellen Lerner or Bob and Gail Breyer.

WHEN IN THE MEETINGHOUSE, PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAG. It will help us to get to know each better.

THE VIEW FROM THE CENTER: AFSC National Staff Members Talk about their Work Today.

This fall and winter, American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Baltimore office will host a series of talks on AFSC's current work in which experienced, dedicated staff develop and conduct innovative, effective long-term programs.

ANGELA BERRYMAN will speak **Friday, September 16, 7:00 p.m.** at Stony Run Meetinghouse. Angie is Coordinator of the AFSC Peace Building Unit's Latin America/Caribbean Program and lived and worked in both rural and urban areas of Latin America for more than nine years, starting in the late 1960s. Since returning to the United States, she has focused on the role of U.S. policy to the region and ways to build solidarity with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. The focus of the Latin America program for the last six years has been Colombia and the role of trade in the region. Angie will reflect on: How are the people of Colombia faring amidst political, military and social struggles? What is the role of the United States in this oil-rich nation?

FUTURE AFSC SPEAKERS will be Geri Sicola, Associate General Secretary for International Programs on **Friday, December 2** and Joyce Miller, Assistant General Secretary for Justice & Human Rights on **Friday, February 3**.

THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE

COMMITTEE carries out service, development, social justice, and peace programs throughout the world. Founded by Quakers in 1917 to provide conscientious objectors with an opportunity to aid civilian war victims, AFSC's work attracts the support and partnership of people of many races, religions, and cultures. AFSC's work is based on the Quaker belief in the worth of every person and faith in the power of love to overcome violence and injustice. The organization's mission and achievements won worldwide recognition in 1947 when it accepted the Nobel Peace Prize with the British Friends Service Council on behalf of all Quakers. The AFSC is directed by a Quaker board and staffed by Quakers and other people of faith who share the Friends' desire for peace and social justice. The **AFSC Middle Atlantic Region office is located at 4806 York Road, Baltimore, MD 21212. (410) 323-7200 - www.afsc.org/midatlantic.**

SPIRIT-LED ELDERING: A Workshop sponsored by the Friends Meeting of Washington Ministry and Worship Committee will be offered **Friday, September 16, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** in the FMW Assembly Room, 2111 Florida Avenue, NW, Washington DC. Margery M. Larrabee will be the retreat leader and workshop facilitator, consultant, spiritual guide, and therapist. She has studied with the School of the Spirit, Shalem Retreat and Study Center, and Servant Leadership School in Washington, D.C., where she has also taught. She was for many years a member of Friends Meeting of Washington and is now a member of Mount Holly, NJ, Friends Meeting. This workshop is open to members, attenders and visitors to Friends Meeting of Washington and other Friends Meeting--especially those in the DC and Baltimore Metro areas. Simple refreshments (juice, bagels, coffee and tea) will be provided for early arrivals to the Saturday session. Participants should bring a bag lunch. Beverages will be provided. The closing will be anywhere from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM depending on the flow and the number of participants. The afternoon time is particularly important for role plays and small group work. Please let us know if you plan to attend either by sending an email to David Etheridge. If you have questions—including questions or comments you would like to have considered in the workshop--please communicate those to David. **We also welcome persons who decide to attend at the last minute.** This quarterly workshop series presented by FMW Ministry and Worship Committee seeks to equip and encourage each of us to help our Meetings for Worship be powerful spiritual experiences for every worshipper. Frank Massey, General Secretary of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, has agreed to lead our next workshop—probably in January 2006. Lamar Matthew, Executive Secretary of Stony Run Friends Meeting and past clerk of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, will facilitate our spring 2006 workshop.

QUAKER LUNCH: The next Quaker Lunch, at Holly House on the Broadmead campus, will be held **September 15, 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, September 13, to reserve a place at the table.

MEETING AT COLORA: Christopher Densmore, Curator of Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College relayed this message. "Greetings! A meeting for worship will be held **9th mo. 18 (September 18) at 2:30 p.m.** at Colora Meetinghouse, Colora, Maryland. The Meetinghouse is in a beautiful isolated setting with tall trees. Please help us spread the word about this event. Directions: North on Route 1 crossing Conowingo Dam, turn right onto Rt. 273. Go through roundabout. Right onto Liberty Grove Road. Go down hill into village of Colora; turn right at bottom of hill to Meetinghouse on right. Stone pillars at end of driveway. Thanks. Mary Sproat."

IRAQ DEMONSTRATION AND LOBBYING: The anti-Iraq War demonstration on **September 24-26**, being organized by United for Peace and Justice, will include an interfaith service and **lobby training on Sunday, September 25.** Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is seeking volunteers participating in the Saturday demonstration to help give out War Is Not the Answer stickers and postcards asking people to join the FCNL email lobbying campaign (if you are interested in assisting, email field@fcnl.org). At the Sunday lobby training, FCNL staff will offer background and specific lobby skills training for those who want to carry their concern about the war directly to their elected officials. Individuals planning to make **congressional visits on Monday, September 26**, or later need to make their own appointments in advance. Specific information about the lobby training time and location will be included in FCNL Info line email alerts.

LEARN ABOUT AFSC'S WORK IN COLUMBIA: This fall and winter, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Baltimore office, is hosting a series of talks on AFSC's current work. The first talk will be Friday evening, **September 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Stony Run** and will feature Angela Berryman, the Coordinator of AFSC's Peace Building Unit's Latin America/Caribbean Program. Angie's talk, "*Building from the Inside Out: Peace Initiatives in War-Torn Colombia*," will focus on her program and the work being done in Columbia and sharing the similarities there with the situation in

Iraq. Angie lived and worked in both rural and urban areas of Latin America for over nine years starting in the late 1960's. Since returning to the United States, she has focused on the role of U.S. policy to the region and ways to build solidarity with the people of Latin America and the Caribbean. The focus of the Latin America program for the last six years has been Colombia and the role of trade in the region. So, come to Stony Run on 9/16 and learn more about important work being done by AFSC.

QUAKER WORSHIP AND VOCAL MINISTRY: Attention ALL Newcomers, Long and Short-time Attenders and Friends! Have you ever found yourself asking: How can I deepen my spiritual experience in Meeting for Worship? What is centering and how do I do it? Why corporate worship? How is Quaker corporate worship different from individual worship? What is vocal ministry and how do I know when/if I am called by the Spirit to give vocal ministry? How do I listen for that of God spoken in Worship? What do I do with the ministry given in Worship? THEN YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Please join us on **Sunday, September 25, 2005 at 9 a.m.** for a Forum in the dining room in which we will corporately seek and explore answers to these questions. Hope to see you there! ALL ARE WELCOME!

JENNIFER'S TRAVELS: Jennifer Caron arrived safely at Mineral King in Sequoia National Park on August 30th and reported being happy, well and loving it! She spent four days there and got a ride to Cedar Grove, looking forward to being on the Pacific Crest Trail sooner than expected and to the larger number of hikers she'll get to meet there.

ITS CAMPING WEEKEND TIME!!! Please join your Friends for a very Special weekend at Camp Catocin (near Thurmont, Maryland) **September 30-October 2.** The weekend is open to all (that means children and babies too!) and always is lots of fun!! Come for a meal or spend the whole weekend. Whatever will work for you -- just come! Sign-up forms are available at the Meeting house. Fill it out and return it to the Stony Run Meeting Office by Sunday, September 18 (so we have enough food!!!) Or call the office (410-435-3773); or e-mail the office (stonyruntime@starpower.net). See the registration form in this newsletter.

QUAKER READERS' GROUP will begin meeting **Tuesday, October 11 (second Tuesday of each month)**. 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 our Quaker faith.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS about the upcoming "**Seekers and Speakers**" series, First Days, **9:00-10:40 a.m., October 2** through **November 6**. See page 22.

EXCITING FALL SCHEDULE: Pendle Hill has planned an exciting variety of programs for their fall 2005 schedule; **October 14-16:** Integrating Core Beliefs with Action at Work, **October 24-27:** Speaking from the Heart: Enhancing Relationships with Conscious Communication, **October 28-30:** Couple Enrichment, **October 28-30:** Self-Care and Your Spiritual Center, A Weekend for People of Color. For more detailed information or to register, Friends may call ext. 3, 610.566.4507 or (800) 742-3150, email: registrar@pendlehill.org or visit the website at www.pendlehill.org. If finances are an issue, consider applying for a matching scholarship. Pendle Hill may be able to match a grant from Monthly Meeting for up to half the cost of the event. For an application, those interested should call Karyn Payton at ext. 127, 610.566.4507 or 800.742.3150, or email: kpayton@pendlehill.org.

ASTT TO RECEIVE SOCIAL ORDER CONTRIBUTIONS: The Advocates for Survivors of Torture and Trauma will receive contributions made to the Social Order Box during September.

FIRESIDE CHAT VIDEOS AVAILABLE: Fireside Chat Videotapes (VHS) now available to borrow from the library. Copies of the raw footage (un-edited for continuity or sound quality) have been dubbed to VHS. Tapes may contain the same hour repeated from different

angles, with accompanying sound quality differences. These are pre-edit roughs straight off the camera, but nonetheless contain anecdotal and narrative wisdom, inspiration, and humor from Stony Run's cherished Friends.

PURCHASE EARLY: Scull calendars for 2006 are available on the book table at \$2.25 each, which you may deposit in the literature box on the table.

BEST JOB IN THE MEETING: Senior High Young Friends are looking for a few more parents and adults to help out as FAP's with our high school students on Sunday mornings, 11:00 a.m. – Noon. (FAP means Friendly Adult Presence.) We need FAP's for special projects (apple pie bake, tote bag sew, community service projects) and/or for meeting monthly with YF's Executive Committee to help plan activities and discussions. Enjoy our young people! Lynn Jordan, Warren Bentley and Debbie Feldman Jones are current FAP's. Contact Lynn.

OLD HOUSEHOLD CLEANING AGENT RECIPES SOUGHT: Unity with Nature Committee welcomes any old-time recipes Friends have for non-toxic household cleaning agents. Many people who attended the Household Toxins Forum last May expressed an interest in learning how to make their own cleaning agents using vinegar and other simple, non-toxic ingredients. We will add the recipes to our "Green Tips" on the Committee's page of each Meeting's website. Contact Polly or Liz.

WE HEAR FROM CELIA BARSS: I am currently living in Athens, Georgia. I co-manage an organic farm with my partner, Tucker Taylor. We grow mixed veggies and fruit for a farmer's market in Atlanta and for many restaurants also. Thanks for your support in my past! Celia

DAVE KATZENAPPLE of Homewood Friends Meeting has recently started a new position as a financial specialist with Profirst Mortgage Corp. in Timonium. After 30 years in manufacturing, he hopes that this new venture will provide more peace of mind. He's excited to be able to offer help with loans to F/friends.

SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP, *Asist* Training Program will be offered September 29 and 30 at Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore, Maryland. This two days of extensive training on suicide prevention is suitable for school guidance counselors, teachers, pastors, fire fighters, police officers, senior citizens, social workers, nurses, lay parishioners, administrators, college instructors, or anyone that has contact with people at risk. The two-day seminar will run from 9:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m. both days, with lunch provided. The total cost of the seminar is \$150. The world famous *Asist* Training Program is used in countries throughout the world. The program is somewhat analogous to CPR training in dealing with specific life saving skills designed for both the layperson, as well as the professional. *Asist* is the main curriculum used by the U.S. military in suicide prevention among the armed forces. What will be covered: An overview of the basic problems of suicide, Types of suicide prevention, How to address the concerns of the person at risk, What YOU can do to intervene to prevent a suicide from happening, The typical thoughts and feelings of the person at risk: what to look for, The ambivalence of the person considering suicide, How to deal with your own fears and anxieties about helping a person at risk, How and where to find further resources for the person at risk. The format of the two-day workshop will be a carefully thought out design of lectures, participation and Socratic dialogue. Included will be a few formal lectures, video presentations, slide presentations and a great deal of interactive involvement.

This is not therapy, nor is it a substitute for therapy. If you have experienced a recent loss please contact one of the presenters to make sure this workshop will be appropriate for you.

Presenters will be: **Judy Tunkle**, Masters in Community Counseling, Licensed Professional, Nationally Certified Counselor, Member American Counseling Association, Member International Marriage and Family Counselors, Counselor, Facilitator - Bereavement Group - Church of the Redeemer, Pastoral Counselor - Pastoral Counseling Service of Maryland.

Stephen W. Leslie, Master of Science - Pastoral Counseling, Nationally Certified Counselor, Adjunct faculty, Howard Community College, Former Church Administrator, Counselor -

Domestic Violence Center - Howard County, Pastoral Counselor - Pastoral Counseling Service, Crisis Intervention Counselor at a center certified by the American Association of Suicidology. To register or request more information contact: Stephen W. Leslie.

NEW STONY RUN MEETING DIRECTORY IS COMING: Check your listing. A New Meeting Directory is being prepared for publication in October 2005. Check the copy in the Library for accuracy of your listing and don't forget to add your e-mail address (one per name) and designate it as (H) home or (O) office. Please write changes on the draft directory.

IT'S EASY TO GET STONY RUN'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER ELECTRONICALLY. Help conserve resources by getting Stony Run publications 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.

BILL READ IS HAPPY IN COSTA RICA: Dear Family and Friends, Well here I am! Through a woman at the Quaker Hostel (at \$12/night, I recommend it) who put me in touch with an international student housing organization, I have been settling in with the Montezuma Lopez family (of 3) where I have a large bedroom, private bath, breakfast, dinner, and kitchen privileges. It is located near the university area on the eastern slopes of the Valle Central overlooking San Jose. Most of the time it is not overcast and I can gaze in three different directions at the rugged green mountains 15 to 25 miles away, some of them going up to 9,000 or 10,000 feet (starting from the Valley at 4,000). And there is NO smog. (This is a joy I had not counted on before!) I am glad to report I am healthy, getting back into shape with a good walk every day, and have successfully adjusted to the minor changes in diet. I am pleased with my decision to come here and I feel blessed. Hasta entonces, Guillermo.
Write Bill at: Bill Read. Lista de Correos – Sabanilla. Montes de Uca (2070). San Jose, Costa Rica, C.A.

IT'S CAMPING WEEKEND TIME 2005!!!

PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS FOR A VERY SPECIAL WEEKEND AT CAMP CATOCTIN (NEAR THURMONT, MARYLAND) SEPTEMBER 30 (FRIDAY) through OCTOBER 2 (SUNDAY)

The weekend is open to all and lots of fun!! Come for a meal or spend the whole weekend. Whatever will work for you -- just come! Please complete the following form and return it to the Stony Run Meeting Office by **Sunday, September 18** (so we have enough food!!!) Or call the office (410-435-3773); or e-mail the office (stonyrunfriends@starpower.net)

REGISTRATION FOR CATOCTIN CAMPING WEEKEND

Name of adult(s) _____

Address _____

Phone: () _____

Names of children (and ages)

_____ () _____ ()
_____ () _____ ()

Any special needs? (diet, housing, etc.)

I plan on arriving at Camp by _____ (hour) on _____ (day).

I plan on leaving Camp by _____ (hour) on _____ (day).

I can offer a ride ____; I need a ride _____.

COSTS:

Children under 15 are FREE. Adults and children over 15 are \$12.50 for the full weekend or \$8.00 per day with a maximum of \$30.00 per family. **BUT NO ONE IS TO STAY AWAY FROM CAMP BECAUSE OF COSTS. There are funds available.**

I have estimated the costs due Stony Run as \$_____.

() my check is enclosed or () I will pay at camp.

I am enclosing \$_____ to contribute to camping scholarship assistance.

All checks should be made payable to Stony Run Friends Meeting with a note on the check indicating it is for the "camping weekend."

WHAT TO BRING!

- 1) Warm sleeping bag or loads of blankets.
- 2) Tent (or be prepared to sleep in screened shelters).
- 3) Flashlight.
- 4) Musical instruments, favorite toys, outdoor games, indoor games, etc.
- 5) Sunscreen and bug spray.
- 6) Hiking boots or change of shoes.
- 7) Rain gear (just in case).

Questions? Call David Drumm

Do You want to Know More about Quakerism?

Seekers and Speakers: **An Introduction to Quakerism**

Join newcomers and seasoned Quakers at our fall series entitled "Seekers and Speakers: An Introduction to Quakerism" to be held for six weeks starting Sunday, October 2, 2005, 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, juice and coffee served. You are invited to join us for Meeting for Worship at 11:00 a.m.

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?*

Stony Run Friends Meeting
5116 N. Charles Street, Baltimore 21210
410-435-3773 (call for more information)

All sessions are held on the lower level of the Meetinghouse. See you there!