

Chapel Hill

Friends Meeting Newsletter

May, 2015



Monthly Query:

How do I prepare myself for meeting for worship so that I come with heart and mind prepared for worship? Is this inspiration carried over into my daily living?

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Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

If you are so led to speak during meeting for worship, please stand and speak simply and clearly in language that reflects your spiritual experience. Do not feel compelled to explore all the implications of your insight. Leave room for the Light to work through the next person, potentially building on your words and possibly extending them in an unexpected direction.

Upcoming Forum Schedule

May 3: “Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals” Description: Robin Harper will invite sharings on the many ways animals enrich our lives – as part of nature, as pets, as helpers, as research subjects, as food. This will be a time to give thanks and to acknowledge related enrichments, sufferings, and actions. Well-mannered pets/animals (or photos) are welcome. Location: On the playground. If the weather is stormy, please leave animals at home, and we will meet in the schoolhouse or Meeting house. Moderator: Carolyn White (see page 3)

May 10: “Spiritual Reading, Musical Reflections, and Group Conversation” Description: Dirk Kelder will lead and begin with a reading from The Cloud of Unknowing. Moderator: Max Drake; Note: Parking will be limited to the Meeting’s lot. The UNC lot will fill early due to UNC’s 9:00 AM Commencement at Kenan Stadium.

May 24: “Action on Quaker Values in a Conservative Environment, as Expressed Through FCNL” Description: Nancy Milio will speak about the current lobbying efforts in Congress by the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Moderator: Wendy Michener

May 31: “Welcome to the Chapel Hill Early School” Description: Sue Caldwell Donaldson, CHES Head Teacher, will talk about the School’s curriculum and Quaker identify, lead a tour of the classrooms, and invite suggestions for ways to strengthen the connections between School and Meeting. Location: Schoolhouse multi-purpose room. Moderator: Matt Drake

IFC Needs

The IFC collects items for its Pantry, the Community Kitchen, the Community House (men’s residential facility), and Project Homestart (women’s residential facility). For a complete list of items needed by each facility, visit the IFC website at www.ifcweb.org/foodneeds.html. The IFC can always use bags. Brown bags with handles are best, but they can use other types as well. Bring your extras to Meeting any Sunday.

Fourth Sixth-Day Intergenerational Games

Every fourth Sixth-Day (for example, Friday, May 22nd) at 7:00, young-at-heart Friends of all ages gather for some fun. Tom and others bring games that can be enjoyed by all ages at all levels; Leslie brings a picture puzzle, and Friends (and friends of Friends) from six to ninety-six gather in small groups to enjoy. Please join us in the Schoolhouse!

Baby Welcoming

On May 3, the Meeting will be welcoming Alice Hylan Drust, daughter of Marie Hopper and Joseph Drust, into its home and heart. Please attend late Meeting or the potluck for a chance to sign Alice's welcoming certificate, created by Jimmy Malone.

This I Believe, Quaker Style

May 14

Do I share my own faith and spiritual journey with others? If so, what words might I use when doing so?

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment in the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query, which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, gathering the 2nd Thursday of each month in the Meetingroom, from 7:00-8:30 pm.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-606-4574) if you have questions.

6th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls Fundraiser

Cindy and Ed Bowen share with friends:

The 6th Annual Chatham Empty Bowls Fundraiser to benefit CORA Food Pantry is Sunday, **May 3** at Hank's Chapel Fellowship Hall, 125 Hanks Loop Rd., in Pittsboro. The event features beautiful local pottery, a supper of delicious soup and bread from local restaurants and bakeries, live entertainment, light hors d'oeuvres, and a variety of desserts. All ticket proceeds go to CORA Food Pantry, which provides a week's worth of food for individuals and families in crisis in Chatham County. CORA now serves more than 550 families a month and expects to serve 21,000 individuals this year – 13% more than last year. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door for "The Works" (pick a Handcrafted Bowl to keep, food and beverage). Food and beverage only is \$15 per person (\$5 for kids under 12). To purchase advance tickets or see the list of contributing local potters, go to <http://corafoodpantry.org/eventscalendar/chatham-empty-bowls/>

Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals

All Friends are invited to attend Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's first-ever Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals, Sunday, May 3, at 9:45am (during Forum time), on the playground.

All well-mannered animals and their humans are invited to this special worship sharing meeting. Feel free to bring photos if bringing your animal companion is not practical. You are also very welcome to come if you have no pets at all! We hope Friends will also give thought to the other kinds of creatures that affect their lives. We especially hope children

will attend and share their messages. We will be seated on chairs in the playground (feel free to bring a mat if you'd rather sit on the ground with your pet). We will begin with silent worship and hope Friends, as they are moved, will speak to the blessings of the animals in their lives. We will have treats and water available before and after the worship sharing.

We will offer animal care to anyone who wants to stay for Meeting for Worship after forum, and also potluck, which includes a Welcoming for Baby Alice Drust! In the event of rain, the event will be held in the Meetinghouse, WITHOUT ANIMALS. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Robin Harper (919-606-4574).

National Mental Health Awareness Month & National Children's Mental Health Week

Statistically, one in five people live with a diagnosable mental health condition, yet only about 40% seek treatment due to stigma surrounding mental illness. The month of May is NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH and the first week of May is NATIONAL CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK. There will be many opportunities for you to attend an event and learn more, as well as support local non-profit organizations working to fill gaps in mental health services. More information will follow in the e-news. We hope you will plan to join us as we work together to educate our community and support one another to combat stigma around mental illness.

Interested in nurturing your spirit?

The Quaker organization called, the School of the Spirit, offers a program titled "On Being a Spiritual Nurturer." It's a two-year program of readings, contemplation, prayer, writing, and working retreats. Want to know more? Go to www.schoolofthespirit.org. Or, ask Matt Drake for information.

Summer Camp for Quakers! FGC Gathering

Please consider attending Friends General Conference (FGC) Gathering in NC, July 5-11, 2015. What is FGC Gathering? It's a wonderful summer "camp" for the spirit, hearts, and minds of Quakers of ALL ages - meeting in NC this year. "Taste the vibrancy and the variety that is available by immersing yourself in this community of Friends for a week." Experience the larger Quaker world, joining more than 1200 others from all over the country. Friends of all ages are welcome, childcare for young ones, daily programming for children through 8th grade, for teens, for YAF's (Young Adult Friends.) Parents may attend their own chosen daily workshops, worship, etc. while children and teens are engaged in their own programming. Concerts, fun, impromptu gatherings.....many worship opportunities. "We eagerly look forward to welcoming you—in person—at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC, July 5-11, 2015. Theme for 2015: Seeking Wholeness." <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>

Appeal to a Middle Schooler

Submitted by Allie Scales

I have a niece, Aida, who has been brought up as Muslim in Morocco. She would like to know something about growing up Quaker. She is almost 13, and writes well in English (and probably French and Arabic also!) In her words: "I can't wait to hear things about Quaker".

Are you a FDS participant around that age who has had lots of experience of Meeting, and who feels that you and your family have a strong connection to Meeting and to Quakerism, and would like to start an email chat with my niece about your experiences? You could also hear about being Muslim in Morocco. It would be up to you and Aida how much conversation you had after the first introduction.

Please email Allie Scales at gingerbred@mindspring.com or call 919-932-3733.

Faith Affordable Housing Coalition | Justice United

Alice Carlton asks of Friends,

Justice United is partnering with St. Paul's AME Church in an exciting affordable housing project called St. Paul's Village. St. Paul's has acquired 20 acres near the Rogers Road Community Center, gotten zoning approval, and architect plans to build 86 units of affordable rental housing. They met with the town clergy, to which I am the Meeting representative, to describe the project and ask for town churches to get volunteers to join a Faith Affordable Housing Coalition that would meet quarterly and help with the implementation of this project. There are funding sources to contact and other tasks. I am looking for Friends who might feel led to join this coalition. The goal is to have a first meeting before June. Please contact me, Alice Carlton, for more information or to volunteer: email: amberalice@mindspring.com or 919-641-5507. Thank you.

Quakers and Alternative Service During the Second World War

By Lois Ann Hobbs, February 7, 2015

Lois Ann Hobbs began attending the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in the early 1940s and knew many of the earliest members. She has written the following summary of some of the ways in which Chapel Hill Quakers and others provided alternative service during World War II. We share her reflections as a contribution to the memory of our Meeting's rich history and diverse kinds of service.

The Society of Friends (Quakers) has a long history of objecting to wars.

Quakers remember World War One when Conscientious Objectors from peace churches, Mennonites, Brethren, and Quakers were put into military prisons. Some were harshly treated with starvation, solitary, and other abuse. Some died in prison.

As Quakers saw the war clouds forming over Germany in the mid-1930s, they sought ways to avoid the coming conflict. After Kristallnacht, the disastrous attack by Nazis on Jewish businesses and homes in 1938, two Philadelphia Quakers, Rufus Jones and George Walton, went to Germany. They pled with Nazi leaders for tolerance of Jews and a way for them to emigrate to the United States. While they were heard politely, no deal was made. However, the word went out that Quakers would help Jews when they came to this country.

Many Jews came to the United States under the auspices of Friends meetings. Edward Danziger, Austrian, was one who came to Chapel Hill in 1939 sponsored by the Chapel Hill Society of Friends. Although there were very few members in the Chapel Hill Meeting at that time, they loaned him the money he needed to launch a new business, and we remember Danziger's Viennese Coffee Shop that prospered on Franklin Street.

In the late 1930s, when faced with the draft, peace churches negotiated with the US government for a way that C.O.s could serve in life-saving work. A committee of Quakers and Mennonites were authorized by the government to set up camps with programs. In these camps some Conscientious Objectors became fire-fighters, or smoke jumpers, in California. Other Conscientious Objectors worked in mental hospitals largely understaffed and mismanaged. They were able to change the way patients were treated.

Conscientious Objectors volunteered to be medical guinea pigs in scientific experiments. In one experiment they were starved to see what happens to the body's defenses, and what would effectively help recovery from starvation. Some were infected with malaria and hepatitis to test drugs. There were dangers and some died as a result.

Over 12,000 men joined 163 alternative camps which cost the government nothing as they were financed by the Mennonite and Quaker churches. The men came from very diverse religious traditions (not just from historic peace churches), and they also included Atheists and Buddhists.

Another alternative available to C.O.s in WW2 was enlisting in the army for life saving services such as unarmed medical stretcher-bearers on the front line. My husband, Grimsley Hobbs, chose this alternative.

His father, Richard Hobbs, had volunteered in WW1 to work behind the lines in France as a medic. He was a member of a Quaker team of men run by the American Field Service, precursor of the American Friends Service Committee. After that war in 1918, this organization continued its work feeding the starving Germans and Russians.

After WW2 the Quakers again went to Germany and Russia to assist in the refugee problem, feeding and clothing people. This saved millions from starvation. In 1947 the Novel Peace Prize was awarded to the British and American Friends Service Committees for their work with refugees.

What are the kids up to??

"It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is.
And when you've got it, you want—oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want,
but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!
- Mark Twain

It's time for our monthly update! Below is a listing of events and opportunities for all ages at First Day School. This month, we continue to learn about world religions. **Note: we are now recruiting volunteers to teach a lesson over the summer!** The signup sheet is posted on the back of the Meetinghouse's main entrance doors.

Sunday, May 3: Teens close late Meeting for Worship

High school teens will meet in the multipurpose room at 11:00am to set up for the monthly potluck, then retire to the Meetinghouse and enter Meeting for Worship when the younger children exit. Teens will close the meeting and make the announcements.

Sunday, May 3: Haiti service trip meeting for teens

Participating teens will hold their biweekly planning meeting during or after potluck.

Friday, May 22: Intergenerational Game Night

Looking for a little R and R? Come to our monthly Intergenerational Game Night! Tom (aka "Mr. Board Game") Munk will be there with his ridiculously marvelous collection of board games...there are dozens of board games to choose from (you are guaranteed to find something wonderfully weird here that you've never heard of) or bring your personal favorite. There is usually an overly ambitious jigsaw puzzle as well...but no electronics allowed. **Snacks are optional; all ages are welcomed. The fun starts at 7:00pm** and lasts until the players poop out!

Sunday, May 24: Field trip to Raleigh Mosque

Mark your calendars! We will be visiting an Islamic mosque in Raleigh, courtesy of the Islamic Center of Raleigh, this Sunday from noon until 2:00pm. Details, directions, etc. will be announced when the date draws closer.

Friday, May 29 - Sunday, May 31: Teen retreat to Hyco Lake

NEW DATE! Our February retreat was cancelled because of frigid weather, so we're going in late May. Our retreat is open to ALL middle and high schoolers (grades 6 and up). This has become a cherished tradition among our group, and is a wonderful way to build community among our kids. We will carpool to the cabin late Friday afternoon, returning Sunday morning by the end of late meeting. Three chaperones will be there to supervise activities.

For those whose children haven't been before, the cabin at Hyco Lake is a little over an hour's drive north of here, near the Virginia border. The cabin has two private bedrooms, 1 bath, a kitchen, living area with fireplace, and a huge loft (the kids bring sleeping bags and spread out in the common areas, while the chaperones get the private rooms). There is also a nice deck and canoes at the cabin, with hiking available nearby. Weekend plans include great fun, food, fellowship, games, hiking/canoeing and of course, s'mores! No electronic games are permitted. There is no cost to attend (expenses are covered by the football parking money).

If you have any questions, just ask Leslie Rountree, our First Day School Coordinator. As always, thanks to her and all of the dedicated First Day School teachers for their heroic efforts on behalf of our children!

**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

April 19, 2015

Minutes

Carolyn Stuart, clerk pro-tem; Robin Harper, recording clerk

***Worship and query:* How does my life reflect the joy of living in the spirit? In what ways does my daily life demonstrate Friends' testimonies so that others might want to follow them?**

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda—Carolyn Stuart

We welcomed first time attenders Eddie Caldwell and Mark Bradsher.

2. Approval of March minutes—Carolyn Stuart

Approved.

3. Clearness Committee for Marriage under the Care of the Meeting for Alice Carlton and David Curtin—Julia Cleaver

Care & Counsel recommends with joy this marriage under the care of the meeting. The date is set for August 15. Planning committee members include Dottie Heninger, Richard Miller, Carolyn Stuart, Pat Mann, and Pam Schwingl.

Approved.

4. Nine-month Treasurer's report—Maura Murphy (ATTACHED)

Maura began by explaining some items on the report that might be confusing: "Re-invested income" is shown but is not available cash. A "continuing fund" is actually a separate bank account, and we have several of those.

Maura introduced us to the new form Finance Committee has decided to use, having recently invested in new "Quicken" software. They felt the old form was good, but could be improved. She walked us through the differences between the forms, and welcomed our criticisms and questions. She is eager to make the form as clear as possible, and offered to sit down with individuals to make unclear sections easier to understand.

Much appreciation was expressed for Maura's conscientiousness, and for her care and understanding of our finances.

Friends approved the use of the new format.

5. Benevolences, initial presentation—Naveed Moeed for Peace & Justice, Jan Hutton & Lynn Drake for Ministry & Worship, Wendy Michener for Adult Religious Education (ATTACHED)

The clerk reminded us that today we would hear the committees' presentations of the Benevolences as they have discerned them, which are up for discussion only today. We will sit with them and have a chance to approve them at a later date.

Naveed began by highlighting some of the Benevolences that we support that don't usually get much attention, such as Planned Parenthood and People of Faith Against the Death Penalty. He described P&J's usual discernment process, of threshing through each of the Benevolences and weighing our Meeting's activity in each. Jan discussed the process by which M&W discerned the recommendations for their Benevolences, looking at the synergy between meeting members and the greater community. Wendy presented ARE's thoughts regarding the Friends Center at Guilford College, and Carolyn read a description of the Friends Center from their website.

After the presentations, the Friends accepted questions:

Is the Friends Center at Guilford College connected to the Bayard Rustin Center, and should we consider it for future benevolences? Wendy will find out.

One Friend clarified that our Benevolence to the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund goes into a general fund, from which individuals receive gifts. Our January letter from Miriam Alave Condori may have given the impression that our gift goes directly to an individual.

Another requested that we increase our contribution to Planned Parenthood, because things are getting worse for women's health issues, with the recent changes to the laws in many states.

How will our membership in PFYM change our contribution to PFF? Jeff Brown, PFF representative, reported that at this time we cannot know for sure. PFYM does not yet have a budget, so there is no need to make allowances for it at this time. But we will need to consider it in the future.

Carolyn thanked the presenters and their committees for the work they've done, and asked Friends to direct questions to these committees and individuals over the next month of discernment.

James Harper of Publications & Records asked for guidance about publicizing these documents on the website. Carolyn will confer with Tom to see how we've handled this in the past and will follow that same process.

We accepted with thanks the work of these committees.

6. Buildings & Grounds annual report—Don Hopper (ATTACHED)

Don presented the report that showed the great amount of work the committee has taken on this past year, and continues to take on.

Julia Cleaver offered to revive the pre-work morning pancake breakfast, if the committee felt it would boost participation.

A Friend asked about flowers in the flower pots and beds, and Don mentioned the possibility of forming a monthly gardening group.

Friends thanked the committee for their work, including all the drawings made by Wendy Michener.

Accepted with great appreciation.

7. Re-organization of Peace and Justice Committee—Naveed Moeed (ATTACHED)

Naveed read P&J's proposal, stating that the committee wishes to act as a different kind of funnel for Meeting activities surrounding issues of peace and social justice. They wish to be a smaller committee going forward, which will still hold responsibility for making us aware of events, but will also empower individuals in the Meeting at large to take on ownership of various concerns.

The clerk suggested that, since this is a significant and complicated concern, we hold it over for a time before we make a decision. The fatigue of P&J has been brought to Nominations as a concern, and they are working with them.

The Meeting agreed to hold the decision over.

Naveed answered questions and responded to the comments of Friends. There will continue to be regular P&J meetings on the second Sundays at the rise of meeting, and it will continue to be an open, albeit smaller, committee. Friends supported P&J's efforts to prevent its members from experiencing burnout, and requested the committee meet with Publications & Communications about its proposed new emailings.

8. Hospitality Annual Report—Alice Carlton (ATTACHED)

Alice read the report, and accepted questions and comments from Friends. Appreciation was expressed for the gentle care of our basic needs—food, comfort, and welcoming, in particular the hospitality offered after meetings for worship. Some suggested increased awareness of some of their activities might bring about greater participation.

The report was accepted with thanks.

9. Revised description of Piedmont Friends Fellowship—Jeff Brown

Jeff read the proposed new description of Piedmont Friends Fellowship, but Friends had some confusion around the distinction between the two bodies, PFF and Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. Suggestions were made, and Jeff will bring a revision back to a future meeting. We observed the remarkable growth and expansion of our Meeting since its tiny, early beginnings in the 30s.

10. Transition and Support Committee Annual Report—Paul Munk (ATTACHED)

Paul read the report, which highlighted the many great things the committee does to assist men from Orange Correctional Center to return to society. He detailed specific assistance that was given to individuals, but to protect their identities they are only referred to by their initials in these minutes. Paul noted that a lot of the committee's work over the past year was greatly curtailed by a fire at OCC, and many men were transferred permanently to other facilities.

Report accepted with great gratitude.

11. Directory and Timeline Procedures Update—James Harper

Publications and Communications (P&C) will start the directory updating process May 1 with a mass email to the listserv and people in the current directory. There will also be information in the newsletter and a sign in the lobby of the Meeting House. Friends need to respond even if their information in the directory is correct.

By June 15, people that we have not heard from will be called. P&C will work with Care and Counsel to make these calls. Ultimately, any attenders we do not hear from will be dropped from the directory. Any members we have not heard from will be listed with only the information we can verify (like phone number). If there are any members for whom we cannot verify any information, we will publish their names only.

Friends can help P&C by responding promptly and by encouraging other Friends to do the same. The goal is to have a new directory by September 1st.

12. Affordable Housing project announcement—Alice Carlton

The NC Coalition of Clergy is beginning an affordable housing project. Area churches are being asked to serve on an Affordable Housing Coalition, and so we need a volunteer from CHFM to serve. Please contact Alice Carlton if you are interested.

We closed with worship.

Attending: Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Marilyn Dyer, James Harper, David Schneider, Eddie F. Caldwell, Wendy Michener, Jeff Brown, John Knox, Emilie Condon, Ken Grogan, Richard Miller, Mark Bradsher, Joyce Munk, Dottie Heninger, Kitty Bergel, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Julia Cleaver, Tom Ludlow, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Don Hopper, Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed

CHFM Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

3rd Quarter 1/1/2015- 3/31/2015

INCOME	Estimated	Actual	%
Contributions	64,900	61,750.56	95%
Carry forward from 2014	1,500		0%
Building rental	1,500	1,322.89	88%
Parking space rental	5,100	5,851.00	115%
Miscellaneous (Interest income etc.)	-	2,630.70	0%
Income Subtotal	73,000.00	71,555.15	98%
Reinvested investment income-Friends Fiduciary		17,845.00	
INCOME TOTAL	73,000	89,400.15	
EXPENSES	Budgeted	Actual	%
Obligations			
Bank Fees	50	25.51	51%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,000	4,541.76	76%
Insurance	4,400	350.00	8%
UBIT, Storm water fee	1,100	1,107.75	101%
Utilities	7,335	3,246.30	44%
Obligations Total	18,885	9,271.32	49%
Committees			
Adult Religious Education	200	23.62	12%
Buildings and Grounds	10,000	8,952.04	90%
Care and Counsel	100	100.00	100%
Children/Youth Religious Education	2,500	988.03	40%
Finance	50	12.94	26%
Friends Transition and Support	1,200	490.37	41%
Hospitality	300	235.54	79%
Library	400	141.03	35%
Ministry and Worship	1,000		0%
Ministry and Worship- Conflict Transformation Workshop		1,704.05	
Nominations	10		0%
Peace and Justice	300	198.20	66%
Publications and Communications	1,750	1,022.20	58%
Committees Total	17,810	13,868.02	78%
Annual and Continuing Funds			
Care and Counsel- continuing	500	-	0%
Contingency- annual	1,000	308.55	31%
Leadership Development- continuing	500	-	0%
Meeting for Suffering- annual	135	-	0%
National Quaker Service- annual	2,000	812.53	41%
Physical Plant/Meetinghouse Renovation- continuing	4,000	-	0%
Returning Citizens Financial Assistance- continuing	1,000	-	0%
Youth Service Learning- continuing	800	-	-
Annual and Continuing Total	9,935	1,121.08	11%
Benevolences (Last year's recipients)			
ARE- Guilford College Friends Center	125	-	0%
IFC Reps- Crop Walk tee shirts	200	-	0%
M&W- PGC, FJ, PFF, SotS, FLGBTQC	1,400	-	0%
P&J- IFC, CFS, QH, FCNL, AFSC, QEWF, BQEWF, & 7 others	24,645	-	-
Benevolences Total	26,370	-	0%
Renovations		415.97	
EXPENSES TOTAL	73,000	24,676.39	34%
NET INCOME		64,723.76	
NET INCOME, LESS INVESTMENT INCOME/(LOSS)		46,878.76	

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Cash Basis

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**Budget v. Actuals**

July 2014 through March 2015

	Jul '14 - Mar 15	Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Building Rental	1,322.89	1,500.00	88.2%
Carry Forward	0.00	1,500.00	0.0%
Contributions	61,750.56	64,900.00	95.1%
Investment income-reinvested	17,845.00		
Misc Income			
Interest income	17.62		
Misc Income - Other	2,613.08		
Total Misc Income	2,630.70		
Parking space rental	5,851.00	5,100.00	114.7%
Total Income	89,400.15	73,000.00	122.5%
Expense			
Benevolences			
Committees			
Adult Religious Ed	23.62	200.00	11.8%
Building and Grounds	8,952.04	10,000.00	89.5%
Care and Counsel	100.00	100.00	100.0%
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	988.03	2,500.00	39.5%
Finance	12.94	50.00	25.9%
Friends Transition and Support	490.37	1,200.00	40.9%
Hospitality	235.54	300.00	78.5%
Library	141.03	400.00	35.3%
Ministry and Worship			
Conflict Transformation Wrkshp	1,704.05		
Ministry and Worship - Other	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Total Ministry and Worship	1,704.05	1,000.00	170.4%
Nominations	0.00	10.00	0.0%
Peace and Justice	198.20	300.00	66.1%
Publications and Communications	1,022.20	1,750.00	58.4%
Total Committees	13,868.02	17,810.00	77.9%
Obligations			
Bank Fee	25.51	50.00	51.0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	65.61	6,000.00	1.1%
Insurance	350.00	4,400.00	8.0%
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,107.75	1,100.00	100.7%
Utilities	3,246.30	7,335.00	44.3%
Total Obligations	4,795.17	18,885.00	25.4%
Ongoing funds			
Care and Counsel -continuing	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Contingency Fund -annual	308.55	1,000.00	30.9%
Leadership Developm't- cont'ng	0.00	500.00	0.0%
Meeting for Suffering- annual	0.00	135.00	0.0%
National Quaker Service -annual	812.53	2,000.00	40.6%
Physical Plant Fund- continuing	0.00	4,000.00	0.0%
Returning Citiz Assist - contin	0.00	1,000.00	0.0%
Youth Service Trip - continuing	0.00	800.00	0.0%
Total Ongoing funds	1,121.08	9,935.00	11.3%
Payroll Expenses	4,476.15		
Renovations			
Tax expense	1.47		
Renovations - Other	414.50		
Total Renovations	415.97		
Total Expense	24,676.39	73,000.00	33.8%
Net Ordinary Income	64,723.76	0.00	100.0%
Net Income	64,723.76	0.00	100.0%

Less investment income

\$ 46,878.76

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ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
BB&T Building Renovation Fund	85,652.10
BB&T Care and Counsel	1,877.76
BB&T Community Checking	34,570.79
BB&T Money Rate Savings	14,261.63
BB&T Returning Citizens	1,550.18
BB&T Youth Service Learning	7,156.17
Friends Fiduciary	
Bequest Fund	1,132.17
General Fund	32,493.86
Physical Plant Reserve Fund	35,893.41
Shotts Endowment	31,588.35
Total Friends Fiduciary	101,107.79
Suntrt Shotts & Leadership Fund	3,005.23
Total Checking/Savings	249,181.65
Total Current Assets	249,181.65
TOTAL ASSETS	249,181.65
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	-135.28
Total Accounts Payable	-135.28
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	300.52
Total Other Current Liabilities	300.52
Total Current Liabilities	165.24
Total Liabilities	165.24
Equity	
Opening Balance Equity	137,381.26
Unrestricted Net Assets	46,911.39
Net Income	64,723.76
Total Equity	249,016.41
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	249,181.65

Less investment
income

\$ 184,457.90

BENEVOLENCE BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Benevolences Recommended by the Peace and Justice Committee	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Carolina Friends School*	**7,000	7,000	5,700	5,000	5,130	5,000
Interfaith Council	8,000	8,000	7,500	6,600	6,730	6,600
Quaker House	6,000	5,000	4,500	4,350	4,530	4,350
Friends Comm. on Natl. Legislation	2,000	3,500	3,000	2,650	2,730	2,650
Amer. Friends Service Committee	1,500	2,500	2,000	1,800	1,880	1,800
Quaker Earthcare Witness	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,300	1,380	1,300
NC WARN***	300	2,000	1,500	1,350	***0	***1,000
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	1,000	1,000	750	670	750	670
Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	400	400	300	270	350	270
NC Council of Ch. (Power & Light)	400	500	200	180	260	180
People of Faith Agst Death Penalty	300	200	200	90	120	90
Right Sharing of World Resources	300	200	100	90	120	90
Orange County Justice United in Community Effort (Orange JUICE)	0	100	100	90	295	300
Schoolhouse of Wonder	50	50	0	0	0	0
Planned Parenthood of Central NC	50	50	50	45	300	300
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	50	50	0	0	0	0
Orange County Peace Coalition	50	50	50	45	70	45
Transition Towns Carrboro – Ch. Hill	0	50	20	0	0	0
Triangle Land Conservancy	0	50	0	0	0	0
Total Recommended by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee	\$29,400	\$32,700	\$27,470	\$24,620	\$24,645	\$24,645
Adjustment by the Meeting	\$1,370	0	0	0	0	0
Friends General Conference	700	700	650	600	600	600
Friends Journal	200	200	200	200	200	200
Piedmont Friends Fellowship	550	550	400	300	300	300
School of The Spirit	250	250	200	200	200	200
FLGBTQC	150	150	100	100	100	100
Friends Center at Guilford College	150	150	150	0	0	0
Total Recommended Min. & Worship	2,000	2,000	1,700	1,400	1,400	1,400
Adult Religious Education					150	
Total Approved by the Meeting	\$32,770	\$34,700	\$29,170	\$26,170		

*The Meeting contributes to CFS the use of the Education Building Monday -Friday. The value of that real estate contribution is conservatively estimated to be \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year. CFS maintains the Education Building, the playground and half the cost of the parking lot.

** The Meeting increased the CFS 2009-10 amount by \$1,370 to \$8,370.

*** NC WARN benefited from an endowment in 2013-14, they still have some benefit from this one time gift in 2014-15

DESCRIPTION OF BENEVOLENCES

PEACE & JUSTICE BENEVOLENCES:

Guidelines

Each year, we start with the list and amounts from the previous years. We seek guidance regarding which benevolence should be added to the list, which we are no longer led to support, and which amounts we should increase and decrease. We research and share with the Meeting the current activities of each proposed benevolence and the financial status of selected large organizations. We take into account the financial status of the Meeting.

As previously requested by the Meeting, we give preference to benevolences that are Quaker-administered or led, are actively supported by Meeting member donations of time, and are local. Some benevolences receive substantial sums from us, sums that make a difference in their ability to carry out their mission. Others receive small sums, sums that are more a token of our support than substantial contributions to their efforts.

• Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry

PO Box 804, Graham, NC 27253-0804 (Updated 2015)

Background: (History and Purpose): The Ministry serves prisoners while they are incarcerated and works with outside groups for the transition of prisoners to civilian life. Dave Nickel was installed October 1, 2011 as the Chaplain to succeed Ken Barker.

Programs: The Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry funds a full time Chaplain at the Orange Correctional Center, a minimum security prison in Hillsborough and has recently built and inaugurated a Religious Services Center or "Peace Center".

Activities: Friends can participate in this ministry by going to Yoke Fellows at the prison on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 (except the last Tuesday of the month). Twice during the year CHFM sponsored well-attended worship services at OCC. In addition, male volunteers can become community sponsors authorized to take prisoners out on leave for up to six hours. The Ministry, along with volunteers from CHFM and the Our Children's Place, sponsored Parenting Day in January 2013 to 2015 for children of incarcerated fathers. Our work as a meeting has also expanded with the incorporation of a new Transition and Support Committee.

Consideration: Bobby Ackley, Francis Coyle, Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Ruth Hamilton, Betsy Hewitt, Ryan Jarrell, Ann Kessemeier, Rita Kaur Kuwahara, Jason Loan, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, Paul and Joyce Munk, David Schneider, Cris Skinner, Carolyn Stewart, Pam Swan, and Ruth Zalph participate in this prison ministry.

• American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)

1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 www.AFSC.org (Updated 2015)

Background: The American Friends Service Committee is a practical expression of the faith of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Committed to the principles of nonviolence and justice, it seeks in its work and witness to draw on the transforming power of love, human and divine. Founded by Quakers in 1917, AFSC was a co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947.

Programs: AFSC's major efforts are focused on criminal justice, economic justice, humanitarian assistance, immigration/migration, peace building/conflict prevention, and youth. Its current priorities include: Fostering Peace in Communities, Withdrawing U.S. Troops, Shaping a Just Federal Budget, Eliminating Nuclear Weapons, Strengthening Relationships that Prevent Conflict, Providing Peaceful Alternatives for Youth, Humanely Reforming Immigration Policy, Transforming Criminal Justice Systems, Meeting the Economic Needs of Communities, and Responding to Humanitarian Crises

Activities: In 2013, AFSC worked with farmers in North Korea to establish innovative farming techniques now in use on 23 farms. In the impoverished shantytown of Hatcliffe Extension,

Zimbabwe, AFSC trained women and men in trades like welding, carpentry, leatherworking, and peanut butter production. AFSC is working with dozens of partners to improve U.S. foreign policy, to focus not on identifying and destroying enemies but on solving problems to mutual advantage in ethical, effective, and cost effective ways. The Area Office of the Carolinas, located in Greensboro, is working closely with PFYM and we find our activities for their current initiatives (affordable communities (Economic Justice) and Immigrant Rights) to be in close alignment with ourselves. Clerk of Peace and Justice, Bill Jenkins, is also on the board of AFSC.

Concerns: Between 2007 and 2012 AFSC has lost 45 percent of its staff and 28 percent of its contributed income, but in 2012 and 2013 began to regain income and slightly increase staff.

• **Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF)**

65 Spring Street, Fredonia, NY 14063-2128 www.BQEF.org (Updated February 7, 2015)

Background: Bolivia, South America's poorest nation, has the continent's highest proportion of indigenous people. These people were oppressed in Bolivia for centuries, were not allowed to attend public schools until 1952, and still have only a fraction of the economic means and political power of those of European extraction. Bolivia's 30,000 indigenous Friends constitute the third largest Quaker population in the world.

Program: The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF) works with Bolivian Quakers to fund scholarships in public universities for Quaker students and to teach English in Quaker schools. BQEF has also introduced Alternatives to Violence (AVP) workshops in the three major cities and in the country's largest prison. A number of AVP facilitators have been trained and are functioning without international assistance. BQEF owns and manages a residence for secondary students who come to the town of Sorata from distant rural areas. Since Alicia Lucasi assumed management of the residence, the students have made remarkable academic advances. One student has won the mathematics award for the region and a university scholarship. More than fifty Bolivian Quakers supported by BQEF have now graduated from Bolivian universities and are now assuming leadership roles among Quakers and in the larger community.

Considerations: CHFM's has always contributed to the BQEF general fund and not to a particular student. BQEF asked Miriam Alave Condori, a dentistry student, to write personally to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to tell of her progress and illustrate with photographs the nature of her study.

Miriam Alave's scholarship was drawn from the pool in the general fund for all students and was not directly dependent on contributions from Chapel Hill Friends. Miriam graduated in 2014 in dentistry at the Public University of El Alto. During the academic year 2008-2009, Alicia Lucasi, a Bolivian Quaker teacher, served as a visiting teacher at Carolina Friends School. Hosts for Alicia from our Meeting have included Mike and Marsha Green, Pam Schwingl and Pat Mann, Aura and Brad Schwartz. Hank Elkins served on the BQEF Board of Directors 2007-11, clerked the Finance Committee and visited Bolivia on behalf of BQEF in 2007. Since tuition is free at Bolivia's public universities, a scholarship to sponsor a Quaker student for an entire academic year costs only \$750 and helps pay for books, meals, transportation, and other costs. Friends are invited to volunteer to teach English or computer literacy in Quaker schools in Bolivia.

• **Carolina Friends School (CFS)**

4809 Friends School Road, Durham, NC 27705 www.cfsnc.org (Updated Feb. 6, 2014)

Background: Friends in our Meeting joined Durham Meeting Friends to create Carolina Friends School on donated land in 1962 – at a time when NC was delaying integration of its public schools – to demonstrate that black and white students could learn together and to provide a progressive, child-oriented form of education. A part-time pre-school opened in the basement of our meetinghouse in 1965 and continues to operate as a full-time pre-school in the schoolhouse. It regularly receives "five star" evaluations from state inspectors.

Program: The Carolina Friends School carries out the faith, practice, and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends. These include the use of silent worship, the focus on building community, training in non-violent responses to conflict, the loving ways in which teachers relate to the students, and the encouragement given to students to "find their Light," to nurture their unique gifts, and to share them with the world. This school year, CFS is running a three-unit training in Quaker clerking for staff; and will offer a course in Quaker Advocacy in our Upper School, which will include attending the Friends Committee on National Legislation's Spring Lobby Weekend in Washington, DC.

Activities: CFS welcomes a wide variety of students, including many who, because of racial, cultural, sexual, physical disability, learning challenges, and other reasons are not served well in the public schools. Student diversity is reflected by minorities now representing 24% of the student body.

Included are African-Americans, Africans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, multi-racial, and multi-faith students. Teachers have an average of 20 years of experience, and half have graduate degrees. The main campus is on 121 rural acres between Durham and Chapel Hill and includes 14 classroom buildings, libraries, science and computer labs, art and music studios, theater, gym, meeting hall, playgrounds, and ball fields. It has grown to 480 students and 95 FTE staff members, pre-K through 12. Its annual budget is now approx. \$8,633,000 with an endowment of over \$9,100,000 as of June 2013.

Considerations: The Meeting's annual benevolence contribution to Carolina Friends School is designated to financial aid, enabling students who qualify for financial aid to attend CFS. CFS provides tuition aid to just over 25% of CFS students, a higher percentage than most other independent schools in our area. The difference between tuition charged and the actual cost of educating a child is more than \$2,600 per student. This is the policy in order to keep tuition as low as possible. Donations are a primary way CFS closes that gap and pays for the essentials of education at CFS. The major contribution CHFM already makes to CFS is the in-kind donation of the educational building for use of the CFS Chapel Hill Lower School. A conservative estimate of the value of that donation is at least \$12,000 per year. For its part, CFS maintains the educational building, the playground and half the cost of the parking lot. The School Board includes Quakers nominated by the Chapel Hill and Durham Friends Meetings. Matt Drake, Buffie Webber, Bill Jenkins,, and Pat Mann serve on the board from Chapel Hill Meeting. Friends are invited to volunteer to tutor, to teach a special class session, and to participate in CFS worship. Over the years, the experience of parents and children at CFS has attracted many members and attenders to our Meeting.

• Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL)

245 Second Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 www.FCNL.org (Updated January 20, 2014)

Activities: FCNL lobbies the US Congress and provides educational services to the Congress and the public to build US capacity for peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict, nuclear control and disarmament, demilitarization, immigration reform, cuts in military spending, green jobs, living wages, and countering global climate and is also engaged in strategic and capital development including involvement of young Quakers in policy work. The educational program now includes internet blogs, social media, YouTube videos, articles in the national and international press, including the Guardian. FCNL is bringing youth into sustained engagement and leadership as it draws on the wisdom of "weighty" Quakers. FCNL is also doing more grassroots organizing in the States and broadening the scope of foreign policy involvement.

Concerns: Nancy Milio served as Clerk and member of the FCNL Policy Committee for 8 years, and continues as a member of the governing General Committee. Contributions increased sufficiently to allow restoration of staff salaries after the salary and benefits cuts 2009-11. However, funds are not large enough to replace all laid off staff. Thanks to the enlarged donations by longtime donors, the reserve funds, which were drawn down by the recession, have been restored.

- **Interfaith Council for Social Service**

110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510, www.ifcweb.org (updated January 9, 2014)

Background: Since 1963, the Interfaith Council has provided shelter, food, direct services, advocacy and information to people in need.

Activities: In 2013, the 50th Anniversary Year, IFC has continued to provide 82,389 meals and shelter to about 600 people. At the same time IFC has increased the number of bags of groceries from 17,000 and provided emergency funds to more than 800 people. The annual CROP walk, from which IFC receives 25%, brought in \$48,000 this year, up from \$30,000. The RSVP (Restaurants Sharing 10 Percent) earned \$21,000.

Considerations: Members in 1963 of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, notably Gerry Gourley and Mildred Ringwalt, were instrumental in its founding. Members of the Meeting's IFC representatives (2013-14) were: James Bartow, Emilie Condon, Francis Coyle, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Lauren Hart, Dottie Heninger, Marie Hopper, Karen Merry, and Carolyn Stewart, . Individual members prepare and serve lunch for about 90 people in the Community Kitchen every first Thursday and provides food items each first Sunday, "IFC First Day". Many members and attenders participate in the annual CROP walk and RSVVP programs.

- **NC Council of Churches (NC Interfaith Power and Light)**

1307 Glenwood Ave., Suite 156, Raleigh, N.C. 27605-3256 www.nccouncilofchurches.org and

www.ncipl.org (Updated February 6, 2014)

Background: North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL) <http://www.ncipl.org> is a program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. It is one of the 30 state affiliates of the national Interfaith Power and Light, which works with over 10,000 congregations to promote positive environmental change around energy and global warming. The mission of NCIPL is to work with faith communities in North Carolina to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and offer practical solutions, through education, outreach and public policy advocacy. The Council has worked for justice on behalf of immigrants, the environment, sustainable local agriculture, and health care. North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light works with faith communities to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and promote practical solutions, through education, outreach, and public policy advocacy.

Activities: NC Interfaith Power & Light currently offers four programs, free of charge: (1) Energy Efficiency Audits: Offered since 2007, these audits by professional engineers identify low- or no-cost ways your congregation can save energy, reduce utility bills, lower the carbon footprint. (2) Cool Harvest: making the food-faith-climate connection: The story of our food, what we choose to eat, where it comes from and how it is produced, has a lot to do with our collective impact upon climate change. Explore eating and cooking in a way that: Reduces the collective carbon footprint, Improves health, supports local agriculture (3) Earth Sabbath Celebrations: Hour-long, contemplative and experiential services utilize readings from many faith traditions. (4) Solar Clearing House: This is a suite of resources- financing models, a how-to-guide, and a collection of NC Congregational success stories. Network with other congregations in North Carolina, share resources, innovations and success stories from congregations in various stages of project completion. NC IPL offers expertise and resources on the science of climate change, how climate change affects individual and community health, how congregations can support the transition to a low-energy future locally and nationally, and how individuals and congregations can engage in advocacy for 21st Century energy policy from the local to the international level.

- **NC Warn**

PO Box 61051, Durham, NC 27715-1051, www.ncwarn.org (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Even as our society struggles with psychological denial over the climate crisis, NASA climate expert Jim Hansen is now bluntly calling climate change a planetary emergency.

Program: To meet this emergency, NC WARN, the foremost environmental justice organization in North Carolina, is waging an effective battle by combining scientific research and activism. NC WARN seeks to create a healthy, just and prosperous North Carolina that produces energy sustainably and uses it efficiently. North Carolinians can do this by: (1) Achieving a 25% reduction in electricity demand by 2025 through efficiency and conservation, (2) Diversifying our electricity mix to include 25% renewable energy by 2025, (3) Eliminating the use of coal to produce energy by 2030, (4) Preventing new nuclear power plants and retiring old facilities as soon as possible.

Activities: Recently NC WARN won a hard-fought case to unseal the “secret deals” Duke cut to win merger support from its largest customers. They exposed that those deals would cost families and businesses \$100’s of millions and helped weaken the Duke-Progress argument for further rate hikes to give them the ability to build unneeded nuclear power plants. While Duke-Progress and others are urging the construction of new nuclear plants, NC WARN is helping to lead the federal lawsuit to block the US nuclear revival. NC WARN has exposed a smoking-gun document that shows Duke Energy hid the multi-billion dollar Crystal River nuclear fiasco from regulators, the public and shareholders until just a few weeks after the Duke/Progress merger closed.

- **Orange County United in Community Effort (Justice United)**

<http://www.ocjusticeunited.org/> (Updated 2015)

Background: Justice United is a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith, multi-issue, strictly non-partisan citizens' power organization dedicated to making change on social justice issues (affordable housing, healthcare, education, living wages) affecting residents in Orange County.

Program: This is done through: (1) institution-based leadership development, (2) building relationships within and between institutions, (3) identification of and research on issues of mutual self-interest, 4) training sessions in which the participant congregations are invited to be educated on a variety of topics ranging from voting rights to public speaking (Justice United Academy)

Activities: Priorities for the next two years include, but are not limited to 1) Day laborers 2) Affordable communities 3) affordable housing in particular 4) disaster management in communities (with focus on Hillsborough and surrounding areas) 5) immigrant issues. Over the last year Orange County Justice United have instigated and completed successful actions at two communities (with regards to tenant conditions). Also El Centro Hispano is launched this year, which was a long-term project. We see numbers of active communities in Justice United grow with large number in attendance at events and actions. The power of community organizing has taken great shape and effect in the form of OCJU in the last year in particular (2014-15)

Consideration: Naveed Moeed, Miriam Thompson and Alice Carlton all serve on sub-committees with Justice United. Justice United has developed closer ties with CHFM, in particular with regard to the Affordable Housing project. They are keen to leverage our involvement with prisoners at OCC to let their voices be heard in the wider community; into other congregations and local community leadership, in order to affect change. As such this speaks closely to what we do at CHFM. In addition to this their work with both laborers and Democracy Now/voting rights, ties into activities which we are involved in heavily at our meeting.

- **Orange County Peace Coalition**

(Updated January 20, 2014)

Activities: The Coalition organizes events for Memorial Day, Hiroshima Day, vigils, demonstrations, forums, and other activities within Orange County to promote peace. The Coalition sponsored a forum, April 6, 2013 a forum entitled “Fair Tax and Budget for All.” Following the forum, the OCPC successfully petitioned the Orange County Commissioners, the three towns and two school boards in the county to ask our congressional delegation to bring the war dollars home. In addition to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, participating organizations include the Coalition for Peace with Justice, Community Church, the Church of Reconciliation, Elders for Peace, the Ethical Humanist Society,

Peace Action, Peace 1st, St. Thomas More Church, Veterans for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom –Triangle Branch, and others. Ruth Zalph, and Hank Elkins participate in the bi-monthly planning meetings.

- **People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (PFADP)**

110 W Main St, Carrboro, NC 27510 www.pfadp.org (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: People of Faith against the Death Penalty (PFADP) is a grassroots effort that seeks to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in North Carolina and the United States. Founded in 1994 in North Carolina, it is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, and interfaith organization.

Program: The organization motivates citizens to testify and advocate for inmates on death row, conduct vigils, and lobby state legislators to abolish the death penalty. On Christmas morning there is a vigil and carol singing outside death row at Central Prison in Raleigh. PFDP was a strong supporter and activist in the passage of the Racial Justice Act in the North Carolina legislature. Since the law's repeal, PFADP continues to try to get it reinstated.

Activities: While located in Carrboro, its staff travels widely throughout the state and has begun getting businesses to take a position against the death penalty.

Consideration: Nancy Elkins participates in this organization.

- **Planned Parenthood of Central NC**

P.O. Box 3258, 1765 Dobbins Drive, [Chapel Hill www.plannedparenthood.org/centralnc/](http://Chapel%20Hill%20www.plannedparenthood.org/centralnc/) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina, Inc. (PPCNC), an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, was founded in 1982 by a group of five retired women who were committed to the Planned Parenthood mission.

Program: Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina provides education programs, health care, and advocacy to help reduce unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, especially among teens, people with limited incomes, and the uninsured. PPCNC offers confidential and affordable care, including birth control consultation and supplies, emergency contraception, gynecological exams, cancer screenings, pregnancy testing, STI testing and treatment, and HIV testing. Last year, PPCNC's three health centers in Chapel Hill, Durham, and Fayetteville provided 13,260 preventive health care visits, including more than 1,200 Pap tests and clinical breast exams and 8,000 screenings for STIs. PPCNC dispensed 13,412 cycles of birth control, including pills, the patch, the ring and 2,005 long-acting contraceptives. PPCNC's Education Department has had a long-term, positive impact on the sexual health of our community. The goals of PPCNC's education programs are to delay initiation of sexual activity, improve contraceptive use for sexually active young people, and prevent pregnancy and STIs among teens and emerging adults. The programs promote positive sexuality, healthy behavior, and responsible choices through medically-accurate, comprehensive sexuality education.

Consideration: Unfortunately, the North Carolina Legislature has begun implementing changes that will dramatically affect a patient's ability to access care. In March, 2013, the state legislature decided not to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals making less than \$15,000, which effectively denies greater access to lifesaving medical care for nearly half a million North Carolinians. Further affecting North Carolinians is the recent passing of the Targeted Regulation of Abortion Provider (TRAP) bill could hold abortion clinics to the standards of outpatient surgery centers, which will require costly renovations at two of our three health centers.

- **Quaker Earthcare Witness**

PO Box 6787, Albany, CA 94706, info@quakerearthcare.org (510) 542-9606

Activities: Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEWF) maintains that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth's ecological integrity. As a network of Quakers and other like-minded people in North America, QEWF takes action to address the environmental and social crises of the world from a spiritual perspective. Emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies, QEWF supports legal, technological, and educational reform and maintains a representative at the United Nations. The current representative, Mary Gilbert, facilitated a forum at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) is working closely with QEWF to implement one of FCNL's adopted priorities: support legislative solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate disruptions. Simultaneously QEWF seeks to facilitate transformation of human attitudes, values, identity and worldviews that underlie much of environmental destruction. QEWF also coordinates with Friends Committee on Consultation. QEWF facilitates workshops on earth literacy and makes mini-grants to groups who propose projects to confront global warming. QEWF publishes numerous materials including books, pamphlets, study guides, journals, newsletters and eco-bulletins. In Costa Rica, QEWF oversees "The Beautiful Farm" project.

- **Quaker House**

223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301 www.quakerhouse.org (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Quaker House celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009. It was a sanctuary for GI's protesting the Vietnam war and continues to serve estranged military personnel both on site, in the brig, and through its GI Rights Hotline. Fayetteville is the home of Ft. Bragg, one of the largest military bases in the country. It provides the economic base for the very conservative town. The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting was instrumental in the founding of Quaker House after a soldier from Ft. Bragg came to our meeting asking for help. Ft. Bragg is now building a drone testing base and it has expanded its Special Forces and psych-ops operations.

Program: In its first year under new directors Lynn and Steve Newsom, Quaker House has reached out to Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg by establishing new programs: a Domestic Violence Victims' Support Program and Alternative to Violence Project training. Their protest at the gates of Ft. Bragg against militarized drones drew participants from as far away as Ohio. Quaker House sponsored forums on human trafficking, drones (featuring Medea Benjamin), torture and domestic violence. The Baptist Peacemakers of North America came to Quaker House for a "Friendship Tour" and featured Quaker House in their newsletter.

Lynn and Steve attend Chaplains' Meetings at Ft. Bragg and the chaplains came to visit Quaker House for the first time in Quaker House history. The directors attend Behavior Health Professional Meetings which include members of the military; Lynn is on the Board of the Rape Crisis Center; and Lynn attended the annual "Forward March" conference, a gathering of military with civilians to learn about the mental and behavioral health problems the military is facing and how the civilian community can help. Lynn was able to speak about the work of Quaker House.

Quaker House continues to work with QUIT (the Quaker Initiative to End Torture) and NCSTN (North Carolina Stop Torture Now) to work against torture, to support John Kiriakou, and encourage people to send postcards asking Senators Burr and Feinstein and President Obama to release the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on torture.

Quaker House counselors, Lenore Yarger and Steve Woolford, continue to be very busy with soldiers who need help. They take 14,000 calls a year from GI's and others regarding Conscientious Objection applications, PTSD, injury and suicide prevention. There is an increase in Conscientious Objection applicants and soldiers who are being released involuntarily from the military on trumped up charges such as "personality disorder" when they actually have PTSD and/or TBI. Quaker House is blessed to have a psychiatrist who volunteers her time to diagnose these soldiers correctly. Steve and Lenore have been contacted by the media for information on these cases. Quaker House is helping many service members receive the medical benefits they deserve.

Quaker House continues to offer Mindfulness classes which are very helpful to soldiers suffering from PTSD and TBI. The Alternatives to Violence Project training attracted military social workers and a chaplain. The information on it was sent out by email to the mental and behavioral health professionals at Ft. Bragg by the Family Advocacy program director there. The Domestic Violence Victims' Support Program provided counseling to many victims, many of whom come regularly each week for therapy. Our therapist, Joanna, has attended events in the civilian and military communities to speak about our program and raise awareness of the problem. She was, along with Lynn, interviewed on a local radio station. The interview can be heard at our website.

Considerations: After ten years of effective service, Chuck Fager has retired, and Lynn and Steve Newsom the new directors of Quaker House have completed one year of service. They share one modest salary. Quaker House had increased expenses 2012-3 because of the transition of leaders. Quaker House is seeking to broaden its base of donors and reduce its dependence on a few large donations. Bob Gwyn, from our meeting, was particularly active in founding Quaker House. Four members of our meeting currently serve on the board: Maria Darlington, Pam Schwingl, Curt Torell, and Ruth Zalph.

• **Right Sharing of World Resources**

101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374-1926, Tel: (765) 966-0314, www.rswr.org (Updated January 2015)

Description: Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) is a Quaker organization that supports local initiatives for micro-enterprises in the "two-thirds world." Right sharing means wealth redistribution or jubilee justice. RSWR provides grants and loans of \$5,000 or less for start-up projects that must become self-sustaining. Most projects are designed to empower women to own economic assets through self-help groups. Projects must be compatible with three principles:

- Local self-reliance
- Sustainability
- Mutual support and accountability among group members.

RSWR efficiently uses its funds

- 71% in Program
- 14% Administration
- 15% Development outreach

This year there are 27 new projects in India, Kenya, and Sierra Leone.

MINISTRY & WORSHIP BENEVOLENCES:

• **Friends Journal**

A monthly magazine devoted to communicating contemporary Quaker experience. The focus is Quaker thought and life today.

• **Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns**

A Quaker faith community within the Religious Society of Friends. FLGBTQC seeks to know that of God within ourselves and others. We seek to express God's truth in the Quaker and in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transsexual/transgender communities, as it is made known to us.

• **Friends General Conference**

Provides services and resources for individual Quakers, Quaker meetings and people interested in the Quaker way. The work of FGC can be summarized into three areas of endeavor: Help meetings deepen Quaker worship and practice Support a loving Quaker community Support Quaker outreach.

- **The School of the Spirit Ministry**

Serves all those who wish to be more faithful listeners and responders to the work of Christ, the Inward Teacher. The ministry is grounded in prayer and offers programs rooted in the Quaker contemplative tradition of the living silence.

- **Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF)**

A collective of Friends (Quaker) Meetings and Worship Groups in North Carolina and nearby areas that gathers for worship and fellowship in the spirit of Friends' quarterly meetings.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BENEVOLENCE:

- **Friends Center at Guilford College**

A collaborative endeavor of the school and the Religious Society of Friends. Its mission is to provide programs that nurture servant-leaders both at Guilford College and in the wider community through activities grounded in prayer, informed by Friends' faith and practice, nourished by worship and spiritual formation and brought to fullness in Quaker community. The Friends Center sponsors the Quaker Scholars Program at Guilford College, as well other aspects of campus ministry.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING APRIL 2015

The B&G Committee currently includes as members: Bill Cleaver, Lynn Drake, Dottie Heninger, John Hite (ex-officio), Don Hopper (clerk), Richard Miller, David Schneider, Tom Smith, Wendy Michener. Dottie joined the committee last summer. Kathy Davis resigned recently for personal reasons. We miss her. We all work well together and have had a good year with all of the members serving and helping with tasks.

John Hite continues to serve as resident. He tends to take care of and coordinate requests for building use. He keeps B&G informed of issues concerning the care and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. John is a major benefit for B&G and the Meeting. We thank him for his efforts.

The renovation plans for the downstairs of the Meetinghouse have taken up a large share of the committee's attention this past year. Including the idea of creating a contiguous resident's apartment added a new dimension to the downstairs renovation. A subcommittee was formed and met several times to generate ideas and plans to take back to the full committee. Many thanks to Wendy for the uncountable number of drawings and plans she good heartily created. ARE sponsored three forums which helped inform the Meeting and B&G as to how to proceed. At a second presentation to MWAB the Meeting came to unity behind a configuration of the downstairs space that included a contiguous resident's apartment. B&G is now charged with coming back to MWAB with pricing for the downstairs renovation project.

After meeting with the Shotts family the committee has turned some attention to the Memorial Garden area. The Shotts donated a new bench to be placed in the garden and a sign designating the area as the Memorial Garden. Goats and people cleared much of the unwanted foliage and plant material from the space. Work will continue to prepare sites to put plants in the ground this fall. The idea is to develop a screen of diverse specimens that will shelter the garden area from Raleigh Road.

Bartlett Tree Experts were contracted to clear dangerous limbs from the large oak trees in front of the Meetinghouse to reduce the likelihood of wind damage. Dense vine growth was removed from trees along the north property line to reduce the load on the trees. The ivy under the pine tree on the

east end of the Meetinghouse was chewed back by the Goat Squad and heavy duty landscape fabric and mulch were installed to make that area more manageable.

Other routine maintenance was carried out through the year as needed. Replacing light fixtures, switches, fluorescent light ballasts, repairing leaky and broken toilets and faucets, re-securing the exterior ramp-way handrail and arranging to have the exterior of the Meetinghouse professionally cleaned were all accomplished. B&G also held three work mornings (with marginal attendance by other than committee members and spouses) and an after Meeting leaf raking session (well attended).

Repainting the lines in the parking lot and clearing the parking lot drain are on the to do list for the CFS maintenance department.

See B&G description of the Committee's responsibilities in the Directory.

Submitted for B&G Committee, Don Hopper

RE-ORGANIZATION OF PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Current Organization:

Peace and Justice (Annual Report February)

Peaceandjustice@chapelhillfriends.org

[committee members ~11 of which 4 active]

This committee is responsible for providing a focus for these issues; it helps the Meeting be aware of background and current information, it publicizes opportunities for action to bear witness to our concerns, it provides linkages between the Meeting and other groups in our community and beyond. Listed in this committee are only a fraction of those active in the Meeting in peace and social justice issues. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

Revised Organization

Peace and Justice (Annual Report March)

peaceandjustice@chapelhillfriends.org

[committee members – 4 or 5]

This committee is responsible for bringing forward to the Meeting, Peace and Justice concerns. Many in our Meeting are active and bear witness to our concerns; the small group in this committee seeks to bring new issues to the attention of the broader Meeting so that those called to action can organize. The committee provides background and current information, publicizes opportunities for action and if discerned recommends the formation of ad-hoc groups to work with other groups in our community and beyond. Attendance at committee meetings is open to all.

Recommendation to change the composition and remit of Peace and Justice

With the large number of social concerns and peace activities “in flight” and a challenge for resources Peace and Justice are looking to take on a larger co-ordinating role for 2015-16. It is clear there is a strong need to maintain our social witness and to co-ordinate the activities we do with the wider world of Peace and Justice – both Quaker and non-Quaker. We also wish to be able to increase participation of CHFM and support our members in current as well as new efforts. In an era of social media where events move quickly this is a new and evolving paradigm; we need to respond accordingly and we rise to the challenge of fashioning a new Peace and Justice to meet the fresh demands on our time and energy.

New remit

Previously Peace and Social Concerns, now Peace and Justice, has been the primary facilitator of linkages between the Meeting and groups outside it. In this role it has also made recommendations on

our Benevolences, many of which have been based on the participation of committee members in the various organizations which we choose to financially support each year.

It is apparent from those Benevolences and the strong tradition of Social Witness in the meeting at large that very few *active* members of Peace and Justice can be involved with so many concerns, whereas the meeting at large has a much wider participation in all concerns.

We therefore propose a new remit for Peace and Justice such that information can be disseminated quickly and efficiently to the Meeting so that those who feel called to bear witness to a concern can organize and do so:

- Peace and Justice will act as a “funnel” through which communications to the Meeting from benevolent concerns (e.g. NC Warn, AFSC, FCNL etc. etc.) will arrive
- Peace and Justice will maintain two registers: one of events, the other of Concerned Friends. On receiving any information or rising to any concern, the committee will contact the Concerned Friend known to be associated with that concern
- The committee will also note the Concerned Friend alongside any events associated with a concern. For example:

Date	Event	Who to contact (Concerned Friend(s))
19 March 2015	Forum against Islamophobia at UNC	Naveed Moeed (naveed.moeed@physics.org , 434-203-8709), Miriam Thompson
April 2015	CROP walk (see newsletter)	Karen Merrey
22 April 2015	Protest against the closing of Mental Health resources for returning citizens at OCC (see listserv announcement)	Hank Elkins, Alice Carlton

- The committee will issue this each week and it will be the responsibility of two co-clerks to have this sent for posting to the listserv, every Sunday evening. This may be in addition to any, more detailed, announcement on the listserv
- Should the committee discern and thus recognize that a new initiative, larger effort, epistle, press release or other greater action is required by the Meeting it will formulate a recommendation to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business to formulate an ad-hoc working group or committee under the care of the Meeting (not Peace and Justice) to follow-through with action and report on it. MfWwAtB would then ask for members of any such group
- The committee will continue to maintain the list of Benevolences but instead of compiling the report on Benevolences themselves, reach out to Concerned Friends
- The committee will issue a report on the Meeting’s Peace and Justice activities (other than those which have their own report e.g. Transition and Support)

New structure

To have 4 or 5 members with defined roles.

- 2 co-clerks, responsible for maintaining the event register (and by default also a list of concerned friends)
- 2/3 members-at-large who will assist with discernment and preparing the list of benevolences. They would contact Concerned Friends to help prepare the Benevolences report

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT MARCH 2015 CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING

The mission of the Hospitality Committee is to create a welcoming and supportive atmosphere within our Meeting. To that end, we manage the potluck lunch the first Sunday of each month, schedule greeters before the 11 am Meeting for Worship, welcome visitors and newcomers to our Meeting, assist with special occasions such as holiday parties, weddings, and memorial services, and work with the Care and Counsel Committee to provide meals for members in need.

Potlucks: Committee members oversee potlucks on the first Sunday of each month following the 11 am Meeting for Worship. We are grateful for help with set up and clean up which seems readily available. To ease the cleanup tasks, we have begun inviting Friends to bring their own plates and cutlery for the reward of a place at the head of the line. We keep track of and purchase supplies such as lemonade mix, utensils, etc. We follow the detailed checklist for clean up requested by the director of the CFS Early School. The list is posted in the kitchen for any Friends who use the space.

Greeters: Committee members take turns as greeters for the 11 am Meeting for Worship. The greeter welcomes people into the meetinghouse, giving special attention to visitors who are invited to sign the guest book, make a name tag, and given written material to help orient them to worship. The greeter also acquaints visiting parents with children to the options for childcare and First Day School. The greeter arrives at the door at 10:45 am, rings the bell at 11 am to signal the beginning of worship, and guides latecomers to wait in the library until the children leave at 11:15 am.

Visitors and Newcomers: We host Fellowship after Meeting in the library to foster community and give visitors and newcomers an easy way to meet more of us. The scheduled greeter brings a plate of something enticing. We keep extra cookies and snacks on hand to supplement that offering. Visitors who leave their mailing address also receive a hand-written note of welcome with a special invitation to the monthly potluck on the first Sunday. We use note cards with a Meetinghouse photo on the front. Any email addresses are sent to publications to be added to the listserv. We provide materials for making name tags and urge all members and attenders to remember to wear their name tags. We invited newcomers to lunch before the March 23 CROP walk again this year. Due to low attendance at previous newcomers events, this fall we mailed invitations to a reception Nov. 8, 2014 at the home of Joanna Selim. Despite sending over 40 invitations, we still had low attendance. We will try something again in the spring, perhaps again in conjunction with the CROP walk.

Special Events: We provided refreshments for the memorial service for Ruth Hamilton's son, Brendan Wolberg, November 22 as well as food for the family's dinner that evening. We helped with a reception for engaged couple, Andrew Barker and Alex Hearsey June 29 and another reception for newlyweds Nick and Cara Mann on December 28. We organized a Thanksgiving potluck that six people attended. At the last minute the location was moved to the home of Alice Carlton and David Curtin. A good time was had by all. We also assisted the Children's Religious Education Committee with the December holiday party, organizing finger food and helping with set up and clean up.

Care: We collaborate with Care and Counsel to provide meals to members and attenders in need and invite everyone to volunteer in this effort as needed.

Respectfully submitted: Allison Campbell, Alice Carlton (convenor), David Curtin, Nancy Fisher, Eloise Grathwohl, Wendy Michener, Stuart Phillips, Joanna Selim, Monica Severino, Carolyn Stuart, and Buffie Webber.

2015 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE TRANSITION & SUPPORT COMMITTEE

(4/19/15)

The Transition & Support Committee has continued its work with men now living at or recently released from Orange Correctional Center in three main ways: (1) meeting with and helping men at OCC (2) taking some of these men from OCC on part-day passes outside the prison (often but not always to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting) and (3) directly helping those with little or no family support to get back on their feet after they are released. Below we describe those activities for this past year in more detail.

Working with Men Inside Orange Correctional: The primary channel for meeting with men at the prison is as part of the regular Tuesday evening meetings of the North Carolina Yokefellow Prison Ministry. Opportunity to share fellowship in this way was limited by the fire that took place at the prison last summer, which forced the vast majority of the men to be moved to other prisons and shut down all prison programs, including Yokefellow meetings. These programs were not restored until December of last year.

In addition to the Yokefellow meetings, committee members have regularly tutored men at the prison in both computer skills and reading—some members volunteering as much as four hours each week in these activities.

Working with Men Outside of Orange Correctional: Five members of our committee have been approved to take qualified men from Orange Correctional out on community-volunteer passes: Paul Munk, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, David Schneider and, very recently, Hank Elkins, who obtained the state-mandated training in February.

Although the prison fire curtailed the opportunities to take men out this past year, many of them have been regularly visiting the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in 2015. In addition, members of the committee have taken men out on passes for other purposes: to obtain Social Security cards, picture IDs or driver's licenses; to help prepare food at the Interfaith Council's shelter; to attend Martin Luther King Day activities at the First Baptist Church in Carrboro; to attend Narcotics Anonymous meetings; to shop at Walmart; to submit employment applications at Joblinks; to attend Mennonite services; to perform music at a local church; or just to enjoy some informal fellowship. Members of our committee also served as witnesses at Donte' Humphrey's wedding.

Helping Men with the Transition from Prison: Our committee has offered support to five recently released men this past year, all of whom obtained employment. All but one also obtained permanent housing. We celebrate the extraordinary perseverance and hard work of these men. We also applaud the contribution of the IFC Community House for initially housing three of the five.

Unlike the committee's OCC community volunteers, who must be men, the committee's support circles included both men and women. An essential component of their support was to contact each man prior to his release: to understand his interests, to establish goals, and to plan for transition. The support circles our committee offered were small, nimble, and intensely active, particularly in the early days after release.

Committee members serving on those support circles tirelessly helped men get to various destinations so that they could obtain driver's licenses and Social Security cards, set up bank accounts, and look for permanent housing. An outer support circle also helped these men as need arose. Below we detail how these men have fared and some of the assistance we offered. (Their initials only are used here to help guard their privacy.)

R. B.: Released September 9, 2013 after 9 years, 9 months in prison

***Housing:** While incarcerated, R. B. had worshipped at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and became a member. Upon release, he moved to Newport News, Virginia to be near his fiancée. There he got a job and enrolled in barber school and worked to pay for barber school and rent his own apartment.

***Employment:** R. B. is now working as an extern in the Dr. Cutz Barber Shop in Newport News and completing the last two months of barber school.

***Transportation:** R. B purchased his own car in Newport News.

***Sponsor:** A support circle at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

D. B.: Released December 21, 2013 after 8 years in prison

***Housing:** Initially housed at Oxford House, D. B. subsequently rented his own small apartment.

***Employment:** D. B. had worked as an electrician for twenty years prior to his incarceration and after his release found electrical, plumbing, yard and maintenance work by word of mouth. At least half a dozen members of the Church of the Advocate hired him for a variety of jobs. The Advocate was busy putting an 1890-era chapel together after moving it from near Winston-Salem, and D. B. worked on the chapel for the electrical and painting contractors. He also worked part-time as groundskeeper and handyman for the Advocate and did maintenance work for his landlord.

***Transportation:** The Church of Advocate purchased a scooter for D. B.

***Sponsors:** A support circle at the Church of the Advocate plus friends at Carol Woods.

***Death:** D. B. died October 9, 2014 after being diagnosed with liver cancer on August 25.

B. S.: Released December 23, 2013 after 35 years in prison and 2 years in jail

***Housing:** B. S. stayed at the IFC Community House until June, when he moved to a HUD-subsidized apartment for seniors.

***Employment:** B. S. works as a paralegal with multiple attorneys to assist men currently incarcerated.

***Transportation:** B. S. has purchased his own car.

***Sponsors:** IFC Community House, a support circle at Chapel Hill Friends, and the Furniture Project.

S. T.: Released April 4, 2014 after 15 years in prison

***Housing:** S. T. stayed at the IFC Community House until September. He now has an apartment in Durham obtained through the Veterans Administration.

***Employment:** Initially S. T. solicited day labor jobs on Jones Ferry Road; later he obtained a landscaping job. Currently he works at Williford Electric in Franklinton.

***Transportation:** S. T. has purchased his own car.

***Sponsors:** IFC Community House and a support circle at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

I. B.: Released December 14, 2014 after 11 years in prison

***Housing:** Initially at the IFC Community House, although we understand I. B. has since left.

***Employment:** Initially at Pizza Hut on S. Estes Drive since December 22, although we believe he may no longer be working there. We suspect that I. B. may be struggling and need support more than ever.

***Transportation:** I. B. adeptly combines bicycle and bus.

***Sponsor:** IFC Community House and a support circle at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Financial Challenges: Our committee has faced an odd challenge with regard to finances. We've had funds budgeted to provide snacks for the men at one Yokefellow meeting and also to compensate committee members for the cost of providing men from OCC with lunch while they are out on passes. But we've used only a small fraction of what's been budgeted to us because those committee members have been reluctant to request reimbursements.

The reasons for this reluctance are mixed. One issue is simply the complexity of determining what exactly an appropriate expense is (just the guest's lunch? The host's too? A mileage reimbursement?). Another is a difficult-to-describe change in the human connection being forged when the breaking of bread starts to resemble a business lunch. We have approached the Treasurer to explore solutions.

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Presented on behalf of the Transition & Support Committee: Paul Munk (clerk), Melvin Burton, Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Michael (Hakeem) Dalton, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Barbara Fedders, Nancy Fisher, Thomas Charles (TC) Jones, Ann Kessemeier, Kuldip Kuwahara, Rita Kuwahara, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Stuart Phillips, David Schneider, Bill Schweke, Ann Shy, Cris Skinner.

Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

Sun. 5/3	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Worship Sharing with Attention to Animals (see page 3)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations, Baby Welcoming
	1pm	Transition & Support Committee Meeting
Tue. 5/5	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/8	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/10	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Spiritual Reading, Musical Reflections, Group Conversation
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 5/12	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 5/14	7-8:30pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 3)
Fri. 5/15	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/17	8am	Meetinghouse open for worship
	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:00am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 5/19	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 5/22	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
	7pm	Intergenerational Games - Schoolhouse (see page 2)
Sun. 5/24	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Action on Quaker Values in a Conservative Environment, as Expressed Through FCNL
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness - Schoolhouse
Fri. 5/29	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sun. 5/31	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Welcome to the Chapel Hill Early School
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 6/2	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 6/4	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 6/5	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Sun. 6/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: tba
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
Tue. 6/9	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 6/12	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting
Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
 531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 929-5377

Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
 Forum at 9:45am; Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
 First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm
 Clerk of the Meeting: Tom Munk (919) 537-9203
 Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, www.chapelhillfriends.org. The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to news@chapelhillfriends.org or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.
- Listserv. To send a news or "In the Light" announcement on the Meeting listserv, contact news@chapelhillfriends.org. Please include “listserv” or “in the light” in the subject line. This listserv goes to about 280 people. Do not submit personal information about someone else unless you know he/she wants to share. Subscribe to the listserv at www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html.
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Help Update the Directory!

The Publications and Communications Committee wants your current address, phone number, and email. Contact us with changes or to **verify that your information is still accurate**. If you don't, we will call you. The deadline is June 1st.

Here are the ways to submit information:

1. Send us an email at directory@chapelhillfriends.org.
2. Fill in the form and leave it in the Newsletter mailbox.
3. Fill in the forms by the poster in the foyer.

Thanks for your help getting the directory out on time!

Name: _____

My information is correct.

My information has changed:

Include any information that you would like to appear in the Directory. Only list children who are under 21. Young adults can have their own listing, if they would like to.

Adult#1: Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

___ Member of CHFM ___ Member of the Religious Society of Friends.

Adult#2: Name _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

___ Member of CHFM ___ Member of the Religious Society of Friends.

Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

Children: