

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

August, 2016



## Monthly Query:

*Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?*

## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

Your silent prayer and openness to Spirit are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community.

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## Upcoming Forum Schedule

Forums will return in the fall.

## Poem in *Friends Journal* by Kitty Bergel

In June 2016's issue of Friends Journal, Kitty Bergel had a poem published. Read the poem at <http://www.friendsjournal.org/kitty-bergel-poetry/>.

## **Carol Woods Meeting Site**

The site for the Carol Woods Meeting for Worship has been changed: after coming in at the main entrance, turn left and go to the first room (beside the Assembly Hall).

## **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing**

The Care and Counsel Committee invites you to a Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing on Thursday, August 18 from 7 to 8 PM at the Meetinghouse. If you would like to submit your name or the name of a relative or friend in need of healing energy, to be read at this meeting, please send it to <[raphael@email.unc.edu](mailto:raphael@email.unc.edu)> by August 17 at the latest.

## **Refugee Support Group Status**

Our refugee family arrived Wednesday evening July 27. They are a family of six: a husband (age 49), a wife (age 43), and four children (a boy age 17, a girl age 15, a girl soon to be 8, and a boy soon to be 6). They are currently staying in a temporary home in Hillsborough, but will be moving to an apartment in Carrboro when it becomes available near the end of August. We will be sending out a note in the e-news when we know the exact date, and hopefully we can get some help at that time with trucks and people to help move furniture that has already been donated. We are in the process of helping them get social security numbers, school registration, medical visits, and other services that they qualify for. We also have been meeting with them for ESL lessons daily, and have a curriculum that we are following. For continuity's sake, we are trying to keep the number of ESL instructors relatively low. There will be times in the next few months that we will need help from additional drivers or other support for these functions; please contact us if you might be available. We do have several translators helping us, and one has been present or available by phone for each meeting we are taking them to.

We have coordinators for the various tasks that may need to be done. Please use the Meeting directory for phone numbers if you have trouble contacting coordinators, or email Ann Shy. Please contact them if you can help or want to find out more:

**Furniture or other donations:** Alice Carlton ([amberalice@mindspring.com](mailto:amberalice@mindspring.com)) and Monteze Snyder ([monteze.snyder@yahoo.com](mailto:monteze.snyder@yahoo.com))

**Fundraising:** Tom and Bonnie Ludlow ([tomludlow@juno.com](mailto:tomludlow@juno.com), [bonnieludlow@gmail.com](mailto:bonnieludlow@gmail.com))

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**Healthcare:** Monica Severino ([severino.monica@gmail.com](mailto:severino.monica@gmail.com))

**Employment:** Jack Wolf ([jackhwolf@yahoo.com](mailto:jackhwolf@yahoo.com))

If you have trouble contacting the coordinator or have other questions, please contact Ann Shy ([annshy44@gmail.com](mailto:annshy44@gmail.com)).

# **Supporting Snow Camp Outdoor Theater**

The forum on Snow Camp Outdoor Theater's *Pathway to Freedom*, based on NC Quakers and the underground railroad, was moving, musically rousing, and so supportive of Quaker testimonies. Here are some ways to get involved:

## **1. Volunteer Your Time**

There are ALWAYS things to be done on site. And during the shows! We need volunteers to help out in the box office, the ice cream shop, the gift shop, and the concession stand. Can't commit to the particular show dates? We're around all day. Even if it's just weed-eating or raking, every little bit of help is appreciated!

## **2. Volunteer Your Skill**

Can you do something specific? Carpentry, plumbing, electrics... those things are always in demand. This site is more than 40 years old--updates are needed every year! Have a skill in designing, or marketing? We can use that, too! Know someone who organizes group trips of students, seniors, daycares, etc.? Put them in touch!

## **3. Donate Items**

Plastic bins with good lids are essential to keep costumes, paperwork, props, etc., organized and safe throughout the year. Cleaning and stationery supplies, sewing materials, nails, screws, etc., are always in demand.

## **4. Tell People About the Shows**

Facebook, Twitter, email, word-of-mouth--let people know about the shows! You've seen bits about Pathway, but we also have two children's shows AND a drama camp! Help us spread the word. We're happy to send you brochures, as well.

## **5. Come See the Shows...**

...and keep holding us in the light. The most important things of all!

You can contact Jessica Nunn at [snowcampoutdoortheatre.com](http://snowcampoutdoortheatre.com) any time! And thank you all for your overwhelming support!

# **Naveed Moeed featured in QuakerSpeak**

"In these times of rising anti-Muslim sentiment, how can Quakers demonstrate our spiritual conviction of equality?" Chapel Hill Meeting member Naveed Moeed is featured in a recently produced video in the QuakerSpeak weekly series. Visit <http://quakerspeak.com/can-quakers-combat-islamophobia/> to view the video and participate in discussion.

# **Clearness Committee Video**

Jan Hutton recommends this QuakerSpeak video, about serving on a clearness committee: <http://quakerspeak.com/serve-quaker-clearness-committee/>

# **Racial Equity Training and Availability of Financial Support from Shotts/Leadership Development Committee**

Considering all the challenges we face in our world right now, members and attenders may wish to explore possible participation in "Racial Equity Training" (REI) from Organizing Against Racism, NC. Trainings are scheduled in both Chapel Hill and Durham: <http://www.oarnc.org/events/>

The Shotts Memorial/Leadership Development Committee, which is not need-based, offers funding support for your growth as a Quaker and as a leader. Racial equity training would fall under this rubric. Please read for more information:  
<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/ShottsLeadershipFunds.html>

## **2016 Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting Epistle From the First Annual Sessions, Third Month, Eleventh Day 2016**

Greetings to Friends Everywhere,

We offer warm and tender greetings to Friends everywhere from Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting and Piedmont Friends Fellowship, who met together on the campus of Carolina Friends School in Durham, North Carolina on March 11-13, 2016. We came together joyfully to celebrate the first annual meeting of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting. Formed under the auspices of the wider Piedmont Friends Fellowship, and currently made up of six monthly meetings and one worship group, Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting had its formational meeting in March, 2015. At the end of our first year as a yearly meeting, Friends experienced joy, excitement, and promise as we realized how productive our work together has been in establishing the framework of a yearly meeting and building the community that gives it life. We met jointly with Piedmont Friends Fellowship for this annual spring retreat and gathering, so Friends had opportunities for worship, fellowship, and participation in the business sessions of both groups.

The first blush of Spring on the campus, with singing birds and early flowering trees and shrubs, was a beautiful reflection of the hopefulness that permeated our gatherings. This love and optimism were further magnified by the presence of our youngest participant, two-month-old Zeb Barnhardt-Hornsby, who slept and gurgled peacefully in the arms of his parents Christin Barnhardt and Gary Hornsby throughout the weekend.

Max Carter, recently retired director of the Friends Center at Guilford College, shared with us his thoughts on the current events among the various branches of Friends in North Carolina, drawing interesting parallels between the Hicksite and Orthodox separation in 1827 and modern day North Carolina Friends. In another session, Max provided us with a brief history and update on Friends' work in Ramallah, Palestine, and addressed the prospects for a peaceful solution to the continuing Middle East conflict.

Listening to Max Carter and thinking about 350 years of Quaker history in North Carolina, juxtaposed with attending the first annual sessions of Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting, brought to one Friend the phrase, “new growth from old wood.” Within this context we gave thanks for:

Our hope for the future of our fledgling yearly meeting  
The empathetic clerking and diligent recording of our first annual session  
The feeling of love among us sparked by the presence of baby Zeb  
The appointment of a young Assisting Clerk who will rise next year to Presiding Clerk  
The detailed work done by our representatives to Interim Meeting  
Our shared concern to lift up the need for care of the environment among all our meetings  
The sharing and fellowship of meal-times together

During the second annual session, monthly meetings and worship groups were asked to share their responses to the query, “What has most been on the heart of your meeting this year?” A representative from each meeting rose to share the response, with time between each contribution for worship and reflection. One meeting spoke of their journey beyond the words “welcome” and “inclusiveness” as they seek a spirit of deep welcome to all. Another shared their experiences with their on-going ministry to individuals in a nearby correctional center. One meeting, never before affiliated with a yearly meeting, found the discernment process on affiliation with Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting to be a healthy and helpful exercise as Friends worked toward unity. One meeting spoke of their peace witness; another about their work to raise awareness of earth care; and another about their ministry of delivering food boxes and providing medical transportation for those in need in their community. One meeting spoke of profound loss as beloved Friends had passed from this life this year. We were moved by how this sharing deepened our sense of the larger community. It allowed us to better appreciate and affirm one another in the variety of ministries to which we are called, and reminded us that all of our contributions are part of a larger witness in this world. Like the making of a great quilt, we are each working to complete the work on our own square, while also weaving a covering of love, light and hope for the world around us.

When the Yearly Meeting attendees were asked to share their reflections on our time together, some of the aspects of the gathering that were lifted up included the fun and learning from the cooperative bridge building exercise; the tenderness of the meetings’ responses to the query; the joy of being together, face to face, for the first time since last year; and the attentiveness and involvement of all the meetings.

We were blessed during our weekend to have among us Peter Blood and Annie Patterson, compilers and editors of the “Rise Up Singing” series, who shared their ministry of music. One of their songs clearly expressed the message of hope that we celebrated during our annual sessions together:

Give Light  
And people will find the way  
Give Light

And people will find the way  
Give Light  
And people will find the way I do believe

In Love, Light, and Hope.

Marian Beane, Presiding Clerk Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting 11th of Sixth Month, 2016



## BYO Plate

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and we thank the meeting for continued help with potluck cleanup. However, large attendance does create a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

## **Minutes of the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB)**

Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

July 17, 2016

Attendance: Kitty Bergel, James Harper, Robin Harper, Monteze Snyder, Emilie Condone, Faye Stanley, Dottie Heninger, Tom Munk, Annette Broadwell, Buzz, Ben Ray, Dave Curtin, Alice Carlton, Ronnie Harris, Carolyn Stuart, Ric Shepherd, Ken Grogan, Asta Crowe, Richard Mill, Julia Cleaver, Maura Murphy, Jeff Brown, Lynn Drake, Donald Hopper, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkings, Naveed Moeed, Joshua Cashell, Anthony Clark, Edward Seat, Jeffrey Cates, Joyce Munk, Paul Munk, Tom McQuiston, John Hite, Jennifer Leeman (Recording Clerk), and Matt Drake (Clerk)

1. Worship and query – “Is our meeting for business held in the spirit of worship in which we seek divine guidance?”
2. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda. Anthony Clark and Jeffrey Cates introduced themselves and were welcomed as first time attenders.
3. Minutes of the June 19, 2016 MWAB – **Minutes were approved as written with thanks to Robin Harper for her many years as recording clerk.**
4. Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the proposed 2016-17 Budget. Maura Murphy, Treasurer, presented the proposed budget for 2016-17 with corrections made to the version presented last month (enclosed). **The budget was approved with appreciation to the Finance Committee and the treasurer.**
5. Proposed minute from the Care & Counsel Committee on alcohol on the Meeting’s grounds. Matt summarized the process that brought Care & Counsel to propose the minute, which has included a forum, consideration at a previous MWAB, and presentation of a full report at last month’s MWAB (available on the Meeting website).

Emilie Condon presented a letter to the Meeting on her concerns regarding this minute, which Matt read aloud (enclosed). Jennifer Leeman then re-read Care & Counsel’s report, on behalf of the committee.

A Friend noted that there are legal ramifications related to alcohol that may affect insurance coverage. One Friend shared Emilie’s concerns, but also recognized the factors outlined by Care & Counsel and is willing to lay down her concern. Buildings and Grounds Committee clerk, Don Hopper, noted the value of this minute, in that it provides clear cut guidance to his committee.

**The Meeting approved the minute: No smoking, alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons are allowed on the Meeting’s grounds, whether events are sponsored by our community or by others. Emilie Condone was not in unity with the decision.**

6. Recommendation from the Peace & Justice Committee (P&J) that the Meeting establish an ad hoc committee to begin a “year of exploration” about how the Meeting might respond to concerns for the welfare of animals. Naveed Moeed, Committee Co-Clerk, read the recommendation (enclosed). The core of the proposed ad hoc committee would be Robin Harper, James Harper, Richard Miller, and Annette Broadwell, and they are planning a forum for October. Robin Harper welcomed others to join the ad hoc committee. **The Meeting approved creation of the ad hoc committee under P&J and its year of exploration.**

7. Annual Report of the Peace & Justice Committee. Naveed Moeed, Committee Co-Clerk, read the report (to be printed in the October newsletter). **The report was accepted with appreciation.** Naveed also expressed his appreciation for Hank Elkins and his support, as Co-Clerk, over this past year.

8. Recommendation from the Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W) that the 11:00AM Meeting for Worship continue to close with a brief time for sharing individual joys and concerns. Jan Hutton, Committee Co-Clerk, reported on how M&W reached out to other Meetings to seek guidance in developing our approach to sharing joys and concerns. After an initial experiment where Friends were asked to share concerns prior to the close of Meeting and joys during announcements, a second experiment asked Friends to share both concerns and joys starting five minutes prior to the closing of Meeting, with the understanding that sharing may not be invited if Meeting is particularly rich and sharing would feel intrusive, and that Meeting will be closed no more than three minutes after noon.

A Friend expressed concern about "creeping programming in an un-programmed meeting for worship." Another Friend shared this concern, pointing also to the reading of the query, but also noted appreciation for the reading of the query and the joys and concerns. The time for sharing allows Friends to share their joys and concerns and to hear what is happening in the lives of others so that we might hold them in the Light. A Friend noted the value of holding a continuing concern for being mindful about the amount of programming we are introducing into our un-programmed meeting.

**Friends approved Ministry & Worship's recommendation to continue to invite joys and concerns five minutes prior to the close of the 11:00 AM Meeting.**

#### 9. Report from Buildings and Grounds Committee

A. Don Hopper, Committee Clerk, provided an update on renovating the meetinghouse. Not much has changed since last month. At the request of Finance Committee, they are working on developing an estimate of what it will cost to do the downstairs, upstairs, and outdoor renovations. This will require getting a structural engineer to advise on raising the ceiling – that meeting is set for Thursday. The Committee is comfortable with the estimate for downstairs, which is \$230,000 (and may well be less). Appreciation was expressed for the work of the committee and its clerk, Don Hopper.

B. Changes to the Building Use (rental) form (enclosed). The current rental form was created in 2002. The committee reported that it has updated the form to make clear that Meeting Committees may request an exemption to the policy that the space not be used for money making purposes (approved at a prior business meeting). The form has also been revised to reflect new, higher rental rates. Friends were invited to offer further suggested revisions to Buildings and Grounds.

**Friends accepted the Buildings and Grounds report.**

#### 10. Reports from the Finance Committee:

A. Meeting funds available for the meetinghouse renovations. Maura Murphy, treasurer, reported that we have \$160,000 in the Meeting's reserves that can be put toward the costs of the Meeting's planned renovation.

B. Kitty Bergel, Committee Co-Clerk, reported that Finance Committee has appointed a subcommittee to plan how best to raise funds for the renovations. The subcommittee includes Matt Drake, Convener, Maura Murphy (ex-officio as treasurer), Mike Jokinen, Tom Ludlow, John

Bell, Leslie Rountree, and Ric Shepherd. Donations for the renovation will likely be the primary source of funding.

11. Membership transfer of Monteze Snyder from the Hopewell Friends Meeting, Richmond, IN. Matt Drake read a letter from Susan Scott requesting that we accept Monteze Snyder's transfer (enclosed). **The Meeting approved the transfer of Monteze Snyder to our Meeting. A welcoming committee was established to include Kitty Bergel, Bettie Flash, Emilie Condon, Dottie Heninger, and Lynn Drake (convening). Julia Cleaver or Carolina White will record her as a new member of our Meeting. Emilie Condon will send a letter to Susan Scott of Hopewell Friends.**

12. Recommendations from the Nominations Committee. Carolyn Stuart, Committee Clerk, presented the recommendation that Lloyd Kramer, Lori Fernald Kamala, and Monteze Snyder join the Mary & Claude Shotts/Leadership Development Committee and that Stacy Sewall join the Children's & Youth Religious Education Committee. Carolyn noted that three people are requested for the leadership committee in preparation for a large turnover in membership next year. **Friends approved the recommendations.**

13. Announcements:

- No MWAB in August. Meeting for Healing, Thursday eve, Aug 18.
- Committee Clerks' Retreat, Saturday AM, Sept. 10.
- Next MWAB: Sunday, September 18.
- Quaker contemplative retreat, Avila Retreat Center, Durham, Sept. 15-18.
- Jan Hutton has "Make America Kind Again" buttons available.
- Tom McQuiston is looking for volunteer mentors to serve on teams working with youth experiencing problems with drug use. They particularly would appreciate a bi-lingual woman.

14. We closed with worship and a circle of Friends.

### **Letter Regarding Transfer of Monteze Snyder**

Dear Friend,

As the former clerk of Hopewell Friends Meeting, I am requesting that Monteze Snyder be accepted as a transfer member to your meeting. She was an active member of Hopewell Friends Meeting until it was laid down. She offered spiritual guidance in unprogrammed worship time and was a generous Friend. I miss her loving presence.

If I may be of further assistance, please call me.

In peace,

Susan Scott

| <b>CHFM Final Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017</b> |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>6/26/2016</b>   |                  |
| <b>INCOME</b>  | <b>2016-2017</b> |
| Contributions  | 68,250           |
| Building rental  | 300              |
| Parking space rental   | 5,100            |
| Miscellaneous (Interest income etc.)                                   |                  |
| <b>INCOME TOTAL</b>  | <b>73,650</b>    |
|  |                  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  | <b>2016-2017</b> |
| <b>Obligations:</b>  |                  |
| Bank Fees  | 50               |
| FDS Coordinator/Childcare  | 6,000            |
| Insurance  | 5,400            |
| Utilities  | 6,000            |
| Software license fee and Help Desk Fee                                 | 860              |
| UBIT, Storm water Drainage Fee   | 1,100            |
| <b>Obligations Total</b>   | <b>19,410</b>    |
|  |                  |
| <b>Committees:</b>   |                  |
| Adult Religious Education  | 100              |
| Archives   | 200              |
| Buildings and Grounds  | 11,000           |
| Care and Counsel   | 200              |
| Children/Youth Religious Education                                     | 2,500            |
| Finance  | 100              |
| Friends Transition and Support   | 1,700            |
| Hospitality  | 300              |
| IFC  | 200              |
| Library  | 400              |
| Ministry and Worship   | 1,000            |
| Nominations  | 10               |
| Peace and Justice  | 300              |
| Publications and Communications  | 1,750            |
| <b>Committees Total</b>  | <b>19,760</b>    |
|  |                  |
| <b>Annual and Continuing Funds</b>                                     |                  |
| Care and Counsel- continuing   | 500              |
| Contingency- annual  | 1,000            |
| Leadership Development- continuing                                     | 50               |
| Meeting for Suffering- annual  | 110              |
| National Quaker Service- continuing                                    | 2,000            |
| Physical Plant/Meetinghouse Renovation                                 | 4,000            |
| Returning Citizens Financial Assistance-continuing                     | 50               |
| Youth Service Learning- continuing                                     | 800              |
| <b>Other Total</b>   | <b>8,510</b>     |
|  |                  |
| <b>Benevolences:</b>   |                  |
| ARE- Guilford College Friends Center                                   | 150              |
| M&W- FGC, FJ, PFF, SotS, FLGBTQC                                       | 1,400            |
| P&J- IFC, CFS, QH, FCNL, AFSC, QEWF, & 7 others                        | 24,420           |
| <b>Benevolences Total</b>  | <b>25,970</b>    |
| <b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>  | <b>73,650</b>    |

## **Letter from Emilie Condon**

28th day, Sixth month, 2016

I wish I were easy with Care and Counsel's policy recommendation that it has asked meeting to consider. And my ill-ease is exacerbated by an added wondering if the meeting is in unity over its initiating a no-spirits policy: at the least, the listening sessions reflected a spectrum.

Could the lack of unity I sense stem from the same core unease I have? That is, this is an abrogation of historic choice, a removal from principal celebrants and their committees the purview to create the menu of refreshments offered family, guests and F/friends here, in our spiritual home, on their special day, often for a once-in-a-lifetime event: as was the case on 18th day, Seventh month, 1988—then imprisoned hero Nelson Mandela's 70th birthday—to whom Peter and I dedicated the celebration of our marriage on that day.

What role does what any of us prefers, have in these deliberations? Stepping back to make way for what the celebrant friends wish is what is central: It is both a privilege and a duty to one another, in Friendship. With, or without spirits, as is preferred by the celebrants.

Along with lovely food, we served sparkling white wine, delicious, sans spirits cold and hot drinks. Neither of us, Peter nor myself, had a taste of the wine we served, nor were the kids poured a glass. Myself I loved the lemonade—but then again, I chose lemonade because I like the taste. And I like wine too but I was pregnant, so I didn't have spirits for a couple of years. And, although it might be high in fat and compromises heart-health, we served some finger food with beef—which this vegetarian also did not taste, but did have for others to savor. And sugary strawberry shortcake, our wedding cake, was not eaten by some.

Twenty-eighth day, Sixth month, 2014, the 45th anniversary of the Stonewall tragedy, our young Jimmy, whom I was carrying fully all those summers earlier, married in this self-same meetinghouse. He and his husband, Zac, were also married under the care of the Meeting, with wizard friends on their committees. I was so moved that they chose our spiritual home to begin the deeply spiritual journey of marriage. I was as moved that my god-daughter, Fanchon, who had been a young girl at her first wedding that summer of 1988, was present with her toddler, Cooper who was, she shared in Meeting, here at his first wedding, just as she had been long ago.

In 1988, this meeting entrusted a newly-arrived, 40-year-old, ever-so-riply pregnant Quaker bride, and groom, and our committees to forage for fun refreshments. The meeting trusted that of course we would make our way, with a little help from our committees' wizards, which included current Care and Counsel clerk.

I had wondered if a middle-way might be to suggest spirits currently available for sale in grocery stores. But no, I am not a principal celebrant so my thoughts are not a guideline. My celebration is done; and I really would like to entrust to future celebrants that which was so readily available to many of us.

My first word as a married woman—spoken to Peter as we shook hands and embraced—feels tenderly apropos here:

"Namaste" ('Spirit within me bows to Spirit within you; we are of One.'),

Emilie Condon, Trustee

## **Proposal from Peace & Justice Committee and the ad hoc Animal Welfare Committee**

**Mar. 12, 2016**

"Since its beginnings in the 17th century, the Religious Society of Friends has had an instinctive concern for animals. Quaker Faith and Practice states: 'Show a loving consideration for all creatures and seek to maintain the beauty and variety of the world. Work to ensure that our increasing power over Nature is used responsibly, with reverence for life.' George Fox, the first Quaker, condemned hunting and hawking. John Woolman, the 18th century American Quaker and anti-slavery pioneer, wrote: 'To say that we love God and at the same time exercise cruelty toward the least creature is a contradiction in itself.'

Last year our meeting was blessed to meet with the animals that form part of the families at CHFM, at our first-ever Meeting for Worship with Attention to Animals. Since this gathering there has been a growing momentum to highlight the plight and concerns of all animal life on this planet. With this in mind an ad hoc committee under the care of Peace and Justice was convened by Robin Harper to look at how our meeting could best work towards this need. An overwhelming range of issues come to the front: research animals, puppy mills, animal abuse, working animals, the environmental impacts of meat, the overpopulation of dogs and cats, and more.

The Light in this group, consisting of Emily Buehler, Annette Broadwell, Richard Miller, James Harper, and Robin Harper, was strong as they met with Peace and Justice at their most recent (February) meeting. Collectively there was unity in placing the following proposal in front of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business:

- To continue the work of the ad hoc committee in helping discern Chapel Hill Friends Meeting's heart and leading in how we are best to support the animal world
- To aid with this discernment by providing the Meeting a "Year of Exploration."
  - The first goal of this Year of Exploration is to present forums, write newsletter articles and lead small group discussions.
  - The second goal is to discern, from what we learn in these gatherings, how to best support animals, and recommend to Peace and Justice a new Benevolence recipient at the end of the year.

The world of animal related concerns is vast, Peace and Justice and the ad hoc committee have distilled the primary areas of concern, which will form the basis for the Year of Exploration:

- The consumption of meat and how this affects the lives of humans and animals:
  - cruelty-free farms
  - cruelty-free shopping o meat alternatives
- The lives of uncared for animals
  - care for and neutering of feral cat colonies
  - closing or regulating puppy mills
  - efforts to increase the number of no-kill animal shelters o relief for chained and stray dogs
- Working animals

- improved conditions or retirement of laboratory animals o improved conditions or retirement of working animals
- Endangered species
  - efforts to end poaching of endangered animals o protecting and increasing habitats

We are seeking the meeting's approval for Peace and Justice to move ahead with and support this effort and to maintain the ad hoc group for Animal Welfare under its care until such a time as it is appropriate to lay it down.

Naveed Moeed & Robin Harper 3/12/16

### **Request for Use of Building Application Form**

Name of Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Person responsible \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of group: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed activities \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

Second choice of date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: from \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_

One time use? \_\_\_\_\_ On-going rental/Frequency/Duration? \_\_\_\_\_

Choice of room(s) to rent: \_\_\_\_\_ Children? \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 for use of nursery)  
***\*\*groups are responsible for child care\*\****

School House Kitchen need? Yes/No Describe use (i.e., refrigerator, food preparation, coffee maker):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will your meeting(s) include a member or regular attender of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting? Yes/No

If yes, please provide name: \_\_\_\_\_

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The undersigned responsible person represents and agrees that:

1. The activities and mission of the group requesting use of the Meeting's space are consistent with the historic Quaker testimonies of peace, simplicity, community, equality, and integrity.
2. He/she will supervise the use, ensure compliance with all conditions of use, report and pay for any damage, and will hold the Meeting harmless from any liability.

**Signature of responsible person:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Quaker group? Yes/No Name of affiliated member/attender \_\_\_\_\_

**Total rent of \$\_\_\_\_\_ .00 is due at the time of the event.**

Paid \$\_\_\_\_\_ .00

Please make checks payable to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

*Approved, November 12, 2002 Meeting for Business  
Updated, July 10, 2016*

Chapel Hill Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514  
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## Information About Use of Building

### **Who is eligible to rent Meeting space?**

Only non-profit organizations may rent Meeting space. The activities and missions of the requesting organization must be consistent with Quaker Faith and Practice described at the CHFM website, [www.chapelhillfriends.org](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org)

1. Political parties may not rent space.
2. Meeting space may not be rented for fund-raising activities. Exceptions must be approved by either the Ministry and Worship or Care and Counsel Committee.
3. Committees of CHFM may request an exemption from Buildings and Grounds.

### **Description of meeting spaces:**

| Duration of event                                     |   | 2 hours | 4 hours | 8 hours |
|---|---|---------|---------|---------|
| Meeting room<br>(upstairs)                            | Seats 80-100 on 18 wooden benches and some chairs | \$50    | \$75    | \$125   |
| Meeting library                                       | Seats up to 12                                    | 25      | 45      | 80      |
| Common room<br>(downstairs)                           | Seats 20-30                                       | 20      | 35      | 60      |
| *Schoolhouse<br>multipurpose room                     | Seats 60-80 (folding chairs, tables in closet)    | 80      | 120     | 200     |
| *Schoolhouse<br>multipurpose room<br>with kitchen use |   | 100     | 175     | 250     |

\* Opening the Schoolhouse for non-CHFM use requires that a member or attender of CHFM open the building and provide some level of oversight for the activities.

### **General Rules:**

1. Groups must complete and sign this agreement form **prior** to using the space.
2. Groups must clean up and lock up after using the building.
3. Any damage to facility (walls, furniture, windows, etc.) must be reported at once to House Resident.
4. Children must be supervised. Use of the nursery in the Meeting House will be \$20.00.
5. No smoking, alcohol, drugs or weapons allowed.
6. Each group must identify a responsible member and provide his/her contact information. This individual will be responsible for follow-up on any concerns identified by the House Resident or CHFM.

### **Reduced rates are available for the following:**

Groups directly involved in community service or action consistent with the goals of the Meeting (e.g., peace, equality, economic justice) may ask that fees be reduced or waived; Building and Grounds will decide.

# Calendar

(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)

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| <b>Sun. 8/7</b>  | 8:30am<br>11am<br>11am<br>12:30pm              | Meeting for Worship (Early)<br>Meeting for Worship (Late)<br>Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods<br>Potluck—Schoolhouse  |
| Tue. 8/9         | 7–8pm  | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins  |
| Fri. 8/12        | 5–6pm  | Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd  |
| <b>Sun. 8/14</b> | 8:30am<br>11am<br>11am                         | Meeting for Worship (Early)<br>Meeting for Worship (Late)<br>Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods   |
| Tue. 8/16        | 7–8pm  | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins  |
| Thurs. 8/18      | 7–8pm  | Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing (see page 2)   |
| Fri. 8/19        | 5–6pm  | Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd  |
| <b>Sun. 8/21</b> | 8am<br>8:30am<br><b>9:00am</b><br>11am<br>11am | Meetinghouse open for worship<br>Meeting for Worship (Early)<br><b>Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business</b><br>Meeting for Worship (Late)<br>Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods                      |
| Tue. 8/23        | 7–8pm  | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins  |
| Fri. 8/26        | 5–6pm<br>7pm                                   | Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd<br>Intergenerational Games—Schoolhouse   |
| <b>Sun. 8/28</b> | 8:30am<br>11am<br>11am<br>noon<br>10pm         | Meeting for Worship (Early)<br>Meeting for Worship (Late)<br>Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods<br>Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse<br>Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter! |
| Thur. 9/1        | 9am–1pm  | CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter  |
| Fri. 9/2         | 5–6pm  | Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd  |
| <b>Sun. 9/4</b>  | 8:30am<br>9:45am<br>11am<br>11am<br>12:30pm    | Meeting for Worship (Early)<br>Forum: tbd<br>Meeting for Worship (Late)<br>Meeting for Worship—Carol Woods<br>Potluck—Schoolhouse  |
| Tue. 9/6         | 7–8pm  | Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins  |
| Fri. 9/9         | 5–6pm  | Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd  |

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
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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 Communications Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, [www.chapelhillfriends.org](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org). The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/contact.html).
- Website. To get items posted on our website, send them to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org).