

FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE

Announcements — March 16, 2008

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—Kenneth Boulding

Sunday March 16

8:30 a First Day School Cmte
9:30 a Forum: *Worship-Sharing on Forgiveness*
—David Anick

10:30 a Meeting for Worship
12:00 n Garden & Landscape Cmte
12:00 n Prayer Circle
5:00 p Meeting for Worship

Monday March 17

6:00 p Office Cmte
7:00 p Compassionate Listening Practice Group
7:00 p Trustees

Tuesday March 18

7:00 p Friends in Career Transition
7:00 p Ministry & Counsel

Wednesday March 19

Bulletin Deadline

8:30 a Meeting for Worship
6:00 p Sharing Circle
7:30 p Friends for Racial Justice Cmte
7:30 p Grants Cmte

Thursday March 22

6:00 p Nonviolent Communication

Friday March 21

10 to 2:30 Good Friday Witness for Peace

Saturday March 22

10:30 a A Course in Miracles
10:30 a Library Cmte
12:00 n Extended Worship

Sunday March 23

9:30 a Forum: *Childhood Remembrances of Easter*
—Thomas Patrick Ash

10:30 a Meeting for Worship
12:00 n Potluck Lunch
12:45 p Bereavement Group
5:00 p Meeting for Worship

Worship under care of Friends Meeting at Cambridge in other locations

Sundays at 10:00 South Shore Preparative Meeting, 86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham

Sundays at 10:30 Brookhaven Worship Group, 1010 Waltham Street, Lexington

Their Voices Will Be Heard

My Name is Rachel Corrie 4 p Saturday March 22
Pieces 3 p Sunday March 30

The Youth Program Cmte invites high school students of the meeting and their parents to attend two plays at the New Repertory Theater in Watertown: *My Name is Rachel Corrie*, about a young woman who was killed attempting to stop an Israeli bulldozer from demolishing a civilian home in the Gaza Strip, and *Pieces*, an autobiographical account of a young woman's two years in the Israeli army. The performances both plays will be followed by a post-show talk-back with the actress and a member of the artistic staff of New Repertory Theatre. In conjunction with the plays, the Theater is presenting "Their Voices Will be Heard: Artist Responses to the Israeli-Palestinian Situation," a series of staged readings, panel discussions, films, and an exhibit related to the two plays. www.newrep.org

Tickets are \$20; the Committee has purchased a block of tickets for each play; we will go and return together, and offer a follow up discussion at FMC. To reserve tickets or to inquire, contact Priscilla Ewen, , 617-513-2981, priscilla.ewen@gmail.com. We need to know as soon as possible who is planning to attend.

Good Friday Witness for Peace 10 - 2:30 March 21

On Good Friday every year, FMC sponsors this silent vigil outside the Park Street T station, which speaks to Boston for the Quaker peace testimony. Beacon Hill Friends House (6 Chestnut St) hosts the opening and closing of the meeting for worship and provides fellowship following the vigil. Please plan to attend.

2008 Directory

A proofreading copy of the 2008 Directory is available in Friends Center. Please check your household listing and make corrections, and also note any other errors you notice.

Youth Programs Coordinator needed

We are looking for a part-time Youth Programs Coordinator to work with junior and senior high students. Duties include organizing social, service and worship activities, including weekend retreats, with youth and adults; ensuring compliance with the Meeting's policies on Child Abuse Prevention and Response; outreach and maintaining contact with the youth; and participating in relevant committee meetings and other activities. A job description is available on the bulletin board. Ed Rodley erodley@mos.org Skip Schiel skipschiel@gmail.com

PARKING: On Sundays, please reserve the Meeting House lot and driveway for people with limited mobility. Thank you.

Compassionate Listening 7:15 Mon March 17

Following our November workshop, we are resuming our practice group. Please come even if you did not attend the workshop: we will have a group for those inexperienced with TCLP. David Rush 617-547-8467 or David Coletta david@colettas.org www.compassionatelisting.org

Extended Worship 12 to 3 Saturday March 22

All are invited to an extended meeting for worship in the style of early Friends. We will gather in the Meeting House for 3 hours with time for food and discussion to follow. While short absences for comfort or refreshment are expected, we hope that Friends will join us for the duration. We suggest reading Pendle Hill Pamphlet #366 by Marcelle Martin, *Invitation to a Deeper Communion*, which inspired us. We can provide a copy on request. Tom Ash 617-876-1868 or Paula Duggins 617-492-1496

Regina Dawn Akers 7 p Tuesday March 25

The Saturday morning A Course in Miracles group invites Friends to meet our guest and dear friend Regina Dawn Akers. Inspired by Peace Pilgrim and ACIM, she gave up her place in the corporate world to scribe the book *The Holy Spirit's Interpretation of the New Testament*, soon to be published. She will speak from this experience.

Friends United Meeting 7 p Weds March 26

Ministry and Counsel is sponsoring a visit from Sylvia Graves, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting, who will speak of the historical context for FUM, its spirit-filled ministry, and explore the challenges and complexities of the FUM personnel policy

Easter at Saint Paul's 10:15 a Sunday March 23

The high school class will be attending Easter Mass at St. Paul's cathedral 10:15 to 12:30 at 29 Mt. Auburn St.

Bereavement Group 12:45 p March 23

The bereavement group is a small drop-in group where participants can openly share grief and other feelings of loss regardless of whether recent or longstanding. George Campbell 617-527-8169 Mary Hopkins 617-389-2566

Quaker Tradition And Practice 7 to 9 p March 24, 31; April 7, 14

We will explore how Quaker history, belief, practice, and witness have evolved over the past 3½ centuries. This is an opportunity for everyone in the FMC comReadings are suggested but not required. Contact Tom Ash to register. 617-876-1868 fmcResident@iecc.com

FGC Gathering registration starts March 27

This year New England Friends are well-represented in the Gathering program. On Friday FMC's Mary Gilbert will speak on Freshwater Faithfulness. Peterson Toscano speaks Thursday, and Benigno Sánchez-Eppler will lead the daily Bible half hour. The Gathering will be in Johnston PA June 28 to July 5. Online and mail registration begin soon. www.fgcquaker.org/gathering

Risk Reduction Training 12:30 p Sunday April 6

Come and learn about FMC's Child Abuse Risk Reduction Policy, practices, Massachusetts mandated reporter law, and risk reduction principles. Childcare and light lunch will be provided. RSVP to Rebecca Grunko 617-666-8814 or rgrunko@yahoo.com

Because the charge of having killed Jesus became the basis for centuries of Christian persecution of Jews, many modern historians focus on Pilate's responsibility. ... Mark's readers knew what later readers forgot: that Jesus was the victim of local struggles for power. Responsibility for the death of Jesus lies at the feet of those who participate in the deceit and power politics that permit the casual sacrifice of innocent persons. Such phenomena have not vanished from our world. —PHEME PERKINS

Nor doth it murmur at grief and oppression

Must Christian Love move us to fat content
With the dark dismal mass of our distress?
And, wrapped in God, must we then blandly bless
Wretchedness, pain, disease, as Heaven-sent
To prove our virtue, channel our intent
Away from Earth, where power and lust oppress
The ancient-suffering seed of gentleness,
And wealth and health always for nought are spent?
Ah, never, never! If this thing were true,
That we are cattle, tortured, that God's grace
May shine: I would deny Him to His face.
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April Bulletin Deadline: midnight Wednesday March 19

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