

FRIENDS BULLETIN

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 2010

The concern of the Quaker, however involved it may be in the social order, is always grounded in the religious experience. To keep the relationship between the social concern and the experience of the inner light from becoming separate or separated from each other remains as a part of the constant struggle within the Society itself.

Howard Thurman, "Mysticism and the Experience of Love"

Pendle Hill pamphlet # 115

Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business:

1:15 pm Sunday January 10
Potluck Lunch at 12 noon

Tentative agenda for January will include annual reports from Marriage and Family Life, First Day School Coordinator, and Youth Programs Committees. Come and delve with us into the challenging and rewarding work of these committees.

All are welcome, newcomers and old-timers! We want to make childcare available so families can attend the business meeting. If you think you will need childcare please let Mary Coelho know a week in advance by email or phone, mccoelho@comcast.net or 617-876-1669. We will try to meet requests that are received three or more days in advance, but it may not be possible.

Forums are usually guided discussions in the spirit of worship-sharing, on topics central to Quakers and FMC. They take place in the parlor from 9:30 to 10:15 am on Sundays. Childcare is provided in the nursery beginning at 9:15. We shut the parlor doors at 9:30 because of the bustle of Friends arriving. If the door is closed when you get there, please slip in and close it after you. Out of respect for the presenters, please plan to arrive by 9:30.

Forums for January:

- January 3 *In the Days of the FMC Executive Secretary*
- Susan Davies, Harriet Noyes, Jonathan Vogel-Borne
- January 10 *Iraqi Refugees in Jordan*
- George Capaccio
- January 17 *Looking Back to Move Forward: Slavery in Brookline*
- Barbara Brown
- January 24 *A Spiritual Conversation with an Elder Quaker*
- Mildred Roberts
- January 31 *Quakers in Kenya: Friend Elphas Wambani & the Kakamega Project*
- Suki Rice

FMC Events and News

Fire in the Meeting House

Sun, Jan 3 & 17

Reminder: Following our practice of having a fire in the Meeting House fireplace each first and third Sunday at this time of year, there will be a fire on January 3rd and 17th.

Three Requests from Trustees

FMC needs a fairly portable printer for some of our office operations. It needs to be able to connect to a USB port on a laptop. If anyone has an extra one available we would appreciate the donation. Contact David White at 781-646-3760 or david@gilbertwhite.com

Anyone with the time, inclination and ability to search Craigslist for shutters for the Friends Center, please contact John Bach at 970-209-8346 or

johnbach@yahoo.com

We are also seeking a volunteer with Information Technology experience to help with our computers at FMC, to help setup and maintain a computer network, perform periodic maintenance on our computers and be available to respond when problems occur. If interested, please contact David White at 781-646-3760 or david@gilbertwhite.com

Annual Staff Evaluations: Your Comments Needed by February 28th

Your input as a member of the FMC community is needed to complete the meeting's annual staff evaluation process. All committees, members and attenders are invited and requested to send their comments and feedback on our principal staff: John Field, Facilities Manager; Linda Jenkins, Meeting Secretary; and Rebecca Grunko, First Day School Coordinator. (Because Tom Ash's service as Friend in Residence will end on June 30, 2010, he will not be formally evaluated this year.) Please consider both what is working well and what could be improved: What are the staff person's strengths in the job? Do you have any concerns or recommendations? The Personnel Committee would prefer to have comments e-mailed to david.anick@rcn.com but you can also drop a sealed note in the Personnel Committee mailbox by February 28th.

If you interact with nursery workers, the Youth Program Coordinator or other part-time staff, your input on their work is also welcome. If you care to comment on staff who work with youth, please email directly to Rebecca Grunko at rgrunko@yahoo.com or drop a sealed note in her mailbox in the Library. Comments about Center residents or those who host on evenings and weekends can be emailed to John Field at fmcFacility@iecc.com or sealed notes can go in his mailbox.

In carrying out annual staff evaluations, the meeting's supervisory and personnel committees rely on the candid input of members of our community. Among Friends, direct communication is often the best way to communicate concerns, and we encourage you to speak your appreciations and concerns directly to staff as seems appropriate. We also understand that genuine and appropriate regard for the feelings of others can prevent people from making critical comments. To encourage full participation in this important process, we will keep your name confidential if you so request. However, all comments must be signed in order for us to consider them. Our practice will be to include the authors' names with the comments when they go to staff, unless you have requested otherwise.

If you have a particular concern about some aspect of staff performance, and are reticent for any reason to submit that concern through the regular evaluation process, please speak with Jane Jackson or Wendy Sanford, co-clerks of Personnel, any member of the Personnel Committee, or with Nancy Ruggiero, presiding clerk of the meeting. All such conversations will be strictly confidential. Thank you for your help and guidance.

Jr. and Sr. High Parents' Tea *11:45 a Sun, Jan 3*

At the rise of Worship, please come to the Library to meet and talk with Charlene Vincent, the new Youth Programs Coordinator. Members of YP Committee will also be there and be providing tea, coffee and goodies. We hope as many of you who will be at Meeting that day will join us as a way to know each other better, share thoughts and hopes. For information contact Laura Wolfe at laurakwolfe@yahoo.com

All welcome to Newcomers Breakfast *9a Sun, Jan 10*

Newcomers, attenders and members are all welcome to discuss what brought us to Friends Meeting in Cambridge over breakfast, before meeting for worship. Sponsored by Fellowship & Outreach.

Meeting for Worship next to Textron Defense Systems

10:30 Sun, Jan 17

Join members of Cambridge Friends, every third Sunday, next to a sign reading Quakers Praying for Peace. We meet in worshipful silence adjacent to the grounds where Textron, Defense Systems manufactures the notorious cluster bomb. It should be noted that this gathering is a Meeting not a "protest". Its intent is, in part, to bring Friends closer together in an activity which touches us all as Quakers.

Directions: Exit 38 (just North of intersection with I-95) off I-93N. Go West to Wilmington 1.8 miles. Textron is on the left. Park on the left in an old parking lot just before the Textron parking lot. Carpooling from the meeting house is available, leaving at 9:45 am.

For information, contact Don Gianinny at dgianniny@rcn.com 617-787-0856 or Michael Carey at michale.carey@comcast.com or 617-497-6732.

4th Sunday Meeting Potluck *12n Sun, Jan 24*

This event will include members serving on FMC committees who will answer questions about their particular committee. Thinking of committee service or just curious? Please join us.

Prison Fellowship *5:30 p Tue, Jan 26*

After a break of several months, Prison Fellowship is reconvening. This will be a particularly good meeting for anyone with an interest in prison-related matters as we will be both reflecting back on the work we've undertaken over recent years and considering how we may be meant to continue over upcoming months - in our individual endeavors as well as in our joint fellowship. Those who can arrive early will share a pot luck supper beginning at 5:30 pm; and others will join later in the evening as their schedules allow. We'll begin formally addressing the evening's agenda around 6:30 pm.

Exhibits Reception for Sara Sue Pennell*12:15 p Sun, Jan 31*

Come to the reception for the exhibit in January and February, which will be a selection of Sara Sue Pennell's pastel paintings. A painter most of her life, Sara Sue started using pastels in 1987 after stopping full-time work at AFSC. She has done many portraits, including a self portrait every year - the Annual Report. Several of these are included in this show.

Reception to Celebrate the Work of Special Source***Grants Recipients****11:45 a Sun, Jan 31*

Friends who received grants for projects during 2009 will share brief reports and reflections, and grants approved at the December meeting for business will be announced.

Bereavement Group

The bereavement group is a place where participants can bring grief and other feelings associated with loss regardless of whether it is recent or long-standing. We can't meet the 4th Sunday but we are still available to meet as need arises. Please contact George Campbell 617-527-8169 or Mary Hopkins 617-389-2566 to make arrangements.

***Salem Quarterly Meeting at Fresh Pond Meeting:
Talking About Sexuality and Spirituality****12 n Sun, Jan 24*

Many of us long for greater integration of our sexual and spiritual selves; many of us wish that we were better equipped to talk with our children about our sexual values; many of us would like our meetings to be better places to find information, support, and guidance relating to issues of sexuality. Join us at the next Salem Quarterly Meeting at Fresh Pond Meeting, when our Young Adult Friends will lead us in exercises and conversations designed to move us past our fears and embolden us to contribute to our community's dialogue about the ethics and spirituality of sexuality. For more information on time, childcare arrangements, and our communal meal,

check the Salem Quarterly Meeting website, <http://www.bhfh.org/sqm/> or contact Judy Goldberger, co-clerk, Ministry & Counsel, quakerchild@gmail.com or 857-719-4057.

Looking Ahead***Aging Grace-fully****Sun Feb 21*

The True Story Theater (www.truestorytheater.org) will be coming to FMC to act out our stories on the theme Aging Grace-fully after a brown-bag lunch. All are welcome but older members and attenders are especially encouraged to attend.

Deadline for Winter Special Sources Grant***Applications****Wed, Feb 24*

Though this year's was the final gift from the anonymous donor that has funded the special sources grants for several years, the end of this source of support for the leadings of individual Friends is not *quite* nigh! A small amount of money remains, so the Special Sources Grants Committee is inviting applications for a mid-winter round, due February 24th. The committee particularly encourages the meeting's high school and college-aged youth to submit proposals for spring break or summer opportunities to pursue spiritual growth or further environmental, peace, or social justice, or other Quaker concerns. Applications will be available in the office beginning December 14th, and questions may be directed to co-clerks Cornelia Tierney (corneliatierney@comcast.net) or Lisa Lineweaver (llineweaver@gmail.com).

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Personal News of Members and Attenders

Paul Hare was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ben-Gurion University, Israel, when he died October 31, 2009 in Beer Sheva, Israel, from complications of a rare form of leukemia.

Paul's initiation to the Society of Friends occurred at Swarthmore College in the 1940s. His involvement continued as his professional career took him different places. He was an active member of Friends Meeting at Cambridge, Haverford Meeting, Radnor Meeting, Cape Town Meeting (South Africa); and served for 13 years on the Board of Pendle Hill. He participated in the American Peace and Civil Rights Movements, launching

fair-housing initiatives, supporting conscientious objectors in the US and South Africa, affiliating with the Gandhian movements in India and South Africa, and third-party mediating in Cyprus.

Paul was born in Washington, DC, attended Swarthmore College, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Chicago. In 1960, he joined the faculty of Haverford College. He founded the Center for Nonviolent Conflict Resolution. Two books—*Nonviolent Direct Action* (1968) and *Liberation without Violence* (1977) reflected Paul's passions during this period.

Paul is survived by his wife, their two sons, and four children from a previous marriage. Paul chose to be buried in the cemetery at Midreshet Sde Boker, in the heart of Israel's Negev. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to a peace organization of choice.

Chris Jorgenson will be a volunteer at Casa de Los Amigos (The Friends House) in Mexico City December 29, 2009 to April 12, 2010. The Casa is a Quaker guest house/conference center/ peace center that accepts guests at very reasonable rates -- please come and have a stay! The building is the former home and studio of Jose Clemente Orozco, and also home to Mexico City Friends Meeting. www.casadelosamigos.org or phone: 011-5705-0521.

Member **Allison Friedmann** writes: Paul and I are thrilled to welcome baby Maya to our family. She was born November 27th at 1:43 pm. She was 8 pounds 7 ounces and 20 inches long. All are happy and healthy.

Meeting new Members

Marcia Geyer: I'm a young senior, a Weymouth resident. I've attended South Shore Friends Preparative Meeting for almost two years, very grateful to find my denominational right fit. I had earned the M. Div and S.T.M. degrees (in Old Testament) in the 1980s. I tend toward the activist side of living my beliefs.

I'm working now toward creating a grants-search facility for smaller organizations working in poor countries, one that delivers matches for their project, country and type of organization. The scope will be limited, for feasibility, to grants for improving smallholder (= subsistence) farmers own food security in climate-challenged places or improving nutrition, yields and income. I seek partners with website and database tech skills – e-mail marcia.geyer@yahoo.com to explore an interest in participating. Basically, the idea is to facilitate grassroots organizations to fund self-help programs that cope with the world-shaming surge of severe hunger and destitution among the rural majorities of most African countries, the Indian subcontinent and parts of the Caribbean and Latin America. We passively, systemically, are hurting these sisters and brothers by the way we live here. This project will be a small piece of taking personal responsibility.

Kevin B. Connolly: I have been attending Friends Meeting at Cambridge (FMC) / Quakers since Sunday, January 4, 2009. I became a member of FMC in June 2009. Before this time I was on a spiritual journey. I was brought up as a Roman Catholic, but I left the church, in my early teens, because I had issues with this tradition / practice. I studied Sunni / Sufi Islam and looked into eastern faith traditions, but never found the right fit for me. What attracted me to Liberal Quakerism and FMC was and remains Quaker mysticism and the Quaker testimonies of peace, equality, simplicity and truth.

I was born and raised in Boston. I currently live in Watertown with the love of my life, fellow Quaker, and soon to be wife Catherine E. Preston. We have applied to be married under the care of the meeting. We plan to be married on June 26, 2010. Catherine and I are active within FMC committees. Catherine is a member of Earth Care Witness and I am a member of the Finance Committee. We wish and plan to be active members of FMC and do our part now and into the future.

Catherine E. Preston: Like my fiancé, Kevin, I started attending FMC last January. I have been a practicing Christian for fifteen years, but had difficulty finding a faith community that both embraced my beliefs and honored those of other people I love and respect. As my relationship with Kevin progressed, I felt strongly that it was important that we find a faith community and practice that we could both share and which would treat us both as equal members of the community. We took an online quiz through beliefnet.com which led us to investigate liberal Quakerism. I was drawn to values of the community which mirrored my own and the acceptance of my Christianity as well as lots of other world views.

I grew up in Princeton, NJ. I first came to Massachusetts for college, and moved back in 1999. I worked for the Community Development Department for several years before I went to law school. I am now an environmental and real estate lawyer, practicing in Framingham. I live with Kevin and our two cats, Guinness and Bailey's, in Watertown. We have applied to be married under care of the meeting and are looking forward to our June 2010 wedding.

The Wider Quaker World

The Cambridge Friends School

Cambridge Friends School invites all members and attenders of Friends Meeting at Cambridge to join them for Meeting for Worship, which is held throughout the school every Tuesday morning from 8:30 – 9:00 am. Most weeks Meeting takes place in individual classrooms, while there is a Meeting in the library open

to all adults in the community, usually attended by non-classroom staff and a few parents.

Six times a year, the whole school gathers for All-School Meeting for Worship. Each Meeting is focused around one of the Testimonies, and one or two classes usually have care of Meeting. Students work together to examine the particular testimony, to develop queries and

quotes to read in Meeting, and to create a related visual focus for the center of the circle.

January 12, 2009 will be the next All School Meeting for Worship when the focus will be the Peace Testimony. For directions and further information, contact Peter Sommer at 617-354-3880.

Quaker Studies Programs This Winter

Sign up now for local and online programs from Quaker Studies starting in January and February 2010.

January 12 - March 22 online,

Techniques & Technology - teaching online with Moodle,

with Sarah Spencer: \$25

January 10 - February 7, 7 pm – 9 pm, at FMC:

A Testament of Devotion...It really is for Quakers,

with Greg Williams: \$40

January 18, 7 pm-9 pm, Our annual free program in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. with our own Brian Corr presenting.

January 29 - 31 at Woolman Hill and then 8 weeks online:

Sabbath/Jubilee: Liberating Us All,
with Viv Hawkins: \$200

January 31 - March 13 online,

Introduction to Historical Jesus Studies,
with Andrew Wright: \$30

February 27, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, at Beacon Hill Friends House:

Standing in the Need of Prayer,
with Allison Randall: \$30

Advance registration is required. Register online at www.bhfh.org/qsp. For information, including tuition aid, contact the QSP Coordinator, Sarah Spencer, 617-965-7042.

Young Adult Friend Mid-Winter Retreat at Framingham

Jan 7-10

The annual New England yearly Meeting mid-winter retreat is always well-attended. It will be at Framingham Meeting. For information, contact Kim Allen at

YAF@neym.org or go to

<http://www.facebook.com/#/event.php?eid=225443325341&ref=ts>

Friends Camp Early Bird Savings Rate

to Jan 30, 2010

For our Jones, Dyer, Fox, Fell and Drama camps we are now offering our Early Bird tuition rate of \$740 for these two-week camp sessions. The Early Bird rate for the one week session of the Jones Camp is \$385. After January 30th our regular fees for the 2010 summer will be \$395 for one week and \$760 for all the two-week sessions at Friends Camp. To qualify for this Early Bird discount, complete the registration form and mail in a

check or go to the Friends Camp web page. To get this special rate you will need to make the full payment on or before to January 30th.

Midwinter Gathering of Friends for

LGBTQ Concerns

Feb 12-15

All Friends are warmly invited to the 2010 Midwinter Gathering of Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns at the Graymoor Spiritual Life Center in the Hudson Valley of New York State. Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a North American Quaker faith community that affirms that of God in all people.

Gathering twice yearly for worship and play, we draw sustenance from each other and from the Spirit for our work and life in the world. We are learning that radical inclusion and radical love bring further light to Quaker testimony and life.

Details on childcare, financial aid, transportation, our program, and the site are available online at <http://sites.google.com/site/midwinter2010> or by contacting us at nymidwinter@gmail.com, 410-236-3372. Registration materials are also available at that website. Register early to ensure on-site housing!

FWCC Annual Meeting

March 18-21

All Friends are welcome to come to the Annual Meeting of the Section of the Americas of Friends World Committee for Consultation near Baltimore, MD. Registration and information is now available on our website.

The FWCC Annual Meeting is the business meeting of Friends representing affiliated yearly meetings in the Americas and other interested Friends. It is also an opportunity for worship and fellowship with the wider Quaker world. Thus, business sessions, worship groups, regional meetings and workshops are open to all.

North Carolina pastor Deborah Suess will bring the keynote message on Friday evening, March 19th. There will be events specifically for young adult Friends who attend.

The North American YAF Gathering

May 28-31

Service Project

June 1-6

The North American Young Adult Friend planning committee is excited to announce that University Friends Meeting (Richmond IN) is inviting Young Adult Friends (aged 18-35) from across North America to come together Friday, May 28 - Monday, May 31, 2010, in Wichita, Kansas. It is our prayer that this will be a time for young adult Friends from a wide variety of Yearly Meetings to gather to worship God, share in fellowship, and grow together in our faith as Friends.

Following the gathering, there will be an opportunity for a shared service project, Tuesday, June 1 - Thursday, June 3. YAFs will work together to let our

faith shine, demonstrating our love for the people of Wichita. Finally, Thursday, June 3 - Sunday, June 6, Great Plains Yearly Meeting invites Friends to join them for their annual sessions, also held in Wichita.

For information, contact Kim Allen at yafcoord@neym.org or 207-754-9353.

Vacancies at the Beacon Hill Friends House

Beacon Hill Friends House is a Quaker-sponsored community of 21 people, open to people of all religions and backgrounds. Quakerism encourages peace and social concerns. We make decisions in house meetings using consensus. Everyone attends two house meetings a month, at least three of the five meals a week cooked by our kitchen manager, serves on a couple of committees, completes a chore once a week, and is generally helpful around the house. If you are committed to the challenge of making a home with individuals of diverse interests

and ages, our community may be an ideal place for you to live. Email the Residency Manager at directors@bhfh.org to request an application.

Quaker Stamps Project Moves to California

The Mattapoisett (MA) Monthly Meeting has announced that its Quaker Missions stamp project - operations are being transferred to the Claremont (CA) Friends Meeting. Donors of stamps, covers and picture postcards should now send these items to Earl Walker, Claremont Friends Meeting, 449, Alamosa Dr., Claremont, CA 91711.

Quaker Missions began operations in 1996. Since then, the project has donated more than \$75,000 to "good works" all over the world, most of them Quaker-related. The Claremont project will be named Quaker Missions West. It will be the distributor of the funds raised. .

Minutes, Committee Reports, and Other Documents

Minutes of the 2/08/2010 Meeting for Worship for Business

Friends Meeting at Cambridge met in a scheduled Business Meeting in Worship on first day, twelfth month 13, 2009, at 1:15 pm in the Meeting House with some 45 in attendance. During a period of open worship, Nancy Ruggiero quoted Francis Howgill (1656):

Return home to within...here you will see your Teacher not removed into a corner but present when you are upon your beds and about your labour, instructing, leading, correcting, judging, and giving peace to all that love and follow Him.

and Thomas Kelly, *A Testament of Devotion* (1941):

Deep within us all there is an amazing inner sanctuary of the soul, a holy place, a divine Center, a speaking Voice, to which we may continuously return. Eternity is at our hearts, pressing upon our time-torn lives, warming us with intimations of astounding destiny, calling us home to Itself.

Report on the Meeting for Worship at Textron on November 15 2009-94

For Peace and Social Concerns, Ghanda DiFiglia reported that the first Meeting for Worship at Textron, Defense Industries in Wilmington, consisting of 11 members of our community, had gone smoothly. A double-sided sign nearby read: "Quakers Praying for Peace." As the designated spokesperson, John Bach had good conversations with a security guard, a Wilmington police officer, and the Chief of Security. A number of

passing drivers honked their horns in apparent approval of the Meeting.

There will be a Meeting for Worship outside Textron each third Sunday; rides will be offered from the Meeting House.

The meeting accepted this report with appreciation.

Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness Annual Report 2009-95

For Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness, Gwendolen Noyes noted its annual report that had appeared in the December Bulletin. She then reported that CQEW and Trustees, as anticipated in minute 2008-1 of the January 2008 Business Meeting in Worship, had recently secured a proposal for engineering consultation that would lead toward energy neutrality for the Meeting. This proposal is now before the Trustees for their consideration, along with CQEW/Trustee recommendations for some modifications in it.

The meeting accepted this annual report with appreciation.

Trustees Annual Report 2009-96

For the Trustees, Jo Ellen Hillyer and David White presented their annual report. They emphasized that the Trustees have made an effort to increase their connections with a number of other committees. Jo Ellen and David therefore posed the question, "How can the Trustees improve communications even more?"

In response, it was suggested that committees in general might insert brief reports in the Bulletin. A display of committees and the attraction of younger members were proposed as well.

The meeting accepted the report with gratitude.

Presentation of Two Alternative Budgets for 2009 – 2010 **2009-97**

Following an initial presentation by the Finance Committee, of a 2009–2010 budget for the Meeting in April, and its interim approval by the meeting in June, the Finance Committee with Acting Treasurer William Satterthwaite brought forward two alternative budgets for consideration and final action. The first would continue Meeting-funded activity at its current level, as approved in June for the interim, while the second would tailor the activity level to last year's income. The cut required for this is 16%, which could occur in the areas of: office and administration, maintenance, committees, New England Yearly Meeting, Cambridge Friends School, and grants. In the second of the two budgets, the last two items would be eliminated, while the others would be decreased by 4% to 46%. The increase in contributions required to avoid these cuts would be 30%.

Wick Sloane asked for the development of a sense of the meeting around a balanced budget. A new emphasis on our mission was advocated. A new emphasis on fundraising within the Meeting to meet its budget also was advocated, including attention to our grant line item as well as to the rest of our Meeting budget.

The meeting united around continuation of the current operating budget, reduced by internal cuts that did not have severe consequences, with the explicit identification of the transfer from the reserves that would then be required for a balanced budget. After an extended discussion, the meeting accepted this budget with appreciation for the issues that it had raised.

Ad Hoc Fundraising Committee **2009-98**

The meeting approved formation of an *ad hoc* Fundraising Committee with Brian Corr as convener.

Special Sources Annual Report **2009-99**

For the Special Sources Distribution Committee, Lisa Lineweaver presented its annual report, with recommendations for four new grants:

- 1) Adriana Cabrera-Velasquez: \$2,000 for training by Christian Peacemaker Teams working in her native Colombia.

- 2) Christel Jorgenson: \$1600 for:
 - a) training manuals for, and transportation to, Alternatives to Violence Project trainings for Spanish-speakers in local prisons, with the hope the manuals can be used also in similar programs in Mexico; and
 - b) FMC Family Meeting curricula;
- 3) Minga Claggett-Borne, Severyn Bruyn, Don Gianniny, Jeremy Warburg Russo, and Kevin Thomas: \$2,000 to launch Nonviolent Peace Force training to develop leaders in conflict zones in Massachusetts; and
- 4) Ellie Kobek: \$250 for Do-It-Ourselves Skillshare workshops to teach urban sustainability through energy conservation and sustainable gardening.

After making these grants, Special Sources still has some money to distribute. The committee proposed a final round in the Spring and invited proposals furthering Quaker values. The committee particularly encourages the Meeting's High School and College age youth to apply for grants. Applications will be available in the office beginning December 13, and applications will be due February 24. Questions may be directed to co-clerks Cornelia Tierney (corneliatierney@comcast.net) or Lisa Lineweaver (llineweaver@gmail.com).

The committee will celebrate the work of recent and current special source grant recipients on January 31 at rise of meeting, in the parlor. Friends who received grants in 2008 for projects this year will share brief reports and reflections, and grants approved at the December meeting for business will be celebrated as well.

The meeting approved the grants recommended and accepted the annual report with appreciation.

Library Committee Annual Report **2009-100**

For the Library Committee, Jonathan Gilbert and Mary Hopkins presented its annual report, which had appeared in the December Bulletin. They asked the approval of the meeting to offer for sale at a realistic price duplicate books that appear to be worth \$10 or more.

The meeting approved the sale of these duplicate books and accepted the annual report with appreciation.

The meeting closed at 4:25 pm, preparing to meet again as the way opens in its scheduled business meeting in worship on first day, first month 10, 2010, at 1:15 pm in the Meeting House.

Nancy Ruggiero, presiding clerk
Bruce Steiner, recording clerk

Marriage & Family Life Annual Report

We had 2 marriages under our care in 2009. Both were unique and filled with joy. Kelley and David Huxtable married in June and are now expecting their first child. George Syrios and Joe McGinn (First time FMC married 2 men, Hurray!) also married in June and had already adopted 4 kids under 9 years old. It's wonderful when members of FMC turn out for these events even when they don't know the couple well. The Quaker wedding showcases a meeting covered in ways unlike our regular Sunday meetings.

Couples come to us to explore the dimensions of their relationship with a goal of having a celebration of commitment. Each couple crafts the occasion so as to listen to Spirit during the wedding. Declaring their vows to each other is the centerpiece of the Quaker wedding. The celebration brings together two different tribes; it lifts up commitment; it is spontaneous with a phenomenal amount of expectation. Imagine if in our regular worship time we were expecting people to announce a major life-change and to vow to commit themselves to love. Wouldn't that be a worship 'pregnant with possibility?'

Why are we called Family Life? Our committee of 7 certainly can't orchestrate all family life aspects of FMC. This dimension of our committee can hibernate until someone comes to us seeking support. We are ready to help in any difficult situations. We are grateful for the deep richness we experience in our work.

December 2009

Elizabeth Claggett-Borne, clerk,
George Cambell,
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Susan Knight,
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January 2010 Calendar

Sun	3	9:30 a Forum: <i>In the Days of the FMC Executive Secretary</i> - Susan Davies, Harriet Noyes, Jonathan Vogel-Borne 10:30 a Meeting for Worship ☸ 10:30 a Family Meeting for Worship 10:30 a Jr/Sr High Meeting for Worship 11:45 a Jr/Sr High Parents' Tea 12:00 n Prayer Circle 12:30 p Reorganization Working Group Threshing: <i>In the Days of the FMC Executive Secretary</i> 12:30 p Quakers and the Wisdom Tradition 5:00 p Meeting for Worship	Sun	17	9:30 a Forum: <i>Looking Back to Move Forward: Slavery in Brookline</i> - Barbara Brown 10:30 a Meeting for Worship ☸ 10:30 a Meeting for Worship near Textron Defense Systems, Wilmington, MA 12:00 n Gardening & Landscaping Cmte 12:00 n Prayer Circle 12:30 p Quakers and the Wisdom Tradition 5:00 p Meeting for Worship
Mon	4	6:00 p Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness Cmte 7:00 p Fellowship & Outreach Cmte	Mon	18	11:59 p Bulletin Deadline
Tue	5	7:00 p Ministry & Counsel 7:00 p Friends in Career Transition 7:00 p Membership Cmte	Tue	19	7:00 p Ministry & Counsel 7:00 p Friends in Career Transition
Wed	6	8:30 a Meeting for Worship 6:00 p Sharing Circle (sponsored by Prison Fellowship) 7:30 p Peace & Social Concerns Cmte	Wed	20	8:30 a Meeting for Worship 6:00 p Sharing Circle (sponsored by Prison Fellowship) 7:00 p Nominating Cmte
Thu	7	7:00 p Cmte for Care & Support 7:00 p Personnel Cmte 7:00 p Marriage & Family Life Cmte	Sat	23	10:30 a Library Cmte
Sun	10	8:30 a Youth Programs Cmte 8:30 a First Day School Cmte 9:00 a Newcomers Breakfast: all welcome! 9:30 a Forum: <i>Iraqi Refugees in Jordan</i> - George Capaccio 10:30 a Meeting for Worship 12:00 n Monthly Meeting Potluck Lunch 1:15 p Business Meeting in Worship 5:00 p Meeting for Worship 6:00 p Young Adult Friends Potluck	Sun	24	9:30 a Forum: <i>A Spiritual Conversation with an Elder Quaker</i> - Mildred Roberts 10:30 a Meeting for Worship 12:00 n Potluck Lunch (sponsored by Fellowship & Outreach Cmte) 12:00 n Salem Qtr. Meeting at Fresh Pond 1:15 p Adjourned Business Meeting in Worship 5:00 p Meeting for Worship 6:00 p Young Adult Friends Potluck
Mon	11	7:00 p Trustees Cmte	Tues	26	5:30 p Prison Fellowship 7:00 p Membership Cmte
Tue	12	7:30 p Friends for Racial Justice Cmte FORJ	Wed	27	8:30 a Meeting for Worship 10:15 a Bulletin Folding 6:00 p Sharing Circle (sponsored by Prison Fellowship) 7:15 p Membership Cmte
Wed	13	8:30 a Meeting for Worship 6:00 p Sharing Circle (sponsored by Prison Fellowship)	Sun	31	9:30 a Forum: <i>Quakers in Kenya: Friend Elphas Wambani & the Kakamega Project</i> - Suki Rice 11:45 a Special Sources Grant Recipients' Reception 12:15 p Exhibits Reception for Sara Sue Pennell
			every Sat		9:30 a Alcoholics Anonymous (open meeting)
			every Sat		10:30 a A Course in Miracles

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Under the care of Friends Meeting at Cambridge

Meetings at 5 Longfellow Park
Sundays 10:30 am
5:00 pm
Wednesdays 8:30 to 10 am

South Shore Preparative Meeting

New England Friends Home
86 Turkey Hill Lane, Hingham
Sundays 10:00 am
Jim DeVeer, 781-982-0653

Worship Group at Brookhaven

1010 Waltham Street, Lexington
Sundays 10:30 am
Arthur and Sara Sue Pennell
781-862-8180

Other nearby worship opportunities:

Acton Friends Meeting

Minute Man ARC
130/150 Baker Avenue Extension
West Concord
Sundays 10:00 am

Amesbury Monthly Meeting

120 Friend St, Amesbury
Sundays 10:00 am

Beacon Hill Monthly Meeting

Beacon Hill Friends House
6 Chestnut Street, Boston
Sundays 10:30 am

Cambridge Friends School

CFS Library, 5 Cadbury Road
(off Sherman St), Cambridge
Tuesdays 8:30 to 9:00 am

Framingham Friends Meeting

841 Edmands Road, Framingham
Sundays 10:00 am

Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting

at Cambridge Friends School
5 Cadbury Road, Cambridge
Sundays 10:00 am

Jamaica Plain Worship Group

trailer of First Baptist Church
633 Centre St, Jamaica Plain
2nd Sunday 6:00 pm
potluck 5:00 pm

Lawrence Monthly Meeting

Forest Street Union Church
15 Forest Street, Methuen
Sundays 2:00 pm

North Shore Monthly Meeting

Glen Urquhart School
74 Hart Street, Beverly Farms
Sundays 10:00 am

Wellesley Friends Meeting

26 Benvenue Street, Wellesley
Sundays 10:00 am