

FRIENDS BULLETIN

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

January 2012

Always ask of any proposed change or innovation: What will this do to our community? How will this affect our common wealth? And always include local nature -- the land, the water, the air, the native creatures -- within the membership of the local community.

– Wendell Berry

Monthly Meeting for Business in Worship:

1:15 pm Sunday, January 8
Potluck Lunch at 12:00 pm

The tentative agenda includes annual reports from our First Day School Coordinator and from the Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness, Peace and Social Concerns, Library, and Marriage and Family Life Committees, along with a report on the Meeting email list.

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 Nancy Ruggiero know a week in advance (ncirillo@wellesley.edu or 617-487-5300). We will try to meet requests that are received three or more days in advance, although it may not always be possible.

David L. Myers, our presiding clerk, will host the forum on **January 8th** on *The Life in the Meeting: An Intergeneration Conversation*, a conversation about how our experience of the Meeting's worship, business, and other activities varies with our stage of life. This will only work if we have plenty of youthful Friends, gray-haired ones, and some in the middle somewhere.

The forum on **January 22nd** at 9:30 am on *War: Perspectives from WWII Veterans* by Severyn Bryn and David Bonner will be followed by the third discussion in in the *End These Wars* series at 1:00 pm presented by veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, now students at Bunker Hill Community College.

Peter Sommer, head of Cambridge Friends School, will host the forum on **January 29th** on *A Curriculum for Justice and Compassion in Education: 50 years of Quaker Education in Cambridge*.

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 am. We shut the parlor doors at 9:30 am 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 am.

Forums

- January 1** *For Unto Us a Year Is Born—
Fragility and Potential*
- John Bach
- January 8** *Life in the Meeting: An
Intergenerational Conversation*
- David L. Myers
- January 15** *Rev .Martin Luther King, Jr.—
An Inconvenient Hero*
- Skip Schiel
- January 22** *War: Perspectives from WWII
Veterans* - Severyn Bruyn
- David Bonner
- January 29** *A Curriculum for Justice and
Compassion in Education*
- Peter Sommer

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FMC Events and News

Reawakening the Dream Workshop

9:30 am – 3:30 pm, Sat., Jan. 14

This workshop, conducted by Putney, VT, Friends Steve Chase (who gave the key address to New England Yearly Meeting sessions last August) and Katy Locke, is an adaption in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King of the *Awakening the Dreamer* workshop that has been inspiring many. All are invited to this interactive, multimedia workshop intended to help move people beyond denial or despair—recommitting ourselves to fostering a transition to a Beloved Community that is environmentally sustainable, socially just and spiritually fulfilling.

Please bring a bag lunch and something to share. Contributions of \$20 (or as you are able) are gratefully accepted. A flyer is attached to the email version of this bulletin for you to share with your friends and neighbors.

Sponsored by Friends for Racial Justice and Cambridge Quaker Earthcare Witness. For more information contact David Coletta at david@colettas.org

FDS News

Appreciation from FDS to all who performed in and helped with the Christmas Pageant, especially Katy Cullinan, Director.

First Day School Schedule:

January 1: No FDS; there will be Nursery Care

January 8: Family Worship

January 15: First FDS class of the Winter Trimester (Nursery Care will be available).

Meeting for theism with attention to Jesus

12:30 pm, Sun., Jan. 15

If you yearn for more nurture of Jesus-oriented faith, however that might look for you, please join with other FMC folk who share that yearning. We are meeting on Sunday January 15 at about 12:30 pm, after coffee hour.

Bring a bag lunch. The format and content will include scripture and personal reflection. Questions or comments, contact Rachel Miller (617-335-5884 or rachelannemiller@gmail.com) or Mehmet Rona (617-947-3998 or mehmetrona@comcast.net).

Perspectives on War from veterans of current wars

1:00 pm, Sun., Jan. 15

The third discussion in the “End These Wars” series will be presented by veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, now students at Bunker Hill Community College.

Winter Warmth Art Exhibit *12:30 pm, Sun., Jan. 15*

With a courtly sweeping off of our hats and with a low bow to the public, we present the 2nd bi-centennial Quaker quilt and fabric show in the Friends Room in January and February 2012. The artwork was made by two life-long Friends and seamstresses, Sarah

Satterthwaite and Minga Claggett-Borne. Sarah has been making quilts for 25 years, and Minga stumbled into quilting for the first time in 2010. Please come talk with the artists on January 15, 2012 when there will be a reception (with special effects [with special guests]) at noon. We will pose the query, “Does this quilt speak thy mind?”

Youth Group Granola Making *6:00 pm, Fri., Jan. 20*

Come for Pizza at 6:00 pm. All 6th graders through High School are welcome. For more information contact Charlene Vincent, Youth Programs Coordinator (857-928-8922, capecodcharlene@yahoo.com)

Meeting for Worship next to Textron Defense Systems *11:00 am Sun, Jan. 21*

Join members of FMC every third Sunday, next to signs reading Quakers Praying for Peace. We meet as a meeting for worship adjacent to the grounds where Textron Defense Systems manufactures the notorious cluster bombs. For information and directions, contact Michael Carey (michael.carey@comcast.net or 617-497-6732) or John Bach (resident@fmcquaker.org or 970-209-8346).

Child Abuse Risk Reduction and Response Committee

CARRR is a committee of staff, officers, committee representatives, and psychological consultants within the Meeting who are charged with responding to allegations of possible child abuse at the Meeting. They also are responsible for making decisions about possible negative results of our screening process for volunteers or staff who work with our children. Members of the committee are:

- John Bach (Interim Quaker Resident: 970-209-8346, resident@fmcquaker.org);
- Chris Connaire (First Day School Coordinator: 617-492-5177, connaire@mit.edu);
- David L Myers (Presiding Clerk: 617-628-3717, clerk@fmcquaker.org);
- Lynn Cadwallader (Youth Programs Committee);
- Priscilla Ewen (First Day School Committee);
- Jane Jackson (Personnel Committee);
- Cynthia Knowles (Care and Support Committee);
- Madeleine Littman (Consultant);
- Jan Nisenbaum (Ministry and Counsel);
- Beth Paine (Marriage and Family Life);
- Marian Shapiro (Consultant);
- Rick Talkov (Trustees).

The Website Working Group Needs Your Help

We’re starting the design phase of a new website for FMC. Our first priority is to put forward an attractive and

accurate view of our vibrant and loving community to people who are seeking a spiritual home, and to people who have just recently found us. We are busy looking at the written material that we might include, and are starting to think about photographs that would help show who we are. If you have pictures of the meeting in electronic form that you feel would work, send them to David L. Myers (clerk@fmcquaker.org).

Care and Support

Please refer concerns about those in our community who might need support around illness or a crisis to the Committee for Care and Support. Feel free to contact anyone on the Committee; members' contact information is in the directory. Or contact Barbara Scott Nelson at 617-576-6945 for information about how to convey your concern.

Bereavement Group

A peer-facilitated bereavement group will be meeting once a month. We will begin by setting aside time on a Sunday afternoon, probably from noon to 1:30 pm. It is envisioned as a place where we can prayerfully bear witness to a recent loss or grieving that is still very present despite the passage of time. This is a group of respectful listening, spiritual support, and simple responses. In most cases a participant would attend only a limited number of times. This is not a therapy group. The co-facilitators can help you determine if this group is right for you and direct you to other resources if it is not. For more information, please get in touch with the co-facilitators George Campbell 617-527-8169 or Marion Shapiro 781-862-3728. Sponsored by the Committee on Care and Support.

Winter is Coming—Spare the Floor!

We invite community members to bring a dry pair of slippers or shoes to put on when the streets and sidewalks are wet or snowy. Concerned Friends would thus spare the cork floor in the Meeting House from weather-related wear and tear. Benches are in the foyer of the Meeting House and in the tunnel under the driveway, and shoes can be stored beneath them. John Bach can provide more information on this matter.

New Wheelchair Ramp

There are two preliminary designs displayed in the Friends Room of a possible new wheelchair ramp in the front of the Meeting House. Please examine them and direct feedback to John Bach.

FMC Banner

Several committees are interested in purchasing a banner suitable to take to demonstrations and marches identifying ourselves. To provide suggestions or learn what we have in mind, contact John Bach.

Guestroom Available

Don't forget the extra guestroom you forgot to count, at 5 Longfellow Park, as holidays, college visits for friends' children, or doctors' visits approach. You can't beat the location or the price!

Bulletin Submissions

Friends are requested to submit entries for the February bulletin by e-mail to FMCbuletin@hotmail.com by Monday, January 16th (announcement sheet submissions by Tuesday midnight to the same email address); please include the publication name and its date in the Subject line. The January bulletin was prepared by volunteers Marina Živković-Rothman, Cornelia Parkes, Holly Lapp, Lynne Wiles, Graeme Harcourt, and David L. Myers.

Looking Forward

Annual Staff evaluations

*Due Wed., Feb. 15
(Note earlier date this year)*

Principal staff to be evaluated: **John Bach**, Interim Quaker Resident; **Chris Connaire**, FDS Coordinator; **John Field**, Facilities Manager; **Cher Koor**, Office Manager

Personnel Committee is looking for feedback that will help us evaluate our staff and help them do their jobs better. Please send your comments to Kristin Gilbert (becomingkristin@gmail.com). All comments must be signed in order for us to consider them, but we will keep your name confidential if you so request. **Our practice will be to include the authors' names with the comments when they go to staff, unless you have requested otherwise.**

- In carrying out annual staff evaluations, the meeting's supervisory and personnel committees

rely on the candid input of members of our community. All committees, members and attenders are invited and requested to send their comments and feedback on our principal staff by Wednesday, February 15. 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?**

- As Friends we value truth-telling, and so we ask that you be as forthright and complete as possible in your comments to us. If necessary, we can help you discern a diplomatic way of wording feedback or help you decide what you want to include. Friends are also reminded that minor misunderstandings can often be addressed and cleared up in a Friendly fashion directly with the staff person.

- 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 members who work with youth, please email Chris Connaire directly 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, or sealed notes can go in his mailbox.
- You can also drop a sealed note in the Personnel Committee mailbox or speak with either of the co-

clerks of Personnel or any member of the Personnel Committee. Thank you for your help and guidance.

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- John Field facilities@fmcquaker.org

Personnel Committee: David Anick and Jane Jackson, co-clerks; Brian Corr, Priscilla Ewen, Kristin Gilbert, Brian Hatleberg, , David L Myers, Bill Satterthwaite, Bob Seeley, Laura Wolfe, Betts Zisk.

Personal News of Members and Attenders

Every now and then we get a request for short term housing (a few days to a couple of weeks) from people who could use some help. Two recent requests came from a young Quaker scholar and a handicapped person in between residences. Anyone who would be willing to help, please contact John Bach.

Tom Ash, our previous Friend in Residence, has written a long and thoughtful resignation letter to Friends Meeting at Cambridge, which he has asked to be made available to our community. We lovingly oblige; copies of the letter can be found in the office.

The Wider Quaker World

NEYM Retreat

Jan.5-Jan.8

Young Adult Friends Mid-Winter Retreat on *Led To Action* will be Jan. 5-8, at New Bedford Monthly Meeting in New Bedford, MA, just blocks away from the bus station! We will explore the connection between our spirituality and our action and also eat, hang out, and worship together. Quakers, Quaker-types, and other interested folks aged 18-35ish are welcome to attend. To help cover costs, we ask participants to pay what they can: \$0 - \$80 sliding scale. To register or more information, contact Nia Thomas at Nia@neym.org

Reading Early Friends

Sat., Jan. 14

The first of a three-part series of Quaker Studies Online courses on "Reading Early Friends" starts January 14. Eric Edwards will be leading a 4 week study of writings of Fox and Fell. To experience these writings as many early Friends did, audio files of all the readings will be available. For more information about this course and Quaker Studies this winter visit www.bhfh.org/gsp Register early, online. Tuition aid is available.

Welcoming Quaker Children into Prayer and Worship

Sun., Jan. 22

Salem Quarterly Meeting at North Shore Meeting invites you to come and explore ways to welcome our children into the realm of prayer. This hands-on, hearts-on gathering will take a broad and creative approach to

seeking and sensing an encounter with the Divine Presence/Spirit/God.

During our time together, we'll deconstruct some of the steps into prayer and try concrete, experiential exercises that will lead us toward a familiarity and comfort with the prayer process. We'll try out ways to Stop and lay down the fast-paced activities of our daily lives. We'll practice focusing on just one thought using finger labyrinths and illustrated intercessory prayer to set the stage for learning to "hold people in the light." We'll recognize that prayer inspires more loving ways of living. We can expect to be changed inwardly and outwardly when we take up a prayer practice. And, finally, we'll imagine creating space and time to make prayer a part of our daily lives.

This 90-minute workshop is family-friendly but you don't need to have or bring children to enjoy our journey together. We plan to include children in our program as much as they want to be included and will also offer a nurturing alternative space for children who are finished with our program before we are! First Day School teachers are also most welcome! Handouts will help you to continue the exploration at home.

Please contact Isabella Bates at bates.isabella@gmail.com or 978-526-1443 by Wednesday, January 18th if you need childcare for children under 6 years old.

Minutes, Committee Reports, and Other Documents

Meeting for Business in Worship Minutes

Friends Meeting at Cambridge gathered in a Meeting for Business in Worship on Sunday, December 11, 2011, at 1:15 pm. The meeting was convened by the Clerk after a period of silent worship, with 46 people present. The clerk opened by reading an excerpt of *Looking for a Godly Outcome* by David Watt:

When Friends talk about our meetings for business, we sometimes talk about 'discerning the will of God.' ... Talking about the will of God is a good way to remind ourselves how peculiar our discernment processes ought to be.... However, there might also be something to be said for using an alternative phrase. The one I have in mind is 'looking for a Godly outcome.' When we speak that way, we are less tempted to think that there is only one possible outcome of which God would approve.... When Friends speak of looking for a Godly outcome we also give ourselves lots of room to see differences between Friends as a positive good rather than an obstacle that needs to be overcome... It might be helpful for us to entertain the possibility that meetings for business can be instruments that God uses to discover for herself what a Godly outcome might be.

— Originally printed in the *Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Newsletter*, November 2005.

Scheduling Adjourned Meetings **2011-83**

Sandy Sweetnam, representing Ministry and Counsel, reported that all adjourned meetings for business in worship from November through March will be scheduled on fourth Thursdays, in order to free up Sunday afternoons for other meeting programs.

Membership Report **2011-84**

Elizabeth (Minga) Claggett-Borne reported for Membership Committee that Thomas Patrick Ash has requested to resign his membership in FMC. Friends accepted Thomas Patrick Ash's resignation with sadness, and with appreciation for all he brought to the meeting.

Child Abuse Risk Reduction and Response Committee Report **2011-85**

First Day School Coordinator Chris Connaire presented the report of the Child Abuse Risk-Reduction and Response Committee, summarizing the existing process for screening anyone who will be working with the children of the meeting as volunteers or paid staff. If Friends ever have concerns about the safety or well-being of a child in the meeting, they should speak to the First Day School Coordinator or a member of the CARRR Committee, which will be listed in the bulletin. Friends accepted this

report with gratitude.

Ad Hoc Process Design Committee for Meeting Projects **2011-86**

Clerk David L. Myers announced the formation of an *ad hoc* committee to set goals and procedures, and to design institutional support for Meeting projects that do good in the world and strengthen the community and may require disbursements of unrestricted reserve funds (according to the framework presented last month by the *ad hoc* Discernment Coordinating Committee). Friends approved the formation of this ad-hoc committee with the following members: Barbara Scott Nelson (clerk), Dinah Starr, Lisa Lineweaver, Wendy Sanford, Cornelia Tierney, Cliff Harrison, and potentially one or two more Friends (as way opens).

Ad Hoc Committee on the Friend in Residence Position **2011-87**

In November 2011 Meeting for Business in Worship, Clerk David L. Myers had sought approval to form an *ad hoc* committee to consider what the Meeting needs from future Friends in Residence, what is do-able for a person or persons in that position, what other tasks need to be done by others in the Meeting. However, after further discernment, he now proposed deferring the formation of this committee to start work in September. Friends approved.

Trustees Annual Report **2011-88**

The annual report of the Trustees was in the November bulletin, so representatives of the Trustees shared highlights of current work. The amplification technology to provide hearing assistance to Friends is in the process of being updated and expanded, to include new microphones in the meeting house, a microphone to pass at business meetings, and new receivers and earpieces.

On the financial side, the bulk of FMC's investments are currently held in two Quaker-related funds, the New England Yearly Management Pool Fund and the Friends Fiduciary Consolidated Fund, managed by a group from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Adding to the update from Facilities Manager John Field in the November 2011 Meeting for Business in Worship, Trustees informed Friends that the driveway drain is being repaired to improve drainage and safety. After having hired the consulting group Enerspective to review the meeting's energy usage and propose ways to reduce the meeting's carbon emissions, the Trustees have been exploring options in response to the recommendations of that report. Some immediate steps such as weather sealing windows will be

done soon, while other steps require further research and discernment.

Friends are encouraged, in wet weather, to bring a pair of slippers, moccasins, warm socks, or dry shoes to change into before entering the meetinghouse. While recognizing that some Friends and visitors may not be able to bring or change shoes, those who are willing and able are encouraged to model Friends' commitment to stewardship of our meetinghouse as well as of the earth. Two preliminary designs for new ramps to access the meetinghouse are available for review in John Bach's mailbox and will be presented formally at a future Meeting for Business in Worship.

Friends were encouraged to bring questions, concerns, and ideas to Trustees. Friends received this report with gratitude and held the Trustees in the light.

Nominating Committee Report **2011-89**

Jonathan Vogel-Borne, representing the Nominating Committee, reported on several changes to committee membership: Dick Moore has resigned from Office Committee and Robert Snyder has resigned from Marriage & Family Life Committee. Friends accepted these resignations with gratitude for their service.

The committee proposed the following Friends for appointment:

- David Rush for Ministry & Counsel, to serve through June, 2014
- Robert Snyder for Office Committee, through June, 2014
- Jim Hannon for Membership Committee, through June, 2014
- Cornelia Parkes and Marina Živković Rothman for Publications/Communications Group

Friends approved these appointments, with one Friend standing aside.

Friends who are led to volunteer, particularly on the newly formed Publications/Communications Group, are invited to contact the Nominating Committee. Friends asked that Ministry and Counsel, and that the Meeting as a whole, continue to respectfully explore the ways that we can name the unknowable experience of spirit in keeping with Quaker tradition.

Finance & Treasurer: Present and Future Budgets **2011-90**

As the Finance Committee prepares for budget season, Treasurer Joe Tierney and Clerk of Finance Committee Arthur Klipfel introduced a high-level overview of several options for the 2012-2013 budget, illustrating some of the implications of the proposal that the *ad hoc* Discernment Coordinating Committee presented at the November 11, 2011, Meeting for Business in Worship.

Finance Committee raised up one tradeoff for the Meeting to weigh when discerning about the budget in the

coming months: If the Meeting draws down the unrestricted funds as the *ad hoc* group proposed, that will correspondingly reduce the base upon which investment income is earned. The *ad hoc* Discernment Coordinating Committee and Finance Committee will meet together for further discernment in the coming weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm after a period of shared worship, purposing to next meet in a regular Meeting for Business in Worship on Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 1:15 pm in the Friends Room.

December 11, 2011

- David Myers, presiding

- Lisa Lineweaver, recording.

Marriage & Family Life 2011 Annual Report

Our Committee serves to help couples with their discernment as they explore and expand their relationships with the goal of joining in a celebration of commitment and to serve witness to that celebration.

We also work to provide activities seeking to enhance family relationships and to reach across generations.

2011 has been a quiet year; our committee received one Letter of Intention to Marry from one couple and a Clearness Committee was formed and is meeting with them as we all work through discernment in their intention.

We agreed to co-sponsor and support the "Benefit for Bolivian Friends Sing-Along" held at Cambridge Friends School to help bring a Bolivian apprentice teacher to the United States.

We celebrate our sense of community, both within our Committee and as members and participants of the larger Friends Meeting.

December 2011

Patti Muldoon and Bill Thompson, co-clerks

George Campbell, Jennifer Fries, Beth Fuller, Jardayna

Werlin Laurent, Bob Snyder

Threshing Session Notes ***Fundraising***

Friends Meeting at Cambridge gathered at 12:30 on December 18, 2011 in a threshing session to consider proposals brought last winter by the Fundraising Committee. Twenty-four Friends were present.

Historical context: The Fundraising Committee was established a year ago and charged with helping FMC increase donations and cultivate a sense of abundance, and came to the Meeting in February 2011 with two proposals. The Meeting did not reach unity on these proposals at that or subsequent Meetings for Business in Worship, so in this threshing session we explored the issues afresh. Friends considered the following questions:

The first proposal is that we allow Fundraising

Committee members to have access to the contribution history of Friends.

- *What is the worst thing that could happen if we allow this?*
- *What are the possible benefits of doing so?*
- *Are there ways to get the benefits while ensuring that the worst things don't happen?*

The second, independent, proposal is that we allow the Fundraising Committee members to visit Friends who are willing, in order to talk about the needs of the Meeting, what they get from the Meeting, and their support of the Meeting.

- *What is the worst thing that could happen if we allow this?*
- *What are the possible benefits of doing so?*
- *Are there ways to get the benefits while ensuring that the worst things don't happen?*

Friends asked that we enter these conversations with a spirit of discovering the extent of elasticity of Friends' giving in the current economic climate.

One small discussion group reported a strong consensus that moving forward with the fundraising conversations (visitations) would strengthen the sense of community within the meeting because of their intentionality, the opportunity to bring forth into the light things we have held in the darkness, the opportunity to build community (asking and thanking is a way to engage with Friends who feel unworthy or unneeded).

One group noted that the worst-case scenario would be that some Friends would fear judgment if donation history is known. Some Friends might feel that even a request to meet would be an invasion of privacy, and could opt out on a "do not call" list. Several Friends, after having acknowledged the possible risks, expressed that they feel these proposals as "an experiment worth trying."

Friends noted that FMC has, for decades, been heavily dependent on a few donors who have "magically" given large amounts to help the Meeting meet our budget, and that sort of silent, behind-the-scenes ministry can lull others into a sense of security or a sense that "someone will take care of it." Several expressed belief that we need a different giving paradigm, which invites more to give smaller amounts – similar to how Nominating Committee goes out and asks Friends to give of their time to the Meeting, the Fundraising Committee can ask Friends to give of their money, since we are stewards of all that God has given us.

Many Friends spoke in support of the idea that visitations and conversations would be a good thing the spiritual growth and connection within the community. This

program will both support and challenge us – in a good way – to test our individual discernment related to giving and be tested in spirit-led dialogue with Friends. Several Friends expressed support for the idea of the visiting committees asking Friends about gifts of both money and time in the same conversation.

Several Friends expressed appreciation of and trust in the Fundraising Committee and complete confidence that the Fundraising Committee will keep confidential whatever information they are granted access to.

We could select the visitation pairs so that they are not on the Fundraising Committee; they could be briefed in a general way with but little-to-no knowledge of the visited families' giving patterns. Nevertheless, the visiting pairs could share a histogram of overall donation patterns within the meeting.

Visits could take place in homes, or – when Friends prefer not to host a visit in their homes for any reason – at the meetinghouse, or in a coffee shop, at a library or other neutral meeting place.

Visitation and conversation about individuals' relationship with the Meeting could be done with or without knowledge of individual Friends' giving patterns.

Some Friends noted a perception that it is difficult to "have a voice" in the meeting. It was noted that a fundamental purpose of the proposed visits is to *give* voice to Friends, engaging them in conversation about what they value in the meeting, need in the meeting, and can give to the meeting.

Several Friends encouraged the visiting teams to be transparent: "We're not here to badger you for a check. We're not here to ask you to raise your giving. We *are* here to hear from you what the Meeting means to you, what you feel like you bring to the Meeting and what the Meeting can expect to receive from you in all types of gifts."

In this whole discussion and in designing a visiting program, we need to be very aware of class.

There was a discussion of whether accepting restricted funds would strengthen or undermine the health of the Meeting. One possible solution mentioned was to fundraise "outside the budget" for special projects, as when FMC raised funds for the building addition twenty years ago. Several Friends reflected on the reasons FMC has chosen not to accept restricted funds is a concern that a few large gifts designated with particular restrictions could unduly influence the direction of the Meeting, or undermine a sense of unity. In addition of course, such an option would necessitate increased bookkeeping effort.

December 18, 2011
- David Myers, presiding
- Lisa Lineweaver, recording.



Join Your Friends For A **Reawakening the Dream Workshop** Saturday, January 14, 9:30 to 3:30

Friends Meeting at Cambridge
5 Longfellow Park
(just off of Brattle Street)
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Friends Meeting at Cambridge invites you to an interactive, multimedia workshop for moving people beyond denial or despair—and recommitting ourselves to fostering a transition to a Beloved Community that is environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling.

Workshop co-led by Steve Chase and Katy Locke. Contributions of \$20 (or as you are able) are gratefully accepted.

Please bring a bag lunch and something to share.

For more information, contact David Coletta at david@colettas.org, or call the Meeting office at 617-876-6883 from 10 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

January 2012 Calendar

Sun	1	9:30 am	Forum	Mon	16	5:30 pm	Advisory Cmte
		10:30 am	Morning Worship			6:00 pm	Finance Cmte
		10:30 am	NO Family Worship			11:45 pm	Bulletin Deadline
		10:30 am	NO First Day School	Tue	17	6:30 pm	Ministry & Counsel
		11:45 am	Afterthoughts	Wed	18	8:30 am	Midweek Worship
		5:00 pm	Evening Worship			6:00 pm	Sharing Circle
Tue	3	6:45 pm	Ministry & Counsel			7:00 pm	Nominating Cmte
		7:00 pm	Membership Cmte	Thu	19	7:00 pm	Marriage & Family Life Cmte
Wed	4	8:30 am	Midweek Worship			7:30 pm	Friends for Racial Justice
		6:00 pm	Sharing Circle	Fri	20	6:00 pm	Youth Programs Cmte
		6:00 pm	CQ Earthcare Witness Cmte	Sun	22	9:00 am	First Day School Cmte
Thu	5	7:00 pm	Personnel Cmte			9:00 am	Newcomer's Breakfast
		7:00 pm	Care & Support			9:30 am	Forum
Sun	8	8:30 am	Youth Programs Cmte			10:30 am	Morning Worship
		9:30 am	Forum			11:45 am	Afterthoughts
		10:30 am	Morning Worship			12:00 pm	4th Sunday Potluck
		10:30 am	Family Worship			1:00 pm	End These Wars
		11:45 am	Afterthoughts			5:00 pm	Evening Worship
		12:00 pm	Monthly Meeting Potluck	Tue	24	6:00 pm	Prison Fellowship
		1:15 pm	Meeting for Business in Worship			7:00 pm	Membership Cmte
		5:00 pm	Evening Worship	Wed	25	8:30 am	Midweek Worship
Mon	9	6:30 pm	Fellowship & Outreach			10:30 am	Bulletin Folding
Tue	10	7:00 pm	Trustees Cmte			6:00 pm	Sharing Circle
Wed	11	8:30 am	Midweek Worship	Sat	28	10:30 am	Library Cmte
		6:00 pm	Sharing Circle	Sun	29	9:30 am	Forum
		7:00 pm	Artists & Writers			10:30 am	Morning Worship
Sat	14	9:30 am	<i>Reawakening the Dream</i> Workshop			11:45 am	Afterthoughts
Sun	15	9:30 am	Forum			12:15 pm	Quakers in the New Story
		10:30 am	Morning Worship			5:00 pm	Evening Worship
		11:45 am	Afterthoughts			7:00 pm	Clerks Committee
		12:00 pm	Gardening & Landscaping Cmte	every Sat		9:30 am	Alcoholics Anonymous (open meeting)
		12:30 pm	<i>Winter Warmth</i> Art Exhibit	every Sat		10:30 am	A Course in Miracles
		12:30 pm	Theism with Attention to Jesus				
		1:00 pm	Perspectives on War				
		5:00 pm	Evening Worship				

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5 Longfellow Park
Cambridge MA 02138-4816

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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
Andrew Linn
781-863-0954

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

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