

Friendship Times

November 2008

Calendar

- Sun, Nov 2 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel, Peace and Social Concerns meet
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sat, Nov 8 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, Workday, Meetinghouse
- Sun, Nov 9 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship, A potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Fri, Nov 14 Conference: A New Kind of Quakerism
Sat, Nov 15 Friends Center, Guilford College
- Sun, Nov 16 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Tue, Nov 25 Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Nov 23 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Nov 30 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Child care available during Meeting for Worship.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Meeting for Worship, in Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes, occasionally followed by discussion at 8:00 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended Meeting for Worship.

Winston-Salem Worship Group. Meeting for Worship, 9:30 am, First Day, at The Blessings, 823 Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
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In this Issue

Minutes from in Tenth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business are in this issue. In addition there are invitations to conferences sponsored by Friends Center and Chapel Hill meeting, a Meeting Workday announcement, an opportunity to visit with a Saudi family, items from the Peace and Social Concerns committee, information about two books recently published by former members of our community, and updates for the *Directory*.

From the Editor:

Once again this issue of *Friendship Times* is late. Insufficient material was submitted before the published deadline.

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month, which will be November 30th for the December issue. Material for the newsletter should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than Tuesday, **November 25th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help.
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http://www.geocities.com/friendshipmeeting/friendshiptimes_newsletters.html

Provided by Chris W. Nelson - Web Clerk

Eleventh Month's Query Social Justice and Equality

Do we reverence that of God in every human being with concern for the needs of each individual? Are we seeking to rectify social injustice and racial discrimination in our local communities and in the world at large?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 12TH OF TENTH MONTH 2008

Meeting began with silent worship. In attendance were: Ray Treadway, George L. White, Mae Brown, David Brown, Judy Reece, Steve Hayes, Don Smith, Kembra Howdeshell, Patricia Loring, Ruth Mavronikolas, Maureen Burns, Claire Koster, Marilyn White, Judith Harvey, Priscilla Zuck, Mel Zuck, Neil Swenson, Mary Ellen Chijioke, Carole Treadway.

The annual meeting of Friendship Friends Meeting, Inc. was postponed due to the lack of a quorum.

In the absence of the clerk and the recording clerk, Mary Ellen Chijioke and Carole Treadway were approved to serve in their stead.

Query 10 from *Faith and Practice* was read out of the silence:

Do we endeavor to live in harmony with nature? Are we careful in our stewardship of the world's irreplaceable resources?

Several Friends responded out of the silence. The following minute serves as a summary of what was said:

The preservation of creation is our most urgent issue at present. It is a spiritual issue more than an economic or political issue. When we lose our sense of stewardship we worship the creature rather than the creator. Since this query was approved [in 1983] we have begun to see ourselves as part of creation rather than apart from it. We must try what love can do not only with other people, but with the whole of creation.

Mel Zuck volunteered to revise this query answer for next month's business meeting.

The response to Query 9 as forwarded by ministry and worship was approved.

Friends noted that the overall themes of the eighth and ninth queries are interrelated and that our discussion of the ninth Query is in many ways a continuation of our discussion of the eighth. Do we go gently with the earth and humanity? Are we truthful? Do we practice mercy with those who owe us money or have debts due to poverty and other financial pressures? How do we live in a way that allows our witness to speak for us in everyday life? One Friend noted that the words of the prophet Micah connect well to the Query. "He hath showed thee, oh Man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of thee but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8). To walk humbly with our God means living in simplicity and

integrity to the best of our ability, repaying our own debts and living the example of our faith. Living humbly means abstaining from substances if we find that they inhibit our spiritual lives.

Treasurer Ray Treadway read the **Treasurer's Report** for the month of September, which was accepted. The complete report is attached to the minutes; a summary follows:

<u>Ninth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund: \$	980.77	\$1,032.19	\$ 5,832.36
All Funds: \$	1,087.76	\$1,194.18	\$ 15,304.47

Expenses of note during the month: newsletter and postage – \$237.36; child care – \$75.00, to New Garden Friends Meeting from Social Concerns Committee for the "No to Torture event" – \$100; Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, and supplies for repair to the meetinghouse – \$168.05. The Meeting received contributions of \$5.00 to the Building Fund. We received two loan repayments of \$50 each.

After nine months of the budget year, the Meeting has received contributions of nearly \$11,400 but has expended more than \$18,000 from the general fund. **Contributions to the general fund and additional special contributions to the emergency fund would be very much appreciated.** Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

Friends received the report with gratitude.

Ray Treadway proposed the following minute:

Friendship Friends Meeting authorizes David MacInnes, Ray Treadway, and George White to undertake financial transactions for the Meeting. Each alone can write checks on and make deposits to our checking account and also can make investments to and request withdrawals from our PAX World account.

This minute was approved

A letter from Louise Harris and John Cardarelli was read. At their request it will be published in the newsletter. It is as follows:

[Editor's note: The letter from Louise Harris and John Cardarelli was published in the October issue of *Friendship Times*.]

There was a request from the Winston-Salem Worship Group to change the name to Salem Worship Group. The change was approved. It was noted that the worship group has begun having monthly meetings for worship with attention to business. It was suggested and approved that the minutes of these meetings be read at monthly meeting. The minutes of the last meeting of Salem Worship Group were read.

A letter from Miami Monthly Meeting introducing Ann Morris and Hannah Logan Morris was read.

Care and Counsel Committee

Steve Hayes read a report from Care and Counsel which was accepted and is as follows:

1. A shower is planned for Kathe Rodriguez's baby for October 25th at Bonnie Parsons' home, to be held 3:00-4:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. A list of items needed will be listed in the newsletter.
2. Steve will contact Mary Ellen and Mark Chijioke to arrange a date for their farewell party. The tentative date is November 16th.
3. The clearness committee for Neil Swenson will be meeting in the coming week.
4. David Bailey is recuperating from hip surgery and remains in good spirits.
5. Al Carwile has been in the hospital and is now home.
6. Financial requests: As requests come in, we are referring the people to crisis assistance and also taking the matter under the care of the meeting.
7. Louise Harris had her first chemotherapy treatment and has tolerated it fairly well.
8. A problem was presented to the meeting. In talking with the committee, it is suggested that we inform Friends that there could be a request for a clearness committee and other community services. The Women's Resource Center is a good resource.
9. Zaw Zaw Aung, the Burmese refugee, has lost his job and is looking for something else. Steve will be calling Replacements, Ltd. to inquire about available jobs for Zaw Zaw.
10. Steve Hayes will contact Craig Fox about setting up a link for the meeting website for connect information about what is happening with our members and attenders.
11. Claire Koster has suggested that we start contacting missing members on a monthly basis, taking three or four names at a time. We will put this item on the agenda for future meetings.
12. Bonnie Parsons has suggested a reflection on membership. The membership clearness committee will meet with new members after their first year of membership for a time of reflection. This proposal will be presented to meeting for business for approval.

It was noted that Care and Counsel and Worship and Ministry had a very successful retreat at the Browns' cabin in the mountains on the 4th of Tenth Month.

Maureen Burns reported on behalf of the clearness committee for membership for Neil Swenson.

The committee recommended that Neil be admitted to membership. The meeting approved. Neil Swenson and Annie Cahill made a request by email that their children Sean and Ann Joy Cahill-Swenson be recorded as members. There was approval. The parents were asked to provide a written request for the records.

A letter has been received from Bethesda Monthly Meeting transferring the membership of Patricia Loring. The transfer was approved.

Welcome committees for Neil Swenson and Pat Loring are as follows:

Mel and Priscilla Zuck and David and Mae David Brown volunteered to welcome Neil Swenson.

Ray and Carole Treadway, Kembra Howdeshell, and Judy Harvey volunteered for a welcoming committee for Patricia Loring.

The committees will plan a social occasion jointly for the whole meeting to welcome these new members.

Library Committee Annual Report

Carole Treadway presented the Library Committee annual report which was accepted and is as follows:

The library committee's activities this year were primarily improvements in arrangements in the library to facilitate use. The room serves two purposes besides housing the library collection. It is also a committee room and now is open on first day for the use of the children by way of the door that connects it with the children's room. The committee hopes to juggle these multiple uses so that all of them can live happily together.

Twenty-one books and pamphlets were added to the collection. Two of these reflect the growing concern for and interest in our relationship to the earth and our responsibility for living on earth in a way that shows our recognition of the interrelationship and interdependence of all of life. Friends are invited to write brief reviews for the newsletter of books they have read and would like to recommend to others.

Copies of a list of new titles are available. One is posted on the bulletin board in the library.

Ray Treadway informed the meeting that the Facilities Committee met with an architect on Wednesday, October 8th. The architect will undertake some preliminary research about pertinent building codes and land use regulations for several of our suggested options and then will present us with a proposal for necessary further work that might be undertaken, to-

gether with suggested costs.

It was noted that this monthly meeting for worship with attention to business is our 40th birthday.

The first meeting for business was held in Tenth month, 1968.

An invitation from Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to participate in a workshop on bringing children into the life of the meeting was noted and will be put in the newsletter.

The meeting concluded with a moment of waiting worship, purposing to reconvene on the 9th of Eleventh Month 2008, if consistent with Divine Will.

Mary Ellen Chijioke, clerk for the day

Carole Treadway, recording clerk for the day

Friends Center Conference

Friends Center is sponsoring a Quaker Renewal Program conference November 14th and 15th entitled "A New Kind of Quakerism?" (Go on-line at the Friends Center site for more details). It had been planned as a typical QRP event, i.e. with an anticipated audience of a few dozen local Friends.

But we've evidently hit a nerve in the wider Young Adult Friends community, and YAFs from far and wide are coming — including a number of QLSP alumni (Stephen Dotson, Jon Watts, Maggie Harrison, Nathan Sebens, et al.). We now have the unexpected opportunity to host quite a number of these Friends excited to make connections across the usual Quaker "boundaries." There are students coming from Earlham, Wilmington, ESR, and possibly Haverford; YAFs are coming from FGC offices, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and William Penn House; it is out in the Quaker blogosphere, and who knows who all may come through that source!

QLSPers are providing floor space for many of the students, but there will also be many older Friends needing housing who aren't quite up to getting down with bedrolls. **Might you have a room (or two!) you could share for a Friday and Saturday night, November 14th and 15th? I hope so!**

And please consider coming yourself! It is intended to be an inter-generational weekend. I'd be happy to waive registration fees if you are providing housing!

Let me know if you might be able to 1) provide housing; and 2) attend yourself!

Thanks! Max Carter, director, Friends Center

Saudi Arabian Family would like to meet Americans

A family from Saudi Arabia would like to meet some American families as their neighbors have not been open to advances they have made with offers of food, trying to start a conversation etc. I am wondering if anyone in the meeting would be interested in setting up a play date with the children or might want to invite the family over for coffee, a walk, etc.

The family from Saudi Arabia has three children. The father's name is Sulaiman Aljaloud (Aljaloud is his last name); the mothers name is Eman Al Obaid (Al Obaid is the last name). Their children are more English speakers than Arabic speakers as they speak together in English and their schooling has all been in the USA. The father is pursuing a doctorate at UNCG and the mother will be returning to Interlink Language Centers in January. Both parents speak English very well. The family previously lived in Kansas where they had a wide network of American friends but it has been difficult for them to connect with families in Greensboro. The family lives in a house just off of Old Oak Ridge Road, not far from Fleming Road. Their youngest children Omar (boy) and Monia (girl) are 5-year old twins. They attend Guilford Primary school in Kindergarten. Their daughter, Reyouf, is 13 years old in 8th grade at Guilford Middle School. The children are delightful and speak English better than Arabic .

The family is very interested in meeting American families and they want their children to have American playmates. The parents would also like to meet Americans. They would be free on Saturdays until they leave for a visit home at Christmas and possibly at other times too but not on Fridays. The family is returning for a visit to Saudi Arabia over the Christmas holidays but will return in January.

I would be glad to do anything that would be helpful in connecting this family with members at Friendship or with other American families you think might like to get to know this family. I would welcome any suggestions, would be glad to introduce people to the family or give you their telephone number.

Bonnie Parsons

Religious Education Workshop

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is sponsoring a **Godly Play/Faith and Play workshop** on December 5th to 7th and would like to invite Friendship Meeting to send some individuals to be trained in this approach to Children's Religious Education sponsored by Friends General Conference

The schedule for Dec 5th to 7th: Michael Gibson, working on this project with FGC, and a partner who uses it in her FDS in Oklahoma, will do the training. The workshop starts on Friday evening, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, then resumes at 9:00 am on Saturday and goes until 8:00 pm. Lunch and dinner will be provided as part of the Saturday training. Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45 will be an introduction to Faith and Play at adult forum time; from 11:15 to 12:00 there will be a Faith and Play lesson for ages 3 to 13 (about 25 students) and from 12:00 to 1:00 there will be our regular Sunday potluck. All members of Friendship Meeting are invited for the Sunday forum, Meeting for Worship, and potluck. Those with particular interest in religious education are invited to sign up for the intensive Friday and Saturday training, and would be expected to buy a copy of Volume 1 of *The Complete Guide to Godly Play* and read it before starting; also to contribute \$70 to defray the costs of the trainers and support the FGC project.

Faith & Play is a Montessori-inspired approach to teaching Quaker faith and practice to children. The first volume in the series is now available and can be purchased from QuakerBooks of FGC. Included are six stories, four relating to Quaker faith and practice and two about Quaker historical figures. Included with each story text are a photograph of the story materials and directions for the storyteller's movements. Faith & Play is a joint project of the Philadelphia YM's Faith & Play Working Group and Friends General Conference. FGC provides significant funding for this work, publishes the resource and maintains a website devoted to it. The address for the website is faithandplay.org.

Links:

<http://www.godlyplay.org/> -- the original curriculum, created by an Episcopalian priest, based on Montessori principles.

http://www.quakerbooks.org/faith_and_play.php -- the newly created Quaker spin-off, sponsored by FGC

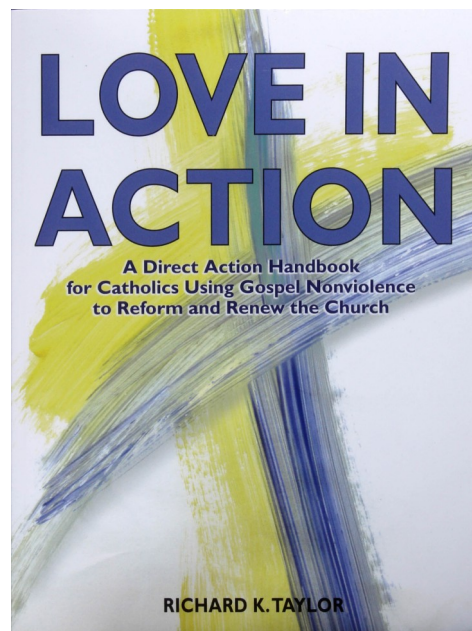
Anyone interested in attending this workshop should contact either Dave MacInnes or Tom Munk; 474-8158; 929-9315; tommunk@westat.com

News of a Former Member

Richard Taylor, "Quatholic," Non-violent Crusader

Friendship Meeting's former member has rejoined Germantown Meeting in Philadelphia.

For some years he sought to bring social concerns to evangelical fundamentalist Christians. More recently he was drawn to the Catholic Church where he found spiritual guidance and an avenue of service. But all along he was a Friend, as have been his forebears. His request of Germantown for dual membership as Catholic and Quaker caused such dissension that he resigned rather than split the Meeting. At the time an El Salvador foster child of his attended Guilford College and, knowing of his deep affiliation with Friends, we invited him to join Friendship Meeting. This he greatly appreciated. Now Germantown Friends has taken him back into its fold.



Dick has led or been involved in numerous non-violent change activities for peace, justice, and church reform. Most famous was his organizing of a canoe flotilla which successfully blocked ships in Philadelphia from taking arma-

ments to Pakistan during the Bangladesh independence movement. He has now written *Love in Action: A Direct Action Handbook using Gospel Nonviolence to Reform and Renew the Church*. I have given a copy to the Meeting library. It is a guidebook for loving non-violence applicable far beyond the Catholic Church.

Ted Benfey

News and a Request from Peace and Social Concerns

The Aung Family

A year ago November, Zaw Zaw Aung, Tuza Khine, Pyu Pyu Han (12), and Win Mim Hang(9) arrived at the Greensboro Airport. They had traveled from Malaysia and were exhausted after missing their connection in DC. They were greeted by some members of their Care Team composed of members from New Garden, First Friends, and Friendship Meetings and taken to their Greensboro apartment. Lutheran Family Services had arranged for the housing as well as the immigration.

The family has come a long way from that day of knowing no English. The girls had never been to school. The girls were immediately enrolled in school. This year Win Mim is in fifth grade at Joyner Elementary School, and Pyu Pyu is an eighth grader at Mendenhall Middle School. They have advanced far in learning English.

The parents went to English as a Second Language (ESL) classes in the mornings. In January, Zaw Zaw started a job at a factory in Reidsville that makes auto parts. He recently quit however due to injuries from the job. He is job hunting. Tuza has worked in housekeeping at Proximity Hotel for at least 7 months. She works hard, as Zaw Zaw did, and enjoys her job. They have a dream of getting out of the apartment and into a small house.

Our meeting has helped this family adjust to life in

the USA in numerous ways. Some have been to the apartment to tutor, so that each member of the family has been helped. Others have contributed furniture, a sewing machine, and other items. Many of you contributed gifts for them at Christmastime. The team gave the gifts to them over six months time so as not to be so overwhelming. They have received all of them, showing great appreciation. Thanks to each of you for your share in welcoming this family.

Haiti Infant Kits

In response to the tremendous needs in Haiti, the Peace and Social Concerns Committee is gathering infant kits. These kits will be sent to Haiti by the American Friends Service Committee's Eastern Material Aid Program in High Point. There will be a box at the Meetinghouse for interested Friends to donate materials.

Infant Kits

- 2 receiving blankets
- 4 baby washcloths
- 1 baby towel
- 1 bar baby soap (or Ivory)
- 1 bottle of baby wash/shampoo

Place all items in a 2-gallon zip-close plastic bag. If you cannot locate any item for your kit, including the bag, do not substitute. We will fill in the item for you to keep all kits equal.



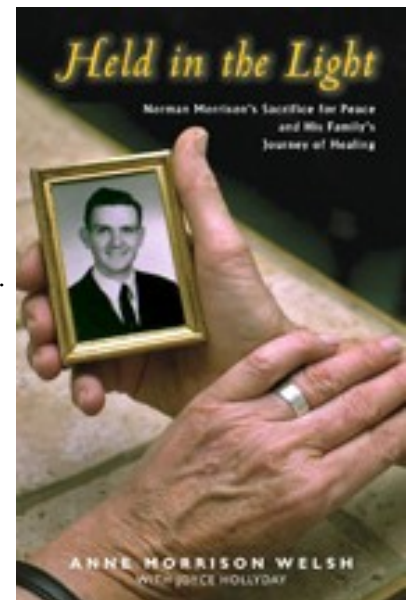
HELD IN THE LIGHT by Anne Morrison Welsh

We have just received a copy of Anne Morrison Welsh's memoir, *Held in the Light: Norman Morrison's Sacrifice for Peace and His Family's Journey of Healing*. Her account of life in the aftermath of Norman's death in 1965 protesting the Viet Nam war is a tale we have witnessed in the making over the past four decades. Defying any simple summary, in the words of the publisher, Orbis Books, this is "a poignant and haunting story about war and its many victims, about conscience and faith, about suffering, healing, and the quest for peace." Anne's fruitful collaboration with her editor, Joyce Hollyday, began at Common Light Meetingplace during a retreat series sponsored by Holy Ground in 2004-5. Bob and Anne Welsh's encouragement and practical support have been central to Common Light's conception and growth. We are delighted to be back in NC from NH in time to join in celebrating the publication of Anne's book

For those who live in the Piedmont and Triangle area of NC, Anne will be reading at Duke University in the Rare Book Room of Perkins Library on **Wednesday, November 19th, at 5:00 pm**. This event is co-sponsored by Duke Divinity School and the Library.

For more information, contact Anne Welsh at bobwel2@charter.net.

Mel and Beth Keiser, Common Light Meetingplace



Our Thoughts and Prayers are with

Al Carwile, who has recently been in the hospital. He is home and welcomes cards and telephone calls.

Gay Bowles on the loss of her mother, Lucia Chawner, who died in Fresno, California at the age of 105. Our thoughts are with Gay and John as well as Sandy and Nan Bowles and their brothers who have lost their grandmother.

Louise Harris and Bobbie Torbert, who remain in our prayers in the face of their continuing health problems.

MEETING WORKDAY

There will be a workday at the Meetinghouse

Saturday, November 8th

9:00 am until 12:00 noon

As usual, there are plenty of chores.

Please come out and lend a hand if you can.

Tenth Month Birthdays
of our Young Friends

Claire Holland 11/3/04
Hannah Washburn 11/24/91



View of Fisher Peak
from White's Cabin
Levering Orchard
Apple Trek, 2009

Friendship Meeting has lost touch with two of its members. Their last known addresses and phone numbers are as follows:

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If anyone knows how to get in touch with either of these members, please contact:

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A Note from Liz Yeats

It was good to see some folks in April when Terry and I were in Greensboro for the Quakers Uniting in Publications meeting.

I also saw David Bailey at the FGC Gathering and Mary Ellen at Swarthmore library recently.

It's so good to bump into Friendship Friends.

Please give our love to everyone.

Liz Yeats: lizy@2quakers.net

Directory Changes

Please call Claire Koster (766-9769), clerk of the Handbook Committee, if you have questions about the *Handbook*. Give corrections, additions, or deletions for the *Handbook* to Claire, or email them to the editor, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com.

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In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of.

In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of.

--Confucius

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