

Friendship Times

July and August 2009

Calendar

- Sun, Jul 5 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Wed, Jul 8 through Sun, Jul 12
North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)
sessions, UNC-W, Wilmington, NC
- Sun, Jul 12 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 19 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Jul 26 10:00 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Aug 2 9:00 am Worship and Ministry, Care and Counsel,
Peace and Social Concerns meets
10:30 am Meeting for Worship
- Sun, Aug 9 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship. A potluck meal
follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
- Sun, Aug 16 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship.
- Last day to send newsletter materials to Editor
- Sun, Aug 23 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship.
- Sun, Aug 30 10:00 am Group singing, Meetinghouse
10:30 am Meeting for Worship.
- Weekly 10:30 am each First Day, Meeting for Worship.
Child care available for Worship and Business Mtgs.
7:30 pm Fourth Day, Midweek Mtg. for Worship, in
Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes,
occasionally followed by discussion at 8 pm.
9:00 am fifth First Day (when there is one), Extended
Meeting for Worship.
- Winston-Salem Worship Group.** Meeting for
Worship, 9:30 a.m. First Day, at The Blessings, 823
Reynolda Road, Winston-Salem.
Contact: Louise Harris/John Cardarelli. 750-0631

In this Issue

In this issue are the Minutes from Sixth Month's meeting for worship with a concern for business, including annual reports on membership and the state of the society. In addition you will find a schedule for North Carolina Yearly Meeting sessions, a Current Issue for Action, email from Mary Ellen Chijioke, two submitted quotations, free EMF events, and additions to the *Handbook*.

SPECIAL NOTICE from the Editor:

There will be no August issue of the newsletter. Judy and I will be traveling in late August, and intend to distribute the September newsletter more than a week earlier than usual, August 19th, instead of August, 30th. For this reason material for the newsletter, should be submitted, preferably by email, ***no later*** than **Sunday, August 16th**. Thanks to everyone in advance for your help. Cyril Harvey, cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Seventh Month's Query Peace Testimony

Do we endeavor to live in the life and power that takes away the occasion of all war, seeking to do our part in the work of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? Do we faithfully maintain our testimony against nuclear and all other military preparations, the bearing of arms, and all participation in war?

Eighth Month's Query Manner If Living

Do we observe simplicity and honesty in our manner of living? Are we careful to live within the bounds of our circumstances, punctual in keeping promises, prompt in the payment of debts, and just in all our dealings? Do we choose those activities which will strengthen our physical, mental, and spiritual life; and do we avoid those harmful to ourselves and others?

Minutes

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH ATTENTION TO BUSINESS GATHERED ON THE 14TH OF SIXTH MONTH 2009

In attendance were: Gay Bowles, John Bowles, Sandy Bowles, David Brown, Mae Brown, Judith Harvey, Kembra Howdeshell, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Claire Koster, Patricia Loring, David MacInnes, Kelsey McNicholas, Anne Morris, Hannah Logan Morris, Chris W. Nelson, Bonnie Parsons, Deborah Shaw, Don Smith, Darlene Stanley, Neil Swenson, Carole Treadway, Ray Treadway, Darryl Waisner, George L. White, Marilyn White

Out on the silence clerk, David MacInnes, read Query #6 as follows:

Do we endeavor by example and precept to cultivate in our children a sense of openness and expectancy about life, and to aid them in their growth in spiritual understanding and moral discernment? Do we share with them the faith that guides the practice of Friends, while encouraging them to develop their religious insights as the Spirit of God may lead them?

Friends responded and John and Gay Bowles previously volunteered to revise this query answer and forward it to the Worship and Ministry Committee.

Following revision for Query #5 is accepted:

Do we regularly attend our meetings for business, and are they held in a spirit of love, understanding, and forbearance? Do we seek the right course of action in humble submission to the Authority of Truth and in the patient search for a sense of unity under Divine guidance?

Revision: Friends noted that there is a core of members and attenders who do attend meeting for business faithfully. There was a sense of frustration expressed that attendance is not higher on a regular basis. The First Day that this query was considered fell on a holiday and interest was expressed in rescheduling future business meetings so as to allow families to engage in holiday activity without affecting their attendance. Concern was also expressed about how our Meeting might respond to cultural pressures and changing conditions of family life in the face of traditional Friends' practice of not observing holidays. One Friend voiced being discouraged by the non-attendance of Friends who had previously been faithful participants in business meeting and it was suggested that Care and Counsel may consider making contact with these Friends. Concern was also expressed that we have several members active in committee work but not regularly at-

tending meeting for business. Patience with the Quaker business process was named as one issue impacting Friends' involvement and there were a number of those present who echoed this concern. Friends noted that persistence and forbearance were qualities often in evidence as Friendship conducts business.

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

<u>Fifth Month</u>	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund:	\$2,626.00	\$2,410.47	\$7,473.73
All Funds:	\$2,626.00	\$2,360.47	\$18,600.84

Expenses of note during the month: attendance at a Quaker conference for one member – \$50, supplies for sandwiches for Urban Ministry – \$14.56, renewal of the Meeting's announcement in the *Friends Journal* – \$60, child care – \$90, additional contribution to Friends Committee on National Legislation for the Social Concerns budget – \$100, support for North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative) – \$1,750, donation to Quaker House of Fayetteville for operating expenses – \$100, electricity – \$83.48, gas – \$88.00, telephone – \$60.18, and water and sewer — \$14.25. The Meeting received one loan repayment to the emergency assistance fund of \$50.

Contributions to the Meeting in May were up from the previous month. Income to the general fund of the Meeting after five months is \$6,781 while \$9,506 should have been received by this time in order to meet the budget for in the fiscal year. Contributions to the general fund and to our special funds would be appreciated. Checks can be made out to Friendship Friends Meeting and sent to POB 8652, Greensboro NC 27419.

The meeting approves pledging the amount of \$3,000 to be paid to NCYM(C) for the next fiscal year, 2009-2010. This is a reflection of a decreasing trend in meeting income and will be revisited.

Friends approved the report with gratitude.

Selection of delegates to the Yearly Meeting

The following members are approved to be representatives from Friendship Meeting to Yearly Meeting:

Ray & Carole Treadway, Deborah Shaw, Sidney Lee Kitchens, Sandy Bowles, Nan Bowles and Claire Koster.

The **Nominating Committee** presented its final report. All suggested names were approved for service as presented in last month's newsletter.

FRIENDSHIP MONTHLY MEETING
Religious Society of Friends
North Carolina Yearly Meeting - Conservative

MEMBERSHIP REPORT
2008-2009 year, to June 14th, 2009

New Members:

10/12/08 NEIL SWENSON
 ANNE JOY CAHILL-SWENSON
 SEAN CAHILL-SWENSON

2/8/09 HANNAH (LOGAN) MORRIS

Transfer in:

10/12/08 PATRICIA LORING
 From Bethesda Monthly Meeting

Transfers out:

8/10/08 RICHARD TAYLOR
 To Germantown Friends Meeting.

12/14/08 MARY ELLEN CHIJOKE
 To Friends World Committee for Consultation, International Membership Division

Resignations:

8/10/08 BRUCE WASHBURN

2/8/09 LISA WALDMAN
 GAVIN MACINNES

4/12/09 BEN WASHBURN
 HANNAH WASHBURN

Deaths:

1/17/09 LOUISE HARRIS

2/16/09 H. DEWITT BARNETT

Total Number of Members as of this date: 114
 (including 7 sojourners)

Submitted by Claire Koster, Membership Recorder
 The annual report was accepted with gratitude.

Care and Counsel Committee

The following annual report was accepted:

Care and Counsel is approaching the end of this years work with a sense of accomplishment over the tasks we have completed but also a leading to engage the Meeting around how we provide for the Care and Counsel needs of an unprogrammed Friends meeting. We will be seeking further meetings with Worship and Ministry to review how we work together.

Care and Counsel members have ministered to members and attenders of the meeting who have suffered recent losses. We encourage Friends to continue to contact Becky Barnett

and John Cardarelli with expressions of love and support.

Care and Counsel notes with appreciation the efforts of the Meeting to meet the needs of members with illness, especially the support for Kembra Howdeshell.

Care and Counsel continued to convene clearness committees as required or requested and we note the strength of the clearness process in meeting the needs of the individual members.

The minutes of Care and Counsel for the past year have been collected and given to Carole Treadway for delivery to the Archives at Guilford College.

Submitted by Steve Hayes, Clerk

State of the Society Report

The Clerk presented the revised State of the Society Report which was approved with gratitude and will be forwarded to North Carolina Yearly Meeting (Conservative)

State of the Society Report 2008-2009
Friendship Meeting

Our year has been filled with the sounds of children's running feet, new faces both young and old, the smells of food brought in for potlucks and our nonphysical but vital spiritual concerns. Meeting membership has stayed about the same. Although we have welcomed new members and transfers; we've seen several beloved members depart. There were moving memorial services for Louise Harris and DeWitt Barnett. We also saw Mary Ellen and Mark Chijioke move back to Nigeria after Mary Ellen's retirement from the Guilford College library.

It has been another year full of Meeting events. We welcomed the new and old Guilford College Quakers in a progressive dinner where Friendship provided desert. It was once again crowded and our singing was especially tuneful this year because of the number of college choir members who attended. Attendance at Meeting for Worship ranges from not full to very full, depending on what is happening at the college or what holiday it is. Our new members often attend Meeting for Worship with attention to business, although attendance of some seasoned members could be better. We continue to welcome new members and are careful to include them in the life of the Meeting including service on committees. Each of their clearness committees is asked to meet again with them a year later to assess their spiritual journey and needs. The meetinghouse fills with noise and merriment at our monthly game nights which attract many, from the old to the very young. Our Christmas Eve worship at Friends Homes Guilford this year was especially well attended as was our New Year's Eve party. We continue to work at building community in the Meeting with host-

ing special events. These include work days run by our House and Grounds Committee, potluck meals run by our Hospitality Committee, singing before some Meetings for Worship and on the fifth First Day of the month those who wish can come early for an extra special longer time of worship. On Sixth Month we enjoyed dinner circles where members got to know each other better and learned a little of each person's spiritual journey. Our ties to absent members have been strengthened through our beautifully produced monthly newsletter — *Friendship Times* — and our web pages. Our out of town members are included in the life of the Meeting through emails and inviting them to the All Meeting Retreat. Our Long Range Planning Committee has been discussing how the Meeting is planning to meet future needs and what steps we need to take to get there.

In the area of outreach both the Meeting and its individual members continue to serve both locally and beyond. We continue to help support several immigrant families. There was an Angel tree at Christmas for two families from the Congo and we continue to help with a Burmese family. Sandwiches continue to be made each a month for the local homeless shelter and some have gotten good at making the sandwiches quickly. Our forums help us learn about areas of outreach we need to be addressing. Our members and the meetinghouse have provided hospitality for a number of groups this year. The Young Friends at Guilford College often use our facilities for potluck meals and worship. We also hosted groups from FWCC and the Friends General Conference Youth Ministries Committee. Needs among our membership are joyfully met, whether it is cooking for someone just out of the hospital, repairing a kitchen, helping with tuition at a local Friends School or just being there.

The Salem Worship Group, which is under our care, is discerning ways to move beyond their status as a worship group. They have become very active both in service to their community and in holding monthly meetings for business with a Clerk, Recording Clerk and Treasurer. They also have found a very nice meeting place where they feel very much at home. Members of our Worship and Ministry Committee have been encouraging them through visits and are now included in our Committee meetings.

In the area of spiritual growth the Meeting has been led by its Care and Counsel and Worship and Ministries Committees. The two met in the fall for a valuable retreat at the mountain house of David and Mae Brown. The All Meeting Retreat in Second Month began with our member Nan Bowles presenting a wonderful slide show called "Scattering the Seeds." The next day we used part of Pat Loring's book, *Listening Spirituality Vol II*, to examine the spiritual formation of our members and to plan for future efforts in religious education for both children and adults. A number of our members

and attenders speak in Meeting for Worship and our time then remains precious to everyone. We look forward to another fruitful year.

The Long Range Planning Committee reported that they have met with a contractor and are waiting for some sketches prior to setting up forums, etc.

The Clerk read the April business meeting minutes from Salem Worship Group, to keep us informed of what is happening there (attached). There was some discussion from which the following emerged:

We affirm that the Salem Worship Group has been acting as a Preparative Meeting and we recognize the spiritual maturity of their worship. We have asked David MacInnes (Clerk) to discuss with them their desire to become a formally minuted Preparative Meeting under the care of Friendship Meeting and the procedures they need to follow to obtain this status.

The Meeting then adjourned at 2:42 pm after a brief period of silence, purposing to reconvene on Eighth month, 9th, 2009, if consistent with Divine Will.

David MacInnes, Clerk

Claire Koster, Recording Clerk

New Meeting Website

www.friendshipmeeting.org

We are still adding pages but there are many newsletters now available. It will be a lot easier for us to add content to the web site. Check it out

Chris Nelson and Dave MacInnes

Delivery Options (ESP)

You may receive the *Friendship Times* in one of three ways: (1) **Email** delivery, (2) **Snail mail** delivery (US Postal Service), or (3) **Pick up** at the Meeting House (**Personal** delivery is possible at Friends Homes/Guilford).

If you would prefer to change your current mode of delivery, please let me know: Cyril Harvey, 925 New Garden Road, #2110, Greensboro, NC 27410, (336) 299-8269, or cyrilhh@triad.rr.com

Seventh & Eighth Month Birthdays of our Young Friends

Jesse Garvin, 7/29/94

Sean Swenson, 7/24/05

Stephen Phillips, 8/6/90

Anne Joy Swenson, 8/2/03

312th Gathering

North Carolina Yearly Meeting

Conservative

UNC–Wilmington, Wilmington, North Carolina
Seventh Month 8th – 12th, 2009

Which Way Now?

SCHEDULE

Fourth Day, 7/8/2009

2:00 — 4:00pm	Registration
4:00 — 5:00pm	Worship under the care of Ministry and Oversight
5:30 — 6:30pm	Supper (if you arrive late, dinner is available until 7 pm)
5:00 — 7:00pm	Registration
7:00 — 9:00pm	Yearly meeting of Ministry and Oversight
9:00 pm	Gathering — Snacks by West Grove and Rich Square

Fifth Day, 7/9/2009

7:00 — 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00 — 8:45am	Bible Study by Scott Holmes of Durham meeting: The Bible as Compass
9:00 — 12:00noon	Business meeting
12:00 — 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 — 3:00pm	Business meeting
3:15 — 5:00pm	Intergenerational performance planning, interest groups, free time
5:30 — 6:30pm	Supper
6:30 — 7:00pm	Intergenerational Singing
7:00 — 8:45pm	Panel facilitated by Lloyd Lee Wilson: Convergent Friends in the Emergent Church Movement
9:00pm	Gathering — Snacks by Greenville and Wilmington

Sixth Day, 7/10/2009

6:00 — 7:00am	Bike ride off-campus (adults only – meet at dorm bike parking)
7:00 — 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00 — 8:45am	The Bible as Compass
9:00 — 11:00am	Business meeting
11:00 — 12:00noon	Meeting for worship
12:00 — 1:00pm	Lunch
1:30 — 3:30pm	Meeting for business
3:45 — 5:00pm	Intergenerational performance planning, interest groups, free time
5:30 — 6:30pm	Supper
6:30 — 7:00pm	Intergenerational Singing
7:00 — 8:45pm	KEYNOTE — Brent Bill: Discerning Which Way Now
9:00pm	Gathering — Snacks by Durham and Fayetteville

Seventh Day, 7/11/2009

6:00 — 7:00am	Bike ride off-campus (adults only – meet at dorm bike parking)
7:00 — 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00 — 8:45am	The Bible as Compass
9:00 — 12noon	Business meeting
12:00 — 1:00pm	Lunch
1:00 — 3:00pm	Business meeting
3:45 — 5:00pm	Intergenerational performance planning, interest groups, free time
5:30 — 6:30pm	Supper
7:00 — 8:45pm	Intergenerational performance: Which Way Now
9:00pm	Gathering — Snacks by Friendship and Virginia Beach

First Day, 7/12/2009

7:00 — 8:00am	Breakfast
8:00 — 8:45am	Bible study
9:00 — 10:15am	Pack and turn in keys
10:30 — _____	Worship
	Reading of the Summary of Exercises and the closing minute
12:00noon	Lunch

Communion after the manner of Friends

Friends try to arrive at Meeting neither prepared to speak, nor determined to remain silent. We seek to be open to God's prompting in the moment itself.

Many Friends pass over the urge to speak several times to test whether or not it is truly ministry to be shared. Speaking impulsively, or quickly in reaction to a previous message, is inconsistent with the Divine nature of Meeting for Worship.

Quite often, we experience silent ministry: individual revelations that arise out of the Meeting that are personal and not meant to be spoken.

Remember that when you speak, you are a minister. If your prompting to speak will not leave you, and you are convinced that your ministry is for all to hear, surrender to that prompting, rise and speak. These promptings to speak are felt experiences. For example, they may be accompanied by some of the following: butterflies in the stomach, tingling sensations, shaking or quivering extremities, elevated heart rate, dry mouth. Let these felt experiences be touchstones for your spoken ministry.

From a pamphlet published by
Haverford Friends Meeting

Submitted by Betty Austin

**Eastern Music Festival
at Guilford College
Free Concerts**

Among the dozens of concerts, recitals, and master classes to be performed during the Eastern Music Festival season between now and August 1st, there are a few that are free and open to the public. These are orchestral and chamber performances by student musicians:

**Music for a Sunday Evening in the Park
Young Artists Orchestra Pops Concerts**

Founders Lawn, Guilford College

Sunday, July 19th at 6:00pm

Sunday, July 26th at 6:00pm

**Young Artists Chamber Recitals
Sternberger Auditorium, Guilford College**

Monday, July 20th, 1:30pm

Tuesday, July 21st, 1:30pm

Monday, July 27th, 1:30pm

Tuesday, July 28th, 1:30pm

Saturday, August 1st, 1:30pm

Email from Mary Ellen Chijioke

We're beginning to get a bit more settled. We've had workmen in the house almost continuously, mostly correcting the errors when it was first built, but now finally getting to the cosmetics. This week the downstairs walls are being replastered and painted. Then we can start hanging curtains, pictures, etc. The big jobs still to come are kitchen cabinets (our former tenant ripped out and took with him the ones originally installed) and conversion of a small spare room into a bathroom. (Right now, guests have use of a shower and w.c., but the only sink is in the bath off our bedroom.)

Otherwise, we're both doing very well. We had a nice visit from Eric in March, and we get to see Chinezi quite regularly, since he has an assignment for work that will keep him based in Lagos through August. He recent got engaged, so we'll be heading to South Africa for a few weeks in December.

My greatest disappointment so far was the nasty attack of malaria over Easter weekend that kept me from the annual gathering of the Religious Society of Friends in Nigeria. I'm still hoping to make contact with some remnants of the worship group that was once in Enugu, but I gather that they're pretty scattered.

Members of the Meeting may be interested that Marge Abbot, Ben Pink Dandelion, John Oliver, and I have just signed the contract for a second edition of the dictionary. So it seems to have become a staple for the publisher. This will be the hard cover version for now, but I bet there will be a paperback a couple of years later.

Give our greetings to all at the Meeting. My camera got damaged in February, so I don't have pictures to share, but I do still hope to send some updates on how we're getting on.

Love to all,

Mary Ellen

22-Jun-2009

The real security for human life is to be found in a reverence for it. If the law regarded it as inviolable, then the people would begin also so to regard it. A deep reverence for human life is worth more than a thousand executions in the prevention of murder, and is in fact, the great security for human life. The law of capital punishment while pretending to support this reverence, does in fact tend to destroy it.

John Bright, 1868

John Bright (1811-1889) was a British Friend and the first Quaker Cabinet minister.

Submitted by Mel and Pricilla Zuck

Current Issue for Action

The **Peace and Social Concerns Committee** will often highlight issues of current importance that we would like to bring to the attention of the Meeting. Our hope is that Friends can use this information to educate themselves and take action where they feel led.

Local organizations, such as the Coalition for College Access and the Adelante Education Coalition, **are currently working on a summer campaign to promote grassroots support for the DREAM Act, federal legislation that would provide a path to legal permanent residency for U.S. high school graduates who serve in the military or go to college for at least two years.** They believe that such a path is critical to ensuring that all students can benefit equally from their hard work in school, and that the law does not permanently designate a second-class status to a sector of our peer group. Furthermore, they argue that the DREAM Act would yield returns on money that we have already invested in students over the course of elementary and high school. Moreover, by ensuring equal rewards in the workforce to all students who work hard in school, the DREAM Act will help motivate younger students to stay in school, thus positively affecting the future American tax base.

They are particularly targeting Senator Kay Hagan because she is one of the only newly elected Democratic senators who openly opposes the bill. **Therefore, they are asking for concerned individuals and organizations in the Raleigh, Greensboro, Asheville and Charlotte metropolitan areas to sign postcards and make phone calls telling Kay Hagan to cosponsor the DREAM Act.**

Handbook 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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