Friendship Times

Friendship Friends Meeting

Calendar

Sun July 31	9 am extended Meeting begins 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 7	9 am Worship and Ministry, and Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Aug 14	10:30 am Meeting for Worship, a potluck meal follows, then Monthly Meeting for Business
Sun Aug 21	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Tues Aug 23	Deadline for newsletter items
Sun Aug 28	10:30 am Meeting for Worship
Sun Sept 4	9 am Worship and Ministry, and Peace and Social Concerns Committees meet 10:30 am Meeting for Worship

Weekly Meeting for Worship 10:30 am each First Day. Child care available for Worship and Business Meetings.

Ann Joy Cahill-Swenson and Jesse Garvin have birthdays this month

Weekly events

Tuesday, 12:00–4:30 PM: Quiet Tuesday at the Meetinghouse

Midweek Meeting for Worship, on Wednesday at 7 pm, in the Prayer Room, 7th floor Woolman Hall, Friends Homes Guilford

Bible Study at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 2nd and 4th Thursday

Men's group meets at 7 pm at the Meetinghouse every 1st and 3rd Thursday

From the Editor

My intention is to distribute the newsletter no later than the last Sunday of the month. Material should be submitted, preferably by email, no later than Tuesday, August 23.

Month's Query

Query 8: 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 from Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Sixth Month 12, 2016

1. We began with a period of open worship introduced with a quote read from London Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice.

2. Neil Swenson was approved as Recording Clerk for the day.

3. **New Garden Friends School**
   Anne Joy Cahill-Swenson

The mission statement of NGFS is "New Garden Friends School seeks to be an inclusive, innovative, educational community guided by Quaker beliefs and committed to honoring and developing each person's gifts." I think that the main mission of New Garden Friends School is to make sure that the community incorporates both academic and social teachings into the curriculum. This helps students learn and also become a better person through the school. We have social curriculum several times a week to make time in our schedule for social learning.

Laurel, Claire, Seannie, Clem, Jeffrey, Carrie and I attend NGFS. The members of the meeting that are also staff at NGFS are Hannah Hobson, Chris Biber-Peterson, Judy Williams and Neil Swenson.

Something that was new and exciting this year for me was moving to the Page-Frederiksen Campus from the Guilford Campus. This meant that I was more closely interacting with the high schoolers which was a great experience. It also meant that we had more freedom and responsibility to get to class on time or to walk between classes because we no longer had someone reminding us. This was a really important thing for me to learn because it helped me to be more independent.

Bonnie Parsons presented a report on behalf of Care & Counsel. The meeting approved the Clearness Committee for Membership for Anne Cassebaum. Judy Williams's request for membership was enthusiastically approved by the meeting. The report was accepted and is attached below.

Care and Counsel Report to Monthly Meeting

- The committee approved the following members to serve on Anne Cassebaum's Clearness Committee for Membership: Ted Benfey, Gay Bowles, and Darlene Stanley*(awaiting Ted's response). The committee will set a time to meet with Anne. C&C asks for meeting approval of the committee.
- The members of Judy William's Clearness Committee for Membership (Susan Wilson, David MacInnes and Bonnie Parsons) met with Judy on 6/5/16. C&C approves Judy's request for membership and asks for monthly meeting approval. Once approved, the committee members will determine a time to welcome Judy to Friendship Meeting.
- The marriage of Juliet Smith and Isaiah Unger took place on May 28, 2016 at Guilford College under the care of Friendship Meeting. It was a joyous occasion. Juliet, Isaiah and Milo have since moved to Baltimore.
- Reporting the death of Betty Austin May 26, 2016. The memorial service with Ray Treadway officiating will be June 11, 2016 at Friends Homes Guilford at 2:00 pm.
- Reporting the birth of Eliza Joanne Logan Morris, daughter of Anne Morris and Hannah Logan Morris on 5/7/2016.
- Parking: Seeking advice from House and Grounds about parking in the Arcadia lot

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4. Susan Wilson presented the suggested list of officers, representatives and committees for

the coming year on behalf of Nominating Committee that had been first presented last month. Nominating Committee is still seeking members or attenders for the positions of co-clerk, representative to Piedmont Friends Fellowship, and coordinator of the Pathways outreach program and members for the Care & Counsel and Finance Committees. We agreed that the Young Friend liaisons would communicate with the meeting about fundraising but would not attend Fundraising meetings since there is confidential information discussed. The question of the duties and titles of a co-clerk versus an assistant clerk was raised and we agreed to discuss this further at another time. We agreed that we needed to have the Vice President approved by the meeting by the Tenth Month Board meeting. The report and its recommendations were approved with deep appreciation and are attached below.

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING OFFICERS, REPRESENTATIVES, COMMITTEES

OFFICERS

Clerk……. Susan Carlyle
Co-Clerk……... open
Treasurer……..Stephen Holland
Assistant Treasurer…..Ray Treadway

Recording Clerk…....Lloyd Lee Wilson
Membership/Statistics
Recorder……...Claire Koster
Assistant Membership
Recorder…..….Miriam Biber-Peterson

FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS MEETING INCORPORATED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President…… Susan Carlyle
Vice President… open
Treasurer…… Stephen Holland
Secretary……. Lloyd Lee Wilson

David Brown
Judith W. Harvey
James Hood
Darlene Stanley

REPRESENTATIVES

Nominating Committee of NC Yearly Meeting-Conservative …. Carole Treadway

Meeting's representative on NCYM-C Records Committee ... Claire Koster

Piedmont Friends Fellowship (PFF) … open: someone is considering the position

Quaker House Board, Fayetteville, North Carolina….. Joan Tillotson

Meeting's contact with Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).... David Parsons

COMMITTEES

CARE & COUNSEL: Bonnie Parsons, Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Anne Rouse, Betty Poynton. Two requested positions open: convener and a minute taker.
Ex officio, Meeting Clerk

COMMUNICATIONS: David MacInnes - Newsletter, Chris Nelson - Web, Judy Purvis - George

FINANCE: Stephen Holland (convener), Kim Carlyle, Jim Rouse, Ray Treadway, one requested position open

HANDBOOK : Claire Koster, (convener) Ted Benfey, Miriam Biber-Peterson

HOSPITALITY: Judy Reece and Susan Wilson (co-conveners), Gay Bowles, Maureen Burns, Christy Hopkins, Claire Koster, Brian Poynton,

Brad Chance, Dave MacInnes

HOUSE AND GROUNDS: Chris Biber-Peterson, James Hood, Kim Carlyle, Richard Phillips, David Parsons, Jim Fernandes, Judy Williams, Carey Reece

Cleaning List Coordinator: Sean Cahill-Swenson
Supply Purchaser Phayth Meyer
Greeters Coordinator Judith W. Harvey

INTERNAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: Dave MacInnes (convener) David Brown

LIBRARY: Carole Treadway, (convener), Anne Rouse

MEETINGHOUSE FUNDRAISING: Kembra Howdeshell (convener); James Hood, Judith Harvey, Cyril Harvey, David Brown, Jim Fernandes. Young Friend liaison: Anne Joy Cahill-Swenson, Laurel Holland

MEETINGHOUSE PLANNING: Neil Swenson (convener), Mae Brown, Richard Phillips, Daniel Amstutz, Don Smith, Carey Reece

NOMINATING: Dave MacInnes (convener), Susan Wilson, Elizabeth Judson-Rea

PATHWAYS: open

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS: Sheri Grace (Convener) Raleigh Bailey, Anne Cassebaum, Howard Taylor, Joan Tillotson, Aleks Babic, Rachel Knight, Francis Coyle

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Kembra Howdeshell, (Convener) Sheri Grace, Hanna Passmore Hobson, Anne Morris, Elizabeth Judson-Rea

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY: Darlene Stanley (Convener) Neil Swenson, Carole Treadway, Susan Wilson, Judy Purvis

CALENDAR COORDINATOR: Susan Carlyle

5. Susan Carlyle presented the revised State of the Meeting report. It has received feedback from last month from the clerk's support committee, the Worship & Ministry Committee and some members of Care & Counsel Committee. The report was approved with appreciation and is attached below.

State of the Meeting report 2016

How has the Spirit worked in the life of Friendship Friends Meeting since we last wrote?

We are grateful to report to you our meetings for worship are carried out faithfully and are well attended. The quality of the gathered silence is generally profound when none are called to speak and when ministry is given it most often seems to come from that place as described by the Psalmist in Psalms 42:7: "Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me."

Our meetings for business in the spirit of worship are full and centered in the seeking of God's guidance for us at all times. Occasionally, the clerk offers five minutes for Quaker Continuing Education at the beginning of our business session for us to share our insights on such topics as Friends process, preparation for meeting and the difference between unity and consensus. We begin our centering with a quote from various Quaker sources. Our co-clerk has taken a much more active role than past co-clerks, presiding at business meetings and sharing much of the clerk's work load. This year we established a clerk's support committee to listen to our clerk's concerns and offer seasoned counsel. Meeting members gathered to answer the Yearly Meeting queries. Members of Friendship have met regularly in the last three years to participate in the process approved by the yearly meeting to revise the Faith and Practice (Book of Discipline).

In our meetings for business in the spirit of worship we have wrestled with the issues around the recording of ministers. We are discerning the right path in accepting the long term commitment to sponsor a refugee family and we held two Threshing Sessions to enable us to share thoughts and to ask questions. We have considered how the recent state government's ruling affects transgender individuals and have scheduled a forum to learn more about how to be welcoming to all. We have labeled our restrooms to reflect how they are actually used.

We continue with activities that enrich the life of our meeting such as mid-week worship at Friends Homes, quiet Tuesdays in our meetinghouse, men's group, Bible study, and monthly sessions for deepening the spiritual life of the meeting.

A substantial gift to the meeting of residential and personal property provided funds that enabled us to purchase land adjacent to our existing property. We can now move forward with our plans to increase the size of our meeting space. The gift was not without challenges. It necessitated much effort in working together. We readied one property for sale by sorting, cleaning, and selling its contents. This proved to be an opportunity for hard work, negotiation, committee work and community building.

We continue to grow in numbers and to rise to the challenges that growth presents. We do not yet know our final plans for expansion, but the Meetinghouse Planning Committee continues its work on this large undertaking working with the House and Grounds Committee to maintain our property and rise to the challenge of the added responsibilities of the new land. We have held two threshing sessions to discern the will of the meeting in this project.

Our Religious Education Committee has worked to nurture our young Friends and guide them in their growing social justice awareness. This is done with able assistance from members of our meeting as well as Guilford College Quaker Leadership Scholars Program students who help with child care and First Day School activities. Our Young Friends made a substantial donation to Doctors Without Borders following their own fundraising efforts. Members of our meeting have worked to make available an additional space in the basement in which the older Young Friends can hold their business meetings. We listened to the young Friends desires and specifications and members labored to follow thru with a clean carpet, furniture, and white boards.

The Peace and Social Concerns Committee has offered several forums to help us learn more and to offer our witness to the wider community. Some have involved a cultural exchange with local Muslim communities. Our Fundraising Committee is continuing the process of asking each Friend to commit funds toward reaching our financial goals. As always, our Hospitality Committee expends considerable effort to welcome everyone by providing social opportunities before and after our meetings. We prepared and served several meals at the local Pathways Center, a transitional housing location for families in crisis. We are also considering options for audio visual equipment and the feasibility of installing internet service in the meetinghouse for forums and educational opportunities.

We gave financial support to fifteen outside organizations and to Friends seeking assistance to attend NCYM-C Annual Sessions, for Friends General Conference Gathering, for attending a clerking workshop, and to enroll in the Spiritual Nurture class of the School of the Spirit.

We welcomed Jim and Jane Fernandes as new members, Rachel Knight, Lori and Imani Khamala as transferring members and David Parsons as a sojourning member. We had two weddings under the care of the meeting.

We celebrated the birth of members Anne and Hannah Morris' baby Eliza Joanne and mourned the deaths of members George White and Betty Austin and of Alex Burns, husband of member Maureen Burns.

Claire Koster presented the annual Membership report that will be forwarded to the yearly meeting of North Carolina Yearly Meeting - Conservative. The meeting approved adding Judy Williams's new membership to this report. We agreed to discuss further at another time what to do with members who are currently listed as Inactive or Lost. The report was accepted and is attached below.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT FOR 2015-2016 YEAR TO SIXTH MONTH, 12th, 2016

The changes in our membership rolls were as follows:

We lost three members to death

David Martin passed away on 8th month 13th, 2015
George White passed away on 1st month 14th, 2016
Betty Austin passed away on 5th month 26th, 2016

Four members were released from membership:
Rodney Owen, Bridget Owen, Mareika Owen, Marshall Owen on 1st month 10th, 2016

We welcomed two new members this past year:
Jane Fernandes on 10th month 11th, 2015
Jim Fernandes on 10th month 11th, 2015

Friends from other meetings had their memberships transferred to Friendship:
Rachel Knight from Bear Creek Mtg. Iowa on 9th month 13th, 2015
Lori Fernald Khamala from Charlotte Mtg. North Carolina on 10th month 11th, 2015
Imani Khamala from Charlotte Mtg. North Carolina on 10th month 11th, 2015
David Parsons (as Sojourner) from New Garden Mtg. Greensboro, NC on
3rd month 13, 2016

Our membership total is now 102 (including 8 sojourners)

Over 100 directories have been electronically distributed, and 18 copies have been printed at a cost of $26.91.
Printed copies of the directory go to members who do not have computers, some specially designated Friends, to send to the Archives, and to have on hand for distribution to attenders.

7. Claire Koster presented a report on behalf of the Handbook Committee. We agreed that Claire and the clerk would meet to discuss changes in the calendar listed in the handbook to better reflect our current practice. We also agreed to ask the Handbook Committee to come forward with a proposal to review and approve the handbook on an annual basis. The report was accepted with appreciation and is attached below.

8. REPORT FROM THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE, 6TH MONTH 12TH, 2016

As per the request from business meeting last month, minute #6, the following sentence has been removed from our Handbook:

Page 8: - Worship & Ministry: Reviewing a draft of the annual State of the Meeting report in time for approval by monthly meeting before being submitted to yearly meeting.

As well, the following:

Page 3: - Responsibilities of the Clerk: line 6 (with regard to responses to the queries):

During the following business meeting the query is read again and a collective response is recorded.

9. Kim Carlyle presented a report on behalf of the House & Grounds Committee. The committee recommends replacing both the furnace and air conditioning units. They have received three estimates at a cost of no more than $8,000. The report was accepted and the meeting approved the recommendation of the committee to replace both units, and authorized that committee to begin that process. The report is attached below.

House & Grounds Committee Request for HVAC Upgrade — June 12, 2016

Friends and others using the meetinghouse on hot days have reported dissatisfaction with cooling system.

Recently we called for service. The technician managed to get the air conditioning working and told us we either need a new motor ($480 plus tax) or a new unit. Given that the unit is 32 years old and has a life expectancy of 15 to 20 years, he recommended the latter option. We've since learned that the A/C unit is undersized for our building.

At our committee meeting last week, we also considered the heating system since it would be more cost effective to replace both at the same time. A forced-air furnace life expectancy is about 18 years. Our furnace is about 20 years old and the brand is not highly regarded. In addition, we considered future building and renovation plans in our deliberations but believe the replacement actions need to go ahead, given the state of the equipment and the expectations that major building action is several years away.

The H&G Committee recommends replacing both the furnace and the air conditioning unit. We're evaluating quotes from three companies. The total cost would not exceed $8000.

10. Members of the meeting presented reports on behalf of organizations that the meeting supports financially. Carole Treadway presented about the Friends Historical Collection at Guilford College, Lori Fernald-Khamala wrote about the American Friends Service Committee, and Bonnie Parsons presented about Quaker House. The reports were accepted and are attached below.

American Friends Service Committee

FY 2016 Short term Goals

Continue to organize youth led dialogues with police on local policing (police-youth interaction, police video recordings and Safety Resource Officers)

Organize youth lead voter registration and voter identification drives

Continue with Letter to the Editor summer workshops - high school and college age young people submit social justice opinion Letters for publication in local newspaper

Develop digital short stories around Humanize Not Militarize for youth film festival

Create and support a youth and community led movement in support of repealing H.B.2 (anti LGBTQ , discriminatory labor and wage bill)

Challenges

AFSC is standing in solidarity with NC-NAACP and other local groups to tackle this bill until its repeal or amendment.

Victories

The ambitious work performed by all local Greensboro members in the City Working Group (Mayor, faith leaders, organizers and community members) in addressing the necessary work on brining attention to the root problem in policing and other aspects that in involve law enforcement.

Growing number of after school youth groups participating in the Peace –Economic Justice Program work

AFSC Youth Justice Group (comprised of high school and college age) spoke at city council about transparency and public video recordings from police dash

Collaborative partnership with local Quakers: New Garden Friends Meeting in an upcoming Islamophobia Countering the Media Narrative this Sunday, May 15 at 1:30pm.

Secured a summer college intern from Berea. Ashley Mike will work 30 hour work week from June 6-July 31, 2016 (SCHEP Program pays for lodging, transportation and covers the internship wage hours).

Annual report for **Friends Historical Collection**

The Friends Historical Collection of Guilford College continues to maintain Friendship Meeting records and make them available for use where appropriate. Two members of the meeting availed themselves of this service this year while researching important dates in the meeting's history and compiling some membership and marriage records.

Friends should be aware that the Collection includes a large library of books, magazines and other printed materials that are available for use in the library. They make it possible to go deeply into matters of Quaker history, faith, or practice as well as to keep current with the world of Quakerism here and abroad.

Quaker House
The service given to Quaker House since Lynn & Steve Newsom became Directors
Four years ago Lynn and Steve Newsome became the directors of Quaker House. Since then they have been brought new programs and new insight to a culture truly different from any other. From the very first weeks until now they have been guided by the divine as they deal with the Military Industrial Complex so prevalent in Fayetteville. With love they built bridges with military personnel as they carried their special concern to help service members and veterans by concentrating on building relationships with those who have come to them seeking guidance. Their outreach has let service people experience that they were not there to judge but there to provide assistance. They built a confidential, free counseling program, advocated for better mental health care for military personnel, began an AVP project at Fort Bragg, and also organized community discussions among diverse racial groups. Lynn and Steve have brought into the forefront the concept of moral injury and made so many people aware of the consequences of war to military personnel.

11. Fundraising Committee Report
Members: Jim Hood, Kembra Howdeshell (convener), David Brown, Judy Harvey and Cyril Harvey

The Fundraising Committee would like to announce to upcoming activities coordinated by the committee.

Open House. The Fundraising Committee will host an Open House to celebrate Phase One of the Fundraising Campaign on June 19th at the Friendship Friends Meetinghouse from 4-5 pm. The first phase of the fundraising effort has

resulted in generous donations and pledges from many members and attenders. The largest of these gifts, from our member Celia Brown, has made it possible for Friendship Meeting to purchase two lots from Friends Homes, doubling the size of our property. Light refreshments will be provided, and Fundraising and Planning Committee members will be on hand to answer questions about the current progress toward our New Meetinghouse Project. We encourage people at the Open House to walk around the property and share their thoughts with the committees.

Donor Match Campaign. Charles and Mary Routh, members of Centre Friends Meeting and residents of Friends Homes, have made a challenge gift to Friendship Friends Meeting to be used for the new building program. The Meeting is challenged to raise $150,000 in new gifts between now and October 20, 2018. When we raise that amount, the Rouths will match our success with $150,000. The significance of the date is that on that date Friendship Friends Meeting will celebrate its 50th Anniversary. The Rouths currently reside at Friends Homes Guilford.

Finally, the Fundraising Committee will resume its monthly report of monies received toward the New Building Fund, pledges received, pledges paid, and remaining amount to be raised, in monthly meeting for business in August 2016.

12. **Meetinghouse Planning Committee Report**

The Meetinghouse Planning committee met with the architects last month and discussed the next phase of the process. We agreed that the architects would create four new site plans for consideration by the meeting: one plan for renovating the existing structure, two different versions of adding an additional meetingroom , and one of building an entirely new structure from scratch. Claudia has been in consultation with the architects during their planning process to communicate the vision and priorities of the committee. By the end of this month we expect to have these four plans from the architects.

The next step is that our committee will use the summer recess to prepare a presentation for meeting for business in Eighth Month where we will present to the meeting the four site plans with visuals and approximate budget numbers. At that time, and likely with additional forums and threshing sessions, we will ask the meeting to begin discerning which site plan represents the direction we would like to head. Once the meeting has reached unity on this decision, we will return to the architects and they will develop that schematic into a more complete master plan with greater detail and more precise cost estimates.

13. Stephen Holland presented the Treasurer's report. It was accepted and is attached below. Ray Treadway presented a report that reviews current financial policies so they are clearly documented for the meeting. We agreed that these should be added to the handbook for this coming year. The Handbook Committee can decide how best to include these policies in the handbook. Ray also provided an overview of the uses of the Contingency Fund over the years since these funds will be used for our support of the refugee family. The meeting approved funds up to $1,000 for use by the Peace and Social

Concerns committee for helping the refugee family. These reports were accepted and are attached below.

Treasurer's Report: Sixth Month Report for Fifth Month Income and Expenses in 2016

Income in May 2016 totaled $3,228.40 with $1,675.00 to the General Fund and $1,453.40 to the New Building Fund.

Expenses in May 2016 totaled $932.85. The operating expenses totaled $610.67 including $126.00 for Religious Education, $184.86 for Peace and Social Concerns and $256.56 for Supplies plus other minor expenses. No supporting contributions were paid. Meeting House expenses totaled $322.18 primarily for utilities.

Clerks' Corner

A new newsletter feature where every month or so something will be submitted from our clerks for the benefit of our members' continuing education on Quaker history, thoughts and practices.

July/August 2016
How do we prepare ourselves for Meeting for Business in the Spirit of Worship?

I asked several Friends what they do to make themselves ready for our monthly meeting for business in the spirit of worship. Here are some of the thoughtful responses that were given to me:

I read the reports that were sent ahead of time.
I prepare inwardly. I pray for the community.
I remind myself to listen to Christ within.
I sit with an issue before hand so that I can be ready to let it go to God and the meeting-especially if it is an issue that has raised some excitement within me.
I treat the business meeting the same way I treat meeting for worship. In my everyday prayers, I hold the meeting in the Light.
I clear and empty myself so as to be open to the guidance of the spirit.
I try to identify those things which I need to leave outside the meeting for business, so that I can be fully present to what is going on inside the meeting for business.
Surely, it is something to sit with and consider.
Susan Carlyle

Pictures from the open house 6/19/2016 showing some of the people present and in the background a glimpse of our new property

Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting

Carole Treadway

All are invited and welcome to take part in a monthly worship sharing opportunity called "Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting. During each gathering a topic is introduced to which those present respond according to each one's experience and understanding of the topic. The result is rich and varied as each participant discloses his or her deep responses. We come to know one another "in the things that are eternal." The event takes place at 9 a.m. in the meetinghouse on the fourth First Day (Sunday) of the month.

Below is an example of a topic with questions to stimulate responses. At the request of some participants and the approval of the Worship and Ministry committee, we will continue to offer examples of our topics from time to time. While it may be interesting and helpful to consider the topics individually, it is most useful to look at them and respond with at least one other person. You are invited to seek out others to share in this experience with you.

The Meetinghouse

3-23-2014

This weekend we heard stories about the places that this meeting has occupied in its 45-year history and we heard Friends from other meetings tell about their experiences of preparing for and building a new meetinghouse. While Friends know that our experience of the Divine presence is not confined to a building, it's pretty obvious from the intense interest we have in the prospect of a new meetinghouse or worship space and the renovation of this building, that the place we occupy as a meeting is an important part of the life of the meeting and that in some sense we do encounter the Divine in this place. It is here that we practice the presence of God each week, it is here that we find our way as a meeting, and it is here that our community is formed.

What does this meetinghouse mean to you?

What part has this meetinghouse or any other meetinghouse you have been in played in your spiritual life?

Do you have specific memories of occasions when a meetinghouse was the venue of an opening or a deepening sense of relationship with the Spirit?

Our New Child Care Providers

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Answers to Sixth and Seventh Month queries taken from the March query workshop

Query # 6

Growth of Our Children

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?

We encourage the spiritual growth of our children of all ages. They join us in the worshipful silence at the beginning and the end of our meetings. We have members who spend time with our children each First Day to guide them in their growth in their spiritual and moral discernment. We are fortunate to employ several Quaker students from nearby Guilford College to help with the childcare. The children hold their own monthly meeting for business and make reports to the meeting's regular business meeting from time to time. Under the guidance of our Religious Education committee the young people have taken on fund raising efforts to help immigrants and refugees after having heard personal stories of members and visitors who are or were immigrants and refugees themselves. Under guidance of meeting members, the older children in First Day School lead the meeting for worship's closing and introductions/ announcements on the fifth First Day of a month. The meeting has united to help them prepare a new classroom with furnishings for their use.

Query #7

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?

Many members consider the ways in which the seeds of war manifest in their daily lives. In general we consider our habits of consumption, our modes of travel, and how to support the wider community's efforts to seek a peaceful world. Frequently members of our meeting will publish editorials or articles in the local newspaper speaking out against war and other injustices. We have been asked, as a meeting, to give input to Friends Committee on National Legislation as they prepare to set their legislative priorities for the next congress. Several members are working to gather this information so that we can participate in the wider Quaker effort to influence our government and send the message that war is not the answer.

Darryl Lynn Waisner, age 50, a member of Friendship Friends Meeting, Greensboro, NC, passed away on June 23, 2016, at his residence in Archdale, NC. Darryl was a graduate of Wingate College and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, and was an ordained Baptist pastor. Darryl joined Friendship Meeting on transfer of his membership from Deep River Friends Meeting on February 12, 2006. He served conscientiously on the Worship and Ministry Committee from 2006 and was its faithful clerk from 2007 to 2013. He also helped with the duties of the Hospitality Committee and enjoyed meeting visitors. He contributed actively to our Meetings for Business. He faced some health issues over the years and was not active in the Meeting for some time.

A memorial service will be held

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