

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Eighth Month, 2021

- **Monthly Query:** *How does our Worship nurture all worshipers, creating a deeper sense of community?*
- **Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:**  
*Your silent prayer and openness to Spirit are themselves a form of ministry that enriches the Meeting community.*



## NOTICE Reopening of Meeting House

**CHFM will meet in person with mask-wearing and social distancing**

***To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of vaccination protocol and the wearing of masks around others on Chapel Hill Friends Meeting House property is lovingly expected.***

### ***~ First Day Worship Opportunities ~***

- 8:15 - 9:15 am - Early worship in the meeting room
- 9:30 - 10:30 am - Forum: Simple forum series on Quakerism, Race, and Connection: When you think of your soul, what does that mean to you?
- 11:00 am to 12:00 - Worship at the meetinghouse under the magnolia tree. (bring own chair)
- 11:00 am to 12:00 - Worship in the meeting room (details below)
- 11:00 am to 12:00 - Online worship via Zoom (zoom link below)

### **Virtual Meetings**

**- will also continue until further notice -**

**Meetings for Worship; Meetings for Worship with Attention to Business; and Weekly Forums:**

**The link to Zoom for the Forum and Meeting for Worship is sent weekly via the listserv.** If you wish to visit with us for the first time or are a regular attender but do not have access to the listserv please contact us at [zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org). Comments are warmly appreciated at the same email address. See you online!

Ministry and Worship Committee and the Zoom Ad-hoc Committee ([zoom@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:zoom@chapelhillfriends.org)) wish to make this experience as rich as possible. Even apart, we wish to come together in the Light. To aid this, we advise those attending of the following:

- On entering the Meeting for Worship via Zoom, everyone's microphone will be muted (you do not need to mute yourself on entry). We suggest remaining muted when not speaking to avoid background noise.

- If led to share vocal ministry, the “Unmute” button on the bottom left of the Zoom screen is pressed. When finished speaking, the “Mute” button may be pressed in the same location.
- We recognize you may need to move around and settle. If doing so Friends are asked to use the “Stop Video” option (bottom of screen next to Mute) – your name or profile picture will display until pressing “Start Video” again. This will minimize visual distraction for others,
- There is an option on the upper right of your Zoom screen to select “Speaker View” for a large window for the current speaker or “Gallery View” that shows small windows for all participants.

The Ministry & Worship Committee reminds Friends that our traditional Quaker practice in Meeting for Worship, in-person or online, is to refrain from sharing vocal ministry more than once in the hour to give others space for messages. Though it may be more challenging online, we strive to listen deeply in the silence and be open to the leadings of the Spirit that may move us to speak.

More information about Zoom is available on the Meeting’s website:

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom.html>

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### Upcoming Zoom Forums

**August 8:** Simple forum series on Quakerism, Race, and Connection: Do you feel we are all connected, no matter race, gender, political views, etc., and if so, how and what does this mean to you?  
Moderator: Deborah Gibbs

**August 15:** No Forum - Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**August 22:** Summer reflections (worship-sharing). Moderator: Deborah

**August 29:** Lloyd Kramer, Quaker history TBD. Moderator: TBA

**September 5:** Hank Elkins sharing. Moderator: TBA

**September 12:** The Cameron Street Renaming Project (Joyce and Wendy). Moderator: TBA

**September 19:** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**September 26:** Quaker Practice Series: Silent and Vocal Ministry (M&W). Moderator: Jennifer

### Upcoming Events

**MARAT/SADE RETURNS** – Performances July 23 - Aug 8

Naveed Moeed shares with Friends:

A social justice play hosted kindly last year by Durham Friends Meeting, returns to the stage as a brand new independent production at St. John's MCC in Raleigh. Peter Weiss's avant-garde masterpiece Marat/Sade

invites you into a revolution-era French asylum for a barbarous theatrical display, where the Marquis de Sade's loyal troupe of inmates sings songs of rage, romance, and decapitation.

As our community has been thrown into tremendous upheaval over the last year, and the #BlackLivesMatter movement has received more public attention than ever, the 2021 Marat/Sade developed a bolder, more defiant production, challenging both the cast and the audience to examine systems of oppression from new angles, highlighting the play's underlying themes of forced assimilation, imprisonment, religious manipulation, healthcare inequality, white supremacy, and gender inequity—bolstered by a re-imagined ending.

Our cast and creative team feature women, queer artists, BIPOC artists, and artists with disabilities. Each of these groups is also represented in our cast, which is predominantly female or non-binary. The stage manager, Naveed Moeed, is a Quaker of Color at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.

Runs July 23 - August 8 at St. John's MCC in Raleigh, NC.

Directed by Dustin Britt with an original score by Al Riggs.

Purchase tickets at [MaratSade.com](https://www.maratsade.com).

### **Art from OCC, July 28 - Aug 22**

Pam Schwingl shares with Friends:

Residents of Orange County Correctional Center will have their art work displayed at the Margaret Lane Gallery in Hillsborough (home of the Eno Friends Meeting!) starting July 28. There is a reception on July 30 at 6-9pm; and a picnic for families and supporters on Saturday July 31 3-5pm sponsored by the Rotary Club.

Please make your way up here for this very exciting event!

### **Recurring Events**

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesdays, 7-9pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Join us when you can for as long as you wish—from your own home.

Do you have a name or a group of people to add to - or remove from - the list of those we will hold in our hearts and prayers? If so, please send to Lynn ([linda.drake100@gmail.com](mailto:linda.drake100@gmail.com)) or Matt ([matthiascdrake@gmail.com](mailto:matthiascdrake@gmail.com)). We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

### **Pendle Hill Worship via Zoom, Daily, 8:30-9:10am**

Pendle Hill Quaker Study, Retreat, and Conference Center is now opening their daily morning worship to everyone, by way of Zoom or phone. A lovely opportunity for gathered worship every morning. "A handful of Pendle Hill residents continue to gather daily in the Barn – from 8:30am to 9:10am Eastern Time – expanding the 90-year-long tradition of daily worship here on campus. Beginning the week of March 16, 2020, we started an experiment of opening the circle of worship to YOU in your home. You can join us here via Zoom."

<https://pendlehill.org/explore/worship/join-us-online-for-worship-in-the-barn/?bblinkid=210290749&bbemailid=19903873&bbejrid=1408822779>

**Note:** The above link takes you *not* to the meeting but to a page of general instructions. Look for the sentence "You can join us via Zoom **here**, or by clicking on the image below."

### **Sloth Radio Is On the Air, Tues, Thursdays, 8pm**

Kathleen McNeil shares with Friends:

Hi Friends/friends,

The First Day School Middle POD (the Sloths) will be sharing our Sloth Radio Hour every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 8PM. You don't need to be in the middle pod to join us. All are welcome. We are reading the first book of the Harry Potter series. We will read for 30-60 minutes depending on interest level. The program will continue to be on zoom at the same address.

Zoom: <https://unc.zoom.us/j/9194488892>

Please spread the word if you have any friends that you think would like to join us!

## **Announcements**

### **Hello from Claire Bates**

Hello Friends. I am so grateful for having experienced your nourishing company online during lockdown. I'm currently traveling around facilitating musical community events this summer and am also in the process of moving from West Virginia to Randolph, VT, to begin a school social worker job there this fall. I look forward to it as a chance to build on and increase my skills and be part of nourishing young ones (and I will still have the summers for a focus on musical community work)! I appreciate the online Meeting option and look forward to participating again before long. Holding this group of Friends with affection in my heart.  
Claire

### **A Pioneering Quaker Woman in Science**

Jan Hutton shares with Friends:

“Growing up in a Quaker household, Jocelyn Bell Burnell was raised to believe that she had as much right to an education as anyone else. But as a girl in the 1940s in Northern Ireland, her enthusiasm for the sciences was met with hostility from teachers and male students. Undeterred, she went on to study radio astronomy at Glasgow University, where she was the only woman in many of her classes.”

“I was born in Northern Ireland, 1943. My father was an architect for the observatory in Armagh. I was in secondary school, enjoying it very much right from the beginning, until the Wednesday of the first week. They sent the boys to the science laboratory and the girls to the cookery room because they were going to be homemakers. I knew that wasn't right. I tried protesting to the domestic science teacher, but she wasn't hearing anything of it. But when I told my parents that night, they hit the roof. As Quakers, we believe there is something of God in everybody, literally everybody. So everybody needed a scientific education.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/video/opinion/100000007768850/the-silent-pulse-of-the-universe.html>

### **Art from Sanctuary in the Albuquerque Friends Meeting House**

Sarah Malone of Albuquerque Friends Meeting shares with Friends:

I invite you to be part of a story of faith and commitment. I recently learned of a website called [Sanctuary Works](#) featuring the artwork of a Honduran immigrant, Emma Membreno, who lived in Sanctuary in a New Mexico church for nearly two years. Emma learned to paint while living in Sanctuary, calling her works, “Paintings for Peace.” Emma's paintings have been converted to charming greeting cards available on the Sanctuary Works website, with proceeds from sales supporting Emma's pursuit of legal status in the United States, where she hopes to be reunited with her U.S. citizen husband and daughter, hopefully this year. I invite you to check out Sanctuary Works and to purchase one or more of Emma's cards. Not only will you receive delightful cards, you will know your purchase is supporting one immigrant's journey.

Thanks for your consideration!

### **FCNL, Summer 2021**

Pam Schwingl shares with Friends:

We've been busy these past few months. Friends Committee on North Carolina Legislation (FCNCL) has been responding to the first long session of the NC General Assembly since we were founded. Eight Action Alerts, a flurry of Fact Sheets, two excellent workshops, and a growing mailing list speak to our level of effort. (Check us out at [fcncl.org](http://fcncl.org)). If you've been following the legislature, you know that what we're seeing isn't business as usual. It's clear that FCNCL can't be operating that way either. At our next Annual Meeting (Oct 2, please join us!) we'll be looking at expanding our mission to include both legislation and relationship building with North Carolina legislators. This means educating them and building influence over time. We'll be engaging Friends in what we expect to be an active NC redistricting effort.

With the General Assembly making dangerous decisions that will hurt the most vulnerable among us, it's urgent that we amplify our efforts and build our collective power. If you've been curious about FCNCL but not active, tell us what it's going to take to get you onboard ([info@fcncl.org](mailto:info@fcncl.org)). Quakers have a long history of letting their lives speak in the political arena to bring a voice of conscience. FCNCL aims to build on that legacy, and we hope you'll feel led to join us.

**Learn More About FCNCL.** We advocate for NC policies that support people of all cultural, religious, and racial backgrounds; marriage and gender equality; violence prevention; civil and voting rights for all citizens; access to quality education opportunities; quality healthcare for all; an equitable and humane criminal justice system; environmental stewardship; and opposition to all forms of torture and extreme rendition. We welcome your feedback, so write to us at [info@fcncl.org](mailto:info@fcncl.org) and let us know what you think.

### Visiting the Meetinghouse During Covid

Building and Grounds shares with Friends:

As you know we've curtailed use of the meeting house during the pandemic. Occasionally, people have, and needed to, gone into the meeting house to support the few essential tasks of the meeting. We appreciate that those visits have been brief and infrequent. We do ask though that anyone that needs to go into the meeting house to please notify John Hite, by phone or text, prior to going. Thank you.

### Food Donations No Longer Being Picked Up on Meetinghouse Porch

The Meeting's IFC committee wishes to express our gratitude for the generosity of Friends who have brought food donations to the meetinghouse porch on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays over the past year and more. The Meeting is open for small group worship on First Days, beginning on July 4; and we will no longer be picking up food donations on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays. The IFC continues to need our support, and we ask that Friends bring donations to the basket in the foyer, as we did before the meetinghouse was closed. Checks may also be left in the appropriate envelope by the basket. Again, the IFC is thankful for our continued support during these difficult times.

With gratitude,

*The IFC committee (Carolyn Stuart, Carolyn White, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Dottie Heninger, Asta Crowe, Emilie Condon, Gwyn Hein, Ronald Carnes, Tori Toles)*

### Anecdotes from AntiRacism Committee

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**These are short stories that illustrate racist OR anti-racist actions. They should ideally be no longer than 100 words, but this is not an ironclad rule. Catch up with all the anecdotes:**

<https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/arc-anecdotes.html>.

We invite/encourage Friends to contribute from their own experience. Please send to [lbassinger@gmail.com](mailto:lbassinger@gmail.com). Contributions will be vetted by the ARC before being placed in the CHFM e-news. Please indicate whether we should print your name or "Anonymous."

A member of Meeting was hesitant to submit a story, not sure that it fit the billing – to be about racism. When we read it, it was emphatically about both racism and being a strong anti-racist. We suspect that every person in Meeting has stories they can tell, once they give themselves permission to speak. It is in the naming that we will understand what we are faced with and figure out how to proceed. It is in sharing our Light that we can begin to see clearly.

## **The Wedding Reception**

When Bonnie and I were married, at our wedding reception I introduced my friend and social work colleague, Atkins, to another close friend, David. We'd sung together with the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club 5 years earlier. I told them both that I was so glad that "my two close friends" now had a chance to meet each other on this joyous occasion. I made sure that they would sit together at the same table. An angry letter from David was waiting for me when we got back from the honeymoon. He made it clear that I couldn't have disrespected him and his fiancé any worse than by the wedding reception seating plan. I can't remember what I wrote back. That was the last contact I had with David.

*Tom Ludlow*

## **Coney Island**

My friend and social work colleague, Atkins, and I found ourselves working near each other in Coney Island, Brooklyn. He was the director of a new anti-poverty agency. I had just been hired as a community organizer with the local hospital doing community mental health work. I told him that I would love to be of help to him and his agency in some way.

Atkins, as the head of, and role model for, his agency's young Black and Latinex staff and clients, said that I should not have asked him this. If I wanted to be of help, he told me, I should concentrate on doing something about the people in my own community. I now think that my offer may have made Atkins feel like I was being the "White Savior," something he knew he did not need. I wish I had been more aware of this at the time.

Then he said he'd love to be invited back up to the Poconos sometime. I didn't think at the time that he was being sarcastic; I'm thinking differently as I write this now.

Atkins and I saw each other and spoke, in passing, for the next couple of years. Then I moved on to a community mental health job in New Jersey. We never saw or spoke to each other again.

*Tom Ludlow*

## **The Difference Being White Can Make**

So a friend who is African American told this story –

"The first time a police officer pulled me over in Chapel Hill, I was terrified. I had never been in the South before; I didn't know what would happen."

I have never been terrified of a policeman or woman. Annoyed, frustrated, angry, attentive, respectful, questioning, hoping they didn't notice the dumb thing I just did--but never terrified. Never. I am white.

*Wendy Michener*

## **What I See, Now**

Years ago, I saw a Black mom with her very young son. He was busy, active, and adorable, as preschoolers typically are. We were in the hallway of an office building with a short flight of stairs. As he lifted his little foot to go up the first step, it started to slip out of the shoe. His mother laughed, pausing to help him get it back on.

The stairs had a handrail, and as I passed them, I saw the little boy reach up to grab the bar with both hands. Suddenly I heard a loud slap and the sobbing of a child. I jerked around: The mother had her son by the shoulders, telling him fiercely she'd better never see him do that again. He gasped and sobbed, tears spilling down his cheeks like little shards of glass.

I was shocked and alarmed; his mom was clearly furious with him. But he was so tiny, and all he did was pull up on a handrail--how could such an innocent act merit that much anger?

I went into the office I'd been headed for, sat down, and began to pray for them. His mom clearly loved him--it was obvious from the way she'd been holding his hand, the way she laughed, and the way she'd helped him get his shoe back on. Maybe she was exhausted, I reasoned, and had overreacted.

It wasn't until years later that I came to a different conclusion: His mom not only loved him, she knew from her own experience that Black kids and White kids don't have the same latitude for what's seen as innocent behavior. Everywhere they go, White preschoolers have the luxury of being seen silly, impulsive, and

adorable. This is only true in certain places for Black preschoolers. The freedom of being seen as an innocent child can't be taken for granted--and thinking so can get you hurt. Because I worked with children professionally, I understood normal "kid" behavior and saw his action as an innocent one. But his mom had no way of knowing this; she only knew that I was White. For all she knew, I could have complained that her child was somehow damaging the building. I now believe she acted the way she did because she knew what I didn't: The rules were different for her son and mine.

*Anonymous*

### **Giving Back**

My favorite story to tell White people who say "Blacks take money from the system and never give back" is about a client of mine with 8 children: First, she gave me some Avon products (which she sold to keep her family going). Then she invited me to stay for dinner, an offer I initially refused. But she and the kids begged me to stay---she said she wanted me to know how much she appreciated my help, and she was a great cook, and please would I stay? The kids pushed me as well, so I did. She served us all and was still carrying things to the table when I told her to join us.

Suddenly I realized I was eating her pork chop! She had served me the food originally intended for her own plate. I was upset, but she stopped me. "No one had ever gone so out of their way" for her and her kids before, she told me. She needed to let me know how big that was, how much it meant to her.

I told this story one time to a Texas contingent on our boat cruise. They said nothing in reply, but avoided me for the rest of the trip. However, a number of other people got wind of the story and asked if they could sit at my table.

*Bonnie Ludlow*

### **Quaker Corner**

Quaker Corner serves as an ongoing portal into the larger Quaker world (UK included.) Many powerful online course offerings, articles, worships, etc., are available in our 'Quaker-verse'. Links will be provided weekly, if available. Let there be Light!

### **Summer 2021**

Quaker Corner will be on hiatus during the summer. It would be helpful to Publications if you will let us know whether you would like it to resume. Please send your comments to [news@chapelhillfriends.com](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.com).

## **Minutes of July Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

**and the appendices follow**

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**Minutes**

**9 am Sunday July 18, 2021**

**Online via Zoom**

**Chris Stanley, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk**

In attendance: Lois Ann Hobbs, Tom Munk, Jeff Brown, Faye Stanley, Hank Elkins, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Buzz Borchardt, Betsy Brinson, John Hite, Tom Ludlow, Carolyn Stuart, Richard Miller, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Monteze Snyder, Wendy Mitchener, Rowena, Kenneth Grogan, Deborah Gibbs, Quaker Harmon, Jennifer Leeman, Bob Durovich, Paul Munk, Jan Hutton, Asta Crowe, Nancy Milio, Rich Godfrey, Dottie Henninger, Madelyn Ashley, Emilie Condon, Pam Schwingl, Jasmine McKewen, Susan Inglis, Chris Stanley

1. Opening worship and query – Chris Stanley, Meeting Clerk opened worship with the Query: How does Worship enhance my capacity for attentive, non-judgmental, listening to others?
2. Chris welcomed the Meeting and reviewed the agenda. There were no first-time attenders.
3. Alice Carlton presented the Minutes of the June Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). The Minutes were considered and approved.
4. Though the quarterly financial report is usually presented in July, Maura Murphy, Treasurer, requested that the presentation be pushed out to the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.
5. Last month, Monteze Snyder, Co-Clerk of the Finance Committee, presented the Finance Committee Budget Proposal for the new fiscal year. The budget was reviewed and considered. After clarifications had been provided, Friends accepted the Budget with appreciation.
6. Though the Building and Grounds Committee annual report is usually presented in July, Bob Durovich, Clerk, had requested that it be presented in September so it has been rescheduled for that time.
7. Asta Crowe, Clerk of the Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee, presented the annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 2. After she had responded to questions and comments, the report was accepted with appreciation.



8. Jeff Brown, Clerk of the Ministry and Worship Committee, reported on the initial results of the experiment with returning to face-to-face worship, and his report is attached here. A discussion about pros and cons of blended worship was postponed until the Ministry & Worship Committee has had time to gather more information. At that time discussion will cover points including the fact that some are not comfortable worshipping with technology; that some attenders are at a distance or have medical issues and can only participate via technology; that Forum and committee meetings have had increased attendance when held over Zoom.

Jeff invited comments and questions on the experiment on re-opening Meeting. Friends spoke to concerns about rising rates of COVID-19 infections, and the more contagious variants, reaching consensus that masking should be required, or more strongly suggested. It was noted that all other meetings in our area are currently requesting masks, per spreadsheet attached.

Tom Ludlow offered a statement for us to consider. With discussion it was modified slightly and accepted:

To promote safety and reduce the possibility of Covid 19 transmission and infection, the completion of vaccination protocol and the wearing of masks around others on meeting property is lovingly expected.

It will be posted on our website and emailed. A simpler request will be posted on the door:

Please wear a mask.

9. A request for Membership has been received from Karen Jessee. Chris read it:

After a long period of discernment, I feel led to seek community with the Society of Friends. Although I knew something of Quaker history and practice, I've learned more of the quality of Quaker life since my son has been attending Friends school. The values lived out at the school are definitely our own. Likewise, contemplative prayer and meditation have been part of my spiritual practice for decades, so silent worship is familiar and rich ground for inspiration which I long for.

Thank you for your willingness to work with me further in the process of discerning membership in the CHFM.

Ministry and Worship is organizing a clearness committee to move this request forward.

10. Chris announced that our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on August 15th, 2021.

11. Closing worship concluded the Meeting in time for preparation for 11:00 AM Meeting for Worship.

# Appendix 1

## Budget

7/14/2021 Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Draft Budget Proposal				
Fiscal Years 2019-2022	Past Budgets		Proposed Budget	Proposed Budget FY 2021-22 compared to FY 2019-20
	July 2019- June 2020	June 2021	July 1, 2021 - June 2022	
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Contributions	67,935	53,550	56,050	
Parking	4,800	0	2,100	
Rental	300	0	0	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>73,035</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>58,150</b>	<b>-20%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>73,035</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>58,150</b>	
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>A-Obligations</b>				
Bank Fee	50	50	50	
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,000	6,800	7,000	
Insurance	5,900	5,900	5,900	
Software License Fee	1,000	1,000	1,000	
UBIT, Storm Fees	1,240	800	1,000	
Utilities	5,000	5,300	5,300	
<b>Total A-Obligations</b>	<b>19,190</b>	<b>19,850</b>	<b>20,250</b>	<b>6%</b>
	26%	37%	35%	
<b>B-Committee</b>				
Adult Religious Ed	100	60	150	
Building and Grounds	13,000	6,600	8,500	
Care and Counsel				
Meeting for Suffering	110	120	200	
Care and Counsel - Other	200	110	110	
<b>Total Care and Counsel</b>	<b>310</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>310</b>	
Children's/Youth Religious Ed	1,000	600	400	
Communication Technology	0	500	500	
Finance				
Contingency Fund	350	210	300	
Credit Card Fee		200	400	
Finance - Other	1,000	400	1,000	
<b>Total Finance</b>	<b>1,350</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>1,700</b>	
Friends Transition & Suppt-Yoke	1,700	500	500	
Hospitality	400	240	420	
IPC	200	120	50	
Library	450	270	370	
Ministry and Worship	900	540	500	
Nominations	10	10	40	
Peace and Justice				
National Quaker Service	1,500	900	900	
Peace and Justice - Other	500	300	150	

Total Peace and Justice	2,000	1,200	1,050	
Publications and Communication	1,750	1,250	10	
<b>Total B-Committee</b>	<b>23,170</b>	<b>12,930</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>-37%</b>
Committee as % of total budget	31.7%	24.1%	24.9%	
C-Transfers to other accounts*				
Care and Counsel	500			
Physical Plant Fund	2,000			
Returning Citizens	1,000	770		
Shells Leadership Development	200			
Youth Service Trip	800			
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>4,500</b>	<b>770</b>		
D-Benevolence				
Legacies	19,454	15,800	17,380	
Peace and Justice	6,571	4,200	4,620	
<b>subtotal Legacies + P &amp; J</b>	<b>26,025</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>22,000</b>	<b>-15%</b>
Ministry and Worship***		1,400		***
Gulford Archives** or other	150			
<b>Total Benevolence</b>	<b>26,175</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>23,400</b>	<b>-15%</b>
benevolence as % OF TOTAL BUDGET	35.8%	37.3%	40.2%	
<b>Total expense</b>	<b>73,035</b>	<b>53,550</b>	<b>58,150</b>	<b>-20%</b>

\* these allocations remain in earmarked assets accounts and are carried forward for future use  
 \*\* as of FY 2021-2022 Gulford Archives is counted as an expense for services under M & W committee expenses, not a benevolence; it is a payment for services rendered.  
 \*\*\* the line item for MSW benevolence: \$1400 was inadvertently left out of the budgets for FY 2019 and 2020. However, these benevolences have been paid and are reflected in the Budget vs Actuals statement of FY 2019, 2020, and 2021

## Appendix 2

### Returning Citizen Financial Assistance Committee

#### Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

The Returning Citizens Financial Assistance Committee (ReCFAC) was established in 2014 to create guidelines and oversee the disbursement of funds to assist men as they leave Orange Correctional Center and return to the community. The committee works with the Transition and Support Committee, which must have established a support circle for a returning citizen before he can receive financial assistance.

The committee meets on an as needed basis, conducting most of its business via email. Requests during FY'2020-21 included clothing and personal needs upon release from OCC, and some housing assistance. Food assistance was provided for one partner due to a medical setback.

We have provided assistance to five men over the year, for a total expenditure of \$907.11. This leaves a carryover balance to FY2021-2022 of \$2,323.10. We did not request any additional funds for FY'21-22.

Funds b/f from FY 2019-20	\$2,460.21
CHFM contribution FY 2020-21	\$770.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$3,230.21
EXPENSES FOR FY 2020-21	\$907.11
Includes rental assistance, personal needs for five men	
BALANCE c/f to 2021-22	\$2,323.10

We are pleased that Ann Shy will join our committee effective July 1, 2021.

The coming year remains uncertain as we adjust to some opening up and new plans. We have at least one man in the pipeline requesting partnership but we are unable to visit OCC at this time. As society opens up, we cannot predict when we will be able to attend Yoke

Fellows or other activities at OCC, nor what housing needs there may be, but hopefully temporary housing and shelters will be more available during the coming year.

Submitted by the ReCFAC: Asta Crowe (clerk), Nancy Milio, Gwynne Pomeroy, Richard Miller and David Schneider.

### **Appendix 3**

#### **July 2021 Report on the Status of Worship to the July 18 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**

The Ministry & Worship Committee (M&W), after listening carefully and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our spiritual community, requested and received permission from the June 20 Meeting for Worship with Attention Business to begin offering opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. M&W invited our community to try worship and religious education options and evaluate those options. The overall approach is for Friends to decide for themselves what option on a First Day best meets their needs for safety and wellbeing.

Beginning on July 4, M&W offered the following opportunities:

1. Early worship in the meeting room from 8:15 to 9:15 AM.
2. Forum via Zoom only, 9:30 to 10:30, giving 30 minutes before 11:00 worship.
3. Worship in the meeting room from 11:00 to 12:00. The Building & Grounds Committee provided window fans to pull fresh air into the meeting room in some windows, and push air out through other windows.
4. Worship outside from 11:00 to 12:00 under the Magnolia tree, with help from volunteers to open and close worship.
5. Worship via Zoom from 11:00 to 12:00.
6. First Day School on the playground from 11:00 to 12:00, and the nursery open if needed.

We are happy to add that Friends are now holding meeting for worship at Carol Woods at 11:00.

After two First Days on the above schedule, M&W offers the following observations and advisements:

- On July 11, a total of 76 adults attended one of the worship options, 16 attended Forum, and 3 children participated in First Day School.
- There was joy expressed among those attending in-person worship, both outside and inside the meeting room.
- Vaccination was not required, but it is highly recommended for indoor worship. We do not know if all in attendance are vaccinated.
- Masking indoors was not required; fewer than half of those in attendance wore masks.
- One newcomer requested a mask, provided by John Hite. M&W will provide a box of masks in the foyer for those inclined to wear one.
- The window fans were effective at exchanging air in the meeting room.
- Installation of the window fans, each First Day, took 25-30 minutes. B&G seeks volunteers to assist with installation an hour before the early meeting and removal after the 11:00 meeting.
- B&G advice is to not use the window fans and the air conditioning at the same time.
- On a hot, humid day, the meeting room gets warm without air conditioning.

- Fan noise inside means that Friends need to project their voices during vocal ministry.
  - Friends are advised to move after-meeting conversations outside.
  - Friends congregating and conversing in the foyer may pose the most risk given the small space and air flow, though there are air purifiers in the foyer and bathroom and nursery.
  - Air purifiers are operating in the foyer, upstairs bathroom, and nursery.
  - The best shaded area for meeting outdoors appears to be under the Magnolia, although traffic noise and hot weather may be challenging.
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- Worship via Zoom continues to provide a safe, comfortable, convenient way for newcomers of all generations to discover and try meeting for worship with Chapel Hill Friends.

Attendance counts for July 4 and July 11, respectively:

8:15 meeting in the meeting room: 6 and 7  
 11:00 meeting outdoors: 14 and 9  
 11:00 meeting in the meeting room: 23 and 24  
 11:00 worship via Zoom: 22 and 26  
 11:00 worship at Carol Woods: 10 to 12 on July 11  
 First Day School: 1 in person and 2 online on July 11

In response to Friends who have expressed a preference for continuing a role for worship via Zoom, M&W recommends a request to the Zoom working group to conduct additional testing of a blended approach. Though research on specific equipment and techniques is a work in progress, M&W would like to provide an opportunity for Friends to experience worship in the meeting room with equipment that enables a hybrid of in-person and Zoom participation on a trial basis on two First Days, to be determined, followed by a listening session.

Ministry & Worship and Buildings & Grounds committees plan a joint meeting this week to clarify ways to proceed with the trial options for worship. M&W will follow up with Children and Youth Education Committee and Hospitality, as well, to discuss the options further.

As always, the committee values and invites your comments this morning or anytime via [ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:ministryandworship@chapelhillfriends.org).

July 18, 2021

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