

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Newsletter

Second Month, 2023

Monthly Query: *How do I experience our Meeting as a beloved community?*

Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee:

Is the hour of meeting for worship the only time in the week you seek to nourish your spiritual life?



Upcoming Zoom Fora - 09:30 am <https://www.chapelhillfriends.org/zoom/online.html>

February 5: Josh Leroy, chaplain at Orange Correctional Center, will talk about nurturing spiritual growth among people who are incarcerated. (*Deborah Gibbs following*)

February 12: Nicole Nettleton forum

February 19: Meeting For Worship with Attention to Business (no forum)

February 26: Spirit-led visual art. Sharings by Kate Fitch, Finn James, Joyce Sandy, and Ripley Whiteside. Moderators: Tom Munk and Mark Toles

Small Group Worship at the Meetinghouse

After listening carefully to our community and giving thoughtful consideration to ways to meet the needs of our community, the Ministry & Worship Committee received permission from the Meeting to begin offering responsible opportunities for small group worship in a variety of settings. We invite the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting community to try and help us evaluate options for small group worship over the coming weeks. In this unprecedented time, the committee is not pursuing the perfect answer to how to worship together, and we do not know the lowest risk way to proceed.

Note: 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. A risk assessment tool is available as well (<https://www.microcovid.org/tracker>). To keep the small group worship simple, there will be no refreshments available (bring your own water), indoor participants will be urged to go outside at the rise of meeting to limit time in the building, and the building will be closed between early and late meetings. Friends are asked to not go downstairs (except for the nursery), for simplicity in preparation and maintenance of safe spaces..

Children older than 3 are encouraged to attend the first 15 minutes of worship and will be led down to the playground for First Day School, which is on the playground during Covid. However, there will be at least one adult on the playground starting at 11:00 for those who are nervous about indoors. For children under 3, the nursery is open downstairs if needed.

Upcoming Events

Demonstrate at the NC Supreme Court, Thurs. Feb 2, 9:30am

Wendy Michener shares with Friends:

NC Supreme Court 2 E Morgan St, Raleigh @9:30 am Thursday morning. They have a new case seeking to undo the "justice-involved may vote" ruling from last year. Do not wear anything provocative.

Thousands of justice-involved people are now voters, empowering them to reclaim their rights as citizens. The pride on a voter's face when they learn that they have rights and can be involved in our democracy is amazing. If the NC Supreme Court reverses this ruling, civic participation and voting rights will take a giant step backwards. And some of the now registered will not be alerted and will be at risk for felony charges the next time they vote.

Flyleaf Books: On Racial Reckoning in Virginia -Tues. Feb 7, 6pm



Signing - 5:30 pm

Talk - 6:00 pm

Betsy Brinson shares with f/Friends:

Margaret Edds is a member of the Richmond, VA Friends Meeting. She will present her new book on Tuesday, Feb 7 at 6 pm at Flyleaf Books, with the participation of Lloyd Kramer. It would be nice to have Chapel Hill Friends there. Here is a link to further information on the book and the historical context:

<https://www.allarts.org/programs/pbs-newshour/historic-reckoning-1671999365/>

- From the publisher's promotional notes:

The transformation of Governor Ralph Northam

Virginia Governor Ralph Northam's "blackface scandal" could have destroyed any politician. The photo of Governor Northam purportedly in blackface created a firestorm not only locally but also in every political sphere. What the Eyes Can't See details why Northam's career did not end with the scandal, and how it made him a better governor—and a better citizen.

In this book Margaret Edds draws on unprecedented access to the governor, his aides, and members of the Virginia Legislative Black Caucus, whose initial anger evolved into determination to mine good from an ugly episode. Both scolding and encouraging, they led Northam to a deeper understanding of the racism and pain the photograph symbolized. Edds provides a revealing examination of race in the nation, how racism might be addressed and reckoned with, and how we all may find a measure of redemption in listening to one another.

Climate Change Presentation, Wed. Feb 15, 7pm

Wendy Michener shares with Friends:

Join Durham Friends Meeting (DFM) for a presentation by Pamela Haines, "Financial and Economic Roots of the Climate Emergency." We'll gather by Zoom on Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00pm and end with a Q&A by 8:15pm.

Please let Cesanne Berry know if you would like to attend and she will forward you the zoom link. cesberry@gmail.com (please insert "Pamela Haines RSVP" in the Subject Line).

Announcements

Keep Up the Pressure for Congress to Act on Yemen!

Help to End the Devastating War

Our legislators need to hear from us this week. Urge Sen. Tillis and Burr, and Rep. Manning to support the Yemen War Powers Resolution (S.J. Res. 56/H.J Res 87).

For nearly eight years, unauthorized U.S. military support and weapons sales have enabled the Saudi-led coalition's participation in a horrific civil war in Yemen.

In Feb. of 2021, President Biden announced the U.S. would end its support for the Saudi-led coalition, but important aspects of U.S. complicity remain. These include ongoing maintenance and logistical support for warplanes conducting airstrikes and enforcing an air and sea blockade of Yemen. This participation has not been authorized by Congress and must not continue.

FCNL has heard that Sen. Sanders plans to introduce S.J. Res 56 any day now. The U.S. has an opportunity to have a big impact on the civil war during this lame duck session.

If congress fails to act the path forward will be significantly more challenging in the new congressional year.

Join Friends across the U.S. as we say "war is NOT the answer." Use FCNL's online system to send an email or better yet, find a phone number to call all three of your representatives -- <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2022-12/100-national-organizations-urge-congress-support-yemen-war-powers-resolution>.

Support Dr. Nyah Hamlett, Superintendent for Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools

Emilie Condon shares with Friends the following excerpt of an email she received from Wanda Hunter, member of the Campaign for Racial Equity in Our Schools:

Dear Friends:

As you probably know by now, some "anonymous source" succeeded in getting Dan Kane of the N&O to join in investigating Dr. Nyah Hamlett's doctoral dissertation, completed at the College of William and Mary. They were successful in finding one area, essentially one page, in her 165-page dissertation where the citations in her literature review were less than stellar (misplaced or not complete) and where the description of research findings looked very similar to how others have described them. This has led to a headline charge of plagiarism in the N&O, and now other local papers. Recognizing that this is all that people may read, and thus not have any idea of how trivial these charges are, and that most people don't know what an exceptional leader Dr. Hamlett has been for our schools, we have written a letter that we plan to publicize widely in local news and social media that address the charges, as well as highlight all the wonderful leadership attributes and accomplishments she has brought to our district in only two years.

In many ways, Dr. Nyah Hamlett is the superintendent we have been waiting for, for 50 years, as the community has bemoaned the "achievement gap" and asked every new superintendent and school board member to reduce it. In the last 10 years we have been successful in changing the conversation to talk more about the Opportunity Gap. Many in the "equity" movement have called for a change in culture that will create a supportive equitable climate that believes in the potential of all students. Dr. Hamlett is making great strides in this direction. We need to protect her and support her.

Will you allow us to add your name to the letter of support? MLK Day is a great time to stand up and show your support. To receive a copy of the letter and information on how you can sign, please contact Wanda Hunter at wmoorehunter@gmail.com.

Support Solar Energy in NC!

Wendy Michener shares with Friends:

The NC Utilities Commission has set a cap (first time) on solar installations in NC that is lower than the present rate of work. They are also considering changing the net metering (payment for solar panel contributions to the grid) to both lower the rate and make it VERY difficult to calculate. Go to [Tell the NC Utilities Commission: Save NC Solar! - NC WARN](#) for solar panels and [Save NC Solar - NC WARN](#) for the net metering (these links are NOT the same thing!)

The IFC Pantry Needs Food Items

Carolyn Stuart shares with Friends:

The Inter-Faith Council pantry continues to need donations of food items. Please think of the IFC as you do your grocery shopping! The basket in the meetinghouse foyer is available to receive your contributions on First Days. We are no longer offering last-Wednesday food donation pickups, as Friends tend now to either support the IFC through financial contributions or bring food items to the foyer on First Days.

Thank you.

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.

Recurring Events

Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light, 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7-8:30 pm

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN Virtual Prayers for Healing/Holding in the Light on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, 7:00 to 8:30 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: prayers@chapelhillfriends.org. The list of names to be held in the Light will be renewed each month. Names must be resubmitted each month to be maintained on the list. We'll send an updated list on Wednesday afternoons. Thank you for joining us!

This virtual prayer service continues under the care of the Ministry and Worship Committee and each week, a volunteer will collect and post the names that are submitted and will read them aloud during the time of the service. You can be one of these volunteers! Please contact the Ministry and Worship Committee (mw@chapelhillfriends.org) or (clerkofmeeting@chapelhillfriends.org) to join the volunteers supporting this ongoing ministry.

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."

Pray for Peace - From *Friends House Moscow*:

Link to the Daily Meeting for Worship for Peace sponsored by FHM/FHMSA: (Friends House Moscow)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4165005614?pwd=NUtieEtqbDBYbjBrcGdMMzBKQ3drQT09>

Meeting ID: 416 500 5614

Passcode: 182805

The room opens at 8:45am Pacific time (10:45 EST); worship begins on the hour and ends an hour later. After worship there will be time to share brief thoughts that did not rise to the level of ministry. You may also want to rename yourself indicating your geographic location. There will be no audible indicator when one enters or leaves, and everyone will be muted on entry. Please leave yourself muted unless giving ministry. Ministry may also be shared in the chat, but it is not the place for private conversations. If you are new to Quaker unprogrammed worship and wish to talk with someone about it, send a message to the host and someone can join you in a breakout room.

Small Group Update

Thanks to all those who have signed up to participate in small groups starting in January and to the facilitators of each group. If you signed up for a group, you should have been contacted by the facilitator of your chosen group sometime in December with information about the first session and to confirm your participation. If you have any questions, contact Lynn Drake (Linda.drake100@gmail.com) or Dottie Heninger (Dottieheninger@gmail.com).



Personals

Home for Sale

Perry Martin shares with Friends:

I am offering my house in Arcadia for sale . I am hoping for a family who wants to live and participate in a co-housing community. Our HOA makes decisions by consensus and has adopted values consistent with Quaker values, Contact Becky Laskody at 919 - 906-4283

Looking for a Digital Helper

Lauren Tappan shares with Friends:

I am looking for a digital helper. This person needs to be able to type, handle emails, and web search for PC and Apple devices. Wonderful working environment, good pay, will negotiate on hours. Contact Lauren at laurenandjay@mindspring.com.

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Minutes

9 am Sunday January 15, 2023

Online via Zoom

Ann Miller, Clerk, and Susan Inglis, Recording Clerk

In attendance:

Alice Carlton, Carolyn Stuart, Dave Curtin, Max Drake, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Colleen Fey, Carolyn White, Rob Jones, Jeff Brown, Kuldip Kuwahara, Jan Hutton, Pam Schwingl, Hank Elkins, Monteze Snyder, Tom Ludlow, Bonnie Ludlow, Curt Torell, Peter Malone, Kate Vinita Fitch, Allie Scales, Julia Cleaver, Deborah Gibbs, Ali Huber-Disla, Campo Larrick, Dottie Henninger, Buzz Borchardt, Ken Grogan, Lloyd Kramer, Wendy Michener, John Hite, David Waterman, Gwynne Pomeroy, Quaker Harmon, Susan Peterson, Leslie Bassinger, Emilie Condon, Nancy Milio, Betsy Brinson, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Ann Miller, Susan Inglis

1. Opening worship and query – Friends settled into worship and Ann presented our Query: How can I be a blessing to others?

2. Ann welcomed Friends, recognized Ali as a first-time attender, and reviewed the agenda.

3. Susan had prepared the Minutes of the December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MWAB). They were considered and approved.

4. Curt Torrell presented the Quaker House Board annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 1. Friends discussed and accepted the report with thanks.

5. Monteze Snyder and Peter Malone presented jointly for Buildings & Grounds and Finance committees a proposal for the porch repair project. It is attached here as Appendix 2. Friends discussed and clarified reasons for the increased complexity and cost. Understanding that the committees are in unity that this is the best solution to our porch and foundation problem, Friends approved the proposal for the additional expenditure.

6. Dottie Heninger presented the memorial minute for Francis Coyle. It is attached here as Appendix 3. Friends commented on their appreciation of Frank, and of the minute which was accepted.

7. Dottie Heninger presented the memorial minute for Nancy Bless. It is attached here as Appendix 4. Friends commented and accepted the minute with gratitude.

8. Carolyn Stuart presented the Care and Counsel annual report. It is attached here as Appendix 5. Friends commented and accepted the report with gratitude.

9. Ann Miller presented Leslie Bassinger's request to become a member, which is referred to Ministry & Worship to form a clearness committee.

10. Ann called for other concerns of members, seeking unseasoned concerns to be identified only and simply heard or referred. Concern was voiced about the war in Ukraine, and those engaging in peaceful resistance, and a report was cited. Here is the link to the report by Felip Daza, "Ukrainian Nonviolent Civil Resistance in the Face of War"

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Appreciation was expressed for the presence of the Meeting Room in our Zoom meeting.

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11. Ann reminded us that our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business is planned for 9:00 AM on 2/19/2023.

Announcements:

1. Finance committee reminds Friends of dates to provide input about current fiscal year expenditures and requests for next FY budget changes
2. Wayne Finegar, Quaker House director, will be presenting a forum on 1/29
3. Margaret Eads will be at Flyleaf Books for a to discuss her book, with Lloyd Kramer and others Feb 7.
4. The NC Utilities Commission is deliberating changes to regulations of solar energy and Friends are asked to comment on concerns .
5. Finance Committee will soon be reaching out to all committees about possible changes to their budget this this year, and then about budgets for next year.
6. Check the newsletter for the many opportunities to connect and get involved

Report on Quaker House for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, Jan. 15, 2023

This year's report on Quaker House will be slightly different for a couple of reasons. First, Wayne Finegar, the newly appointed Quaker House Executive Director, will be presenting a forum on Quaker House and joining us for worship on Jan. 29, so he can report more then. A second difference comes from when the meeting re-appointed me as a Quaker House board member, joining representatives Rufus King and Tom McQuiston. When asked how I could fulfil this role, the response was, "show us the ways that our support benefits the meeting and others." Here are three reasons:

Reason #1: What is Quaker House

***Mission Statement:** Quaker House is a manifestation of the Friends' Peace Testimony. Based in Fayetteville, NC, home of Ft. Bragg, Quaker House provides counseling and support to service members who are questioning their role in or treatment by the military; educates them, their families, and the public about military issues; and advocates for a more peaceful world.*

Quaker House began in 1969 when Dean Holland, a Vietnam era soldier seeking a conscientious objector (CO) discharge, hitch-hiked from Ft. Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to request its help. Once there, he said to the Meeting, "Quakers should be in Fayetteville."

The response of CHF—soon joined by Durham, Raleigh and then other meetings, AFSC, and supportive individuals—was the founding of Quaker House. By July 1969, the Board named its first director, Wood Bouldin, and rented a house near downtown Fayetteville.

In the past 50+ years since, Quaker House has carried out its threefold mission in a variety of ways in response to evolving U.S. wars and their harmful effects on our military personnel members, their families, the Fayetteville community, and the nation.

The Quaker House G.I. Rights Hotline counselors handle over 3,000 calls per year, from U.S. military personnel stationed all over the world and advise them on issues of AWOL/UA,

conscientious objection, forms of discrimination, harassment, and more. Through the recent addition of the Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Moral Injury in the Military Program, Quaker House also offers confidential counseling for military personnel, veterans, and their families experiencing domestic abuse, moral injury, or other invisible wounds of war.

These services are free, entirely supported by donations from individuals, monthly and yearly Quaker Meetings, and other faith-based organizations. In many cases, this support to Quaker House literally saves lives.

Reason #2: Quaker House Is Healthy and Active

Quaker House is recovering well from COVID interruptions. Financially, both income and expenses were down the last couple of years, with income dropping more than expenses. With careful and steady diligence, however, both seem to be returning to their normal equilibrium, i.e., donor base funding matching program needs. Wayne's sending quarterly newsletters and his visits to yearly and monthly meetings helped, brought immediate relief to the budget, and laid a foundation for future giving.

In addition to his visits, Wayne initiated a series of online discussion sessions about the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which happened as he started as E.D., and the challenges and questions individual Friends faced about this war and the peace testimony.

Reason #3: New Initiatives, like Quaker House in a Box (QHB)

Among other initiatives, Wayne is creating a Quaker House in a Box that would give meetings of various sizes and age groupings a "grab bag" of materials on peace and Quaker House. Several sample pieces are being "piloted" in a few member meetings. The description of Quaker House above is an example from a one-page QHB flyer.

One lesson from QHB includes the talents of a CHFM young adult, Lily Wuerth. Quaker House wanted to create a graphic, as part of coloring book, that would accompany an exercise contrasting love and war. We posed some ideas to Lily, and she created the page copied below.

Aside from the product that Lily produced, the process demonstrated that we have untapped talents within our young adults, especially those who have been nurtured within peaceful meetings.

This surfaced another issue: At what age do we introduce the concept of war to our children? On the one hand, we want to protect them in a safe, non-violent environment. On the other hand, children in war-afflicted areas have no choice and cannot escape war's horror. So, QHB will provide materials and suggestions, but the age level when this is introduced should be discerned by each meeting. This, in itself, is a worth discussion.

Other examples of QHB: Quaker House Jeopardy; Golden Rule in Ten Faiths; Quaker Quotes Mix and Match; Quotes on War, Peace, Violence, Nonviolence, and Conscientious Objection, and more. QHB will be continually evolving, expanding, and revising based on the feedback and communication with meetings that use it.

For more information contact representatives Rufus King, Tom McQuiston, or Curt Torell

Respectfully submitted,

Curt Torell

See picture below



Lily Wuerth
2022

Appendix 2

Porch/Patio Project January 11, 2023

That initial estimate was made before it became clear that we needed to remove the existing concrete cap and then discovered the inadequate foundation for the concrete cap. B&G engaged the services of AA Takla Engineering to determine options for replacing the porch with a more durable and stable support. After consideration of several designs, B&G agreed to proceed with installation of five helical piles under the slab and porch and to install rebar beneath a new concrete slab. Some brick will be replaced.

B&G's estimate for the additional funds needed to complete the replacement of the porch is **\$23,742**. This is in addition to the \$6,500 previously approved.

Ibarra contract	\$2,050	concrete removal	paid
Aa Takla Eng.	\$500	engineering assessment and design	paid
Ibarra contract	\$15,000	labor for rebar, brick work, concrete slab installation	need Fin. and MWAB approval and signed contract
Cornerstone Foundation contract	\$4,250	install helical piers	Have contract to be approved and need approval and signed
Materials	\$5,442		
Contingency/ Miscellaneous	\$3,000	pipes under porch, other	
Est. Total	\$30,242		
approved funds 9/22	\$6,500		
Additional request	\$23,742		

Approved by Finance Committee January 11, 2023

FRANCIS JOSEPH COYLE

December 12, 1926 – September 14, 2022

Francis Coyle moved to Chapel Hill in 1979. Soon after, he became a faithful attendee at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Frank made a strong impression on our Meeting. His Catholic upbringing left him with a ready understanding of the Bible and his vocal ministry often included remembered scripture. His faithful way of life left an even larger mark. As a social activist he worked fervently to abolish war, racism, poverty, and other social ailments festering in our society. This was his life's passion.

Recalling Frank's life, Meeting members remembered his cooking at the Interfaith Council's kitchen. He was the only one to ever sharpen the knives, a skill he learned in his youth. Others recall him standing close by, encouraging Meeting members as they were arrested in the peaceful protests of Moral Mondays. He had just been released from jail himself. One of his proudest moments was in 2014 when he and Marguerite received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro NAACP. His life spoke his values.

When Frank talked to you, his voice was soft, his smile ever present, with laughter close behind. He was a gentle, kind man. He and his wife of 69 years, Marguerite, raised nine children. He lived to know numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, and even one great, great grandson.

Francis graduated from the University of Georgia and soon moved to Asheville, NC where he taught physics and math at the Asheville campus of the University of North Carolina. In 1969, he was placed in charge of the fledgling Computer Science Program, igniting his keen interest and career in computer programming. In 1979 he was hired by Duke University where he eventually retired as a Senior Program Analyst. In his later years, Francis and Marguerite moved to Friends Homes in Greensboro, NC.

We were blessed to know Francis. He made us better – better as people, better as a Meeting.

NANCY SHIELDS BLESS

December 3, 1928 - June 16, 2022

Nancy Bless became a member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting in 1981. She is almost unique in our Meeting as she was born and grew up in Chapel Hill, while most of our members are transplants from across the country. She attended meeting for many years until she moved to Carol Woods Retirement Community in 2004. Her interest in the Chapel Hill Meeting, however, continued throughout her life. She was always most interested to learn of activities and renovations at the meetinghouse.

Nancy was an adventurer in her youth. After graduating from the University of North Carolina in 1950 and completing a secretarial course in Durham, she embarked on an around the world trip. In Australia, on her first stop, she met her future husband, Paul, a Swiss Citizen exiled from Egypt. This was a most exotic beginning to their marriage in 1962 in Sydney. Paul and Nancy returned to Chapel Hill, NC in 1973 where they raised their son Alfred Charles and daughter Anna.

Nancy worked professionally in Sydney, Washington, DC, and thirteen years in Chapel Hill. Nancy loved to garden and grew vegetables in abundance, canned them, and shared them with her extended group of friends and family. Throughout her life she was concerned with protecting the environment. Causes of composting and making good decisions for the health of Mother Earth were always close to her heart. She was also very fond of her cats!

Nancy's serene demeanor and shyness belied her ability to solve domestic problems (she carried small scissors at all times so that she could open those pesky single-serve foil packages). She gladly listened to friends to understand their problems and to offer always practical solutions.

In her own quiet way, Nancy followed George Fox's admonition as she "walked cheerfully over the earth."

Appendix 5

Care & Counsel Annual Report: December 2021 through December 2022

The Care & Counsel Committee, composed of members of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, is responsible for pastoral care of the Meeting's members and attenders. The committee assists families requesting memorial services under the care of the Meeting and forms clearness committees for marriage under the care of the Meeting. Care & Counsel serves on clearness committees for those seeking membership and forms clearness and support committees, as requested.

The Committee expressed appreciation to Chris Stanley, who consistently attended Care & Counsel meetings until his term as clerk of Meeting ended in July. We also expressed gratitude to Julia Cleaver, Jasmine McEwen and Ann Miller, who left the Committee in July. We welcomed new members, Alice Carlton, Tom Munk and Bonnie Raphael, who joined continuing members, Lynn Drake, Gwynne Pomeroy, Leslie Rountree and Carolyn Stuart. We welcomed Ann Miller, clerk of Meeting, as an ex-officio member.

Care and Counsel contributed to the overall well-being of the Meeting in numerous ways: The formation of small groups (along with Ministry & Worship), which began in January of this year, and leadership of Prayers for Healing on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. The Committee organized three forums on these topics: clearness committees for discernment not focused on membership or marriage; clearness committees for marriage under the care of Meeting and assistance for families planning memorial services; and formation (with Ministry & Worship) of small groups. The birthday party to celebrate Lois Ann Hobb's 100th birthday was held under the care of the Committee. The Committee expresses its appreciation to Alice Carlton, Emilie Condon and Pam Schwingl, who organized this celebratory event.

The Meeting lost many dear Friends over the past year. Memorial services under the care of the Meeting were held for Wade Barber, Jackson Alguire Vickery, Lois Ann Hobbs and Kitty Bergel. Bob Simmons, Alwyn Moss, Nancy Bless and Francis (Frank) Coyle also passed away in the past year. The Committee is grateful to Dottie Heninger for the eloquent memorial minutes written for these Friends. Martha Gwyn's ashes were interred in the Memorial Garden in July of the past year.

Over the past year, Care & Counsel has been involved in seven support or clearness committees, four of which are ongoing. The Committee is currently meeting with Marya Plotkin and Michael Hanson, who wish to be married under the care of the Meeting. The Committee is pleased that Mansir Petrie transferred his membership from the Yellow Springs Meeting in Ohio. The Committee calls and meets with numerous other Friends facing a variety of challenges. It is Care & Counsel's desire that our work be grounded in love, and that we care for each other as this work unfolds.

Respectfully submitted: Alice Carlton, Lynn Drake, Gwynne Pomeroy, Ann Miller (ex-officio), Tom Munk, Bonnie Raphael, Leslie Rountree and Carolyn Stuart (clerk)

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