# **Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter**

### June 2009



### **Monthly Query:**

How do we witness to our belief in the equality and worth of all persons? Are our attitudes and actions in all human relationships consistent with our faith that there is that of God in every person?

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# **Volunteers Wanted to Lead Summer Sessions with Children**

Members of the CRE committee would like the summer FDS program to be an opportunity for those normally not involved in teaching to lead summer sessions, thereby strengthening cross-generational connections among Friends. Please ponder what contribution you can make to the education, spiritual nourishment and/or feeling of belonging of the children of CHFM. You will be helping them connect to the Meeting as a whole and shaping their understanding of Quaker community. Reflect upon leading a summer session for children ages 4-11 (up to and including 5th grade) on any subject that is important for you. Whether you share your interests and insights or just play games with the children, this can be a mutually enriching experience.

Volunteers are wanted for each week from June 14 until August 23. Contact Andrea Wuerth (<u>andreawuerth@bellsouth.net</u>, 967-3319) or Lauren Hart (<u>lauren.jacqueline@gmail.com</u>, 602-4703).

### **Upcoming Forums**

**June 7** Meeting for Worship with Attention to Graduation --

We will honor our graduating seniors

**June 14** Does the Obama Budget Support Quaker Priorities? --

Nancy Milio

These are the forums that had been confirmed at press time; however, look to your bi-weekly listserv announcements for future forums.

# Forum & Potluck with Author Vanessa Julve

### Sunday, June 14, 6:00pm

Chapel Hill Friends are invited to join Durham Friends for a special forum with potluck supper on the evening of Sunday, June 14, 6:00-8:00pm at the Durham meetinghouse. Vanessa Julye, the co-author of the book, *Fit For Freedom, Not For Friendship*, will join us for supper and for a discussion of the book. This book was featured in a Saturday workshop at the Piedmont

Friends Fellowship Annual Retreat at Camp New Hope a few weeks ago. Copies will be available for purchase at the event.

Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice discusses the common misconception that most Quakers assisted fugitive slaves and involved themselves in civil rights activism because of their belief in equality. While there were Friends committed to ending enslavement and post-enslavement injustices, Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship reveals that racism has been as insidious, complex, and pervasive among Friends as it has been generally among people of European descent. The book documents the spiritual and practical impacts of discrimination in the Religious Society of Friends in the belief that understanding the truth of our past is vital to achieving a diverse, inclusive community in the future.

For more information contact Nikki Vangsnes, 919-699-8207, or <a href="mailto:vangs001@mc.duke.edu">vangs001@mc.duke.edu</a>.

### **Impending State Budget**

Make your feelings about the impending state budget known. The North Carolina House of Representatives is close to a budget that may not support Quaker values. To learn more and to send a message, visit <a href="http://capwiz.com/ncjustice/issues/alert/?alertid=13416646">http://capwiz.com/ncjustice/issues/alert/?alertid=13416646</a>.

Or attend a Together NC / HKonJ Rally in Raleigh on the mall between the History and Natural History Museums on Monday, June 15, at 5:30pm. Contact Miriam Thompson for carpool information at 370-4114. Learn more about Together NC at <a href="http://www.togethernc.org/">http://www.togethernc.org/</a>.

### **Reentry Partners Roundtable**

Thursday, June 18, 7:00-9:00pm

A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall (210 Saint Marys Rd., Hillsborough) for concerned individuals and organizations to meet community organizations that offer transition and re-entry services that help ex-offender men and women get back on their feet and increase awareness of the obstacles that ex-offender men and women face upon release. Hear success stories of ex-offenders who are leading positive and productive lives.

Guest speakers are Roland Staton, Jr, Program Coordinator for the Senior Employment Program for the state of North Carolina, whose office finds employment for persons over 55; and Rodney Squires, who intends to illuminate the path of successful transition from prison to productive living by sharing his very unique story. For more info, please dial 644-1009.

### Family Book Club

### Thursday, June 25, 6:30pm

The Family Book Club will meet on Thursday, June 25, at 6:30pm at the home of Mark and Sherri Fulp (4215 Thetford Road, Durham 27707). Everyone interested in talking about family relationships is welcome. Childcare is provided. The book selection for the June 25th meeting is *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen & Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish. For more information, contact Sherri Fulp (493-5764 or <a href="mailto:stup2@nc.rr.com">stup2@nc.rr.com</a>).

### Speaker Fr. Louie Vitale on "Love Your Enemies"

### Thursday, June 25, 7:00pm

Come hear Fr. Louie Vitale speak on LOVE YOUR ENEMIES: Transforming Us vs. Them Thinking on Thursday, June 25, at 7:00pm at the Church of the Reconciliation (110 N. Elliot Rd, Chapel Hill). Louis Vitale is Pace e Bene's Action Advocate. A Franciscan priest and former provincial of the California Franciscan Friars, he co-founded the Nevada Desert Experience – a movement to end nuclear testing — and Pace e Bene. Pastor of a Catholic church in a low-income neighborhood in San Francisco for more than a decade, he recently served five months in prison for opposing torture and was arrested during Holy Week protesting drone bombing at Creech Air Force Base in Nevada. Fr. Louie has served two prison terms for civil resistance to the S.O.A. at Ft. Benning GA. He is the Pax Christi 2009 Teacher of the Year.

For more information, contact Wes Hare at 919-929-3316 or <a href="mailto:jhhare@earthlink.net">jhhare@earthlink.net</a>. Free will offerings for the work of Pace e Bene will be gratefully accepted.

### July = Peanut Butter

The IFC food item for the first Sunday in July will be peanut butter. Bring lots! The need is great. Thank you.

# Help Requested for a Forum on Thomas Merton

Lauren Tappan would like to offer a forum on Thomas Merton and his contributions, but needs to work with another person. She needs someone to read material aloud, due to her low vision. Is anyone else a friend of Thomas Merton? Did you know that his Mother was a Quaker? If you're interested, please contact Lauren—her contact information is listed in the Meeting directory.

### Access The Fog Is Lifting - Understanding Islam Online

As a follow up on Mona Dakrouri's April 26 forum on Islam, last month's newsletter mentioned that we have copies of the DVD *The Fog Is Lifting* in our library. It can also be accessed via the Internet by going to <a href="https://www.youtube.com">www.youtube.com</a> and typing the title in the search box. The video is split into 8 short segments.

### **Visitation Request Form is Online**

Do you know of a f/Friend who is hospitalized or homebound and would appreciate a call or a visitor? If you have their or their caregiver's permission, the Care and Counsel Committee would appreciate knowing about their need so we can offer the support of the Meeting. Please fill out the online form at our website at <a href="http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/visit.html">http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/visit.html</a>.

# Peter White Named Outstanding Southerner

North Carolina Botanical Garden Director Dr. Peter White has been given the "Outstanding Southerner" award by *Southern Living*. The March 2009 issue of *Southern Living* magazine profiles Dr. White in the "Points South: Our Life and Times" section, in an article entitled, *Fertile Ground: Peter White keeps the North Carolina Botanical Garden blossoming*, by Wade Kwon. Congratulations to one of our own!

### A report from HKonJ

### by Tom Munk

The HKonJ (Historic Thousands on Jones St.) Movement was initiated on February 10, 2007. On that day, more than 70 organizations, led by the NC NAACP and Reverend William Barber, brought thousands of people to the doors of the legislative building on Jones Street in Raleigh to promote a 14 point anti-racism, anti-war, anti-poverty agenda. Encouraged by Miriam Thompson, who is a model for me in her tireless efforts to help create what Martin Luther King called a Beloved Community in our state, I joined the movement. The Peace and Social Concerns Committee and the Meeting joined the list of HKonJ endorsers, naming me representative. I am chairing the HKonJ - Orange/Chatham People's Assembly monthly and, together with Miriam, stay involved with the statewide organization.

On May 30, Miriam and I attended a meeting called by the HKonJ - Raleigh People's Assembly about the budget being developed by the State House of Representatives. The House proposes to close North Carolina's budget gap with cuts alone, an approach that will devastate families and communities across the state, and will deepen and prolong the recession as well. I heard about proposals to freeze entry into the Children's Health Insurance Plan, to fire many thousands of educators, to take dental care and podiatry care away from Medicaid recipients, and much more. Meanwhile, I heard that I, personally, earning more money than I need, would be asked to make no sacrifice. The House has no plans to increase revenues, fearing for their electability in one and a half years. It was feeling the weight of this knowledge

that I spoke in Meeting for Worship on May 31st.

This week, I have called Verla Insko, who represents me (and probably you) in the state House. I am waiting for her to return my call. I have called Joe Hackney, Speaker of the House, and the representative for some of us in Orange and Chatham counties. The person answering the phone heartened me by saying he had received 2,000 calls like mine this week alone, asking that the poor of the state be spared these draconian cuts. I have clicked a weblink and asked that my taxes be increased to bring a little more justice and compassion to our state. One benefit of this approach to me would be knowing that, because of the deduction for state taxes, less of my tax dollars would go to a federal government that spends half of its money on military empire-building. I have sent this weblink to the Meeting's listsery. I am hoping many others will take a minute to click it. Miriam and I joined an HKonJ partners conference call to help plan a rally in Raleigh at 5:30pm on June 15.

Miriam and I are committed to the HKonJ movement and, in particular, to doing what we can to make this difficult budget the moral document that it should be. I hope others will join us. There are many ways you can help:

- 1) Learn more about and connect with HKonJ at <a href="http://www.hkonjoc.org/about.html">http://www.hkonjoc.org/about.html</a>.
- 2) Talk with Tom Munk (929-9135) or Miriam Thompson (370-4114) about the movement and how you can get involved.
- 2) Attend monthly HKonJ Orange/Chatham People's Assembly meetings.
- 3) Come to the rally in Raleigh for a more compassionate budget. June 15, 5:30pm, on the mall between the history museum and the natural sciences museum. Contact Miriam Thompson for carpooling.
- 4) Learn more about HKonJ's partner for the rally TogetherNC at <a href="http://www.togethernc.org">http://www.togethernc.org</a>.
- 5) Keep up with the work for justice in the North Carolina legislature at www.ncjustice.org.
- 6) Call or email the folks who represent you in Raleigh.
- 7) Write letters to the editor.
- 8) Call or write to your favorite radio and television stations.

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Quarterly Evening Session Thursday, May 7, 2009

After silent worship, the clerk reminded gathered Friends that at our March meeting for worship with attention to business we had agreed to devote the May quarterly meeting to the issue of benevolences.

The clerk distributed copies of six queries intended to guide our discussion:

- 1. What is our purpose in paying benevolences?
- 2. How is giving through the Meeting different from how we give as individuals?
- 3. There are many organizations we could support. How do we choose among them?
- 4. What do we mean when we say we want to support organizations with which we, as a meeting, have a relationship?
- 5. How are we led to prioritize our benevolences according to the social, peace, and environmental issues they address?
- 6. What are the limitations to our benevolence spending?

Discussion began with the first two queries. Points raised included:

- Our corporate giving is an outward and visible statement of our commitment to the causes of peace and justice, the meeting of human need and of spiritual enrichment.
- 2. In choosing benevolences, we are vouchsafing them as worthy, well-run organizations.
- 3. That our giving is an act of faith that may or may not have a return we can understand or see. We give as we are led.
- 4. Giving as a community gives us an opportunity to go places we wouldn't go as an individual.

Discussion moved on to include queries three and four. There was a strong sense that having a strong relationship, a story, between the meeting and the organization is important to the meeting. Comments made included:

- 1. How can we as a community come together to support and learn about and be renewed and more involved in our benevolences?
- 2. I care more about benevolences when I know what they are going to do with the money.
- 3. If we pick something that none of us have any connection to, it is just giving money.
- 4. We have a wonderful problem that we are connected to so many benevolences through the web of connections that we have created over the years and continue to create.
- 5. Part of the way I define the relationship is by asking 'is there a story here?' For many organizations there is a long and deep story. We can also create the story by participating with new organizations. If there are new stories unfolding, I want to see our participation, not just acknowledgment that it is a good cause.
- 6. The crisis of the earth is the newest story we are addressing.
- 7. Relationships are important because they honor our past, but we also want to honor the future what are we doing now for our children? How does our stewardship honor those efforts?
- 8. With some organizations, we give only a small amount and have only a few people participating, such as in FLGBTQC, but it is symbolic because it says we support their work. If people see our benevolence list, it says what we believe in.
- 9. Our giving is not only a statement of our testimonies it is a way to ensure that organizations have enough money to continue their work. The money counts, particularly now.
- 10. We are blessed that we have money to give.

As discussion moved to query 5 (How are we led to prioritize our benevolences according to the social, peace and environmental issues they address?) the following points were made:

- 1. There are endless needs. To what extent is our benevolence led by where the needs are, and to what extent is it led by us as a community coming together?
- 2. It is hard for us to change. Can we look at benevolences from a new perspective a perspective that includes new information about where we are as a species on this earth?
- 3. Much of what we support, we support because we support Quaker values, and think it is good for the world to be exposed to Quaker values.
- 4. We support Quakerism, but the individual's callings are the horse that pulls the carriage. What energies are we bringing to the meeting as individuals that fuel the fire of Quakerism?
- 5. Is the challenge for Peace & Social Concerns to find how we can get involved in each of the benevolences? Perhaps we haven't been creative enough?

As our time together drew to a close, we recognized that we had not come to unity on any specific wording in answer to the queries, and we had not addressed the 6<sup>th</sup> query, but that our discussion had been rich, fruitful and energizing and was a good first step into a deeper dialogue.

The meeting ended with joyful silent worship.

### Attendees:

Perry Martin, Max Drake, Jan Hutton, Maria Darlington, Michael Green, Francis Coyle, Dirk Spruyt, Asta Crowe, Buffie Webber, Polly Ulin, Dottie Heninger, Nancy Milio, Robin Harper, Judy Purvis, Lynn Drake, Matt Drake, Henry Maiden, Tom Munk, Pat Mann, Pam Schingl, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Miriam Thompson, Jennifer Leeman (clerk), Marsha Green (recording clerk pro tem)

# Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Jennifer Leeman, Presiding Clerk and Judy Purvis, Recording Clerk pro tem May 17, 2009

We opened in worship and considered the following query: How do we witness to our belief in the equality and worth of all persons? Are our attitudes and actions in all human relationships consistent with our faith that there is that of God in every person?

Jennifer Leeman welcomed Friends, including Susan and David Gould, who were attending Meeting for Business for the first time. She reviewed the agenda.

The minutes for the April 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting for Business were approved as published in the newsletter.

Nominations Committee. Jeff Brown, clerk of the committee, distributed a preliminary list of Friends (attached) who have agreed to service on committees for 2009-2010 and reviewed the remaining needs. Lynn Drake clarified that the Friends Council on Education has stated that our representatives to the Carolina Friends School board of trustees do not have to be members of the Religious Society of Friends, as long as the Meeting believes that those people adequately represent the Meeting's concerns. We expressed great appreciation for the committee's work and for all those who have agreed to serve in various capacities. According to our practice, final approval for the nominations was laid over to the June Meeting for Business.

**Finance Committee.** Buffie Webber, clerk of the committee, presented the following recommendation from the Finance Committee and the preliminary budget for fiscal year 2009-2010 (attached) and answered questions.

We [the Finance Committee] anticipate that contributions next

year will be the same as this fiscal year: \$68,000. Therefore, we have based the 2009-2010 budget on this amount. We have checked with the Meeting's committees to determine their anticipated needs for the coming fiscal year. Therefore, we recommend the following:

- (1) That the total budget be \$68,000, based on anticipated contributions
- (2) That to meet that figure, we eliminate the Environmental Discretionary Fund (since it hasn't been spent in 2 years) and reduce the Social Action Discretionary Fund to \$1000 (because it also has been underspent)
- (3) That the Meeting approve a total figure for benevolences in June at the time that the overall budget is approved
- (4) That the Meeting ask the committees supervising those benevolences to return to the Meeting by October with recommendations for recipients and distribution among those recipients
- (5) That we continue our practice from this year of paying 50% of budgeted benevolences early in the third quarter and to pay up to the remaining 50% of budgeted benevolences in June (based on contributions)
- (6) That we reduce the YRE budget to \$2000 (from \$2500) because the youth have been very successful fundraisers and usually do not spend their full allotment from the Meeting; we also recommend two other small adjustments in committee budgets (Finance and Ministry & Worship [M&W]) as shown on the recommended budget page (we have checked with M&W for approval of this step)

Buffie noted that in past years, we have met our budget in part because of one or two small bequests each year, but this is not a respon-

sible way to budget. In addition, we have lost several major donors and new donors are not replacing these at the same level of giving. Lauren Carreto, on behalf of the Environmental Concerns Committee, expressed concern about laying down the Environmental Discretionary Fund and explained why the fund has not been spent. Friends are asked to provide comments about these recommendations to members of the Finance Committee for input in providing a final version of the proposed budget in June for our approval. One Friend raised a question about whether some of the environment-related benevolences that are currently under the supervision of Peace and Social Concerns should be transferred to the Environmental Concerns Committee. This matter was laid over to the June Meeting for Business.

Peace and Social Concerns. Hank Elkins celebrated the level of our benevolences to the local and larger community. He presented an overview of the benevolence recipients (attached) that the Peace and Social Concerns Committee is recommending, as part of our overall benevolence budget. He reviewed in more detail the three largest benevolences: Carolina Friends School, Interfaith Council, and Quaker House.

**Ministry and Worship.** Pat Mann reviewed the proposed recipients for benevolences under the supervision of Ministry and Worship (attached) and noted that M&W is recommending we reduce our giving to the *Friends Journal* from \$300 to \$200 and discontinue our contribution to the Friends World Committee for Consultation in keeping with the goal of giving primarily to organizations with which the Meeting has an active relationship.

**Memorial.** Matt Drake reported on the recent memorial service for Nickey Brown. The service was well attended by members of the meeting and the wider community.

### **Announcements**

Dottie Heninger announced that the requested item for the Interfaith

Council in June is dry cereal, preferably healthy versions.

- Francis Coyle announced that he has petitions to mail to Representative Price and Senators Burr and Hagen regarding a bill supporting the right to unionize without intimidation.
- Nancy Milio described the great financial needs from Friends Committee on National Legislation and stressed that due to the current political climate, FCNL enjoys unprecedented access to the administration at present. Any funds received by June 30<sup>th</sup> will be doubled by a matching grant.

We closed in worship.

Attending: Jennifer Leeman, Judy Purvis, Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Catherine Elkins, Bettie L. Flash, Carolyn Stuart, Jan Hutton, Dottie Heninger, David Gould, Suzanne Gould, Buffie Weber, Ken Grogan, Emilie Condon, Ann Deupree, John Deupree, Beth Kurtz-Costes, Polly Ulin, Hank Elkins, Nancy Elkins, Margie Brache, Lauren Carreto, Anne Smith, Tom Munk, Marilyn Dyer, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Robin Harper, Nancy Milio, Pat Mann; Pam Schwingl, Max Drake

### Descriptions of Benevolences Recommended by The Peace and Social Concerns and Ministry and Worship Committees May 7, 2009

# **Guidelines for recommendation for the Peace and Concerns Committee:**

Our three basic guidelines for benevolences:

- Quaker administered
- Involvement of our members in the benevolence
- Preference for local as opposed to more distant benevolences

The recommended benevolences also reflect the leading of the Committee to increase our commitment to global stewardship.

Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry PO Box 804, Graham, NC 27253-0804 The Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry funds a full time Chaplain at the Orange Correctional Center, a minimum security prison in Hillsborough and is raising funds to build a Religious Services Center. The Ministry serves prisoners while they are incarcerated and works with outside groups for the transition of prisoners to civilian life. Friends can participate in this ministry by going to Yoke Fellows at the prison on Tuesday evenings, 7:30-8:30 (except the last Tuesday of the month). In addition, male volunteers can become community sponsors authorized to take prisoners out on leave for up to six hours. Francis Coyle, Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Betsy Hewitt, Jan Hutton, Ann Kessemeier, Hank Maiden, Toby McNulty, Tom McQuiston, Paul and Joyce Munk, and Hank Elkins participate in this prison ministry.

# **American Friends Service Committee (AFSC)** 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 <a href="https://www.AFSC.org">www.AFSC.org</a>

Founded by Quakers in 1917, AFSC now works to understand and address the root causes of poverty, injustice, and war. A co-recipient of the 1947 Nobel Peace Prize, AFSC consistently works to help reconcile enemies and facilitate conflict resolution. The AFSC has sponsored the *Eyes Wide Open* exhibit throughout the United States to illustrate the human cost of war with a pair of empty combat boots symbolizing each American soldier who has died in the Iraq War. The Greensboro office of the AFSC has is working closely with NC Choices for Youth peaceful alternatives for service and education to high school age youth in schools and at job fairs. The AFSC has been hard pressed financially this year and has had to lay off a number of full time employees. Nonetheless, AFSC continues to work in such difficult locations as Palestine-Israel, North Korea and in Aceh, Indonesia, AFSC has persisted to heal the trauma left by war and natural disaster.

**Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF)** 11253 Boston Road, East Concord, NY 14055 www.BQEF.org

Bolivia, South America's poorest nation, has the highest proportion of indigenous people. These people were oppressed in Bolivia for centuries, and still have only a fraction of the economic means and political power of those of European extraction. Bolivia's 30,000 indigenous Friends constitute the third largest Quaker population in the world. The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund works with Bolivian Quakers to fund scholarships in public universities for Quaker students. English and computer education in Quaker schools, and a health and dental education and service program for students and their parents in Quaker schools. Alicia Lucasi, a Bolivian Quaker teacher, has served as an intern at Carolina Friends School 2008-9. Hosts for Alicia from our Meeting have included Mike and Marsha Green, Pam Schwingl and Pat Mann, Aura and Brad Schwartz. Marnie Clark and Hank Elkins sponsor students. Hank serves on the board, has visited Bolivia for BQEF, and serves as clerk of the BQEF Finance Committee. Friends are invited to sponsor university students and to volunteer to teach English or computer literacy in Quaker schools in Bolivia.

Carolina Friends School (CFS) 4809 Friends School Road, Durham, NC 27705 <a href="www.cfsnc.org">www.cfsnc.org</a> CFS was started in 1962 by members of the Chapel Hill and Durham Friends Meetings on donated land. Adding a class level each year, it has grown to 480 students and 80 faculty, K through 12. Its annual budget is now \$7,500,000 with an endowment of \$8,200,000. Tuition ranges from \$8,370 for half days in the Early School to \$14,370 for the Upper School students. Tuition aid of \$660,000 is distributed among 91 students. Student diversity is reflected by minorities now representing 24% of the student body. Included are African-Americans, Africans, Asians, Latinos, Native Americans, multi-racial and international students. Teachers have an average of 20 years experience and half have graduate degrees. The School Board has a majority of Quakers appointed by the Chapel Hill and Durham Friends Meetings. The main campus is on 121 rural acres between Durham and Chapel Hill and includes 14 classroom

buildings, libraries, science and computer labs, art and music studios, theater, gym., meeting hall, playgrounds and ball fields. During the summer the school hosts workshops and day camps. Mike Bishop, Ani Flash, Deborah Gibbs, Mary DeCoster, Hugh Meriwether, Marsha Green, and Nancy Milio serve as meeting representatives. Friends are invited to volunteer to tutor, to teach a special class session and to participate in CFS worship.

# **Friends Committee on Legislation (FCNL)** 245 Second Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 <a href="www.FCNL.org">www.FCNL.org</a>

With a new administration and Congress, FCNL's opportunities to be heard and make a difference have never been greater. With the collapse of the stock market, their financial situation has rarely been worse. They lost 10 full time employees last year and are at risk of losing almost as many this year. In a recent Meeting for Business it was reported that they needed to raise \$200,000 this spring. Nancy Milio serves as Clerk of the FCNL Policy Committee. All meeting members are encouraged to join the FCNL's email network. Each week, members receive notification of one thing they can do to advance the world we seek. Many other opportunities to work with FCNL are available. http://fcnl.org/involved/index.htm

Habitat for Humanity (Orange County) 1829 E Franklin St #1200B Chapel Hill, NC 27514 <a href="www.orangehabitat.org">www.orangehabitat.org</a> Habitat for Humanity of Orange County brings together people and resources to help families in need build and own quality affordable homes. Many members, notably Catherine Elkins and Marnie Clark, have worked with Habitat.

Interfaith Council for Social Service 110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510, <a href="https://www.ifcweb.org">www.ifcweb.org</a>

Since 1963, the Interfaith Council has provided shelter, food, direct services, advocacy and information to people in need. Members of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, notably Gerry Gourley and Mildred Ringwalt, were instrumental in its founding. The Meeting currently

sponsors one meal per month. Households signing up for grocery assistance have risen from 1,068 in December 2007 to 2,131 in March 2009. Involved members and representatives include Emilie Condon, Asta Crowe, Francis Coyle, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Graeme Durovich, Sue Fletcher, Tristan Green, Lauren Hart, Dottie Heninger, Marie Hopper, Gwynne Pomeroy, Madeline Smith-Gibbs, and Polly Ulin. Friends are invited to help cook lunch at the men's shelter on the first Thursday of each month.

NC Council of Churches (NCCC) 1307 Glenwood Ave., Suite 156, Raleigh, N.C. 27605-3256 <a href="www.nccouncilofchurches.org">www.nccouncilofchurches.org</a>
Mission Statement: "The North Carolina Council of Churches is a statewide ecumenical organization promoting Christian unity and working towards a more just society. The Council enables denominations, congregations, and people of faith to individually and collectively impact our state on issues such as economic justice and development, human well-being, equality, compassion and peace, following the example and mission of Jesus Christ."

As Chapel Hill Friends travel in the state, seeking to extend our Light beyond the bounds of our small Meeting community, we often find ourselves working in partnership with the North Carolina Council of Churches. For example, the Council recently presented the "Faith Active in Public Life" award to Reverend William Barber, the leader of the Historic Thousands on Jones Street movement, in which Tom Munk, Hank Elkins, and Miriam Thompson are active on behalf of the Meeting. On April 19, 2009 Chapel Hill Friends Meeting united in a minute to request that Piedmont Friends Fellowship consider affiliation with NCCC.

Most of the NCCC budget is to pay staff members. Thus far, the economic downturn has not required the NCCC to cut staff, but they have been required to reduce the frequency and distribution of their Church Council Bulletin newsletter, cut travel expenses in half, and make other, smaller, internal cuts.

Much of the work for social justice and ecumenism that is the Council's ministry is carried out by volunteers. Current program com-

mittees include farm worker ministry, public education, rural life, NC Interfaith Power and Light, and legislative program. The Council is always in need of short-term volunteers who can help with mailings and general office tasks. The Council invites individuals to hold local forums on particular issues. April 19, 2009 Chapel Hill Friends Meeting united in a minute to request Piedmont Friends Fellowship to affiliate with NCCC.

**NC Warn** PO Box 61051, Durham, NC 27715-1051, <a href="www.ncwarn.org">www.ncwarn.org</a> In operation for 19 years as an environmental justice organization, NC WARN combines science, activism and research to organize for a safe, sustainable energy future in North Carolina. NC Warn's mission includes:

- 1) Stopping new coal and nuclear power plants
- 2) Emphasizing energy efficiency and renewable power sources, and
- 3) Watch-dogging nuclear power plants in the Carolinas, with particular attention to Progress Energy's Shearon Harris plant. NC Warn has recently created a green jobs program. Lois Ann Hobbs, Marnie Clark and Hank Elkins have helped set up a public meeting for NC Warn. At the request of NC Warn, Hank Elkins has testified twice at the NC Utilities Commission. Lauren and Alex Carreto, Dirk Spruyt, Perry Martin, Hank and Nancy Elkins, and Ruth Zarph participated in an April 20, 2009 rally in Charlotte against the Duke Energy's coalburning plants.

# **People of Faith Against the Death Penalty** 110 W Main St, Carrboro, NC 27510 <a href="https://www.pfadp.org">www.pfadp.org</a>

People of Faith against the Death Penalty is a grassroots effort that seeks to educate and mobilize faith communities to act to abolish the death penalty in North Carolina and the United States. They attempt to stay abreast of news and events concerning this issue. They avail themselves of opportunities to testify and advocate for inmates on death row, conduct vigils, and pursue a moratorium on executions. Nancy Elkins participates in this organization. This summer of 2009,

PFADP plans a pilgrimage throughout eastern North Carolina to educate the population about the death penalty.

# **Planned Parenthood of Central NC** 1765 Dobbins Drive, <u>Chapel Hill</u> www.plannedparenthood.org/centralnc/

Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina provides education programs, health care, and advocacy to help reduce unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, especially among teens, people with limited incomes, and the uninsured through offices in Chapel Hill, Durham, and a new office in Fayetteville.

# **Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW)** 173-B N. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401-1607 <a href="https://www.quakerearthcare.org">www.quakerearthcare.org</a>

Quaker Earthcare Witness is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality. Ruth Hamilton, Michael Jokinen, and Rob Jones have participated in national QEW meetings. Rob Jones serves on the QEW Board. This year Ruth Hamilton represented QEW at Intermountain Yearly Meeting.

# **Quaker House** 223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301 www.guakerhouse.org

Quaker House was started when a soldier from Ft. Bragg traveled to the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting to ask for help. Beginning with support for dissident Gls protesting the Vietnam War, Quaker House is still supporting the troops through its Gl Rights Hotline, organizing peace actions, and serving as a bridge between the increasingly estranged military and civilian subcultures in America. Maria Darlington, Curt Torell, Pam Schwingl, Tom McQuiston, and Hank Elkins serve on the Quaker House Board of Directors. Curt Torell serves as Treasurer, and Pam Schwingl serves as Clerk of the Personnel Committee.

**Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)** 101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374-1926, <u>www.rswr.org</u>

Right sharing means wealth redistribution or jubilee justice. RSWR is a Quaker organization that supports local initiatives for micro-enterprises in the "two-thirds world". It provides grants of \$5,000 or less for start-up projects which must become self-sustaining. These are usually given to women in self-help groups with micro-credit plans. Susan Inglis is involved with RSWR.

Rural Southern Voice for Peace (RSVP) 1036 Hannah Branch Rd., Burnsville, NC 28714 <a href="http://www.listeningproject.info/">http://www.listeningproject.info/</a>
RSVP serves as the U.S. / International Listening Project Training and Resource Center. Listening Projects facilitate communication, understanding, and the empowerment of people and communities. They help organizations make significant progress in their efforts for justice, peace, the environment, health and community development. RSVP initiated the first Listening Project in 1985, and since then they have facilitated projects nationally and internationally on a wide range of progressive issues. They offer Listening Project resources, consultation, training and trainer referral and provide creative tools for nonviolent community organizing and education. In addition, RSVP provides training and resources in Facilitated Dialogue with groups of people. Ed King has maintained close ties with RSVP.

**Schoolhouse of Wonder** 5101 B, N. Roxboro Rd., Durham NC 27704 www.schoohouseofwonder.org/

Located in the outskirts of Durham in the Westpoint on the Eno Park and staffed by experienced naturalists, this program utilizes the rich setting (450 acres) of woods, river, its wildlife and long history. It hosts children and parents to discover, be excited and curious about the wonders of nature, how it works and supports us. With a hands-on, personal experience emphasis, programs vary in focus and duration including day-long visits to week-long camps.

With a 2008 budget of \$197,332 and a staff of 6, last year it had 2,024 elementary aged children participate. Most came from surround-

ing county schools as a field trip at a cost of \$10 per student. During the summer and vacation times there are week-long camps which hosted 517 kids last year. Schoolhouse ran a deficit last year of about \$5,000 and was forced to lay off staff for 2 months. An energetic fund raising committee is working to turn this around. Dirk Spruyt served as a staff member for a rewarding academic year.

### Benevolences Recommended by Peace and Social Concerns, Sorted by 2009 Amount (Revised May 4, 2009)

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>
Interfaith Council	7,000	7,000	8,000
Carolina Friends School			
(2007 increased to \$11,500			
by Meeting)	7,880	8,370	7,000
Quaker House	7,000	8,000	6,000
Friends Committee on			
National Legislation		1,500	2,000
Quaker Earthcare Witness	. 800	1,000	2,000
American Friends Service Com	.1,200	1,200	1,500
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	0	600	1,000
Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	400	400	400
NC Council of Churches	100	400	400
NC Warn	100	300	300
People of Faith Against			
the Death Penalty	300	300	300
Right Sharing of World			
Resources	. 300	300	300
Schoolhouse of Wonder	. 300	0	300
Planned Parenthood Central NC.	0	100	100
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	100	100	100
Habitat for Humanity Orange Co	100	100	0
Food, Faith, Farms	400	0	0
Total\$2	27,380	\$29,670	\$29,700

### Benevolences Recommended by Ministry & Worship

For 20 years the **School of the Spirit Ministry** has been instrumental in transforming the lives of individual Friends, revitalizing meetings, and assisting in the renewal of the Religious Society of Friends. It offers extended programs and retreats preparing Friends and others for ministry through a deepening personal awareness and responsiveness to the inward presence of the Spirit. Members of the Chapel Hill meeting currently serve on the ministry's staff and board. \$250 <a href="http://www.quakerinfo.com/sos.shtml">http://www.quakerinfo.com/sos.shtml</a>

**Friends General Conference** (FGC) is a Quaker organization in the unprogrammed tradition of the Religious Society of Friends, which primarily serves affiliated yearly and monthly meetings. Our Meeting is affiliated through Piedmont Friends Fellowship. FGC provides a variety of resources and opportunities. Friends in our Meeting attend the annual FGC Gathering and serve on a variety of FGC committees. \$700 <a href="http://www.fgcquaker.org/">http://www.fgcquaker.org/</a>

**Piedmont Friends Fellowship** (PFF) is a collective of Friends Meetings and Worship Groups in NC that gathers for worship, fun, and fellowship in the spirit of Friends' quarterly meetings. Friends in our meeting attend PFF's annual weekend family retreat. As our current representative to PFF, Terry Mehlman attends periodic meetings throughout the year. \$550 http://www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm

**Friends Journal** is an independent, international monthly magazine of current Quaker thought and life. Over time, a number of Friends in our Meeting have served on the Friends Journal Board. \$200 http://www.friendsjournal.org/

Friends for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Concerns is a Quaker faith community within the Religious Society of Friends. FLGBTQC seeks to express God's truth in the Quaker and in the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transsexual/transgender communities. Sev-

eral Friends in our Meeting are active in FLGBTQC and on its listserv. \$150 http://flgbtqc.quaker.org/whatis.html

Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) encourages fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends. FWCC Section of the Americas offers programs that unite Friends across the hemisphere through Spirit-led fellowship. (Not to be continued.) <a href="http://www.fwccamericas.org/">http://www.fwccamericas.org/</a>

# CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING COMMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSED ROSTER May 17, 2009

Clerk of the Meeting:
Recording Clerk:

Treasurer:

Jennifer Leeman
Marsha Green
Judy Purvis

Meeting Trustees: Emilie Condon, Bettie Flash, Lois Ann Hobbs

Recorder: Mike Green First-Day School Coordinator: Lauren Hart

# Adult Religious Education

Lloyd Kramer (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
Dirk Kelder (12)
Jan Hutton (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Marnie Clark (10)<sup>2nd</sup>
Hank Elkins (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Nancy Elkins (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Francis Coyle (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
\*Dan Darnell (10)
Bill Schweke (12)

### **Building and Grounds**

Robert Rogers (12)
Tom Smith (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
Margie Brache (11)3<sup>rd</sup>
Faye Stanley (12)
Peter DeLeeuw (11)<sup>3rd</sup>
David Schneider (12)
\*Don Hopper (10)
Bill Cleaver (11)
John Hite (ex-officio)
Daniel Hilgenberg (11)

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<sup>\*</sup>Current clerk, to call first meeting in July.

### **Care and Counsel**

Chris Stanley (12)
Beth Kurtz-Costes (12)
Julia Cleaver (12)
\*Lynn Drake (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Marilyn Dyer (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
David Brower (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Perry Martin (10)
Robin Harper (10)
Carolyn White (11)
Jennifer Leeman (ex-officio)

### **Children's Religious Education**

Leslie Rountree (12)
\*Andrea Wuerth (11)
Jochen Wachter (12)
Nancy Martin (10)<sup>2nd</sup>
Carolyn Stuart (10)<sup>2nd</sup>
Bill McDonnell (10)
Sherri Fulp (12)
Brad Schultz (11)
Lauren Hart (ex-officio)

### **Finance**

Buffie Webber (12) <sup>2nd</sup>
Michael Jokinen (12) <sup>2nd</sup>
Jim Bartow (12)
Asta Crowe (11) <sup>3r</sup>
\*Terry Mehlman (10) <sup>2nd</sup>
Bob Durovich (11)
Matt Drake (11)
Judy Purvis (ex-officio)

Collier Durovich (youth)
Consultants:
Dave Schroeder
Catherine Alguire

### **Carolina Friends School Board**

Mike Bishop (11)<sup>3rd</sup>
Ani Flash (11)<sup>3rd</sup>
Linda DiLorenzo (12)
Mary DeCoster (10)
Hugh Meriwether (12)<sup>3rd</sup>
Marsha Green (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Nancy Milio (10)

### **Environmental Concerns**

Ruth Hamilton (10)
Dirk Spruyt (10)
Emily Nelsoan (12)
Andy Nelsoan (12)
Tom Smith (10)
\*Lauren Carreto (11)
Maria Darlington (10)
Catherine Alguire (11)
Perry Martin (11)
Robert Jones (11)

### Hospitality

Joanna Selim (12)
\*Kathleen Davis (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
Dottie Heninger (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
David Curtin (12)<sup>3rd</sup>
Stuart Phillips (10)
Gwynne Pomeroy (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Jeff Brown (10)
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### Hospital/ Home Visitation

Laying down via Care and Counsel

### Interfaith Council

\*Francis Coyle (11)<sup>3rd</sup>
Gwynne Pomeroy (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
Ann Drake (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Sue Fletcher (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Marie Hopper (11)
Dottie Heninger (11)
Emilie Condon (11)
Lauren Hart (11)
Polly Ulin (11)
Graeme Durovich (youth)

### Mary and Claude Schotts/ Leadership Development Fund

Leslie Rountree (12) Asta Crowe (12) <sup>2nd</sup> \*Mike Green (12) <sup>2nd</sup> Stuart Phillips (11) Linda DiLorenzo (11)

### **Peace and Social Concerns**

Miriam Thompson (11)
Dirk Spruyt (12)<sup>4th</sup>
Ed Brown (11)
Tom Munk (11)
Max Drake (10)<sup>3rd</sup>
\*Hank Elkins (11)
Nancy Elkins (11)
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Beth Kurtz-Costes (12) Suzanne Gould (12) Joyce Munk (12) Annie Cleaver (youth) Kris Quick (12)

### Library

Susan Fletcher (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Nancy Martin (11)<sup>3rd</sup>
Allie Scales (12)
Kay Eager (10)
\*Anne Smith (10)
Chris Stanley (11)
Dirk Kelder (11)
Alexis Moore (11)
Ann Booth (12)
Larry Tabor (12)
Consultants: Lynn Drake,
Anne Filiaci, James Harper,
Carolyn White

### **Ministry and Worship**

\*Pat Mann (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Max Drake (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Bonnie Raphael (12)
Alice Carlton (10)
Larry Tabor (12)
Jan Hutton (12)<sup>2nd</sup>
Jennifer Leeman (ex-officio)
Judy Purvis (12)
Dottie Heninger (11)
Terry Mehlman (11)

Hank Maiden (12) Ruth Zalph (12) Kay Eager (12) Michael Grathwohl (youth)

### **Piedmont Friends Fellowship**

\*Terry Mehlman (10) Annette Broadwell (12)

### Youth Religious Education

Andrew Meriwether (youth)
Madeline Parker (youth)
Brendan Young (youth)
Leah Bishop (youth)
Annie DiLorenzo (youth)

### **Publications and Records**

\*James Harper (10)<sup>2nd</sup>
Kim Beall (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Gary Evans (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
David Curtin (11)<sup>2nd</sup>
Kate Hilgenburg (11)
Emily Buehler (10)
Karen Durovich (11)
Robin Harper (10)
Marsha Green (ex-officio)
Mike Green (ex-officio)

### **Quaker House Board**

Pam Schwingl (12)2<sup>nd</sup> Tom McQuiston (12)2<sup>nd</sup> Curt Torell (12)2<sup>nd</sup> Ruth Zalph (12) Maria Darlington (10)

### **Nominations Committee, 2009**

Faye Stanley (09)<sup>2nd</sup>
Susan Inglis (09)
Polly Ulin (10)
Tom Munk (10)
\*Jeff Brown (10)
John Hite (10)
Anne Filiaci (11)

# $\stackrel{\sim}{\sim}$ CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING - FY10 PROPOSED BUDGET

8					% Change	% FY10
		FY 09		FY 10 F	<b>FY09 to FY10</b>	Budget
Building & Grounds						
Insurance	<del>⊗</del>	5,350	S	5,550	3.7%	
Utilities	<b>∽</b>	5,250	<b>∽</b>	5,500	4.8%	
Maintenance & Improvement	\$	2,750	<b>∽</b>	3,250	18.2%	
Landscaping	<b>∽</b>	1,000	S	1,000	0.0%	
MEETINGHOUSE UPKEEP	<del>∕</del>	14,350	<b>∽</b>	15,300	%9.9	22.5%
Children's Religious Education	↔	4,800	↔	5,100	6.3%	
Youth Religious Education	<b>∽</b>	2,500	S	2,000	-20.0%	
Adult Religious Education	<b>∽</b>	300	S	300	0.0%	
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	<del>∕</del>	2,600	<b>↔</b>	7,400	-2.6%	10.9%
Publications & Records	↔	1,800	↔	1,800	0.0%	
Ministry & Worship	↔	1,750	\$	1,300	-25.7%	
Environmental Concerns	\$	650	\$	650	0.0%	
Hospitality	\$	250	\$	450	80.0%	
Library	\$	400	\$	400	0.0%	
Finance	S	400	S	300	-25.0%	
Peace & Social Concerns	\$	300	\$	300	0.0%	
Care and Counsel	\$	100	\$	100	0.0%	
Nominations	\$	25	\$	25	0.0%	
OTHER MEETING COMMITTEES	ઝ	5,675	<del>∽</del>	5,325	-6.2%	7.8%
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## **Directory Changes and Additions**

### **ADDITIONS:**

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Cary, 27513
379-9374

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### **CHANGES:**

HART PILLOW hartpillow@verizon.net

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 929.5377

Meetings for Worship at 8:30 and 11:00am
Forum at 9:45am
Child Care from 9:30am-12:15pm
First Day School from 11:15am-12:00pm

Clerk of the Meeting: Jennifer Leeman (929.9135) Resident: John Hite (929.5377)

This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. The deadline for submissions is evening, last Sunday of the month. Please email submissions to <a href="mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org">news@chapelhillfriends.org</a>, or call James and Robin Harper at 768.9870.

To send Meeting News and In The Light announcements via email, or to get your name on our listsery, contact <a href="mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org">news@chapelhillfriends.org</a>.

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### **Monthly Query:**

How do we witness to our belief in the equality and worth of all persons? Are our attitudes and actions in all human relationships consistent with our faith that there is that of God in every person?

Calendar:	(All events at M	Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)	
Sun. 6/7	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)	
	9:45am	Forum: Celebrating Our Graduates	
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)	
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods	
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC Sunday - Schoolhouse	
		Environmental Concerns Com Schoolhouse	
Tue. 6/9	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins	
Fri. 6/12	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot	
Sun. 6/14	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)	
	9:45am	Forum: State Budget - Nancy Milio	
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)	
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods	
	6pm	Author Vanessa Julve - Durham Friends Meeting	
Mon. 6/15	5:30pm	Rally in Raleigh for State Budget	
Tue. 6/16	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins	
Wed. 6/17	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's Home	
Thu. 6/18	7pm	Reentry Partners Roundtable - St. Matthews	
Fri. 6/19	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot	
Sun. 6/21	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)	
	9:30am	Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business	
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)	
T 0/00	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods	
Tue. 6/23	7:30-8:30pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins	
Thu. 6/25	6:30pm	Family Book Club - Fulps' Home	
F.: C/OC	7pm	Fr. Louie Vitale - Church of the Reconciliation	
Fri. 6/26 <b>Sun. 6/28</b>	4:30-5:30pm 8:30am	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot	
Suii. 0/20	9:45am	Meeting for Worship (Early) Forum: TBA	
	9.45am	Meeting for Worship (Late)	
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods	
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!	
Wed. 7/1	10am	Quaker Women's Gathering - Marnie Clark's Home	
Thu. 7/2	11am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter	
Fri. 7/3	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot	
Sun. 7/5	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)	
	9:45am	Forum: TBA	
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)	
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods	
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