

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

March, 2014



## Monthly Query:

*How do I identify, develop, and use my particular gifts for the good of all?*

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## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

The first thing is to be honest with yourself. You can never have an impact on society if you have not changed yourself . . . peacemakers are all people of integrity, of honesty but humility. --Nelson Mandela

# Upcoming Forum Schedule

## **March 2: Building and Grounds 2**

This will be a continuation from last month's presentation for renovation of the first floor of the Meetinghouse. This forum will be devoted to answering questions about the renovations. Information concerning landscape renovation and basement renovations will be available.

## **March 9: Quaker EarthCare Witness**

Mary Gilbert from Quaker EarthCare Witness will be visiting the Triangle and will give us a report on Quaker EarthCare Witness activities at the UN and elsewhere. Learn how you can contribute to this work.

## **March 23: Personal Sharing**

Come hear Bonnie Rafael share her story with us!

## **March 30: Yokefellows**

Richard Miller and Paul Munk will be facilitating a discussion of the Tuesday evening meetings held with the inmates at Orange Correctional Center, some of whom will be present at the forum.

## **IFC Needs**

We have a goal for IFC food donations. Our Meeting's goal of 150 items per month is a modest one and will be easily reached, even surpassed, if every member and attender brings 2-3 food items a month.

The IFC Committee also requests that you place all your monetary donations in the donations bag on our bulletin board instead of mailing them directly to IFC. We collect the donations every Sunday and take them to the IFC food pantry and to the financial officer. Then, we can get a good idea of how much our meeting is donating.

## **Chapel Hill Carrboro Crop Walk**

**Sunday, March 23, 2 pm**

The annual CROP Walk raises funds for our local Interfaith Council (IFC) and for the Church World Service's global programs to alleviate poverty and hunger and to promote peace and social justice. All the proceeds of T-shirt sales go to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro IFC which supports 2 homeless shelters, the Community Kitchen, and the food pantry. 75% of the proceeds from the walk go to the Church World Service and 25% go to IFC, which depends upon these funds for its annual budget.

We will sell T-shirts several Sundays before the walk and on the day of the walk. A table will be set up in the lobby of the Meeting house for you to sign up, pick up a packet to use when signing up walk sponsors, and to purchase T-shirts. We will have packets available

before that date for those who wish to start signing up walk sponsors early. You can go ahead now and register on line:

[www.crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/chapelhillnc)

Click on DONATE, then on I WANT TO SUPPORT A TEAM. Scroll down to CH Friends Meeting, and you can either click Donate Now, or you can click Join and sign up as a member of the team. One person (Asta Crowe) has signed up for the team. Donations can be made with credit card or PAY PAL. It should be self explanatory but you can contact Asta Crowe ([astacrowe@gmail.com](mailto:astacrowe@gmail.com)) for further information. It's a quick and easy way to donate.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro CROP Walk is the fifth largest in the Southeast and last year raised about \$49,000, not including T-shirt sales. Please help by being a walker, buying T-shirts (\$5 each), or by supporting our walkers with a donation.

## **Welcoming Potluck for Charleen Swansea**

**March 8, 3 to 5, at the home of Bonnie Raphael**

Please join us in welcoming Charleen Swansea as our newest member of CHFM. Her welcoming potluck will take place on Saturday, March 8th from 3-5 at the home of Bonnie Raphael. From east Franklin Street near Estes, turn into a little street called Deming. Go down the hill and up the other side. At the intersection with Wild Iris, Deming transforms into Deepwood. The third driveway on your right will lead directly to #305. Please park along the Deepwood curve, since parking spaces in the lot are assigned to residents. Looking forward to seeing you at a hearty welcome.

## **Annual Gathering for Reflections on the Spiritual State of the Meeting Saturday, March 22, 8:30 to noon, in the Schoolhouse**

We will gather this year on Saturday, March 22, for our annual reflections on the Spiritual State of the Meeting. We will begin our gathering at 8:30 AM in the schoolhouse, where coffee, tea, and bagels will be available for all those who can attend. We plan to move into worship and sharing at 9:00 AM and then break into smaller groups to discuss the weekly Meeting for Worship, the vitality of our Meeting community, and the various perspectives or talents that each person can bring to our Meeting's activities. Our reflections on the Spiritual State of the Meeting help to deepen friendships and also lead to future projects within and beyond our Meeting community.

Members of the Ministry and Worship committee will facilitate the morning conversations, and we will adjourn by 12:00 PM. All members and attenders are invited and encouraged to join this important annual event—which builds on long-developing Quaker traditions and helps to lead our Meeting toward new spiritual insights and new forms of community service.

# **Annual Spiritual State of the Meeting and Quaker Traditions**

## **Submitted by Marilyn A. Dyer**

Our Meeting will hold its annual Spiritual State of the Meeting in March. Since there are many new attenders in our Meeting it seems timely to offer a short review of what this special meeting is about.

The name itself is to a degree self-explanatory. Once each year Quakers gather to thoughtfully, prayerfully consider the spiritual condition of our Meeting. The practice goes so far back in time that we can only surmise that it was begun in the early years of Quakerism. Did the concept possibly trace its roots back in history to Yom Kippur, the day of atonement and the holiest day of the Jewish year?

With tender hearts Friends gather together in the silence to ask ourselves, for instance, whether the quality of our meeting for worship plumbs the depths. Traditionally there is a member from the Ministry and Worship committee present to jot down vocal messages that come forth out of the silence.

Afterward the scribe drafts a review of the gathering which is shared with the Ministry and Worship committee for observations and suggestions. The scribe then prepares a final summary which is presented at the next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. There may or may not be further changes suggested. If no changes are forthcoming, the report can be accepted as ready to be included in the minutes for this business meeting. In the event of changes the report would come back to Meeting for Business in the following month.

Meetings have traditionally forwarded their reports to their Yearly Meetings and when that body meets the clerk selectively reads from the collected reports. Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting does not belong to a Yearly Meeting at present, so our reports remain in the Meeting records.

## **North Carolina Soul Repair Journey: Recovering from Moral Injury after War Conference**

**March 6 and 7, at the North Raleigh Hilton, 3415 Wake Forest Rd, Raleigh**

This is a two day conference featuring Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock, author of *Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War*. This conference will be a combination of lectures, panels, and workshops that will give you information and tools you need to help veterans suffering from moral injury. This conference is for faith communities, veterans, mental and behavioral health professionals, agencies that work with veterans, or just concerned citizens. To register go to: <http://www.quakerhouse.org>. Contact: Lynn Newsom, 910-323-3912, [qpr@quaker.org](mailto:qpr@quaker.org). Make your own Hilton room reservation under "Soul Repair" at 800-445-8667.

## **Friends & Family of Those with Mental Health Concerns**

We meet for potluck the 4th Sunday of the month. All Meeting members and attenders are welcome to join us. Upcoming programs:

**March 23, 2014.** The Effects of Solitary Confinement. Pam Swan will present what is now known about the effects of solitary confinement on the mind, body, and spirit. Quakers in the past recommended this experience for inmates to learn to listen to that of God inside, but it hasn't always provided the experience intended. Come and learn more!

**April 27, 2014.** Meditation. How can a regular meditation practice promote good mental health? How do you meditate? How does meditation affect the brain? Come and learn more!

Questions? contact Alice Carlton at (919) 641-5507 or [amberalice@mindspring.com](mailto:amberalice@mindspring.com).

## **Piedmont Friends Fellowship Spring Retreat/Annual Meeting March 14-16, New Garden Friends Meeting, 801 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro**

Compassionate Listening:

Participate in an interactive program about Conflict Transformation, a Quaker-based process used internationally – presented by Jan Hutton

Join us for adult program, with programs for teens and children plus games, fun, drama, campfire, s'mores, sing-along, story telling, historic cemetery tours, fellowship, food & more.

Extra Feature! Friday Evening at 8:00 - for Adults and Kids A special presentation of GO, GRANNY D! Professional actress Barbara Bates Smith will present this provocative, entertaining, and moving production with music by Jeff Sebens. For Quakers, this is a "MUST SEE!"

Members and attenders of PFF meetings and guests are invited to join this fun weekend of fellowship, worship, and learning. Five delicious professionally supervised meals (and snacks) will be provided and a complete program is planned for Friends of all ages. Adults, teens, and younger children all will have planned programs, plus care will be available for the wee ones. The cost is \$40 per adult for the entire weekend, while there will be no charge for those 18 and under. (Some lodging options may cost more.)

Please see the schedule and download the registration form at [www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm](http://www.rtpnet.org/friends/PFF.htm) to sign up. For planning purposes, advance registration is desired, although on-site registrations will also be welcome. Note: All friends attending will be asked to pitch in to help with some daily tasks. "Many hands make light work."

# **Bring Home the Moral March on Raleigh for Justice Come Hear the Story of “Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary” Wed., March 5, 7pm, Sonja Haynes Stone Center, UNC Campus, 150 South Road**

See the documentary that chronicles the extraordinary life of Mumia Abu- Jamal. It explores Mumia’s remarkable growth, during his 30 year incarceration - most of which was on Death Row - as an award-winning journalist, author, broadcaster and public intellectual, public intellectual and indomitable crusader for justice.

An exciting panel will be joined by community and campus student and faculty activists and participants. Learn how we can join international voices in the growing solidarity movement to win Mumia's release. Go to [prisonradio.org](http://prisonradio.org) for details on Mumia's case, and his campaign for human rights.

Free parking.

This event is sponsored by the Triangle Branch of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom and the Chapel Hill Carrboro Branch of the NAACP. For further information, email [thompriam@gmail.com](mailto:thompriam@gmail.com) or call (919) 370-4114 or (919) 968-1888

Mumia Abu-Jamal is an award-winning journalist and author of seven books. For the past thirty years he has been a resident of the Pennsylvania State Prison System. Twenty nine of those years were spent in solitary confinement on death row. His books include *Live from Death Row*, *All Things Censored*, *Jailhouse Lawyers*, and *We Want Freedom: A Life in the Black Panther Party*. Prior to his incarceration, he was an award winning broadcast journalist. In 1981, he was elected president of the Association of Black Journalists (Philadelphia chapter) and was a radio reporter for NPR. As part of a team of reporters at WHYY, one of NPR's premier stations, he won the prestigious Major Armstrong Award from Columbia University for excellence in broadcasting. His 1982 murder trial, and conviction on suspect evidence, has raised considerable protest internationally. His demand for a new trial and freedom is supported by heads of state from France to South Africa, by the European Parliament, by distinguished human rights organizations like Amnesty International. His books have been translated into more than seven languages including French, Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian. Mumia Abu-Jamal has written and broadcasted more than 2,000 essays from prison, including commencement addresses and lectures. He is currently serving a life sentence without parole at the State Correctional Institute at Mahanoy in Frackville, PA.

## **TRIBUTES:**

### **Alice Walker**

Take a moment to listen to Mumia's rare and courageous voice. Everyone interested in justice should hear the words of this eloquent man.

**Susan L. Taylor, Editor in Chief Emeritus, Essence Magazine**

“Mumia Abu-Jamal offers us an important gift of insight and analysis and we must treasure it.” - Susan L. Taylor, Editor in Chief Emeritus, Essence Magazine

### **Dr. Manning Marable**

“The voice of Black political journalism in the struggle for the liberation of African-American people has always proved to be decisive throughout Black history. From David Walker’s appeal in 1829, to the political journalism of Frederick Douglass, to the Black Panther newspaper. When you listen to Mumia you hear the echoes of David Walker, Frederick Douglass, W.E.B. DuBois, Paul Robeson, and the sisters and brothers who kept the faith with the struggle

### **SPEAKERS following the film**

**Keith Cook** has had long and illustrious public service record in Durham, briefly including being Chair of the ABC Board, past chairman of the Orange County Board of Education, and past Branch President, Northern Orange County NAACP. He is the father of five and married to E’Vonne Coleman-Cook. Cook he served in the military for 26 years and earned a combat Bronze Star. Keith Cook is also Mumia Abu-Jamal’s eldest brother.

**Noelle Hanrahan, P.I.** is an investigative journalist, private investigator, and Director of Prison Radio. She is the producer of the theatrically released feature documentary “Long Distance Revolutionary: A Journey with Mumia Abu-Jamal.” She spent her formative radio years at KPFA Radio, in Berkeley, California. An editor and producer of many Mumia Abu-Jamal projects, including All Things Censored (Seven Stories Press), and three CDs on AT Records. Noelle attended Stanford University and graduated with a B.A. in Gender, Race, and Class Studies, and received an M.A. in Criminal Justice from Boston University.

## **Faith Connections on Mental Illness 4th Annual Conference**

**Friday, March 28, 8:30-3:30, St. Thomas More Church, 940 Carmichael Street, Chapel Hill**

The Faith Connections on Mental Illness conference is a one day conference that brings awareness and practical suggestions for ministering to those with mental illness and their families. It will provide participants with a greater understanding of mental illness, its impact on consumers and their family members, as well as teach attendees how to develop spiritual resources within the faith community. Attendees will also learn how to effectively and compassionately engage people living with mental illness and how to become a network of hope to families coping with a mentally ill member.

Keynote speaker: Dr. Harold Koenig, MD

For more information: 919-942-1040 or  
[https://www.wakeahec.org/coursecatalog/CASCE\\_courseinfo.asp?cr=41239](https://www.wakeahec.org/coursecatalog/CASCE_courseinfo.asp?cr=41239)

Continuing Education Credits by WAKE AHEC.

## **“Love is the First Motion”**

### **Strengthening the Spirit and Practice of Our Peace Testimony in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Community**

John Woolman said, “Love is the first motion” to express what is most fundamental in our lives, beneath the oh-so-many different words humans use.

“When I became a Quaker twenty-five years ago, I had a deep yearning for peace - inner peace and peace in the world. And I became involved in various peace ventures. While I yearned and worked for peace, I wasn’t a particularly peaceful person.” (Anthony Manousos, Quaker author and former editor of “Friends Bulletin”, now “Western Friend.”)

Do these words speak to you? How many of us can truly say we practice peace both inwardly and outwardly? How does each of us recognize and take ownership of conflict in our own lives, so that we truly embody peacemaking personally, as well as in the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, and in the world? The Ministry and Worship Committee is offering a year-long initiative to support our members’ and attenders’ immersion in the rich and challenging peace testimony both inwardly and outwardly.

This still-forming initiative will include monthly experiential pop-up sessions at the rise of meeting, a historical overview of Quakers and peacemaking, a gratis April 5, 2014 Compassionate Listening training in the Schoolhouse (<http://www.compassionatelisting.org/>), a Fall workshop offered by the New York Yearly Meeting Conflict Transformation Committee (<http://www.nyym.org/sites/default/files/WhenConflictsArise-FJ-2013-04.pdf>), reflections on the process of decision-making in Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, monthly (or more frequent) “Love is the first motion” blog posts on personal peacemaking, etc.

We invite you to further enrich your life and the life of our meeting by joining in this initiative’s activities, as you are able.

“Love is the first motion,” Ministry and Worship subcommittee:

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Anthony Manousos article: <http://laquaker.blogspot.com/2010/09/coming-to-unity-through-harmony-dealing.html>

The Love Is The First Motion website/blog:

<http://www.chapelhillfriends.org/LoveIsTheFirstMotion.html>



## **Compassionate Listening Workshop for the CHFM**

**Saturday, April 5, 9 to 5 in the Schoolhouse**

Members and attenders of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting are invited to participate in a free Compassionate Listening workshop on Saturday, April 5, 2014, 9 am – 5pm, in the Schoolhouse. This program is part of Ministry and Worship's "Love is the First Motion" year-long peace initiative in our meeting.

Developed by Quaker Gene Knudsen Hoffman, Compassionate Listening, [www.compassionatelisting.org](http://www.compassionatelisting.org), evolved from grassroots peace-building in the Middle East. Compassionate Listening is a practice that reaches deep into the heart of discord, teaching people to listen with a different 'ear' to those around them. How do we perceive those who are different from us and still see our shared humanity?

The workshop is limited to 30 people. Participants must be 16 years or older. (Another workshop will be added if interest exceeds the number of participants the Schoolhouse can hold.) Contact Jan Hutton to sign up: [janhutton@earthlink.net](mailto:janhutton@earthlink.net) or 919-967-1959. Jan is a certified facilitator for this program.

## **This I Believe, Quaker Style**

**March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, 7 to 8:30pm, in the Schoolhouse**

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is a gathering of people who have diverse beliefs, practices, and experiences about what is spiritual, about "God," and about the "Light." However, most of us can only guess, or really don't know much, about the spiritual beliefs and practices of one another. We are creating an opportunity to begin conversations with each other in a safe and non-judgmental environment at the Meetinghouse. We will begin with worship, then a Query which those attending can discuss in small groups and end with worship sharing, leaving space for any vocal ministry resulting from your time in groups. We hope you can join us for this ongoing journey, meeting the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Contact Jan Hutton (919-967-1959), Pat Mann (919-489-1802) or Robin Harper (919-768-9870) if you have questions.

## **Alternative to Violence Project (AVP) training sessions**

Quaker House will be sponsoring a series of Alternative to Violence Project (AVP) training sessions including a Basic Course (Apr 4-6), an Advanced Workshop (Apr 25-27), and a Training for Facilitators (May 30-June 1). AVP is a training program enabling participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways. If interested or if you want more information, contact Lynn Newsom at [qpr@quaker.org](mailto:qpr@quaker.org) or call her at 910-323-3912. Register early before space becomes limited.

## Calling for Book Reviews

Have you read an inspiring book from the Meeting library lately? Or have you read a book we don't have in the library that you feel would be worthwhile to have in the collection? The Library committee would like to invite members and attenders to consider writing brief book reviews for the newsletter. Share the insight or inspiration you received from your readings. Please send a copy of your review to the library committee as well at [library@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:library@chapelhillfriends.org). We are always looking for suggestions for new books to add to our library. Thank you. The Library Committee



## 2014 Directory and Updates

The 2014 directory is available electronically. Please continue to send updates to Publications and Records.

Due to privacy concerns, directory updates will not be included in the newsletter. Directory updates are posted on the bulletin board in the Meetinghouse foyer. If you are unable to get to the Meetinghouse, email or call Emily Buehler for a copy of current updates.

**Be through my lips to unawaken'd earth  
The trumpet of a prophecy! O Wind,  
If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?**  
--excerpt, P.B. Shelley, "Ode to the West Wind"

# Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

February 16, 2013

Minutes

Tom Munk, clerk; Robin Harper, recording clerk

Worship and 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?*

Many friends shared on this query, including the quote of Zora Neale Hurston: "Love makes your soul come out from its hiding place." Friends expressed that it is often hard to see that of God in everyone, especially closer to home. A parallel to "that of God in every person," is that everyone has a piece of the truth. We are called to combine our pieces of the truth to work collectively. The truth exists beyond just our own species, but can also be found in animals, insects, and all of nature.

1. Welcome, recognition of first time attenders, review of agenda

There were no new attenders.

2. Review of minutes for January Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

*Approved.*

3. Report from Finance Committee—Matt Drake

Matt reminded us that the budget is on the July-June calendar, so now is when the committee begins trying to form next year's budget, estimating contributions and committee expenses. \$26,370 is planned for benevolences for the current fiscal year. Finance Committee is in touch with committee clerks regarding their spending, and will continue to be in touch with Friends who may not have given yet this year.

4. Proposed Benevolences for 2013-14—Naveed Moeed (Attached)

Naveed read from the beginning of the report, "Each year Peace and Justice Committee starts with the list and amounts from the previous years. We seek guidance regarding which benevolence should be added to the list, which we are no longer led to support, and which amounts we should increase and decrease. We research and share with the Meeting the current activities of each proposed benevolence and the financial status of selected large organizations. We take into account the financial status of the Meeting. As previously requested by the Meeting, we give preference to benevolences that are Quaker-administered or led, are actively supported by Meeting member donations of time, and are local. Some benevolences receive substantial sums from us, sums that make a difference in their ability to carry out their mission. Others receive small sums, sums that are more a token of our support than substantial contributions to their efforts."

Some general points from the proposal this year:

- No contribution was made to NCWarn this year, because they have recently received a large bequest, and while they want to remain closely connected with CHF, they do not need a financial contribution at this time. Therefore, P&J has been able to recommend increasing all other benevolence contributions, generally between 3-4%.
- They recommend greatly increasing our contributions to Orange County Justice United and Planned Parenthood. Our Meeting has been heavily involved in OCJU this year, especially the Orange County Correctional Center. PP has made a major effort recently to open its doors to people who otherwise would not have healthcare services, in the dearth created by the rejection of further Medicaid funding by the state.

Great appreciation was expressed to P&J for their extensive research to bring this knowledge to the Meeting. One Friend expressed concern over the apparent lack of any contribution being made in response to climate change, and also that we always start in our “old pattern,” i.e., what we did last year. Several members of the committee responded that Planned Parenthood, Carolina Friends School, Quaker Earthcare Witness, and NC Power and Light are making strong efforts to address climate change and to reduce their carbon footprints. P&J has also made a commitment to work more closely with the Environmental Concerns Committee this year. In addition to financial considerations, P&J looks at the carbon footprint of the organizations that receive our gifts (QEW is especially good). Naveed described the committee’s efforts to “make a clean sweep” at the beginning of the benevolence planning process, but also to honor the history of our giving. They hope to start earlier next year, so that they can do both of these things better.

Another Friend voiced concern about there being enough money for our Meeting renovations, and urged us to please hold all of our concerns together. We were reminded that we have shifted our income from building rental and parking revenue from the general fund to the building renovation fund, so we are providing to at least some extent for that need. We were also reminded that we are not deciding how much to give (that has already been approved), but rather how to distribute it.

Naveed urged us to always express our concerns and ideas about benevolence spending to P&J—especially at this time of year, or even a little earlier. They do want to hear from us. He also encouraged us to celebrate our generosity!

*We agreed to hold over approval of this allocation for one month.*

5. Report from Piedmont Friends Fellowship—Jeff Brown

This year’s spring retreat will be held March 14-16 at New Garden Friends Meeting. A flyer with more information and registration forms are on our website and on PFF’s website. Highlights of the weekend include a performance of “Go Granny D” and a Compassionate Listening program led by our own Jan Hutton. Our Meeting’s help with the retreat will be in orchestrating registration and coordinating lodging. Youth and high school programming is planned, as well as fun evening and multigenerational activities. The cost is \$40 for the weekend for adults (\$20 more if you come Friday night) and children up through high school are free. Financial assistance is available from both the Meeting and PFF.

PFF yearly meeting formation is underway. CHFM chose not to be involved in this at this time, but Jeff is keeping up with developments if anyone has questions.

PFF is also exploring the creation of a formal youth program, which would include paid staff. Jeff will receive updates as the exploration progresses, and will share these with Children’s/Youth Religious Ed.

The PFF Committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month, and everyone welcome to attend.

*Appreciation was expressed to Jeff and Annette Broadwell, our PFF representatives, for their work and planning.*

6. Annual Report from the Children’s/Youth Religious Education Committee—Kathleen McNeil (Attached)

*Kathleen’s report was accepted with great thanks.*

7. Change to Bylaws for Chapel Hill Friends Meeting—Matt Drake (Attached)

New, simpler language is being proposed, that would more clearly and succinctly define our “board of directors.”

*After some discussion, Friends were urged to consider this change carefully and come prepared to reach unity next month.*

8. Letter of thanks regarding 2013 Quaker Pilgrimage—Lynn Drake (Attached)
9. Proposed minute regarding 2015 Quaker Pilgrimage—Lynn Drake  
Lynn read the following minute:  
“Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends unites in supporting the 2015 Quaker Pilgrimage to England being planned by representatives from the Durham Friends Meeting, the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, and Carolina Friends School. We welcome the opportunity to strengthen our ties with participants from Durham Friends Meeting and Carolina Friends School and to deepen our understanding of our Quaker history and heritage that the Quaker Pilgrimage offers.”  
*Approved.*
10. Archives Committee Requesting Boxes—Robin Harper (Postponed)
11. Proposal for more meetings for worship at OCC—Hank Elkins and Dottie Heninger (Postponed)
12. Publications and Records Committee proposed changing its name to Publications and Communications—James Harper (Postponed)
13. Announcements
  - a. The Orange County Justice United leadership meeting will be held at Chapel Hill Friends Meeting. Contact Naveed Moeed if you have questions.
  - b. 2014 Directories are available electronically! To get a directory, email [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org). If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Publications and Records.
  - c. The Nominations Committee has begun its cycle for the coming year. Contact one of the members of the committee if you feel a leading for a particular service.
  - d. Sign up for the Compassionate Listening workshop on April 5 with Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed, or Lynn Drake. Advanced registration is required.
  - e. IFC’s annual CropWalk is coming, Sunday, March 23. Please walk if you can or donate if you can’t. T-shirts will be here soon. Contact Asta Crowe or Karen Merrey if you have questions.

#### Worship and Greeting

Attending: Perry Martin, Dirk Spruyt, Kathleen McNeil, Marilyn A. Dyer, Ruth Zalph, Carolyn White, Max Drake, James Harper, Jan Hutton, Naveed Moeed, Ryan Jarrell, Dottie Heninger, Jennifer Leeman, Asta Crowe, Emilie Condon, Anne Smith, Ken Grogan, Miriam Thompson, Buffie Webber, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Bettie L. Flash, Carolyn Stuart, Byron Stevens, Richard Miller, Jeff Brown, Julia Cleaver, Deborah Gibbs, Matt Drake, Lynn Drake, Tom Ludlow, Kitty Bergel, Nancy Elkins, Hank Elkins, Alice Carlton, Dave Curtin, Barbara Williamson, Wendy Michener, Maria Darlington, Bill Jenkins, Margaret Vimmerstedt

# DESCRIPTION OF BENEVOLENCES 2013-14

## PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

February 15, 2014

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### GUIDELINES FOR RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Each year, we start with the list and amounts from the previous years. We seek guidance regarding which benevolence should be added to the list, which we are no longer led to support, and which amounts we should increase and decrease. We research and share with the Meeting the current activities of each proposed benevolence and the financial status of selected large organizations. We take into account the financial status of the Meeting.

As previously requested by the Meeting, we give preference to benevolences that are Quaker-administered or led, are actively supported by Meeting member donations of time, and are local. Some benevolences receive substantial sums from us, sums that make a difference in their ability to carry out their mission. Others receive small sums, sums that are more a token of our support than substantial contributions to their efforts.

### ALAMANCE/ORANGE PRISON MINISTRY

PO Box 804, Graham, NC 27253-0804 (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: (History and Purpose): The Ministry serves prisoners while they are incarcerated and works with outside groups for the transition of prisoners to civilian life. Dave Nickel was installed October 1, 2011 as the Chaplain to succeed Ken Barker.

Programs: The Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry funds a full time Chaplain at the Orange Correctional Center, a minimum security prison in Hillsborough and has recently built and inaugurated a Religious Services Center or "Peace Center".

Activities: Friends can participate in this ministry by going to Yoke Fellows at the prison on Tuesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 (except the last Tuesday of the month). Twice during the year CHFMs sponsored well-attended worship services at OCC. In addition, male volunteers can become community sponsors authorized to take prisoners out on leave for up to six hours. The Ministry, along with volunteers from CHFMs and the Our Children's Place, sponsored Parenting Day in January 2013 and January 2014 for children of incarcerated fathers.

Consideration: Bobby Ackley, Francis Coyle, Asta Crowe, Maria Darlington, Hank Elkins, Nancy Fisher, Ruth Hamilton, Betsy Hewitt, Ryan Jarrell, Ann Kessemeier, Rita Kaur Kuwahara, Jason Loan, Tom McQuiston, Richard Miller, Paul and Joyce Munk, David Schneider, Cris Skinner, Carolyn Stewart, Pam Swan, and Ruth Zalph participate in this prison ministry.

### AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102 [www.AFSC.org](http://www.AFSC.org) (Updated February 6, 2014)

Background: The American Friends Service Committee is a practical expression of the faith of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). Committed to the principles of nonviolence and justice, it seeks in its work and witness to draw on the transforming power of love, human and divine. Founded by Quakers in 1917, AFSC was a co-winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1947.

Programs: AFSC's major efforts are focused on criminal justice, economic justice, humanitarian assistance, immigration/migration, peace building/conflict prevention, and youth. Its current priorities include: Fostering Peace in Communities, Withdrawing U.S. Troops, Shaping a Just Federal Budget, Eliminating Nuclear Weapons, Strengthening Relationships that Prevent Conflict, Providing Peaceful Alternatives for Youth, Humanely Reforming Immigration Policy, Transforming Criminal Justice Systems, Meeting the Economic Needs of Communities, and Responding to Humanitarian Crises

Activities: In 2013, AFSC worked with farmers in North Korea to establish innovative farming techniques now in use on 23 farms. In the impoverished shantytown of Hatcliffe Extension, Zimbabwe, AFSC trained women and men in trades like welding, carpentry, leatherworking, and peanut butter production. AFSC is working with dozens of partners to improve U.S. foreign policy, to focus not on identifying and destroying enemies but on solving problems to mutual advantage in ethical, effective, and cost effective ways.

The Area Office of the Carolinas, located in Greensboro, worked closely with NC Choices for Youth – an initiative of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting – to provide alternatives to military service. A group of Quaker youth in Greensboro, N.C., troubled by their state's outright ban on same-sex marriages, approached AFSC to get a better understanding of human rights. The group traveled to Washington, D.C., where they visited AFSC's Peace and Economic Justice Program which offers education and training on human rights and peace. With a lesson on the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the group brainstormed practical actions they could take. The first task was to advocate for equal marriage rights, making over 900 phone calls to residents of Maryland. They then decided that school bullying was the most relevant and encompassing issue back home and decided to make a video that links human rights to school bullying, which will be entered in "If I Had a Trillion Dollars," the annual youth film festival sponsored by AFSC.

Concerns: Between 2007 and 2012 AFSC has lost 45 percent of its staff and 28 percent of its contributed income, but in 2012 and 2013 began to regain income and slightly increase staff.

#### AFSC Staff Data

Date	Regular Staff (non-temp)		Specific Term Staff			Sub-Total			
Staff	Total	U.S. Based Full Time	Overseas Part Time	U.S. Based Full Time	U.S. Based Part Time	Overseas Full Time	Overseas Part Time	Overseas Total	
8/1/2007	277	36	11	23	8	5	360	45	405
8/1/2008	275	42	12	10	13	3	355	55	410
8/1/2009	269	44	13	8	10	3	347	33	380
8/1/2010	149	33	11	8	7	2	210	26	236
8/8/2011	150	28	12	12	7	2	211	33	244
8/1/2012	152	22	11	10	1	1	197	26	223
8/1/2013	167	16	12	14	2	0	211	64*	275

\*Temp Staff in 2013 – There were 24 more interns than in 2012 due to some Programs Division initiatives.

#### AFSC Financial Data

Year	Contributed Income	Active Individual Donors	Endowment	Unrestricted Reserves
2007	\$42,546,986	66,000	\$9,209,280	\$79,936,617
2008	\$38,296,065	60,000	\$13,428,077	\$43,778,713
2009	\$29,357,262	48,000	\$11,210,077	\$18,026,030
2010	\$27,585,741	49,000	\$11,313,982	\$17,801,744
2011	\$28,726,925	43,575	\$11,882,468	\$14,124,882
2012	\$31,483,157	43,318	\$18,060,863	\$33,628,619

#### BOLIVIAN QUAKER EDUCATION FUND (BQEF)

11253 Boston Road, East Concord, NY 14055 [www.BQEF.org](http://www.BQEF.org) (Updated February 6, 2014)

Background: Bolivia, South America's poorest nation, has the continent's 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.

Program: The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund (BQEF) works with Bolivian Quakers to fund scholarships in public universities for Quaker students and to teach English in Quaker schools. BQEF has also introduced Alternatives to Violence (AVP) workshops in the three major cities and in the country's largest prison. A number of AVP facilitators have been trained and are functioning without international assistance. BQEF owns and manages a residence for secondary students who come to the town of Sorata from distant rural areas. Since Alicia Lucasi assumed management of the residence, the students have made remarkable academic advances. One student has won the mathematics award for the region and a university scholarship.

Considerations: CHFAM is currently sponsoring the Bolivian Quaker student Miriam Alave Condori, now in her fourth year in Dentistry at the Public University of El Alto. During the academic year 2008-2009, Alicia Lucasi, a Bolivian Quaker teacher, served as a visiting teacher at Carolina Friends School. Hosts for Alicia from our Meeting have included Mike and Marsha Green, Pam Schwingl and Pat Mann, Aura and Brad Schwartz. Hank Elkins served on the BQEF Board of Directors 2007-11, clerked the Finance Committee and visited Bolivia on behalf of BQEF in 2007. A scholarship to sponsor a Quaker university student for an entire academic year costs \$600. Friends are invited to sponsor university students and to volunteer to teach English or computer literacy in Quaker schools in Bolivia.

#### BQEF Financial Data

Fiscal Year	Total Income	Gifts from Individuals	Other Gifts & Income	Individual donors	Full-time staff
2009	\$ 121,693	229 1 ½ Bol. ½ US	\$10,061		Monthly Expenses
2010	\$ 97,872	240 1 ½ Bol. 1 US	\$ 7,775		
2011	\$113,837 \$90,359	223 4 ½ Bol. 1 US	\$ 8,690		
2012	\$ 124,351	\$63,687 \$23,478	263 4 ½ Bol. 1 US	\$ 9,399	
2013	\$129,266 \$66,908	\$62,358 270 5 Bol.;	1.125 US \$10,299		

#### CAROLINA FRIENDS SCHOOL (CFS)

4809 Friends School Road, Durham, NC 27705 [www.cfsnc.org](http://www.cfsnc.org) (Updated Feb. 6, 2014)

Background: Friends in our Meeting joined Durham Meeting Friends to create Carolina Friends School on donated land in 1962 – at a time when NC was delaying integration of its public schools – to demonstrate that black and white students could learn together and to provide a progressive, child-oriented form of education. A part-time pre-school opened in the basement of our meetinghouse in 1965 and continues to operate as a full-time pre-school in the schoolhouse. It regularly receives “five star” evaluations from state inspectors.

Program: The Carolina Friends School carries out the faith, practice, and testimonies of the Religious Society of Friends. These include the use of silent worship, the focus on building community, training in non-violent responses to conflict, the loving ways in which teachers relate to the students, and the encouragement given to students to “find their Light,” to nurture their unique gifts, and to share them with the world.

This school year, CFS is running a three-unit training in Quaker clerking for staff; and will offer a course in Quaker Advocacy in our Upper School, which will include attending the Friends Committee on National Legislation's Spring Lobby Weekend in Washington, DC.

Activities: CFS welcomes a wide variety of students, including many who, because of racial, cultural, sexual, physical disability, learning challenges, and other reasons are not served well in the public schools. 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 multi-faith students. Teachers have an average of 20 years of experience, and half have graduate degrees.

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. It has grown to 480 students and 95 FTE staff members, pre-K through 12. Its annual budget is now approx. \$8,633,000 with an endowment of over \$9,100,000 as of June 2013.

Considerations: The Meeting's annual benevolence contribution to Carolina Friends School is designated to financial aid, enabling students who qualify for financial aid to attend CFS. CFS provides tuition aid to just over 25% of CFS students, a higher percentage than most other independent schools in our area. The difference between tuition charged and the actual cost of educating a child is more than \$2,600 per student. This is the policy in order to keep tuition as low as possible. Donations are a primary way CFS closes that gap and pays for the essentials of education at CFS. The major contribution CHFAM already makes to CFS is the in-kind donation of the educational building for use of the CFS Chapel Hill Lower School. A conservative estimate of the value of



that donation is at least \$12,000 per year. For its part, CFS maintains the educational building, the playground and half the cost of the parking lot.

The School Board includes Quakers nominated by the Chapel Hill and Durham Friends Meetings. Matt Drake, Buffie Webber, Bill Jenkins,, and Pat Mann serve on the board from Chapel Hill Meeting. Friends are invited to volunteer to tutor, to teach a special class session, and to participate in CFS worship. Over the years, the experience of parents and children at CFS has attracted many members and attenders to our Meeting.

Carolina Friends School Financial Data

Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30)	All Income	Contributed Income	Individuals	Active Individual donors
	Endowment and reserves	Full-Time Staff	Annual Operating Expenses	
2009-2010	\$7,491,823	\$611,971	485	\$8,165,077 79
2010-2011	\$8,033,522	\$438,482	524	\$9,153,960 79
2011-2012	\$8,356,748	\$1,469,889	532	\$7,642,035 80
2012-2013	\$8,633,682	\$2,749,081**	588	\$9,161,684 76FT /15FTE*** \$8,633,682

\*\* Annual fund giving, which supports annual budgeted expenses, was up slightly to \$383,801.00. The funds generously provided by CHFM go toward annual expenses, specifically tuition assistance. The remaining donations were restricted to other purposes, mostly to our capital campaign and endowments.

\*\*\*We are reflecting staffing somewhat differently now than in the past.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

245 Second Street, NE Washington, DC 20002 [www.FCNL.org](http://www.FCNL.org) (Updated January 20, 2014)

FCNL lobbies the US Congress and provides educational services to the Congress and the public to build US capacity for peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict, nuclear control and disarmament, demilitarization, immigration reform, cuts in military spending, green jobs, living wages, and countering global climate and is also engaged in strategic and capital development including involvement of young Quakers in policy work. The educational program now includes internet blogs, social media, YouTube videos, articles in the national and international press, including the Guardian. FCNL is bringing youth into sustained engagement and leadership as it draws on the wisdom of “weighty” Quakers. FCNL is also doing more grassroots organizing in the States and broadening the scope of foreign policy involvement.

Concerns: Nancy Milio served as Clerk and member of the FCNL Policy Committee for 8 years, and continues as a member of the governing General Committee. Contributions increased sufficiently to allow restoration of staff salaries after the salary and benefits cuts 2009-11. However, funds are not large enough to replace all laid off staff. Thanks to the enlarged donations by longtime donors, the reserve funds, which were drawn down by the recession, have been restored. FCNL is about to launch a large Capital Campaign in addition to annual fundraising.

FCNL Financial Data and Staff:

Year	Contributed Income	Active Individual donors	Endowment	Educational endowment
	Full Time Staff	Annual Operational Expenses		
2009	\$2,486,603	9,824	\$282,761	\$3,510,447
2010	\$2,700,451	8,783	\$314,020	\$3,010,831
2011	\$2,563,328	10,060	\$297,916	\$3,355,778
2012	\$2,746,486	10,694	\$306,391	\$3,573,560
2013	\$3,015,320	11,640	\$996,267	\$3,575,932

Notes:

FY 2013: 334 Quaker meetings and churches contributed \$159,971.

FY 2012: 343 Quaker meetings and churches contributed about \$150,000 of income to the lobbying work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

FY 2010: 341 Quaker meetings and churches contributed \$158,400 of income.

FY 2009, FCNL benefited from a program of acquiring individual donors.

INTERFAITH COUNCIL FOR SOCIAL SERVICE

110 W. Main Street, Carrboro, NC 27510, [www.ifcweb.org](http://www.ifcweb.org) (updated January 9, 2014)

Background: Since 1963, the Interfaith Council has provided shelter, food, direct services, advocacy and information to people in need.

Activities: In 2013, the 50th Anniversary Year, IFC has continued to provide 82,389 meals and shelter to about 600 people. At the same time IFC has increased the number of bags of groceries from 17,000 and provided emergency funds to more than 800 people. The annual CROP walk, from which IFC receives 25%, brought in \$48,000 this year, up from \$30,000. The RSVP (Restaurants Sharing 10 Percent) earned \$21,000.

Considerations: Members in 1963 of the Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, notably Gerry Gourley and Mildred Ringwalt, were instrumental in its founding. Members of the Meeting's IFC representatives (2013-14) were: James Bartow, Emilie Condon, Francis Coyle, Asta Crowe, Ann Drake, Max Drake, Lauren Hart, Dottie Heninger, Marie Hopper, Karen Merry, and Carolyn Stewart, . Individual members prepare and serve lunch for about 90 people in the Community Kitchen every first Thursday and provides food items each first Sunday, "IFC First Day". Many members and attenders participate in the annual CROP walk and RSVVP programs. The recession has increased the need for social service support in our community. The IFC has been given property for a new men's shelter. As of 9/20/2013, 70% of the \$5.76 million needed has been secured for the construction for the new community house building.

IFC Financial Data

Year	Contributed Income	Active Individual Donors*	Endowment	Reserves	Full-time staff
	Monthly Operating Budget				
2009	\$1,770,066	2,264	\$196,457	\$378,098	18
2010	\$1,615,317	2,310	\$220,657	\$350,000	17
2011	\$1,620,205	2,194	\$253,965	\$353,135	17
2012	\$1,605,164	2,448	\$352,767	\$404,535	17
2013	\$1,701,909	2,558	\$392,724	\$381,915	18

NC COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NC INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT)

1307 Glenwood Ave., Suite 156, Raleigh, N.C. 27605-3256 [www.nccouncilofchurches.org](http://www.nccouncilofchurches.org) and [www.ncipl.org](http://www.ncipl.org)  
(Updated February 6, 2014)

Background: North Carolina Interfaith Power & Light (NCIPL) <http://www.ncipl.org> is a program of the North Carolina Council of Churches. It is one of the 30 state affiliates of the national Interfaith Power and Light, which works with over 10,000 congregations to promote positive environmental change around energy and global warming. The mission of NCIPL is to work with faith communities in North Carolina to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and offer practical solutions, through education, outreach and public policy advocacy. The Council has worked for justice on behalf of immigrants, the environment, sustainable local agriculture, and health care. North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light works with faith communities to address the causes and consequences of global climate change, and promote practical solutions, through education, outreach, and public policy advocacy.

Activities: NC Interfaith Power & Light currently offers four programs, free of charge: (1) Energy Efficiency Audits: Offered since 2007, these audits by professional engineers identify low- or no-cost ways your congregation can save energy, reduce utility bills, lower the carbon footprint. (2) Cool Harvest: making the food-faith-climate connection: The story of our food, what we choose to eat, where it comes from and how it is produced, has a lot to do with our collective impact upon climate change. Explore eating and cooking in a way that: Reduces the collective carbon footprint, Improves health, supports local agriculture (3) Earth Sabbath Celebrations: Hour-long, contemplative and experiential services utilize readings from many faith traditions. Solar Clearing House: This is a suite of resources- financing models, a how-to-guide, and a collection of NC Congregational success stories. Network with other congregations in North Carolina, share resources, innovations and success stories from congregations in various stages of project completion. NC IPL offers expertise and resources on the science of climate change, how climate change affects individual and community health, how congregations can support the transition to a low-energy future locally and nationally, and how individuals and congregations can engage in advocacy for 21st Century energy policy from the local to the international level.

NC WARN

PO Box 61051, Durham, NC 27715-1051, [www.ncwarn.org](http://www.ncwarn.org) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Even as our society struggles with psychological denial over the climate crisis, NASA climate expert Jim Hansen is now bluntly calling climate change a planetary emergency.

Program: To meet this emergency, NC WARN, the foremost environmental justice organization in North Carolina, is waging an effective battle by combining scientific research and activism. NC WARN seeks to create a healthy, just and prosperous North Carolina that produces energy sustainably and uses it efficiently. North Carolinians can do this by: (1) Achieving a 25% reduction in electricity demand by 2025 through efficiency and conservation, (2) Diversifying our electricity mix to include 25% renewable energy by 2025, (3) Eliminating the use of coal to produce energy by 2030, (4) Preventing new nuclear power plants and retiring old facilities as soon as possible.

Activities: Recently NC WARN won a hard-fought case to unseal the "secret deals" Duke cut to win merger support from its largest customers. They exposed that those deals would cost families and businesses \$100's

of millions and helped weaken the Duke-Progress argument for further rate hikes to give them the ability to build unneeded nuclear power plants. While Duke-Progress and others are urging the construction of new nuclear plants, NC WARN is helping to lead the federal lawsuit to block the US nuclear revival. NC WARN has exposed a smoking-gun document that shows Duke Energy hid the multi-billion dollar Crystal River nuclear fiasco from regulators, the public and shareholders until just a few weeks after the Duke/Progress merger closed.

In 2014 NC WARN plans to keep the pressure on Duke on key strategic fronts such as the Super Construction Work in Progress legislation needed to build the Lee nuclear plant or invest in the troubled VC Summer nuclear construction project; to keep pushing Duke leaders to realize they should be making money on distributed solar, combined heat and power, energy-saving programs and off-shore wind; to move solar past the prohibition of third-party competition, and; to advance rooftop solar via the Solarize program.

NC WARN is organizing directly in various cities with their Duke Action Groups, by continuing to strengthen diverse nonprofit alliances, and through tactical fights by NC WARN staff, attorneys and experts. NC WARN plans to keep pushing Duke as hard as possible in the legal, media and public arenas – to weaken the old guard that’s stuck on the fossil-nukes business model while strengthening the many Duke people who agree that the time is right to join the clean energy revolution instead of impeding it.

Considerations: At the request of NC WARN, Ruth Zalph, Miriam Thompson, and Hank Elkins have testified at the NC Utilities Commission. In January 2014, NC WARN received a large donation sufficient to meet their budget. They are not asking for money but do want more members and elicit our strong participation.

NC WARN Financial Data

Year	Total Income	From individuals & Groups	Other income	# Active Donors	Reserves		
	Annual Operating Expenses	# Full-time staff					
2009	\$277,329	\$247,144	246 \$55,650	\$326,988	4		
2010	\$670,598	263 \$56,200	\$356,000	5			
2011	\$678,702	\$654,022	\$24,680	299	126,000	\$672,107	8
2012	\$852,489	\$824,297	\$28,192	182	126,000	\$436,858	9

2013 NC WARN received a major donation fulfilling its 2014 budget requirements and is therefore not asking for funds and not updating its financial data this year.

Data current as of 8/21/2012

ORANGE COUNTY UNITED IN COMMUNITY EFFORT (JUSTICE UNITED)

<http://www.ocjusticeunited.org/>

(Updated February 15, 2014)

Background: Justice United is a broad-based, multi-racial, multi-faith, multi-issue, strictly non-partisan citizens' power organization dedicated to making change on social justice issues (affordable housing, healthcare, education, living wages) affecting residents in Orange County.

Program: This is done through: (1) institution-based leadership development, (2) building relationships within and between institutions, (3) identification of and research on issues of mutual self-interest, 4) training sessions in which the participant congregations are invited to be educated on a variety of topics ranging from voting rights to public speaking (Justice United Academy)

Activities: Priorities for the next two years include, but are not limited to 1) Day laborers 2) Affordable communities 3) affordable housing in particular 4) disaster management in communities (with focus on Hillsborough and surrounding areas) 5) immigrant issues.

Consideration: Naveed Moeed, Miriam Thompson and Alice Carlton all serve on sub-committees with Justice United. Justice United has developed closer ties with CHFM, in particular with regard to the Affordable Housing project. They are keen to leverage our involvement with prisoners at OCC to let their voices be heard in the wider community; into other congregations and local community leadership, in order to affect change. As such this speaks closely to what we do at CHFM. In addition to this their work with both laborers and Democracy Now/voting rights, ties into activities which we are involved in heavily at our meeting.

ORANGE COUNTY PEACE COALITION

(Updated January 20, 2014)

The Coalition organizes events for Memorial Day, Hiroshima Day, vigils, demonstrations, forums, and other activities within Orange County to promote peace. The Coalition sponsored a forum, April 6, 2013 a forum entitled “Fair Tax and Budget for All.” Following the forum, the OCPC successfully petitioned the Orange County Commissioners, the three towns and two school boards in the county to ask our congressional delegation to bring the war dollars home. In addition to Chapel Hill Friends Meeting, participating organizations include the Coalition for Peace with Justice, Community Church, the Church of Reconciliation, Elders for Peace, the Ethical Humanist Society, Peace Action, Peace 1st, St. Thomas More Church, Veterans for Peace, Women’s International

League for Peace and Freedom –Triangle Branch, and others. Ruth Zalph, and Hank Elkins participate in the bi-monthly planning meetings.

### PEOPLE OF FAITH AGAINST THE DEATH PENALTY (PFADP)

110 W Main St, Carrboro, NC 27510 [www.pfadp.org](http://www.pfadp.org) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: People of Faith against the Death Penalty (PFADP) 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.

Founded in 1994 in North Carolina, it is a nonpartisan, nonprofit, and interfaith organization.

Program: The organization motivates citizens to testify and advocate for inmates on death row, conduct vigils, and lobby state legislators to abolish the death penalty. On Christmas morning there is a vigil and carol singing outside death row at Central Prison in Raleigh. PFADP was a strong supporter and activist in the passage of the Racial Justice Act in the North Carolina legislature. Since the law's repeal, PFADP continues to try to get it reinstated.

Activities: While located in Carrboro, its staff travels widely throughout the state and has begun getting businesses to take a position against the death penalty.

Consideration: Nancy Elkins participates in this organization.

### PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF CENTRAL NC

P.O. Box 3258, 1765 Dobbins Drive, Chapel Hill [www.plannedparenthood.org/centralnc/](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/centralnc/) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Planned Parenthood of Central North Carolina, Inc. (PPCNC), an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, was founded in 1982 by a group of five retired women who were committed to the Planned Parenthood mission.

Program: 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. PPCNC offers confidential and affordable care, including birth control consultation and supplies, emergency contraception, gynecological exams, cancer screenings, pregnancy testing, STI testing and treatment, and HIV testing. Last year, PPCNC's three health centers in Chapel Hill, Durham, and Fayetteville provided 13,260 preventive health care visits, including more than 1,200 Pap tests and clinical breast exams and 8,000 screenings for STIs. PPCNC dispensed 13,412 cycles of birth control, including pills, the patch, the ring and 2,005 long-acting contraceptives.

PPCNC's Education Department has had a long-term, positive impact on the sexual health of our community. The goals of PPCNC's education programs are to delay initiation of sexual activity, improve contraceptive use for sexually active young people, and prevent pregnancy and STIs among teens and emerging adults. The programs promote positive sexuality, healthy behavior, and responsible choices through medically-accurate, comprehensive sexuality education.

Consideration: Unfortunately, the North Carolina Legislature has begun implementing changes that will dramatically affect a patient's ability to access care. In March, 2013, the state legislature decided not to expand Medicaid coverage to low-income individuals making less than \$15,000, which effectively denies greater access to lifesaving medical care for nearly half a million North Carolinians. Further affecting North Carolinians is the recent passing of the Targeted Regulation of Abortion Provider (TRAP) bill could hold abortion clinics to the standards of outpatient surgery centers, which will require costly renovations at two of our three health centers.

### QUAKER EARTHCARE WITNESS (QEW)

173-B N. Prospect St., Burlington, VT 05401-1607 [www.quakerearthcare.org](http://www.quakerearthcare.org) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: 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. "We are called to live in right relationship with all creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected ..."

Program: QEW's work consists primarily of 1) material and spiritual support for individual Friends and Friends groups who are working on ecological sustainability issues from a spiritual perspective and 2) publications, programs, projects, and other activities that are aimed at making human activities not only ecologically sustainable but in harmony with the larger purposes of creation.

Consideration: Ruth Hamilton and Michael Jokinen have participated in regional national QEW meetings and represented QEW at Intermountain Yearly Meeting. Ruth has also clerked the QEW Mini Grant Program of the Outreach Committee.

QEW Financial Data -- Fiscal Year is from November through October

Year	Total Income	Contributions	Active donors	Endowment	QEW has no endowment	Reserves,
	measured by net assets	Operational Expenses	Part-Time Staff *			
2008	\$86,364	\$86,364	\$20,000	2		
2009	\$80,176	\$80,176	\$20,000	\$96,207	2	
2010	\$105,250	\$102,799	\$39,539	\$94,404	2	
2011	\$84,772	\$81,932	\$15,916	\$108,395	2-3**	
2012	\$78,061	\$75,699	\$14,140	\$79,837	3	
2013	\$91,077	\$90,318	300	\$23,994	\$81,242	3

Note: QEW receives one or two small grants each year to assist with publications. Income from our two conferences are based on a zero profit basis.

## QUAKER HOUSE

223 Hillside Ave., Fayetteville, NC 28301 [www.quakerhouse.org](http://www.quakerhouse.org) (Updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Quaker House celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2009. It was a sanctuary for GI's protesting the Vietnam war and continues to serve estranged military personnel both on site, in the brig, and through its GI Rights Hotline. Fayetteville is the home of Ft. Bragg, one of the largest military bases in the country. It provides the economic base for the very conservative town. The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting was instrumental in the founding of Quaker House after a soldier from Ft. Bragg came to our meeting asking for help. Ft. Bragg is now building a drone testing base and it has expanded its Special Forces and psych-ops operations.

Program: In its first year under new directors Lynn and Steve Newsom, Quaker House has reached out to Fayetteville and Ft. Bragg by establishing new programs: a Domestic Violence Victims' Support Program and Alternative to Violence Project training. Their protest at the gates of Ft. Bragg against militarized drones drew participants from as far away as Ohio. Quaker House sponsored forums on human trafficking, drones (featuring Medea Benjamin), torture and domestic violence. The Baptist Peacemakers of North America came to Quaker House for a "Friendship Tour" and featured Quaker House in their newsletter.

Lynn and Steve attend Chaplains' Meetings at Ft. Bragg and the chaplains came to visit Quaker House for the first time in Quaker House history. The directors attend Behavior Health Professional Meetings which include members of the military; Lynn is on the Board of the Rape Crisis Center; and Lynn attended the annual "Forward March" conference, a gathering of military with civilians to learn about the mental and behavioral health problems the military is facing and how the civilian community can help. Lynn was able to speak about the work of Quaker House.

Quaker House continues to work with QUIT (the Quaker Initiative to End Torture) and NCSTN (North Carolina Stop Torture Now) to work against torture, to support John Kiriakou, and encourage people to send postcards asking Senators Burr and Feinstein and President Obama to release the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on torture.

Quaker House counselors, Lenore Yarger and Steve Woolford, continue to be very busy with soldiers who need help. They take 14,000 calls a year from GI's and others regarding Conscientious Objection applications, PTSD, injury and suicide prevention. There is an increase in Conscientious Objection applicants and soldiers who are being released involuntarily from the military on trumped up charges such as "personality disorder" when they actually have PTSD and/or TBI. Quaker House is blessed to have a psychiatrist who volunteers her time to diagnose these soldiers correctly. Steve and Lenore have been contacted by the media for information on these cases. Quaker House is helping many service members receive the medical benefits they deserve.

Quaker House continues to offer Mindfulness classes which are very helpful to soldiers suffering from PTSD and TBI.

The Alternatives to Violence Project training attracted military social workers and a chaplain. The information on it was sent out by email to the mental and behavioral health professionals at Ft. Bragg by the Family Advocacy program director there.

The Domestic Violence Victims' Support Program provided counseling to many victims, many of whom come regularly each week for therapy. Our therapist, Joanna, has attended events in the civilian and military communities to speak about our program and raise awareness of the problem. She was, along with Lynn, interviewed on a local radio station. The interview can be heard at our website.

Considerations: After ten years of effective service, Chuck Fager has retired, and Lynn and Steve Newsom the new directors of Quaker House have completed one year of service. They share one modest salary. Quaker

House had increased expenses 2012-3 because of the transition of leaders. Quaker House is seeking to broaden its base of donors and reduce its dependence on a few large donations.

Bob Gwyn, from our meeting, was particularly active in founding Quaker House. Four members of our meeting currently serve on the board: Maria Darlington, Pam Schwingl, Curt Torell, and Ruth Zalph.

**Quaker House Financial Data**

Fiscal Year	Income	Number of Individual donors			Endowment	Reserves (Cash on Hand)	Full-Time Staff
Annual Operating Expenses							
2007-8	\$142,957	550	0	N.A.	3	\$142,957	
2008-9	\$224,093	550	0	N.A.	3	\$151,000	
2009--10	\$163,191	550	0	\$85,000	3	\$167,534	
2010-11	\$167,089	550	0	\$95,000	3	\$163,283	
2011-12	\$138,587	614	0	\$75,400	3	\$163,646	
2012-13	\$182,954	591	0	\$50,000 to \$85,000	3 ½ FTE	\$178,651	

**Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR)**

101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, Indiana 47374-1926, [www.rswr.org](http://www.rswr.org) (updated January 20, 2014)

Background: Right sharing means wealth redistribution or jubilee justice. Right Sharing of World Resources (RSWR) is a Quaker organization that supports local initiatives for micro-enterprises in the “two-thirds world”.

Program: It provides grants and loans of \$5,000 or less for start-up projects which must become self-sustaining. Many grants are designed to empower women to own economic assets through self-help groups or micro-credit.

Finance: This past year RSWR spent \$586,561. The breakdown was Program 71%, Administration 14%, Development Outreach 15%. RSWR is currently funding 24 new and interesting projects as micro-loans to women.

Activities: The following list of grantees provides examples of their focus:

Social Awareness & Female Education Development Society, Krishnagiri, Tamil Nadu, India.....	\$4450
Malinda Friends Women’s Group, Sirisia, Kenya.....	\$4675
Grassroot Women’s Association, Freetown, Sierra Leone.....	\$4650
Children Watch, Kanchipuram District, Tamil Nadu, India.....	\$4600
Success Trust, India (Sustainable agriculture and animal husbandry project).....	\$3000

**BENEVOLENCE BUDGET RECOMMENDED BY THE PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

Benevolences Recommended by the Peace and Justice Committee	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
	2012-13	2013-14	
Carolina Friends School*	**7,000	7,000	5,700
Interfaith Council	8,000	8,000	7,500
Quaker House	6,000	5,000	4,500
Friends Comm. on Natl. Legislation	2,000	3,500	3,000
Amer. Friends Service Committee	1,500	2,500	2,000
Quaker Earthcare Witness	2,000	2,000	1,500
NC WARN***	300	2,000	1,500
Bolivian Quaker Education Fund	1,000	1,000	750
Alamance/Orange Prison Ministry	400	400	300
NC Council of Ch. (Power & Light)	400	500	200
People of Faith Agst Death Penalty	300	200	200
Right Sharing of World Resources	300	200	100
Orange County Justice United in Community Effort (Orange JUICE)	100	90	295
Schoolhouse of Wonder	50	0	0
Planned Parenthood of Central NC	50	50	50
Rural Southern Voice for Peace	50	50	0
Orange County Peace Coalition	50	50	50
Transition Towns Carrboro – Ch. Hill	0	50	20
Triangle Land Conservancy	0	50	0
Total Recommended by the Peace & Social Concerns Committee	\$27,470	\$24,620	\$24,645
Adjustment by the Meeting	\$1,370	0	0
			\$29,400
			\$32,700

Friends General Conference	700	700	650	
Friends Journal	200	200	200	
Piedmont Friends Fellowship	550	550	400	
School of The Spirit	250	250	200	
FLGBTQC	150	150	100	
Friends Center at Guilford College	150	150	150	
Total Recommended Min. & Worship		2,000	2,000	1,700 1,400
Adult Religious Education			150	
Total Approved by the Meeting	\$32,770	\$34,700	\$29,170	\$26,170

\*The Meeting contributes to CFS the use of the Education Building Monday -Friday. The value of that real estate contribution is conservatively estimated to be \$1,000 per month or \$12,000 per year. CFS maintains the Education Building, the playground and half the cost of the parking lot.

\*\* The Meeting increased the CFS 2009-10 amount by \$1,370 to \$8,370.

\*\*\* NC WARN has fulfilled its budget and is not asking for a contribution this year.

## ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S/YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COMMITTEE *Covering January 2013- January 2014*

The Young People's Religious Education (CRE/YRE) Committee provides guidance for the First Day School (FDS) program for children from pre-kindergarten through the fifth grade, the middle and high schoolers' group, as well as the care for infants and toddlers in the nursery. With our teachers and FDS coordinator, Leslie Rountree, the committee develops the curriculum, selects materials, and monitors the overall health and progress of our First Day School. Our aims are threefold: to build a vibrant spiritual community within the First Day School for families with children and teens, to strengthen links between our youth of all ages through coordinated curriculum and activities, and to nurture First Day School's integration into the Meeting at large. Though out this report we will discuss the many efforts we have made to move towards such integration. Perhaps the most basic has been encouraging families with children to attend the first 15 minutes of meeting for worship. Friends seem to enjoy the muffled stomping that takes place as we exit in great numbers, a small noise indicating a youthful spirit among us.

### Committee Membership

Kathleen McNeil remains the clerk of the committee. Leslie Rountree also continues in her duties as the FDS Coordinator. We welcomed Carolyn Stuart to our committee this year as we said good-bye to Eloise Grathwohl, Meredith Tomlinson, and Wren Hendrickson. Jochen Wachter, Bill McDonnell, Lauren Hart, and John Hite continue on the committee, with Leslie Rountree serving in an ex officio capacity.

### First Day School Curriculum

Since our last official report, we have finished both a spring and a fall semester. For the past year, there were 5 classes within the First Day School: the pre-K pod for children ages 3 through 5, the K-2nd grade pod, the 3rd-5th grade pod, and the middle and high school groups. As of this January, we have merged the pre-k and k-2 pods and the middle and high school pods for the spring semester. We have been blessed with wonderful, dedicated teachers in each pod who provide continuity, consistency, and creative energy for our young people. Current teachers include (for pre-K): Nancy Martin, Lauren Hart, Allie Scales, and Carolyn Stuart; (for K-2nd grade): Wendy Richesin-Dodd, Margot Stern, Jasmine McKewen, and Cecilia Carver-King; and (for 3rd-5th grade): Mark Hulbert, Andrea Wuerth, and Jochen Wachter, and Carolyn White. The teens are lead by John "the Quaker" Hite, Leslie Rountree, Kathleen McNeil, Jennifer Leeman, Curt Torell, and Herbert Strumper. The younger three groups continue to follow a tried but true curriculum format throughout the academic school year: the first twelve weeks cover Quaker testimonies and history; late November through the

New Year brings community building and outreach activities revolving around the holidays; beginning in early January, twelve more weeks cover the Old or New Testament (2013 was New Testament); lastly, in the remaining twelve weeks the children learn about world religions. Each pod tailors these themes with lessons and activities appropriate to the ages of their students. Many teachers continue to incorporate the Godly Play or Faith and Play stories in the Quaker or biblical units; we have had guest speakers from other faiths (Islam, Judaism, and Buddhism) come to talk to the students about their beliefs during the multicultural unit. The teens discuss issues, participate in service projects, express themselves through art, music, and video, and work together to raise money both for the meeting (game parking) and for causes they believe in (through the alternative gift mart). In September, they worked with Robin Harper to plan and participated in a fence-building project with the non-profit group, Coalition to Unchain Dogs. Many thanks to Robin and the whole group for a great fence.

### Field Trips

Two years ago, we decided to initiate visits, or “field trips” to other religious communities as part of our study of world religions. In spring of 2013, we visited the Levin Jewish Community Center. Many thanks to Leslie Rountree for arranging the tour for our FDS students, teachers, and parents. We attended a Friday night service, shared in Challah, gazed at historic scrolls of the Torah, and ended the evening with an impromptu lawn party at Weaver Street. In the fall, students, teachers, and other CHFM members visited Mendenhall Plantation, a Quaker historical site that served as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

### Teacher Inspiration

Last February, Leslie Rountree led a teacher retreat for FDS teachers. She created a clever reverse scavenger hunt that really gave the teachers a chance to bond and open up their creativity. Teachers shared lesson and activity ideas. We are planning to have another teacher retreat this February which is being planned by Leslie and Carolyn Stuart together. We are grateful for Leslie’s hard work and dedication. Indeed, we are grateful for the dedication of all our teachers as well as the joy and the passion that these young people bring into our lives.

### Piedmont Friends Fellowship

In 2013 CRE organized and taught the children’s programming at the Piedmont Friends Fellowship Retreat held in March. These efforts were headed up by Kathleen and Sean Chen. In addition Wren Hendrickson served as a planner for the entire retreat along with Jeff Brown and members of the Durham Meeting. This year, we will be rotating off of this duty and plan to participate in children’s programming again in 2015.

### Holiday Activities

During the holiday season in 2013, FDS children delighted in making handmade ornaments for a Christmas tree in the multipurpose room. Thanks to Bill McDonnell for donating and delivering the tree yearly. We also made and wrote cards to shut-ins and prison inmates, and rehearsed and presented a Nativity play for the Meeting’s annual holiday party. The teens once again sponsored the alternative gift mart, bringing in close to \$4,000 to contribute to Quaker House, Interfaith Council, Heifer International, and other worthy projects. Finally, Tom Munk headed up intergenerational game activities both in FDS and on New Year’s Eve. As always, these were a favorite with all ages. (Additionally, in the spring we held our annual Easter egg hunt, which pairs older and younger children in both dyeing eggs and hiding them for one another.)

### Summer Activities



During the summer, Friends who are not FDS teachers are invited to lead classes for children of all ages. The purpose is twofold: it gives our regular FDS teachers a much-needed break, and it introduces to Meeting members an opportunity to share their passions and interests, and to have fun with our wonderful children. Last summer, volunteer teachers offered game playing, bag making, animal crafts, cooking, and storytelling. Thanks to the meeting at large for volunteers to lead these classes. We are extremely grateful to all Friends who participated.

#### Nursery Care

Long-time Friend, Stacey Sewell, replaced Brittany Allen in the nursery this year. She provides loving childcare to the youngest Meeting attendees.

#### Additional Fellowship Activities

In both spring and fall semesters, our middle school students continued our tradition of going on retreats at the Ringwalt cabin at Hyco Lake. 8-10 youth and two-three chaperones spent two weekends enjoying nature, quiet and fellowship together. Also, we organized a kick-off family picnic after the rise of Meeting at the return of FDS classes in the fall. CRE/YRE remains dedicated to integrating the youth and families into the larger Meeting community. A great inter-generational activity that was finished up this year has been the teens interviewing (on video) members of the meeting. They have been working on this project since a year ago May. They presented a draft of the video at the State of the Meeting Retreat and then led a forum this fall to present a more polished version. This has been a wonderful opportunity for the meeting members who are no longer or never involved in the FDS to come and interact with our youth.

#### The Year Ahead

We will continue to make a special effort to integrate our young people into the life of the meeting as well as to integrate our adult members into the lives of our youth. We would be very grateful to see more adult members without children in FDS attend our outings and activities as well as take us up on some volunteering opportunities.

In summary, the Young People's Religious Education Committee strives to foster spiritual nourishment, friendship and fellowship among our Meeting's youth and members, and to deepen the connection and sense of belonging between these young attendees, their families, and the Meeting at large. We look forward to the joy the children bring to the Meeting, and to the lessons they teach us.

Respectfully submitted by the CRE/YRE committee:

Lauren Hart, Bill McDonnell, Kathleen McNeil (clerk), Leslie Rountree (ex officio), Meredith Tomlinson, Jochen Wachter, John Hite, Sean Chen and Carolyn Stuart.

#### PROPOSED REVISION TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE CHAPEL HILL FRIENDS MEETING

(The original was approved by the MWAB on April 14, 2012 and by the NC Secretary of State on June 22, 2012.)

First reading: Sunday, January 19, 2014

CHANGE THE INTRODUCTION TO THE BY-LAWS AS FOLLOWS:

REMOVE: The Board of Directors of CHFM is composed of every member of the Meeting who attends any Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business ("MWAB"). Each such member will serve as a Director for a term lasting until the next MWAB.

REPLACE WITH: Everyone recorded in attendance at a given Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (“MWAB”) is considered a member of the Board of Directors with regard to decisions made on that day.

CHANGE ARTICLE II, BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS FOLLOWS:

In Section 2, Number, Term, and Qualifications:

REMOVE:

A. The number of Directors constituting the Board of Directors shall consist of the Meeting members and attenders in attendance at any given MWAB.

B. Directors must be members of the Meeting, whose request for membership has been approved in a MWAB.

C. Each Director shall hold office until CHF’s next MWAB or until the Director’s death, transfer to another Meeting, resignation from member-ship, or removal from membership.

REPLACE WITH: Everyone recorded in attendance at a given Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (“MWAB”) is considered a member of the Board of Directors with regard to decisions made on that day.

## LETTER OF THANKS REGARDING 2013 QUAKER PILGRIMAGE

January 27, 2014

Dear Chapel Hill Friends,

We write to thank you for co-sponsoring the 2013 Quaker Pilgrimage to England. We are grateful for your spiritual support of the planning process, for holding us in the Light during our travels, and for writing a traveling minute for your members.

The 2013 Quaker Pilgrimage to 1652 Country was held from August 4-11, 2013. Twenty-nine individuals took part in this deeply spiritual and educational experience. Eleven were members of Durham Friend Meeting, twelve were members of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting and ten were staff members at the Carolina Friends School. (Three of the staff members from Carolina Friends School and are also members of Durham Friends Meeting and one is a member of Chapel Hill Friends Meeting.) We stayed at the Glenthorne Quaker Centre & Guesthouse in Grasmere, England. British Friend Roy Stephenson, from Lancaster Meeting, was our guide.

Among the highlights of our experience were visits to Pendle Hill, Lancaster Prison, where George Fox was imprisoned, and Swarthmore Hall. We also visited and worshiped with a number of historic Meetings in the area, including one that holds the Quaker Tapestry. A copy of our full itinerary is available.

We hope the presentation about the pilgrimage held at Chapel Hill meeting gave the Meeting a sense of the depth of our experience. We would be happy to provide additional information to those interested.

A new committee is in the early stages of planning another pilgrimage for the summer of 2015. We look forward to your continued support.

The 2013 Pilgrimage Planning Committee

Cesanne Berry, Charlie Layman, Natasha Shannon, Lynn Drake, Nikki Vangsnes

# Calendar

*(All events at Meetinghouse unless otherwise indicated.)*

<b>Sun. 3/2</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Building and Grounds 2
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations
Tue. 3/4	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Wed. 3/5	7pm	"Mumia: Long Distance Revolutionary" (see page 6)
Thurs. 3/6 - Fri. 3/7		North Carolina Soul Repair Journey (see page 4)
Fri. 3/7	4:30-5:30pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 3/8	3-5pm	Welcoming Party for Charleen Swansea (see page 3)

## Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9, 2am

<b>Sun. 3/9</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Quaker EarthCare Witness
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 3/11	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thurs. 3/13	7-8:30pm	This I Believe, Quaker Style (see page 9)
Fri. 3/14	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Fri. 3/14 - Sun 3/16		PFF Annual Retreat (see page 5)
<b>Sun. 3/16</b>	8am	Meetinghouse open for worship
	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Meeting for Worship w/Attention to Business</b>
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
Tue. 3/18	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 3/21	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Sat. 3/22	8:30-noon	Spiritual State of the Meeting - Schoolhouse (see page 3)
<b>Sun. 3/23</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Personal Sharing, Bonnie Rafael
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	noon	Families/Friends Affected by Mental Illness (see page 5)
	12:30pm	Environmental Concerns Com. - Schoolhouse
	2pm	CROP Walk (see page 2)
Fri. 3/28	8:30-3:30	Faith Connections on Mental Illness Conference (see page 7)
	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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<b>Sun. 3/30</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	9:45am	Forum: Yokefellows
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	11am	Meeting for Worship - Carol Woods
	12:30pm	Potluck & IFC donations – Schoolhouse
	10pm	Deadline To Turn In Items For Newsletter!
Tue. 4/1	7-8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation - Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 4/3	9am-1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 4/4	5-6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice - E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
Fri. 4/4 - Sat. 4/6		Alternatives to Violence Training (see page 9)
Sat. 4/5	9am-5pm	Compassionate Listening Workshop (see page 8)

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**Chapel Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**  
531 Raleigh Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 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: Tom Munk (919) 929-9135  
Resident: John Hite (919) 929-5377

- Newsletter. This newsletter is published every first Sunday under the care of the Publications and Records Committee. Paper copies are available at the Meetinghouse and a PDF is posted on the Meeting website, [www.chapelhillfriends.org](http://www.chapelhillfriends.org). The deadline for submissions is 10pm on the last Sunday of the month. Email submissions to [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org) or call Emily Buehler, (919) 475-5756. Please include “newsletter” in the subject line.
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