

# Chapel Hill Friends Meeting Newsletter

July, 2017



## Monthly Query:

*When traveling or otherwise absent from Meeting for Worship, do I find other opportunities for worship?*

## Monthly Worship Tip from the M&W Committee

When one is moved by the Light to speak, such ministry is often preceded by a physical uneasiness, a “heart pounding weakness,” from which our name Quaker is derived.

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## Upcoming Forum Schedule

Forums will return in September.

# Building and Grounds Announcement

## MEETINGHOUSE LOWER LEVEL RENOVATIONS UNDER WAY! From the Buildings and Grounds Committee, June 22, 2017

### MAJOR POINTS:

1. Renovations to the lower level of the meetinghouse by Trinity Design Build, Durham began on Monday, June 19 and will continue until completion.
2. The lower level of the meetinghouse **IS ACCESSIBLE ONLY** to the Design Build contractors and Don Hopper & Wendy Michener of Buildings & Grounds Committee.
3. The only toilet now available in the meetinghouse is the one in the foyer.
4. The playground is accessible only from the schoolhouse.
5. Meeting volunteers are opening and closing the meetinghouse and schoolhouse this summer while John Hite is away.
6. A dumpster, storage shed, and porta-potty will be on meetinghouse grounds throughout the renovations.
7. Your help with keeping the meetinghouse and schoolhouse clean and orderly throughout the renovations will be greatly appreciated.

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The Town of Chapel Hill Planning Department gave us the final permit to proceed with renovating the lower level of the meetinghouse in early June.
- John Hite will spend most of the summer in Europe. He has graciously planned his vacation around the renovation.
- Buildings & Grounds Committee members and other Meeting volunteers cleaned out the lower level over the last few months.
- The used furniture, appliances, and other salvageable items from downstairs were donated to TROSA.
- A construction fence has been erected to protect children on the playground and will stay in place throughout the renovation.
- The parking lot will be busy during the week with contractors' trucks and equipment. We expect the parking lot to be clear on Sunday mornings, most of the time.
- B&G has hired a cleaning company to do a weekly cleaning of the Meetinghouse and occasional cleaning of the schoolhouse during the summer.
- Toilets in the schoolhouse and the porta-john are available for our use.
- Hospitality will use disposable cups and plates in the library over the summer.
- Your patience and assistance are requested to reduce the disruptions during the renovations.

## Contemplative Retreat

"Opening to Grace: a Contemplative Retreat in the Manner of Friends" will be held October 12–15, 2017, at the Avila Retreat Center in Durham, NC. Led by Jan Blodgett and Catherine Cox, this retreat, sponsored by The School of the Spirit, is "dedicated to helping all who wish to be more faithful listeners and responders to the inward work of Christ." For more information about the retreat, registration, and costs, visit [schoolofthespirit.org/retreats](http://schoolofthespirit.org/retreats). Some of our members have attended this retreat in the past. You can apply for financial assistance from the Shotts Leadership Development Fund (information in the directory).

## **BYO Plate**

We celebrate the often large attendance at potluck and we thank the meeting for continued help with potluck cleanup. However, large attendance does create a lot of dishes to wash. Therefore, we request that Friends bring their own plates, cutlery, and glasses to potluck and take them home to wash. We know of other groups that use this practice successfully and we propose it as another way to be environmentally friendly. We recognize not everyone will remember to do so. Those who do will be allowed to be first in line for potluck. Thank you.

## **Reminder: Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough**

The Eno Friends Meeting of Hillsborough meets on Sundays at 11 AM at the small building at 121 West Margaret Lane. There is parking next door at the library. This group has a minute of support from our meeting.

## **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

## **Friendly Sewing Repairs**

Do you have a favorite sweater that has been nibbled by a moth? A button that spontaneously popped off a shirt? A seam that split the last time you laughed hard? Bring it to us for a free stitching repair!

Several Quaker women who enjoy doing handwork meet monthly – our gatherings keep us in stitches – including quilting, knitting, embroidery, crochet, needlepoint or just plain old mending. If you have something that needs a little stitching repair, please bring the article to Meeting or contact Catherine Alguire at [alguire.catherine@gmail.com](mailto:alguire.catherine@gmail.com). We would be very happy to do small handwork repairs for you during our monthly fellowship.

## **Sign up for FCNL**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation lobbies on our behalf in Washington, DC. The P&J Committee encourages Friends to sign up for and respond to Friends Committee on National Legislation Action Alerts at <http://act.fcnl.org/signup/signup-action-alerts>.

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## **Friends House Moscow**

Friends House Moscow in the Russian Federation ([www.friendshousemoscow.org](http://www.friendshousemoscow.org)) welcomes applicants with basic Russian language skills for 3-month internships. "Friends House Moscow funds projects for peace and civil society ... in a variety of areas including human rights, education, restorative justice, and non-violent communication [furthering] social goals such as grass-roots collaboration, equality and non-violence." Interested prospective applicants can contact FHM Board Member Karen Porter (in Carrboro) at [karenporteresq@gmail.com](mailto:karenporteresq@gmail.com) for further information.

**Chapel Hill Friends Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business**  
**9:00 AM, June 18, 2017**  
**Matt Drake, Clerk, and Robin Harper, Recording Clerk pro tem**

*Query: "Do I examine myself for aspects of prejudice that may be buried?"*

**1. Welcome**

Review of agenda and opening worship. There were no first time attenders.

**2. Minutes of the May 21, 2017 MWAB – Jennifer Leeman, Recording Clerk**

In the minute honoring Sue Donaldson, retiring Head Teacher of the Chapel Hill Early School, change the years worked at the Chapel Hill Early School from 19 years to 22.

*Approved with this correction.*

**3. Proposed 2017-2018 budget - Asta Crowe, Finance Committee member, & Maura Murphy, Meeting Treasurer (ATTACHED)**

Asta noted that the budget recommendation for 2017-18 is higher than it was for 2016-17, and so far we haven't quite met this year's budget. So Friends may need to reconsider their contributions if we are to meet next year's goal. We gave special thanks to Maura for being our Treasurer. She works very hard to manage the Meeting's finances.

*Approved.*

**4. Proposed 2017-2018 Nominations report - Ed Bowen, Co-clerk, Nominations Committee (ATTACHED)**

Several changes were requested from last month's document:

- Faye Stanley and Julia Cleaver will be joining the Carolina Friends School Board.
- Lori Fernald Khamala will become a CHFM representative to Piedmont Friends Fellowship. We are continuing to search for a third representative.
- The Archives Committee name list was wrong and has been corrected (Lloyd Kramer's name was added). Also the ex officio members of Archives were added, and P&C needs to determine their Archives rep.
- Karen Porter will be joining the Quaker House Board.
- Kathleen McNeil's name should be removed as a committee member from the C/YRE list. Her name should appear as the FDS Coordinator.
- Emily Buehler is stepping down from P&C; her name should be removed.

Submitted by the Nominations Committee: Ed Bowen (clerk), Sean Chen, Dottie Heninger, Joyce Munk, Pat Mann, Elizabeth Taylor, Mike Jokinen, Gwynne Pomeroy.

*We approved the slate with the above corrections.*

The Nominations Committee recommends that the Meeting consider three year terms (similar to committee members) for the Trustees, Corresponding Clerk, Treasurer, Recorder, Recording Clerk, and Meeting Clerk. It may be appropriate for the same people to serve many consecutive terms (especially in the case of Meeting Trustees). But they do see value in a term end date as it will enforce a check-in to determine if continued service is becoming an undue burden for the individual or is otherwise unwanted.

Several Friends noted that people who serve for multiple terms carry institutional memory of the committees, which is very important for the committees' work.

Trustee Asta Crowe agreed that the trustees need some guidelines and term limits but perhaps longer than three years. This would be good for the Trustees and the rest of us.

Our Clerk suggested that all of this needs to be worked on and considered.

*We approved that the Clerk would investigate the best way to begin this work, and bring a proposal at a later date.*

**5. Publications & Communications Committee annual report – James Harper (ATTACHED)**

*The report was accepted with thanks.*

Gratitude was expressed by several Friends for James's work on the website in support of M&W's work, including Quakerism 101. Emily Buehler was also thanked for her 7+ years of producing the monthly newsletter.

**6. Don Hopper, Clerk, Building & Grounds Committee – Announcement about upcoming renovations to the lower level of the meetinghouse and resulting changes during the renovations. Q & A.**

Don gave us a run-down on the latest developments, and some things to be aware of in the months ahead:

- We now have our final permit to go ahead with the work.
- We have cleaned out the downstairs.
- A fence has been established to protect children throughout the construction. During construction, the playground will only be accessible via the schoolhouse.
- We will only have one bathroom in the Meetinghouse (upstairs) for next few months; others are available in the schoolhouse.
- The downstairs will not be accessible from upstairs, except via the elevator.
- Many things were salvaged and donated to TROSA.
- Richard Miller has lent us a storage shed for use during construction (located near street edge of property).
- John Hite will be spending most of the summer in Europe; he has graciously planned his vacation around our renovation.
- We should not have much difficulty with parking, but the early school may need to be flexible when school starts.
- Hospitality will be using disposable cups in the library over the summer.
- B&G has hired a cleaning company to do a weekly cleaning of the Meetinghouse during John's absence. We will be in disarray over the next few months and request your patience and assistance by making an extra effort to keep things clean and tidy during the two months or so of construction.

Sincere thanks were expressed to Don and the rest of the committee for their hard work and attention to detail.

**7. Proposed minute in support of the 2018 Quaker Pilgrimage to the birthplace of the Religious Society of Friends - Lynn Drake, former Pilgrimage Planning Committee Member**

Lynn read the proposed minute. There was discussion around the use of the word "pilgrimage," which connotes a journey to a sacred place. In keeping with our belief that all sites are sacred and all days are holy, we felt that calling the trip a pilgrimage was inappropriate. While we could not change the name of the trip, which is planned and led by others, we agreed to remove the word "pilgrimage" from our minute of support. The final minute is as follows:

"The Chapel Hill Friends Meeting wholeheartedly supports the next trip to historic Quaker sites in northern England sponsored by Carolina Friends School. The trip will be held July 22-29, 2018. Friends are encouraged to consider participating."

*Approved.*

Lynn reported that 29 people went on the 2013 trip, including 11 from our Meeting. She provided contact info for those who are interested, and noted that some assistance funds are available from the Meeting.

## **8. Naveed Moeed, Co-clerk, Peace & Justice Committee – Update on refugee family (ATTACHED)**

Naveed shared the painful story of extended members of the Afghani family that we have been assisting. Thanks were expressed to Naveed for this update, and we returned to worship to hold these families and their supporters in our prayers.

## **9. From Matt Drake, Clerk**

A. Our approval of the NC WARN resolution last month was reported to them by Sally Robertson of NC WARN. Hank Elkins reported that the Orange County Board of Commissioners is considering signing onto the resolution as well, which calls for a ban on the use and import of fracked gas in NC. It will be an item on their agenda at their meeting on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m., at the Southern Human Services Center, 2501 Homestead Road, in Chapel Hill.

B. Meeting Committees: in June, please name a committee clerk/co-clerks for next year, and let the Meeting Clerk know.

C. Brad Kirshner is the new Chapel Hill Early School Head Teacher. He'll begin in August.

D. "Clerks Retreat" is scheduled for Saturday morning, Sept. 16, 2017, 9AM to noon in the schoolhouse.

E. "Spiritual State of the Meeting" is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, 10AM to noon.

## **10. Announcements**

Forums:

- June 25 - "Finding Inspiration Through Reading" led by Barbara Williamson
- July - Aug 20 - NO FORUMS
- Aug 27 - "What's Up Downstairs?" The Building and Grounds Committee will provide an update on the renovation of the lower level of the Meeting house.
- Sept 3 - "Meeting Benevolences" Participants will be invited to share their leadings regarding the Meeting's benevolences and benevolence process.
- Sept 10 - "Friends House Moscow" led by Karen Porter, Board member and past Clerk for Friends House Moscow
- Sept 24 - "Honoring the elders in our Meeting - peace and justice in the 60s"

From John Hite: There will be a Karen Refugee Student Fundraiser, June 24, 10am-1pm, featuring lunch at Transplanting Traditions Community Farm.

Friends General Conference Gathering will be held at Niagara University, NY, July 2-8, 2017.

## **11. Other announcements:**

A Meeting for Worship will be held at OCC on July 2 - please to sign up with Richard Miller ASAP

## **12. Closing worship, circle of hands, prepare for 11:00AM Meeting for Worship**

ATTENDING: Max Drake, Carolyn White, James Harper, Monteze Snyder, Jan Hutton, Nancy Elkins, Curt A. Torell, Maura Murphy, Carolyn Stuart, Cindy Bowen, Ed Bowen, Richard Miller, Ken Grogan, Lloyd Kramer, Wendy Michener, Jeff Brown, Julia Cleaver, Donald Hopper, Lynn Drake, Hank Elkins, Karen Porter, Asta Crowe, Randy Burnette, Gwynne Pomeroy, Madelyn Ashley, Naveed Moeed, Phillip Williams, Paul Munk, Joyce Munk, Terence McNair, Margaret Vimmerstedt

**CHFM Draft Comparison Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018**

**6/17/2017**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Actual 2014-2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>	<b>% Inc/Decr</b>
Contributions	68,000	68,925	68,250	70,600	3%
Building rental	400	500	300	300	0%
Parking space rental	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	0%
Miscellaneous (Interest income etc.)					
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>74,525</b>	<b>73,650</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Actual 2014-2015</b>	<b>Actual 2015-2016</b>	<b>Actual 2016-2017</b>	<b>Proposed 2017-2018</b>	<b>% Inc/Decr</b>
<b>Obligations:</b>					
Bank Fees	50	50	50	50	0%
FDS Coordinator/Childcare	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	0%
Insurance	5,400	5,400	5,400	5,400	0%
Software license fee and Help Desk Fee	360	360	860	860	0%
UBIT, Storm water Drainage Fee	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	0%
Utilities	5,025	6,000	6,000	6,000	0%
<b>Obligations Total</b>	<b>17,935</b>	<b>18,910</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>19,410</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Committees:</b>					
Adult Religious Education	200	200	100	100	0%
Archives	200	200	200	100	-50%
Buildings and Grounds	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000	0%
Care and Counsel	200	100	200	200	0%
Children/Youth Religious Education	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	0%
Finance	350	50	100	350	250%
Friends Transition and Support	1,500	1,500	1,700	1,700	0%
Hospitality	300	300	300	300	0%
IFC	200	200	200	200	0%
Library	400	400	400	400	0%
Ministry and Worship	1,000	1,000	1,000	800	-20%
Nominations	10	10	10	10	0%
Peace and Justice	300	300	300	300	0%
Publications and Communications	1,750	1,750	1,750	1,750	0%
<b>Committees Total</b>	<b>19,910</b>	<b>19,510</b>	<b>19,760</b>	<b>19,710</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Annual and Continuing Funds</b>					
Care and Counsel- continuing	500	500	500	500	0%
Contingency- annual	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0%
Leadership Development- continuing	50	500	50	2,000	3900%
Meeting for Suffering- annual	135	135	110	110	0%
National Quaker Service- continuing	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0%
Physical Plant/Meetinghouse Renovation	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	0%
Returning Citizens Financial Assistance-continuing	1,000	1,000	50	500	900%
Youth Service Learning- continuing	800	800	800	800	0%
<b>Other Total</b>	<b>9,485</b>	<b>9,935</b>	<b>8,510</b>	<b>10,910</b>	<b>28%</b>
<b>Benevolences:</b>					
Archives	125	125	150	150	0%
Ministry and Worship	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400	0%
Peace and Justice	24,645	24,645	24,420	24,420	0%
<b>Benevolences Total</b>	<b>26,170</b>	<b>26,170</b>	<b>25,970</b>	<b>25,970</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>EXPENSES TOTAL</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>74,525</b>	<b>73,650</b>	<b>76,000</b>	<b>3%</b>



NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT ON GIVERS OF TIME AND SERVICE, 2017  
June 16, 2017

Recording Clerk	Jennifer Leeman
Treasurer	Maura Murphy
Meeting Trustees	Emilie Condon
	Asta Crowe
	Bettie Flash
Recorder	Carolyn White
Correspondence Clerk	Emilie Condon

Committee	Friend	Term End
Quaker House Board	Karen Porter	
	Nancy Fisher	2020
	Richard Miller	2018
	Curt Torell	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Yearly Meeting	Emilie Condon	2019
	Naveed Moeed	2020
	Alice Carlton	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Adult Religious Education	Andrea Wuerth	2019
	Carolyn White	2020
	Chris Stanley	2020
	Dirk Kelder	2018
	Max Drake	2018
	Perry Martin	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Buildings and Grounds	Don Hopper	2019
	Wendy Michener	2019
	Richard Miller	2018
	Tom Smith	2018
	Max Isaacs	2020
	Bill Cleaver	2020
	Dottie Heninger	2020
	David Schneider	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Care and Counsel	Jasmine McKewen	2019
	Jennifer Leeman	2019
	Ann Miller	2019
	Eloise Grathwohl	2018
	Tom Munk	2020
	Pat Mann	2020
	Deborah Gibbs	2018
	Jeff Brown	2018
	Bonnie Raphael	2018
	Clerk of Meeting	Ex Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Children & Youth Religious Education	Carolyn Stuart	2019
	Stacey Sewell	2020
	John Hite	2020
	Sean Chen	2018
	Herbert Struemper	2020
	Jasmine McKewen	2018
	Laura Young	2018
	FDS Coordinator	Ex Officio

Committee	Friend	Term End
Hospitality	Joanna Selim	2019
	Annalee Harkins	2019
	Annette Broadwell	2020
	Bennett Kirkpatrick	2020
	Jennifer Rioux	2020
	Buzz Borchardt	2019
	Sean Chen	2018
	Nancy Fisher	2018
	Elizabeth Taylor	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
InterFaith Council	Asta Crowe	2019
	James Bartow	2019
	Marie Hopper	2019
	Emilie Condon	2020
	Ann Drake	2020
	Max Drake	2020
	Dottie Heninger	2020
	Carolyn Stuart	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Library	Lloyd Kramer	2019
	Allie Scales	2019
	David Curtin	2018
	Karen Hurka-Richardson	2020
	Cindy Bowen	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Ministry and Worship	Alice Carlton	2019
	Jan Hutton	2020
	Leslie Rountree	2020
	Lynn Drake	2018
	Madelyn Ashley	2019
	Ed Bowen	2019
	Pam Schwingl	2018
	Faye Stanley	2018
Clerk of Meeting	Ex Officio	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Nominations	Gwynne Pomeroy	2019
	Elizabeth Taylor	2018
	Dottie Heninger	2018
	Micheal Jokinen	2019
	Vacancy	
	Vacancy	
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	Vacancy	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Publications and Communications	Sean Chen	2019
	Jason James	2020
	Peter Malone	2020
	Ed Bowen	2020
	Cristóbal Palmer	2019
	David Curtin	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Shotts/ Leadership Fund	Kuldip Kuwiwara	2020
	Lloyd Kramer	2019
	Lori Fernald Khamala	2019
	Monteze Snyder	2019
	Catherine Alguire	2020
	Jan Hutton	2018
	Roberto Quercia	2018

Committee	Friend	Term End
Peace and Justice	Nancy Elkins	2018
	Naveed Moeed	2019
	Karen Porter	2020
	Wendy Michener	2019
	Tom Munk	2019
	Max Drake	2019
	Hank Elkins	2018
	Jim Palmer	2019

Committee	Friend	Term End
Coalition of Clergy	Carolyn Stuart	2019
	Dottie Heninger	2019

Committee	Friend	Term End
Transition & Support	Tom McQuiston	2019
	Richard Miller	2019
	Joyce Munk	2019
	Paul Munk	2019
	David Schneider	2019
	Maria Darlington	2020
	Hank Elkins	2020
	Asta Crowe	2019
	Kuldip Kuwahara	2018
	Ann Shy	2018
	Byron Stevens	2020
	Nancy Fisher	2018

Committee	Friend	
Returning Citizens	Jennifer Leeman	
	Asta Crowe	
	Nancy Milio	
	Richard Miller	
	Gwynne Pomeroy	
	<b>Pam Schwingl</b>	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Carolina Friends School Board	Faye Stanley	2020
	Buffie Webber	2020
	Pat Mann	2018
	Julia Cleaver	2020

Committee	Friend	Term End
Piedmont Friends Fellowship	Jeff Brown	2020
	Lori Fernald Khamala	2020
	Vacancy	2020

Committee	Friend	
Archives	Susan Inglis	
	Julia Cleaver	
	Pam Schwingl	
	Eloise Grathwohl	
	Lloyd Kramer	
	Recorder	Ex Officio
	Recording Clerk	Ex Officio
	Vacancy (P&C rep)	

Committee	Friend	Term End
Finance	Loren Hintz	2019
	Kitty Bergel	2020
	Monteze Snyder	2020
	Emilie Condon	2020
	Ann Miller	2020
	Ric Shepherd	2020
	Micheal Jokinen	2018
	Tom Ludlow	2018

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT  
June 2017

The Publication & Communications committee edits, produces and distributes the monthly print newsletter and calendar as well as the annual directory. The members manage and update the Meeting website, the online calendar, and other online activities. They coordinate and send a biweekly email newsletter and as-needed "In the Light" announcements. The committee assists with other publications for Meeting committees as needed. One member serves on the Archives Committee.

### Highlights

- Long time committee members: Emily Buehler, David Schneider and James Harper are stepping down from the committee, and their contributions will be greatly missed. We'd like to acknowledge their service and expertise.
- We continue to collate and edit a twice a week email newsletter called: *Meeting eNews*.
- We continue to offer electronic newsletters and directories for Friends who prefer them.
- We worked with Ministry & Worship to publish a Quakerism 101 section to the Meeting's website.
- We look ahead to major transitions with the work of the committee including changes to print newsletter responsibilities, improvements to the meeting website, and the publication of the directory.
- Using of Servant Keeper software to maintain and update information about members and attenders.
- We continue to post Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business agendas and supporting documents as needed by the Clerk of the Meeting.

### Reminders & Contact information

Newsletter, e-news, and In the Light announcements should be sent to:

[news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)

In addition any updates to the *Directory* go to: [news@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:news@chapelhillfriends.org)

Requests for electronic copies *Directory* go to: [directory@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:directory@chapelhillfriends.org)

Correspondence to the committee and anything else can go to:

[publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org](mailto:publicationsandcommunications@chapelhillfriends.org)

### Submissions

- Verify willingness to disclose before submitting personal information about another person.
- Specify "e-news" and/or "newsletter" in the subject line when you submit.
- The newsletter is posted online and therefore public.
- The e-news goes to 200+ recipients, some of whom are not Meeting members.

Submitted by Publications and Communications: Sean Chen (Clerk), Emily Buehler, James Harper, Ed Bowen, David Curtin, David Schneider, Cristobal Palmer.

STATEMENT ON HELPING AN AFGHANI REFUGEE  
Naveed Moeed, presenting to Meeting for Worship with Attention Business  
(6/18/17)

Chapel Hill Friends Meeting is currently supporting two refugee families, one Syrian and one Afghani. This month we have had the unexpected opportunity to support another Afghani family. The latter family are progressing well, with the children established in school and the mother now established in at work with Amazon. They are currently in the process to acquire green cards and the mother is looking to pass her driving test this year.

The core group raised funds privately (without the assistance of the meeting or any outside agency) to attempt a reunion with the mother and her sister. They have not seen each other in 10 years. 10 years ago, the sister went into hiding with her 2-year-old son, after her husband was assassinated and achieved refugee status in 2010 in Canada. She has not seen any of her family since.

At the beginning of Ramadan (23<sup>rd</sup> of May), the sister arrived with her three children (her son now twelve and two young twins). There was a tearful reunion and much joy.

A week into her stay she was contacted by the Canadian Immigration authorities with regards to an issue regarding her immigration status (even though she has been there for 7 years). The issue was with regards to her second husband who she married on arriving in Canada. There are no children from this marriage. She was divorced from this man in 2015. The divorce was a traditional divorce in which no paperwork was involved and the male had only to declare "I divorce you" three times. "Talak, talak, talak".

As there was no paperwork around the divorce and she had since remarried the immigration authorities were querying her new marriage. She was demanded to return to Canada to resolve the situation and if possible provide a signed document from her ex-husband showing that she had divorced him.

In attempting to return to Canada, Air Canada refused the family boarding because they declared that for every child under the age of 2, there needed to be an adult aged 16 or over. Despite letting them travel to the US in this situation they would not let them leave. After critical negotiations with the travel agency, who were in error, we eventually managed to rebook them and acquire another ticket for a volunteer adult to travel with them.

We then needed to find a volunteer to travel to Regina, Saskatchewan and back to help the sister return with her children to Canada. Leslie Rountree and others stepped forward in a gesture of incredible generosity and offered their time. This was further complicated as the travel agency in question could not guarantee when the flight would be. Eventually on Tuesday 6 June, Leslie and the family departed for Canada and she delivered the family safely to their home in Regina.

Since then the sister has been in negotiations with the Canadian immigration authorities. We await further news.



# Calendar

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

<b>Sun. 7/2</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	12:30pm	Potluck—Schoolhouse (please BYO plate, cup, utensils)
Tue. 7/4	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 7/6	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 7/7	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 7/9</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
Tue. 7/11	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/14	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 7/16</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)
Tue. 7/18	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Fri. 7/21	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 7/23</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	noon	Families and Friends Affected by Mental Illness—Schoolhouse
Fri. 7/28	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd
<b>Sun. 7/30</b>	8:30am	Meeting for Worship (Early)
	11am	Meeting for Worship (Late)
	10pm	Deadline to turn in items for newsletter
Tue. 8/1	7–8pm	Yoke Fellows Prison Visitation—Call Hank Elkins
Thur. 8/3	9am–1pm	CHFM Serves Lunch at Interfaith Shelter
Fri. 8/4	5–6pm	Vigil for Peace & Justice—E. Franklin & Elliot Rd

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