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Psalm 139

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God.
A Time of Change

For years I have appreciated Reinhold Niebuhr's "Serenity Prayer" (often quoted in a variety of ways): "God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other."

The words have come to mind lately as I observe both my family and my work place.

At home, I am aware of how quickly my children and grandchildren are changing. My daughter, Evy, will be married this month, a joyous occasion for us all and a time of change. Grandsons Peter and Anthony (now nine) continue to amaze me with their curiosity, artistic ability, and enthusiasm for life. My two sons are both teenagers. They seem to grow from minute to minute. Andrew is now a licensed driver with a part-time job at a golf course; brother Sim's voice is changing and he's looking forward to high school in another year. Michele and I look at each other and ask ourselves where the years have gone.

At the JOURNAL office it's a time of change as well. As we wind up a successful capital campaign (look for a report in our September issue), we find it a time to celebrate the good work that has been done. But we also regret the departure of our colleague Timothy Drake, who will be leaving our staff this fall. I remember the day Tim came to our office in 1992, recently graduated from college and looking for a job in the field of publishing. He began that spring as a volunteer, assisting with the special issue on Japanese American internment. It's been exciting to see his growth as an editor over these years. I have come to depend on him for many things, including his good critiques of my column each month (and, of course, the donuts he brings each deadline day!). We will miss his presence in the office but wish him well as he pursues other interests for work and study.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Claudia Wair as new assistant editor. (Look for her name on the masthead this fall!) Claudia has worked as our intern and editorial assistant this past year. Readers will recognize her name as a regular author in these pages—her next writing assignment to be a report on the Friends General Conference Gathering in a coming issue. We welcome Claudia to her new editing position. A member of Langley Hill (Va.) Meeting, Claudia also is a sought-after speaker among Friends.

Perhaps the biggest change of all is our announcement of a change of address. Some of you may have noticed the new mailing address in our July issue; others should be aware of it now. In late August FRIENDS JOURNAL will move its offices from Friends Center in Philadelphia to space three-and-a-half blocks away. There are several reasons for the move. First, we have outgrown our existing space at the Center, and there is not suitable space available for us here. Also, our current space is not handicapped accessible, and this is increasingly important for us to acknowledge. Our older part of the Center, located on the second floor without elevator (and with storage two floors below in the basement), is not well suited for our publishing needs. Finally, on very short notice, we became aware of office space available in the same building occupied by Friends General Conference. We signed a purchase agreement in late April, currently are making alterations to the space, and plan to move there in the coming weeks. We hope you come visit us in the fall.

Truly, it has been a season of change.

Vinton Deming

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Cover poem by Muriel Steffy Lipp.
Thanks to Fine Line Studios
for inspiring our cover design.
Worthy of study

Tom Gates's striking description of a ritual male circumcision in Kenya and the moral and cultural dilemmas he felt in such a different society is vivid reading (Fj May). For me, it instantly brings to mind how many Europeans, Asians, and Latin Americans respond when they learn of the common U.S. medical practice of routine male infant circumcision. This practice began in the 1870s as midwifery and home birth was increasingly taken over by male physicians moving birth into hospital settings. At a time when many diseases had yet to be understood viral, bacterial, or genetic source, the tangle of Victorian morality deemed that excessive youthful masturbation, abetted by the presence of the foreskin, weakened the physical and mental constitution, thus making the young vulnerable to myriad diseases. The solution: infant male circumcision. The rate steadily increased until it reached 90 percent between 1975 and 1985. Then it fell to its present 60 percent nationally.

Though the afflictions being "prevented" have changed over time, people from other cultures, learning of the U.S. practice, often view it as cruel, bizarre, mutilating, and unnecessary. In Latin America, Asia, and Europe other than the U.K., medicine never adopted the practice, and 85 percent of the men alive today are not circumcised and do not suffer the widespread afflictions U.S. medicine grimly promises those with foreskins.

Today, we know that like the not-so-long-ago termed useless and vestigial organs of the tonsils and appendix, now known to be part of the vital immune system, the foreskin has important protective and erotic/sexual functions from infancy through the whole of life. There's truly a moral and cultural dilemma here in our own society worthy of serious study.

Chester McQuary Parachute, Colo.

Personal experience

Kathryn Gordon's article ("A Mystical Weekend," Fj May) was a moving testimony to a very personal experience. One cannot fault her opinions expressed therein; however, I am deeply troubled by the sharing of her response to a question about the false memory syndrome in which she "admit[s] I have suspected it is society's defense against a distressing truth."

This may be Kathryn's perception of her truth, arrived at by the now professionally very questionable "guided re-enactment" she describes, but it should not be permitted to stand as total truth unchallenged.

I would hope that some kind of balanced perspective in Fj would correct the possible tendency to generalized misperception that Kathryn's personal memoir might otherwise generate. False memories are indeed false, but do exist.

Kathryn records the wish not to have her version of her life challenged, even as she says she does not challenge her questioner. Had this interpersonal exchange remained personal, that could prevail; now by printing it in a widely distributed medium among Quakers, her wish to be unchallenged needs perhaps to be replaced by our hope that the Light may open her and us to new facets of continuing revelation in which we are all part. I would hope this letter might be a gentle suggestion along the lines of healing truth.

Bob Mabbs
Sioux Falls, S.D.

While I appreciate Kathryn Gordon's effort in the article to work toward reconciliation in the acrimonious area of recovered repressed memory, I believe that you do your readers a disservice in providing inaccurate information about the nature of memory. The body does not "embed memories as pain and tension," as stated by the author. The brain is the source of memory.

The author also expresses a deep misunderstanding of the issue of false memory syndrome. The concern of the FMS Foundation, for example, is with bad therapy. That is a separate issue from the issue of child abuse. Both are problems in our society and both need to be solved.

Pamela Freyd

Other responses to Signe

HEA!

HEAD CASE?
"I've been thinking...."

BIG BUT
whilst not wishing to take away anything from the ministry we have just heard......."

Mary Lou Cappock
Tempe, Ariz.

Phage Philology
by Loco Linguist:

"We Quakers believe in the Holy Eucharist. In Greek that's Eucharistein, in Latin Eucharistus. It means eat or take eat. In Hittite it's ekke, in Hebrew akhu essay, et cetera, etc., etc., and so forth, and sew fourth, and so lo-nng."

Phyllo Tushar
Scone, Scotland

Thanks, cuz

I continue to rejoice and give thanks for FRIENDS Journal. You perform a great service for the Society, keeping us aware of developments and issues and informed about people and events of note. The "Signe" cartoons (Fj April) are, as usual for her, right on the point—and so telling. (The fact that we are cousins doesn't prejudice me in her favor, you may be sure.)

Hibbard Thatch
Nashville, Tenn.

In Sing Sing

I want to thank you for the interview with me in the April issue. My wife Elsbeth expressed her special appreciation for the layout (she is an artist), so special thanks for your art director Barbara Benton.

We went to worship in Sing Sing Prison. The article, which I had not seen by that time, was circulating and the Mandela connection brought forward a special sense of fellowship!

Hendrik van der Merwe and Elsbeth Woody
Port Chester, N.Y.

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Friends and the United Nations

In 1947 the Friends Service Council (U.K.) and the American Friends Service Committee (U.S.) were jointly awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. As a delegate from FWCC, I attended the 5th UN Congress on Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders at Geneva in 1975, 6th at Caracas in 1980, 7th at Milan in 1985, 8th at Havana in 1990, and 9th at Cairo in 1995. I have witnessed considerable growth in Friends' respect for such congresses, and after those in Havana and Cairo the FWCC delegates drafted epistles that were circulated in Friends World News and elsewhere. There were seven of us in Cairo, from Canada, England, Ireland, New Zealand, and the U.S. Steve Angell, formerly of New York, now of Philadelphia, is a leading advocate of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), of which he spoke at the 6th Congress, and the U.S. Steve Angell, formerly of New York, now of Philadelphia, is a leading advocate of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), of which he spoke at the 6th Congress.

Have you ever considered the advantages of a gift annuity with FRIENDS JOURNAL? How much can a retired Friend count on receiving from a gift annuity contract with the JOURNAL? The chart below provides examples, based on a $25,000 cash gift, of possible gift annuity rates and tax savings available to Friends who participate in the JOURNAL's Gift Annuity Program.

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Better choices

As a friend and supporter of the American Friends Service Committee, I was disappointed to learn that AFSC has again nominated Jimmy Carter for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter (why not her, too?) have been a force for peace and justice. But for a pacifist-based organization like AFSC, dedicated to “speak truth to power,” to nominate a person who, when in power, re-instituted the military draft, failed to pardon Leonard Peltier or to grant amnesty without strings to the many young Americans who went to prison rather than participate in an unjust, undeclared war, I find disturbing.

I would like to suggest that next year AFSC consider nominating David Dellinger, a nonviolent activist for all seasons. He fought against Jewish immigration quotas in the '30s, went to prison rather than accept a theological
student deferment in the '40s (and while there helped racially desegregate some aspects of prison life), kept the flame alive in the '50s by helping edit and publish Liberation, served as one of the more effective leaders in resisting U.S. aggression in Vietnam in the '60s, and continues to spread the gospel of nonviolence in his writings and on college campuses up until the present.

Other individuals and groups that might well be considered include Peace Brigades, Habitat for Humanity (and its founder, Millard Fuller), the Berrigan brothers, and Lucius Walker Jr.

Benjamin L. Candee Jr.
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Using full names

Is anybody but me worried about the fact that people lose their last names if they take certain kinds of jobs? Where I work, I’m “Mrs. Cameron” because I’m a librarian, but if I were a secretary or a custodian I’d be “Dee.” I think it would be great if people used the full name in addressing people with whom they are not on familiar terms, but that’s had a couple of centuries to catch on, and so far it hasn’t. Meanwhile, this job-based practice seems just like the kind of thing the old Friends were trying to avoid.

Dee Cameron
El Paso, Tex.

Welfare fraud?

Oh, the irony possible in the word “welfare.” The already wealthy lawyers, who make up three-quarters of the U.S. Congress, sit in judgment of the poor, both working and unemployed, but these legislators receive both perks and campaign contributions in astronomical amounts. In turn, they dole out billions of dollars in government contracts to corporations who just happen to be their chief supporters.

Now, where do you suppose is the greatest welfare fraud?

Joseph S. Carter
Largo, Fla.

April Fools

This past April, during a sleepless night, I grabbed the latest issue of the FRIENDS JOURNAL, and starting from the back, I skimmed the classified ads, read the Milestones, then the articles I had not read when the magazine first arrived. Finally I arrived at the inside front cover, and as I had read the editorial earlier, I glanced at the masthead and was startled by the “titles” of your staff, then chuckled to myself and dropped off to sleep.

When the May issue arrived, I looked in vain in the Forum, expecting some recognition of your April Fools masthead. Did no one respond or are you not now acknowledging this momentary frivolity?

Catherine Cricker
Lake Elmo, Minn.

We didn’t think anyone noticed! Friends can be awfully serious after all. Perhaps readers were too busy being amused by Signe Wilkinson’s cartoons? —Eds.

Cover to cover

I don’t know when I’ve sat down and read a FRIENDS JOURNAL issue cover to cover. But I did just that with the April issue. And what a rich, full, and big issue it was! The interview with Hendrik van der Merwe, the report on the meeting for divorce, and the piece (reflective!) on a miscarriage, not to mention Signe Wilkinson’s cartoons, made it outstanding! Thanks.

Jim Best
Tucson, Ariz.

Cuba

The June Forum contained a letter by Arthur Rifkin referring to the two articles about Cuba (F Feb.). I have just returned from Cuba and am concerned about some of the questions raised.

Something obvious during my visit was that the people have hope, vision, and a light that sustains an incredible charm and humility among even the most impoverished. I note this light in contrast to much darkness I have encountered in other Caribbean countries, also in contrast to the despair and selfishness I witness on a regular basis in my own country.

When Batista and many other corrupt and very wealthy people fled from Cuba in 1961, they took billions of U.S. dollars and a great deal of talent with them; most of the doctors and lawyers left. So Cuba had to start from scratch.

U.S. policy toward Cuba has been based on the assumption that Castro would fail and the government would topple. This policy has actually strengthened the Castro regime by allowing Fidel to present himself internationally as a Cuban nationalist struggling against a hostile neighbor. Internationally, U.S. attempts to legislate for the world have been widely condemned.

By employing “big stick” politics, the U.S. government has won much sympathy for Cuba. In 1995 the UN General Assembly voted 117 to 3 to condemn the U.S. embargo, the fourth consecutive vote of this kind in four years.

Marcia V. Orruffy
Annapolis, Md.

It is true that the civil rights issue in Cuba could be improved; however, look at the situations in other Central American countries, where free elections have been held and citizens are still being “disappeared” or assassinated. And what about China? The United States has no embargo against China, whose human and civil rights abuses are much worse than Cuba’s. But, of course, economic interests usually outweigh civil rights.

In his Forum letter, Friend Rifkin asks: “If the boycott started in 1961, why hasn’t Cuba bought what it needs from other suppliers?” From 1961 until just recently, Cuba did buy from Canada and many European countries. The Soviet Union was Cuba’s largest supplier, especially in petroleum products. With the breakup of the Soviet Union, Cuba lost its best source of supplies.

With the passage of the Helms-Burton act, the United States has dramatically increased its economic (and humanitarian) pressure on Cuba.

The United Nations has consistently condemned the U.S. embargo against Cuba. The embargo is outlawed by international law, since no United States declaration of war against Cuba has ever been declared. The Cuban embargo should be ended.

Franklin P. Witte
Phoenix, Ariz.

FRIENDS JOURNAL welcomes Forum contributions. Please try to be brief so we may include as many as possible. Limit letters to 300 words. Viewpoint to 1,000 words. Addresses are omitted to maintain the authors’ privacy; those wishing to correspond directly with authors may send letters to FRIENDS JOURNAL to be forwarded. Authors’ names are not to be used for personal or organizational solicitation. —Eds.

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Wait here and I'll climb up. Perhaps there'll be a better view of where the footpath is."

Franco disappeared through the green curtain of trees. The signpost had indicated this way, but the track seemed to have disappeared altogether. Steep rock slabs lay to our left and right. A chimney of vegetation, where we could maneuver, lay between.

I could hear his voice calling, "Wait there. Don't move," indicating that he was still climbing. The third hour after noon had just slipped by, and the sky was holding on to its clear blue. The view over the lake was fantastic, and I amused myself trying to identify our house in the far distance. A large hawk glided effortlessly above me, perhaps catching the occasional drift of voices in the companying forms. I began to notice how comfortable I felt when I looked at my watch. The view over the lake was fantastic, and I waited patiently.

I thought he would have a quick look at the far-distant college days I'd been nick-named "mountain goat." Waiting on the side of the slope, instead of working my way upwards, was a new experience. I wasn't sure that I felt comfortable with it.

The clouds began to cover the sun, and I felt chilly. From my small rucksack, I pulled out long pants and changed from my shorts. The minutes without Franco were extending. I shouted his name into the air. My own echo came back. Nothing else. I called louder, almost screaming. Only my own words returned. I began to feel panic rising... what if he'd fallen... taken a wrong turn... couldn't find me again... what if...

An hour elapsed. I wondered what to do. What were the options? Should I go up and try to find him? I started to move upwards but an inner voice told me to go back. "Wait there," it said. Five minutes later my mind began to race again. Perhaps I should go back down to the footpath junction where we'd gone astray? But then if Franco came back here, he wouldn't know where I'd gone. Again that still, small voice urged me to "Wait there."

Panic gave way to calm. To conserve my energy I snuggled into the safety of nearby branches and tried not to move too much, putting my rucksack over my chest to keep warm. I felt sure that Franco would come back for me. I waited patiently.

"Sue, you have to come down... slowly." Franco's voice pierced my reverie, and I jumped up, trying to identify where his voice was coming from. I caught sight of him below me. Oh, sweet relief! As I delicately picked my way down through the roots and branches, avoiding the rocks, I could hear his voice guiding me to him. In what seemed like seconds I was on the same level. He looked exhausted.

Explanatory words rushed into each other. Once at the top he'd been too afraid to return by the difficult upward route and instead walked in the direction of the col. Along a knife edge of rock, he'd explored a safe passage. Finally, spotting a way through, he'd traveled safely to the footpath junction we had started from.

All the time he had been calling for me to "Wait there." There had been no reply, and he had begun to panic in case I had moved from his post. Even when his strength began to ebb from the exertion of climbing, he had feebly kept up the command, willing me to be patient.

It had been hard to wait. Hard to keep the wild, irrational panic from taking over. Hard to listen to the confident inner voice, telling me to "Wait there." When we got home, I had occasion to look at the calendar. The prophetic words from Psalm 37, written as a helpmate for the month, arrowed straight to my heart. "Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently."
The Centrality of Listening

by Patricia Loring

Listening and gathering as patterning Quaker spirituality

By listening I mean the widest kind of prayerful, discerning attentiveness to the Source that is intimated within us, evidenced through others, and discernible through the experiences of life. This kind of listening is not simply auditory. It may be visual, kinesisthetic, intuitive, or visceral as well, depending on the deepest attentiveness natural to the particular individual. It is my thesis that this kind of prayerful attentiveness is one of two major elements patterning Quakerism—into what Lloyd Lee Wilson, in Essays on the Quaker Vision of Gospel Order, has called a gestalt. A gestalt (the word is taken from the German) is an organic whole.

I think Quaker practice is not only a spiritual gestalt of unique wholeness and coherence, but that the organic whole is also holographic—the element of listening patterns all of its parts. When we are faithful to the pattern of listening, it forms and informs all the dimensions of our personal and corporate practice. The pattern of listening makes us more attentive and responsive to the Mystery within and among us, which gathers us in the love and life that is its very nature or being.

This gathering or felt union of the spiritual community in the love and life of God is the secondary element patterning the Quaker gestalt. It is experienced in “graced” or “favored” times of corporate worship. Gathering is secondary only in the sense that it is more apt to be a spiritual fruit or a gift of spiritual matur- ing in listening. It is what we hear, recognize, or experience when we listen at the most profound level. Both the longing for and the actual experience of being gathered and united in God’s love have shaped our sense of right relationship within the spiritual community of our meetings. Where the sense of being gathered and united in God’s love includes the rest of humanity and the whole of creation, it has formed our sense of right ethical relationships in the wider world.

Quaker practice shapes and expresses our listening for the presence and guidance of the Mystery at the heart of the universe and of each of us—and our unity in love in our personal lives, in our corporate life, and in ethical relationships with the world. Our “formless forms” help us to transcend forms and help us to be self-transcendental in our sense of reality and our place and work in it. I think we’ve never come close to realizing the possibilities inherent in the unique Quaker gestalt we’ve been bequeathed by generations of faithful Friends.

Listening to one another as a spiritual practice or discipline

It is a powerful discipline for a listener to try to listen without agenda, without the compulsion to help, abandoning the need or desire to appear knowledgeable, wise, or comforting. There may be no more tellingly difficult spiritual practice than the effort to receive hospitably what is being said by someone else, without editing, correction, or unsolicited advice. Yet it is this open listening that makes room for the Spirit of God to be present in the midst of the interaction, illuminating and guiding what is taking place. With grace, the Holy Presence is born into the space that we make by giving over our own agendas and our own resolve. Our willingness to be changed—accepting, even welcoming, on all levels of awareness—visual, auditory, kinesisthetic, and intuitive—to what truly is happening in the present. It’s only possible with a humility that gives over efforts to set the terms on which we’ll admit the divine into our lives, efforts to control outcomes, and efforts to define the roles or perceptions of participants in our lives.

As we listen in this way, particularly in the beginning, we often learn more about ourselves than we do about the person we are trying to hear. We learn the limitations of our hospitality. We learn where our resistances to the reality of the other person lie and how we require others to conform to our ideological structures and ways of expression before we will receive truth as they see it. We learn how unprepared we are to trust in the capacity of others to work out their own solutions with divine assistance. We see how little we are prepared to truly listen to another.

We see how much of our usual listening is actually an inward imposition of our personal, comfortable structures of reality on the other person, simply waiting for a pause to impose those same structures outwardly as advice, fixing, converting, or straightening out the other person.

Part of our practice of listening to another can be holding both the utterances of the one we are listening to and our own inward responses together in the Light. The practice of listening to where our responses come from is, at the very least, instructive and humbling. Experiencing this practice may inspire our resolve to change in relationship with others. It may free us to be more compassionate and hospitable to others.

Our own resolve, however, is rarely sufficient for radical, internal restructuring of our capacity to listen to and be accepting of others. But with grace, it can be the beginning of being willing to give over our judgmentalism, self-centeredness, and neediness to God’s healing love. With grace over time, our willingness to acknowledge and to open our woundedness to the healing Light may be a kind of willingness to be changed—a receptivity to transformation and an acceptance of God’s love.

The practice of listening to another has a number of phases as we seek to grow more fully into it. Some days are better than others. Sometimes it’s two steps for-

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ward and one back—or three back. As with other practice, persistence over time and praying for help are more to be trusted than what happens on the day-to-day basis, in which our ups-and-downs are all too clear. With faithfulness over time, we become quicker to recognize our most frequent resistances to—and projections or impositions on—others. We may also spot ourselves developing new resistances, projections, and impositions to take the places of those we’ve been freed of. With faithfulness over time, however, relinquishment becomes less a matter of grim self-restraint than a grace-given loosening of our compulsions, a blessed freeing from ideas and experiences that enslave us, and a God-given capacity to open or yield to what is.

As with many practices, what begins by feeling like keeping a sweaty grip on ourselves can become relaxation into God’s own freedom, into liberation from the all-too-human need to manage the situation, to control outcomes, to be the savior, or to have the definitive, intelligent, wise, or good word on the subject at hand. We can begin to be simply present, open together to the Spirit of God between and among us, uniting us and stilling us into awareness of our union in love. In this way, our encounter with one another may also become an encounter with the divine. The distinction between love of neighbor, love of oneself, and love of God becomes less and less easily perceived.

When I give a first exercise in silent, one-on-one listening in a class or a retreat, participants often observe, “As I was listening I wanted to say a lot of things in answer to what I was hearing. It was so hard not to talk.” Only once in my experience has someone said on the very first effort, “I felt relaxed. I realized I was simply praying for the other person as he spoke.”

Listening as a form of contemplative prayer

As the listener listens not only to content, but for the movement of the Spirit under the content, the speaker may also be drawn into awareness of deeper levels of her utterance. Held in this receptive, listening prayer, the speaker may begin to give over the need to create a particular impression, to entertain, to be interesting, or to evoke a particular response. She may begin to go below the usual, socially-structured level of discourse to speak more profound truths hidden or obscured by conformity to the expectations of others.

She may first become aware of how much there is in herself of those outwardly imposed expectations. She may also come to a new level of awareness of what really lies beneath those expectations: the hidden seed of the true self, planted by God; the stirrings of the Spirit drawing it forth into tendrils and ultimately into bloom.

Both speaker and listener may be drawn together into a silence that is the fullness of awareness beyond words. It can become contemplation of what is in the heart of the speaker or of the loving Presence in which both are held.

Contemplative prayer cannot be forced. It is a gift of God’s own presence, already mysteriously hidden within and among us, to which we can hope and pray to be opened. I’ve sometimes felt like a camera lens, with an aperture that can be stopped down to admit just a little bit of light or opened wide to receive every bit of available light in the atmosphere. In this camera that I am, there is no mechanism to open the lens. Rather, I need to give over the tightened places in my being that are holding it shut, shutting out available light and restricting it to preselected levels.

The real, exhausting effort of our lives is not opening the lens but spending our energy holding the lens closed or stopped down. When we relax our grip on our defenses, on who we think we are, on how we want to be perceived, how we’d better behave, on what we ought to think, how we should see, on what is the right response, we are free to open to who and what is really there like flowers responding to sunshine. Simple, respectful, prayerful listening is at least as good for the soul of the listener as for the person listened to.
MEETING THE GREAT SPIRIT
AT THE COUNTY HOME

I was the nurse on the graveyard shift
there were sixty-three graves-in-waiting
some moved around
some never did
some went fast, some went years
before their bodies

Anne hadn't seemed ready
thin, spry, and always cheerful
just a deficiency of loving family
and then a sudden, strangling tumor

What can I really do
I'd asked my teacher of Blackfoot medicine
Clean hands and feet for the next world, he said,
and give them company

So on her night
while the aides endlessly pumped the cuff
and charted the falling temperature and pulse
I prepared warm water, and I washed her

And then I sat
very close by
and I held
her cold, clean hands.

—Tina Taylor, © 1995

WITH

In the beginning was With,
Who made everything from nothing
and stayed,
so we dead live,
we nothings are something.

With,
Who was in the beginning before us,
made us.
When we found With,
lo, we had never been Without.

In the black hole,
even in cataclysm,
With is.

—Muriel Stefy Lipp

THE CALL

A thin tone quavers in the distance.
Time slows, motion stops
a leaf drops from a tree
stands still in midair.
I am paralyzed and intensely alert
like a sprinter in the starting block.
A scent in the atmosphere both stimulates
and quiets.
Air creeps across my face
fingertips itch
knees soften to jelly.

A calm voice says
"Fear not."

"Lord, what shall I do?"

"Take the bus,
go to work,
come home,
help the wife dry the dishes
fold the laundry
and have the Johnsons over tonight
for coffee and cake."

—Jim Young

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Tending Our Organizational Webs

by Gale Wills

During 1995–96 I visited monthly meetings and worship groups across Canada, traveling under a concern that we not lose our awareness and understanding of how Friends make decisions together. A number of issues regarding the structure of yearly meeting arose, which I would like to share. Some are a reflection of what I heard, and some are observations and reflections of my own.

The longing to reduce the amount of business we do, both in general and at Canadian Yearly Meeting, was possibly the concern that I heard most often as I traveled. It took several forms, from weariness with long agendas and frustration with the paper flow, to a sense that there are too many people serving on too many committees and anger at being asked to consider issues that are perceived as not related to the concerns of a monthly meeting. Often the longing was simply a wish for more opportunity for fellowship, sometimes accompanied by a reluctance to do business of any kind.

Canadian Yearly Meeting, comparatively speaking, is a very small yearly meeting. We have approximately 1,100 people to carry out all the work that needs to be done. Alongside Representative Meeting and Canadian Yearly Meeting in session, there are twelve standing committees, four ad hoc committees, plus the continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, Board of Trustees, Young Friends, and a small “group” called the Epistle Summarizing Committee. In addition, there are 27 Friends who represent us to outside bodies, some to more than one group. All of this is in addition to the work we do for our monthly meetings and for our half-yearly meetings and regional gatherings.

What do all these committees and people do? Do we really want it all done?

From a purely statistical viewpoint, this appears to be a complicated structure for so few people. However, we do not understand human organizations on the basis of numbers. What do all these committees and people do? Do we really want it all done? Do we have a choice in every case? Complications can be with an agenda as well as with the organization itself. We can get some of the answers by reading our Organization and Procedure and the annual directory published with yearly meeting minutes. But most of the answers can come only from talking among ourselves.

The questions around too much business are influenced by the admitted fact that some people are comfortable and happy attending to administrative matters and others are interested in the activities that come with working for peace and social justice and have little time or patience for “paperwork.” These are not necessarily two different groups, but making this distinction helps in understanding why some are so reluctant to “do business” and why others take up the administrative tasks with enthusiasm. Is there a danger of seeing the administrators as carrying a less important role than the activists? Should we not see the two as mutually dependent and equally important?

I am also aware that for some, thinking about organizations in any form is a challenge. This in turn is a challenge to those of us who are naturally comfortable with organizational concepts. We need to be patient with each other. I, for one, cannot imagine a Religious Society of Friends with no formal links between monthly meetings. In my mind those links constitute an organization. Thus, tending an organization is tending the links between people. They are like the silken strands of a spider’s web, very intricate and needing special skill to create and to maintain, but practically invisible. Remember the last time you struck down a web on the shed door, and the next morning, there it was again, glistening in the sunlight? Like the spider, we depend on a nearly invisible web of organization, and if it is swept away, we must create another to take its place.
The Discipline admonishes all of us to take up our responsibility for managing church affairs. Does this mean that we all must take up administrative work with enthusiasm? I think not. But it may mean that we have an obligation to consider very carefully how we support those who have those gifts and are willing to do the work of tending our organizational webs. Our questions then become how big a web, how intricate, and how many web tenders do we really need?

I once heard a long-time and active Friend mutter under her breath during consideration of a particularly difficult question on the floor of yearly meeting: “Quakers are really anarchists at heart!” How true this is. From coast to coast, I heard clear resistance to central authority, to a “representative” system, and to any practice that is perceived to have bureaucratic overtones. There is, I believe, nearly universal agreement among Friends in Canada that primary responsibility rightly resides with the local worshiping community. Organizations at a half-yearly or yearly meeting level are seen as creatures of a monthly meeting, never the other way around. In this regard, we already have a remarkably decentralized and relatively simple organization. Is it possible to simplify it further?

Social anarchism, as a nonviolent way of organizing (no, this is not a contradiction in terms) has a respectable history and a record of some success. The classic example is the short-lived success of the Spanish anarchists before and during the Spanish Civil War. We see it now in the cooperative movements, in community economic development projects, and in the ways in which the campesinos have organized themselves in Central America. We may not name it as such, but I believe Friends have been sympathetic to forms of social anarchism, consciously or unconsciously, for generations.

It occurred to me, as I traveled from city to farm and back to city again, that there may be a fin-de-siècle form of rural-urban split among Friends in the way in which we regard the need for formal organization. The informality and lack of even resistance to—structure is a prominent characteristic of the small scattered meetings and worship groups I encountered in non-urban areas. It reminded me of a time many years ago, when I carried out a survey of how social planning was done in one of the rural counties in southern Ontario and found to my surprise (as an urban-based planner), that they did not use or need formal planning organizations. My conclusion at that time was that we cannot impose the organizational structures that serve concentrated urban areas on rural ones. I doubt that this has changed, and I suspect that those of us who live and work in large urban areas think differently about the need for organization than those who do not.

How does a group of people go about simplifying an organization? We live in complex social organizations that are evolving rapidly, and resisting this, or standing outside of it, requires enormous effort. On one hand we want to avoid a world given over to excessive busyness and bureaucracy. On the other, we have available to us new technologies, including organizational techniques, that can help us navigate our way through the inevitable maze of modern life. As individuals, when we seek to simplify our lives, we weigh what we must give up and what we stand to lose against what we know we will gain. This is also true organizationally. What must we give up in order to gain the benefit of fewer committees and less business?

The gospel order of George Fox, with its organization of monthly, regional, and yearly meetings, has served Friends well. But the practices may need adapting to modern times and circumstances. Should Friends in Canada find new ways to organize and conduct their business—something that meets our unique needs? My traveling message about the gospel order could sound like my urging us to keep the traditional ways. I hope it was not heard that way. There may be a new gospel order to discover, and my concern is that we understand and practice the divinely led process of discerning what that may be. If we do, anything is possible.
THE HEART’S LYRE

Somewhere a soft music plays far away from here.

A music that pulls from behind corners we can’t see around, that calls from the still spaces in our lives, far away from here, we think—

the music of birds flying, a flamingo guitar, water falling from a cello perhaps, a pan flute whispering over the hills at dusk.

Soft music some place just beyond reach, almost past hearing—

we think always there, not here—

enthralling—

not knowing it is but an echo of the sound that reverberates from inside,

a lost god playing the heart’s lyre.

GENESEO, N.Y.

Only one more week in Geneseo, one more week to see a whole sky, to feel a whole wind blowing from Erie across the plain, to see deer grazing in early morning and at eventide, to walk each day through Temple Hill and hear old names in the oak trees—Canandaigua, Seneca, Ganondaga.

Summer has passed its prime now. Although fruit is still ripening and fields are everywhere golden, the robins no longer come to the cherry tree and sing and teach their young to fly and boldly feed on cherry-flesh.

I cannot hold on to it, and yet I must not mourn time’s passing through this longed-for summer. It would be like walking against a river, cursing the flow and the Great Hand. Because even now the deer stand still in the meadow, eating green growing things, peacefully watching while I pass.

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A BOTTLE OF COCA-COLA, 1949

On a summer day sweet with heat and time, my sisters and I find, rolled back against the rushes in the cold clear water of our stream, an unopened bottle of Coca-Cola. We instantly know its green-glass shape there in the shadows but not who stashed it in our stretch of bank and water.

In a single moment, our eyes lock. Swearing silence, we cache it back with care long enough to go in search of the church key. We slide silently in through the screen door in a precise pantomime of innocence, gaze off into the distance of the cold dark kitchen, sidle towards the middle drawer, glide it open, steal the opener and then burst forth into the sunlight in a rush laughing and running towards the creek as the screen door slams behind us.

We pull the bottle up again from the bone-aching cold of the water. Shivering, we open it, wiping the rime of rust from the rim of the bottle. We share it around, swallowing the sweet liquor that stings our throats as we gulp. Bubbles rise in our noses and we gasp with pleasure.

When the last sweet drop is gone I grasp the bottle lean back and swing it out in a wide arc. Its lovely shape hangs there in the air for a moment before it splashes downstream and swirls out in the rushing current, twirling as it sinks into the whirlpool at the curve in the stream.

—Linda H. Elegant

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ON TRANSLATION
by David William McKay

THE STORY GOES that in his travels amongst the First Nations, John Woolman employed a translator so he and they could understand one another. In a meeting with one native leader, the chiefman held up a hand to the translator.

"I love to hear where words come from," he said.

We can spiritualize this story too much. We can feel that there was some deep spiritual communion, that words became, and rhythms of Woolman's voice. This is likely he simply wanted to hear the tones we can feel that there was some deep

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LOOKING FOR JESUS IN NEWTOWN SQUARE

I. Tonight we have moved
   The old benches of
   Newtown Square Meeting
   Into a circle of sorts,
   Giving the heater her place.
   Now no one of us turns
   A back to another and
   We are hoping
   acknowledging
   knowing
   That Jesus may be here.

II. We are looking,
    By twos and threes,
    For the places where
    Our hearts pound.

III. In following Jesus
    We may enter a vineyard
    Where the standard is beyond
    Virtue or justice, and well
    Beyond standards themselves;
    A place incredibly inclusive
    thoroughly genuine
    necessarily joyful;
    A place of generosity. There,
    Whether it is morning, noon, or
    The close of the work day,
    Nothing can be earned
    And all is given.

IV. Jennifer did not
    Come tonight.
    My guess is that
    Jesus told her
    It was time to
    Dance.

V. Tonight I am hearing my heart say that
   Whether this man ever lived or not,
   He is God.

VI. Jesus says:
   "Your roots are so entangled in me
   That I cannot be cut out and
   Leave you fully alive.
   Trust in your knowing me.
   Let what others say
   That does not ring true for you
   Be theirs."

—Janeal Turnbull Raunder

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One Quaker’s Experience
by Nancy Breitsprecher

Most Quakers have a tough time with what other churches call sacraments. It is not uncommon to have a profound shunning and a refusal to examine the question of why many other types of Christians regard them as so important.

I have been a Quaker for many years. I also have been a pastor to a nondenominational church and served a chaplaincy that included the eucharistic ritual. When challenged by other Quakers as to how I could bear to do this, my reply has been that, after all, I don’t do it for Quakers! I do it for people to whom it is meaningful.

Now I am retired, and so am not in a position where it is often asked of me. But the ongoing thought of Quakers on sacramental issues is something I still find especially interesting.

I attended a denominational seminary, the only option at the time as I had four children still at home and not enough resources to travel to Earlham School of Religion.

It was gracious of the seminary to admit me, as it was Anglo-Catholic, and by their charter, I might have been refused admittance. For a long time I attended the compulsory chapel services, in cassock and surplice, and simply did not go forward for communion.

As I became better acquainted with the seminary worship community, I realized I was being invited to what was, in essence, a family meal. I formally matriculated on the full degree track, through exceptional circumstances, and one day the leading professional invited me to his home and went over the handling of the bread and wine with me at his dining room table. When I led the communion service with the congregation, how natural it seemed to me, as a mother of a fair-sized family, to say “take, eat” and invite people to the table!

After that, I did my “share” of communion services, especially because the place of women in the church was controversial and there was an uncomfortable sense in the church if only the male pastor did them.

I used the Book of Common Prayer for communion services. One of the lines I found most attractive was one that I was taught went back to Elizabeth I’s input, said to reflect the theology of Zwingli: “Take them [bread and cup] in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.” That was all I knew of Zwingli.

Recently I traveled through Zurich, spent a few days there, and was drawn to the church where Zwingli preached. It interested me greatly, especially the open space that once had held a formal altar. It was as if this church held the space open for the Spirit. When I returned home, I decided to try and read up on Zwingli.

My local library got me a book on Zwingli, a book first published in 1901 and later republished by Scholarly Press in Michigan. It was hard to put it down. It contained a biography, a long chapter on theology, and translations of some of Zwingli’s writings.

I have been trying to think of George Fox and Zwingli; we know the latter’s writings were known in England because Elizabeth I knew them. Fox lived 1624–1691. Zwingli’s dates were 1484–1531. The emphasis Zwingli put on piety, peace, and joy in the kingdom of God, not with human depravity. Not judging others and being careful not to give scandal to others were points with which I could identify.

Zwingli disagreed with Luther on many points, and what is most touching about Zwingli is that his theology starts with God, not with human depravity. Not judging others and being careful not to give scandal to others were points with which I could identify.

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Zwingli, but how can we not cheer these words:

It surely seems to me . . . simple folk think that everything is right, if only they confess the fasts, fast, enjoy God, take the sacrament, and let the whole year pass away thus; whereas one should at all times confess God, live piously and do no more than we think necessary in the fast.

Why don’t we need sacraments—that is, channels of ritual? I tend to agree with Zwingli that:

A channel or vehicle is not necessary to the Spirit for He Himself is the virtue and energy whereby all things are borne and has no need of being borne. . . . Faith is present before Baptism. Faith then, is not given by Baptism.

God alone can cleanse the soul . . . one does not need a pledge that the cleansing has already been performed. If it has he knows it, and that is enough . . . the great gift of God is a matter of experience. . . . Faith is an act of self-committal . . . a spiritual process of the soul, that is conscious, and that is the eternal life which Christ promised, already in exercise and possession.

Where does this leave a discussion of Quakers and the sacraments? Where it began, in a way. There are times for some people when having a symbol of the presence of God is helpful. Just as for Friends a gathered meeting touches all our hearts and finds us in unity, others may find unity in partaking of the same ritual meal. Eating together, after all, has ancient roots as a sign of hospitality and peace.

As we all sometimes share bread, wine, or coffee and conversation, we know that no “magic words” bring us closeness and love; the experience of sharing and having been together over a length of time makes this one moment special.

Will I ever lead another communion service myself, now that I am retired? If I am requested to do so, with sincere people, yes, especially with elderly in care homes who feel deprived without it. Christ can manifest to us in many ways. Who am I to say that one historical way, which others testify is meaningful, is invalid?

Perhaps the leading some people feel towards the communion service is akin to what we feel towards photos of those we have loved—a tangible reminder, not only memory but a re-experiencing of closeness. We need not forget the end of the Zwinglian line in the Book of Common Prayer, “with thanksgiving.” Gratitude for all that leads humans Godward is a response we can hardly help giving.
Bringing Nonviolence Workshops to School

by Fenna Mandolang

Nonviolence is highly valued in my family, and I love new experiences, so I decided to bring a series of three, three-day nonviolence workshops to my middle school. My mother spoke to the principal, and they wrote a grant proposal to purchase manuals and supplies. The principal said if students liked the workshops, they would continue; if not, they would stop. So I made a decision to make a difference and try to keep the program alive. I didn't know what I was getting into, but I did know the first step was to become a facilitator.

I had to complete three, three-day workshops: basic, advanced, and training for facilitators. I also tried to encourage other participants by practicing what we were taught and by talking to them outside the workshops. I wanted as many different kinds of kids as possible to enjoy the workshops; this wasn't too hard because the program captured them by itself. Each workshop requires a team of three to five volunteer facilitators. It is important to have a student perspective on the facilitation team, but it's hard to get volunteers to facilitate. Many people want to take the workshop, but we are very low on serious facilitators. The other thing I had to do that was vital to keeping the workshops was to speak with the teachers and support the school sponsor of the project. My mother and I talked to the teachers at a faculty and staff meeting. She talked about the history of the workshops and their importance to her. I talked about why I thought they were important for the students and the school and how I benefited from them. I am still facilitating workshops and learning new things every time.

Help Increase the Peace Project (HIPP) is a series of nonviolence workshops for up to 25 kids in middle or high school. At Belle Vue Middle School, we have offered four basic, one advanced, and one training for facilitators since September 1994. We have trained sixteen facilitators, eight of whom are active. The workshops are open to all kinds of students: leaders, troublemakers, and average kids. A few adults from the school or community are allowed to participate. The workshops are hands-on activities and voluntary for all participants and facilitators. One-hour mini-workshops after school give a refresher to anyone who's been through a workshop and provide apprenticeship opportunities.

In the workshops, we learn skills that help prevent fights and create a friendly, fun atmosphere. These skills include good communication, affirmation, cooperation, and transforming power. All of these skills are important for many different reasons. Learning about good communication is valuable because you can stop a fight before it starts by eliminating assumptions and making sure you go to the source of the negativity and clearly state your message without being rude or disrespectful. Affirmation is essential because you have to have good self-esteem to do most things well. HIPP emphasizes being positive and that it's okay to say good things about yourself and others. Cooperation is important because if you are not willing to cooperate and at least listen to the other side, you will have a rough time coming to a win/win situation (where everyone is satisfied). Most kids have at least heard of these skills, but many kids don't have a lot of practice, and most have never heard of transforming power.

Transforming power is the opposite of the power of violence. When someone is annoying or violent, it's so easy to get mad at them. That's the power of violence. Transforming power is the power to change a situation so that it becomes a manageable, or maybe even a constructive, situation. It is the power of truth, the power of caring, the power of respect. Transforming power means you have to be open to all kinds of solutions: surprise, humor, patience, persistence, or being serious. Using transforming power is hard because it isn't letting people take advantage of you. It requires strength, courage, self-respect, and respect for others. It isn't safer than violence; it involves taking risks. It's just a choice between different kinds of risks. All of this information is usually new to participants, so we go around giving examples of when we have used or seen transforming power.

All of these skills are very useful and very helpful, but they wouldn't have the impact if it weren't for the community we build among the people. The community building starts from the minute we begin until the minute we end and still carries on afterward. Everyone has an image at school, but we try to mix with everyone and treat everyone with respect. Everyone—no matter old or young, rich or poor, participant or facilitator—is equal. Facilitators introduce and state rules of activities, but we also always participate. Another reason we form community is because we build trust. One of the ground rules is to observe confidentiality. It is hard to describe the trust that is formed. People open up and share things you would never have expected. You have to actually interact with the kids that seem so different to find out we aren't so different after all and learn to appreciate the differences between people.

The experience is what captures me every time. Every time it is different. Every time I hear a new set of sad and happy stories. I
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meet new people with different cultures, families, and varieties of experiences. I become good friends with someone no one would have ever expected. It reminds me to be thankful for what I have and opens my eyes to a whole new world. This is just the way it affects me. Everyone gains something different. Some people come out with a new understanding of nonviolence, and whether they practice what they have learned or not is up to them, but at least they are aware of it. Other participants come out with better skills and know what they might do to help prevent violence. There are other participants who come out with their lives changed completely.

I know a guy whose family is very prejudiced. In the basic workshop, he talked about his experience and found a new confidence about himself and his views. He knew he couldn’t change his family, but he could change himself. He was the one that stopped checker day last year. Checker day is when a rumor goes around that on a certain day, whites and blacks will jump each other and fight for no reason. When the rumor came to him, he said he wasn’t going to be involved, so his friends said they wouldn’t be involved. Some of the black kids who knew him from HIPP asked him what was going to happen on checker day, and he said that nothing was going to happen. The teachers and administrators heard and were afraid, but nothing happened last year. I can walk around the school now and say hi to all kinds of kids I would have never known and been afraid of before. They say hi, and we watch out for each other, even though we’re really different. That makes the school feel different.

I will continue to facilitate workshops. We have three more planned. Then we’ll have a new group of facilitators and make new plans with them. I will continue to work on my facilitation skills. I’m confident with the simple activities and have begun to work on giving instructions or introductions to the more complicated or critical activities. I hope to be a lead facilitator soon, to give others the opportunity to apprentice and develop confidence in their skills.

We have had requests to share our work from around Florida and Georgia. Two of us youth trainers went to Miami to present our project to people who wanted to know about it there. Responding to these requests, we’re trying to schedule a training series in Orlando. I’ve arranged for group rates for participants to take the train, the Friends meetinghouse offered a meeting room and overnight cottage, and I’ve made shopping and cooking lists. It takes a great deal of time, but I think it’s worth it!
Sacred Stories: Creating Community in the Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling Conference

The 1997 Quakers in Pastoral Care and Counseling Conference was held March 6-9 at Quaker Hill Conference Center in Richmond, Ind., around the theme "Sharing Our Sacred Stories: Creating Community in the Light." John Punshon named some of the distinctive "family" likenesses among Quakers and told about the Quaker Tapestry that illustrates scenes from the history of the Religious Society of Friends. He also spoke about Paul's dramatic journey by sea (Acts 27) and emphasized that although the ship was wrecked, all were brought safely to land. Throughout the conference, during the hearing and telling of our own sacred stories, we learned to better see how the shipwrecks and seeming tragedies of life are often openings for the work of the Holy Spirit in us and through us.

Keynote speaker Mickey Edgerton, a pastoral counselor, shared stories from her hospice work, accounts of spiritual healing and transformation that took place in her clients as they neared death. These stories illustrated how God can work through those who are willing to be agents for God's transforming grace in the lives of others.

The second keynote speaker, Laura Dodson, a social worker, psychologist, and Jungian analyst, emphasized the sacredness of our ordinary lives. Her talk demonstrated the powerful, even crucial, role that sharing stories can play not only in individual healing and growth, but also in the creation of community and in the transformation of groups and even nations. She gave a moving account of becoming part of a decisive moment in the dissolution of the former USSR during a visit to Moscow and told of participating in a healing process in Lithuania, when people began to tell stories that had been unspoken for decades. She reflected on the ways that Jesus opened to his destiny and encouraged each person to remember their experiences of the sacred and to open to the destinies to which God calls us.

After morning worship, we met in a workshop led by Nadine Addington, who works with the Minnesota Churches' Anti-Racism Initiative. She shared with us the root meaning of racism—prejudice plus discrimination together with power equals racism—and how it harms all of us, both black and white. She left us with the following queries:

1. Can institutions be changed?
2. How do we change institutions' attitudes toward racism?

Other queries from the gathering arose out of the discussion on racism:

1. What if Quakers used the same intensive process to organize antiracism work within the Religious Society of Friends as was utilized to put together the new Friends General Conference hymn?
2. How can we create an inclusive and affirming community of faith that will enable persons of color to survive in the Religious Society of Friends?
3. Where do we gain the understanding and ability to dismantle racism within the Religious Society of Friends?

—Bill Ratliff

Fellowship of Friends of African Descent, Midwest Gathering

On March 21-23, Friends gathered at Minneapolis (Minn.) Meeting for the first Midwest Gathering of the Fellowship of Friends of African Descent. Friends traveled from as far as Fort Wayne and Richmond, Ind., and were met by Friends from Minneapolis and Twin Cities Meetings for a time of worship, discussion, and fellowship.

After morning worship, we met in a workshop that explored the expressive arts—music, art, writing, and movement—as means to open to the wholeness to which God calls us. It will be an opportunity for learning, sharing, celebration, worship, and spiritual renewal.

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After lunch Friends shared stories about their religious journeys into Quakerism and their experiences in combating racism in the Religious Society of Friends and the larger society.

We closed with these words from Martin Luther King Jr.:

And one of the great problems of history is that the concepts of love and power have usually been contrasted as opposites—polar opposites—so that love is identified with a resignation of power, and power with a denial of love.

Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic. Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice, and justice at its best is power correcting everything that stands against love.

Southeastern Yearly Meeting

The largest number of Friends in the history of Southeastern Yearly Meeting—240, including 64 young Friends—gathered for our 35th annual sessions in Leesburg, Fla., March 26–30. We searched and celebrated the theme of love, beginning with early morning worship overlooking Lake Griffin; continuing in periods of worship sharing centered on quotations from the Bible, George Fox, and Isaac Penington; and pervading meeting for worship for business.

Love was evident in the joyful greetings of Friends, as well as in the greetings extended to first-time yearly meeting attendees and to visitors from Cuba Yearly Meeting, Nicaragua, Southeast Scotland, and several Quaker organizations.

The business before us was concluded in a spirit of love and support. We welcomed the opportunity to establish a field secretary position and continued to work on revising our discipline. A committee is in the midst of envisioning where our yearly meeting would like to be in 20 years. Friends reached unity on minutes expressing deep concern over the impact of welfare and immigration reforms; on the upcoming launch of Cassini, the plutonium-fueled space probe; and on the disproportionate level of support for incarceration over education programs in Florida and nationwide. We heard with joy the visiting committee’s report that the Fort Lauderdale Worship Group is ready to become a monthly meeting and will be welcomed as such at our 1998 sessions.

We considered the expression of love through personal action in several workshops on Friends testimonies and money, the Alternatives to Violence Project, handling emotional problems among Friends, and clerking a
monthly meeting, and Bible study. Friends also learned from representatives of Friends General Conference and Friends Committee on National Legislation, highlighted organizations this year, about their work and how SEYM Friends could be involved.

Loving concern was expressed for the world community through continuing support for: the Amigos construction project, rebuilding South Florida homes damaged by Hurricane Andrew; the Pro-Nica project in Nicaragua; our new leading that originated with Miami Friends—the Cuban Quaker Project; the situation in Chiapas, Mexico, described by Friends who had visited there; Friends Committee on Unity with Nature’s efforts to help us live in the world with integrity; FCNL’s continuing witness in Washington, D.C.; and the American Friends Service Committee Southeastern Regional Office’s work throughout the yearly meeting area.

Our younger Friends were a delight and a challenge. Teen Friends engaged in “Comparing World Religions and Quakers,” a program led by Alex Kern of Pendle Hill. The younger children presented a wonderful play, and the 10 to 30-year-old Friends formed a group, Young Adult Friends, to represent them in the yearly meeting community.

In an introductory session and workshop on the theme of love, Allen Oliver, FGC nurture coordinator, labored with Friends to understand the passion and task involved in loving one another. We wrestled with how to nurture a loving community among Friends who have an ingrained individualism. Moving into community requires honesty and truth, as well as the humility necessary to allow others to know you. Allen reminded Friends of our connection with the mystical stream of Christianity; that God is often a desert God in whom we wrestle until we emerge whipped, tired, wounded, and, finally, blessed with the expectation that now we shall experience the Presence.

Allen Oliver took these thoughts on love and community and wove them into the pattern of his own experience as he gave the annual J. Barnard Walton Lecture, “For the Heart Is an Organ of Fire,” in the form of an epic poem. He expressed his desire to “value my experiences of love and their imprint on my life.”

Fellowship illuminated our days during times of storytelling, contra dancing, music, hymn singing, and an outdoor fireside gathering after the Saturday evening lecture. By the end of our session, Friends were inspired to return to the world and continue the work of creating a loving community, the Kingdom of God on earth.

—Judith C. Wiegand

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News of Friends

Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, named Corilde Grover as its next Executive Secretary according to a June 2 news release. Gilde, a Friend from Oregon City, Oreg., will begin work following the March 1998 annual meeting of the Section of the Americas. She is succeeding Asia Bennett, who has served as the Section’s Executive Secretary since 1992. Gilde attended George Fox College in Newberg, Oreg., and joined Reedwood Friends Church in Portland, Oreg., where she remains a member. She attended the World Gathering of Young Friends in 1985, served as Section of the Americas Western Field Staff from 1987 to 1993, was a trustee of George Fox College for three years, assisted with planning the Western Gathering of Friends in 1992, and held the post of Interim Executive Secretary of the Section of the Americas for eight months in 1991-1992. More recently, Gilde studied at Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Ind., and served as Visiting Scholar and Friend in Residence at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham, England.

Eight Nobel Peace laureates, including the American Friends Service Committee, met in New York City on May 29 to join seven other Nobel Peace Prize recipients in signing what they hope will be the basis for an international arms control agreement. The International Code of Conduct on Arms Transfers governs all arms transfers, including conventional weapons and munitions, military and security training, and sensitive military and dual-use technologies. Countries wanting to purchase arms would need to prove that they promote democracy and protect human rights. The proposal prohibits arms sales to nations that support terrorism. Nobel peace laureates attending the signing included the Dalai Lama (1989), Elie Wiesel (1986), former president of Costa Rica Oscar Arias (1987), East Timor independence leader Jose Ramos-Horta (1996), and Northern Ireland peace activist Betty Williams (1976), plus representatives from three organizations honored with the Nobel Peace Prize: AFSC (1947), Amnesty International (1977), and International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War (1985). More than 20 Quaker representatives attended the signing, including staff from AFSC and Friends Committee on National Legislation. Don Gann, clerk of the AFSC Board, presented the following comments at the signing:

[The Religious Society of Friends] . . . has been committed since its founding to the establishment of a world without weapons. Despite that clearly absolutist position, we believe this goal must inevitably be achieved incrementally. Consequently, we are joining enthusiastically in the initiative of President Aria's for a Code of Conduct on weapons transfers. We are committed to developing a grassroots campaign in support of the Code, emphasizing in our educational efforts the linkages among violence in ourselves, violence in our communities, and violence among peoples and nations, and their connection in turn to the availability of weapons.

A benefit for An Act of Conscience, a documentary that includes Friends from Mt. Toby (Mass.) Meeting, took place in Northampton, Mass., on May 4. The film follows the story of Randy Kehler and Betsy Corner, of Colrain, Mass., whose home was seized by U.S. marshals and IRS agents after they publicly refused to pay federal taxes as a protest against war and military spending. The tax-resistance campaign that followed also was the subject of the FRIENDS JOURNAL Cadbury Event at the 1994 Friends General Conference Gathering in Amherst, Mass. Individual Mt. Toby Meeting members who supported the couple and the grassroots protest were present throughout the filming, which totaled 90 hours of footage from 1989 to 1994. Several organizations, including AFSC's Western Massachusetts Office, sponsored the May 4 benefit premiere to raise money for Robbie Leppzer, the film's director, to launch a national tour of An Act of Conscience and speak at local premiers in the fall. The documentary, which is narrated by Martin Sheen, was shown in January at the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah, and also aired on Cinemax on tax day, April 15. The 90-minute film is available on video for $39.95 (plus $5 shipping) from Turning Tide Productions, P.O. Box 864, Wendell, MA 01379, telephone (508) 544-8313 or (800) 557-6414.

Nobel peace laureates gather to propose an international arms agreement.
**Bulletin Board**

- **Christian Peacemaker Teams** is organizing teams of "Rebuilders Against Bulldozers" to respond to the demolition of hundreds of Palestinian homes by Israeli authorities in the West Bank. Supporters of CPT have invited the group to meet with and document the cases of families who are losing their homes in the greater Hebron area. Each team of 6-12 people will spend the first portion of their 10-12 day visit in Israel/Palestine learning about the current situation by meeting with Palestinian and Israeli peace and human rights workers and religious leaders. The remainder of the trip will be spent in Hebron working on the objectives of the program and rebuilding homes when possible. The teams will each conclude their visits with a witness designed to draw attention to the home demolitions. CPT is sponsored by Friends, Mennonites, and the Interreligious Service Board for Conscience Objectors, American Friends Service Committee (Mid-Atlantic Region), Fellowship of Reconciliation, and War Resisters League. For information on applying for a loan or on making a donation to the fund, contact Fund for Education and Training, 1199, e-mail cpr@igc.org.

- **Rebuilding Against Bulldozers** to meet with Palestinian and Israeli peace and human rights workers and religious leaders. The weekend will include workshops, walks, and study sessions on free market economics and Christian personalism. The new form of scholarship, called "Economic Personalism," studies the relationship between the idea that an unhampered market based on voluntary exchange is the most efficient means of generating and distributing wealth, with the idea that the creativity and dignity of the human person is the starting point for all social teaching. For more information, contact The Acton Institute, The Waters Building, 161 Ottawa St., NW, Suite 301, Grand Rapids, MI 49503, telephone (616) 454-3080, fax (616) 454-9454, e-mail ggbacher@acton.org.

**Calendar**

**AUGUST**

2-5—Indiana Yearly Meeting, at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Ind. Contact David Brock, 4715 N. Wheeling Ave., Muncie, IN 47304, telephone (317) 284-6900, fax 284-8925.

2-7—New England Yearly Meeting, at Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Maine. Contact Katharine Lee Clark, 901 Pleasant St., Worcester, MA 01602-1908, telephone (508) 754-6760, fax 754-9401.


4-10—Baltimore Yearly Meeting, at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa. Contact Frank Massey, 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860, telephone (301) 774-7663, fax 774-7087.

5-10—North Carolina (Conservative) Yearly Meeting, at Guilford College, Greensboro, N.C. Contact Deborah Shaw, NCM, 1009 W. McGee St., Greensboro, NC 27403, telephone (919) 273-2199, fax 316-2950.


6-9—Iowa (FUM) Yearly Meeting, at William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa. Contact Del Coppinger, IYM, P.O. Box 657, Oskaloosa, IA 52577, telephone (515) 673-9717, fax 673-6830.

6-10—Western Yearly Meeting, at Western Yearly Meetinghouse, Plainfield, Ind. Contact Curtis Shaw, WYM, P.O. Box 70, Plainfield, IN 46168, telephone (317) 839-2789, fax 839-2616.

12-17—Pacific Yearly Meeting, at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, Calif. Contact Eric Moon, PYM, 2314 Eighth St., Apt. 8, Berkeley, CA 94710, telephone (510) 841-5471, fax 238-8080.

13-16—Ohio Yearly Meeting, at Stillwater Meetinghouse, near Barnesville, Ohio, Contact John Brady, CYM, 61830 Sandy Ridge Rd., Barnesville, OH 43713, telephone (614) 425-1197.

16-23—Canadian Yearly Meeting, at Cedar Glen, Bolton, Ont., Canada. Contact Anne Thomas, CYM General Secretary, 91A Fourth Ave., Ottawa, ON K1S 2L1, Canada, telephone/fax (613) 235-8553.

21-24—Tanzania Yearly Meeting, at Musoma, Tanzania. Contact Joshua Lavina Ogooma, Clerk, P.O. Box 151, Serengti, Tanzania.

22-24—"A Weekend of Movement," Ben Lomond Quaker Center's family art camp. Contact Quaker Center, P.O. Box 586, Ben Lomond, CA 95005, telephone (408) 356-8333.

24-30—"Training for Change," a week-long series of workshops led by George Lakay as a part of People Camp ± camp for families sponsored by Friends for a Nonviolent World. Participants will explore where energies come from for personal and political change, and how to avoid burnout. Contact Friends for a Nonviolent World, telephone (612) 321-9787, e-mail fnw@sum.com.

28-31—France Yearly Meeting, at Meschers, near Bordeaux, France. Contact Christine Abt, 7 Jules Veu, Rte. de Montaure, P-38850 Allevard, France, telephone (33-4) 76-97-5232.

29-Sept. 1—The "Twin Oaks Communities Conference" for individuals who live cooperative lifestyles or would like to learn about them. The weekend will include workshops, walks, camping, music, dancing, and stories. Contact Twin Oaks Communities Conference, 138 Twin Oaks Rd., Louisa, VA 23093, telephone (540) 894-5126, e-mail alex@co.sc.

In August—Central Yearly Meeting, at Central Campground, Muncie, Ind. Contact Cecil Hinshaw, Rt. 2 Box 252, Winchester, IN 46094, telephone (317) 584-1089.

In August—Jamaica Yearly Meeting, at Happy Grove School, Portland, Jamaica. Contact Angelica Beharie, 4 Worthington Ave., Kingston 5, Jamaica, telephone (809) 926-7371.

In August—Sessions of all yearly meetings in Kenya. For more information, contact the Friends World Conference for Consultation world office, 4 Byng Place, London, WC1E 7JH, Great Britain, telephone (44-171) 388-0497, fax 383-4644.

In August—Uganda Yearly Meeting. Contact Julius Namбалу, P.O. Box 2384, Mbale, Uganda.
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**Books**

**Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice**


It is often difficult for Euro/Anglo Friends to recognize the role we continue to play in perpetuating a racist society. Too often we act as if our work on racism is done best when we ignore color and treat everyone the same. So do most Anglo/Euro people. It has not gotten rid of racism. Racism affects us all, and we all suffer. People of color know the root of that suffering; we who are white often don’t have a clue. And so we engage in intellectual disingenuity, with criticisms of diversity and multiculturalism, choosing to ignore or minimize the real concerns these concepts have arisen to address.

For Friends who are ready to experience God’s work within them in the area of racism, and who are prepared for some painful self-recognition, Paul Kivel’s book will be helpful. He writes with thoughtfulness and from his experience. His area of work has focused on helping urban youth face conflict and overcome violence. His patience and his persistence can be seen as he helps the reader contemplate color, race, and racism within self-experience. He acknowledges that the acceptance of each other, regardless of color, is exactly what we want, but warns against acting as if there is no color. His view is that too often we—Euro/Anglo Americans—act this way, and it has not worked. He reminds us that our ancestors had the power to create a world that subjected—and subjects—many in the world, and that we must come to grips with how that history affects us today. His assertion is that if we did, we might begin to take seriously the issues that such power continues to play—issues like whose story we hear when we learn history or literature; what jobs we create and who we hire—as this world society continues to develop economically and politically.

Paul Kivel practices what he preaches. His approach is forthright, and he reminds us to affirm the positive inclusive actions throughout history to celebrate the heroes of the past while actively working on the racism in which we all have a part. He challenges the reader to take seriously that power continues to play—issues like whose story we hear when we learn history or literature; what jobs we create and who we hire—as this world society continues to develop economically and politically.
consider and actions to take as we become able. Similarly, he suggests strategies to address public policy, affirmative action, the workplace, police, even religion. He also has a section for home and family.

For those of us living "on the edge" in family units that include members of color who face prejudice every day, this book will have much that we know by our own experiences that is valuable. For others, the insights produced by thoughtful, mindful reading should strengthen the will and spirit for future work.

—Joan Broadfield

Joan Broadfield is clerk of Chester (Pa.) Meeting and facilitates bias-awareness work with Friends.

A Life of Search


James R. Newby edited this collection from the writings of D. Elton Trueblood and provides five questions and a prayer as study guide for each chapter. Trueblood, an Iowa farmboy, was a disciplined, Christian intellectual who taught at Earlham College and elsewhere. He served Friends organizations, was instrumental in founding the Yokefellow Movement, and was a prolific author and lecturer.

Trueblood's basic message here is that Christians (he rarely refers to Friends per se) should be able to defend their faith with rigorous rational arguments. Rather than starting with God and finding Christ, he starts with the person of Jesus Christ and from him learns about the nature of God. This is an interesting suggestion for those Friends who define their universalism as non- or anti-Christian.

Trueblood defined himself as a "rational evangelical" who preferred "both, and" to "either, or." He calls us to merge a "warm heart" with a "clear head," social activism with personal devotion, loving God and loving our neighbor.

As he looks to the future of Christianity, he suggests four new emphases. First, he calls for a wider definition of ministry and broader participation in it. He sees the need for increased caring among members for each other as well as for the poor and oppressed. He urges study of the Bible and classics. Finally, he calls for a trained and gifted leadership whose job is to draw out the powers and gifts of those they lead.

His arguments are succinct and rational, but curiously dated. They do not seem to address the hungers of many of today's unprogrammed Friends. Although in 1957 Trueblood determined he wanted to be remembered as a loving person rather than a Christian scholar, these selections rarely speak of love. This book touches my mind but not my heart or soul.

—Marty Grundy

Marty Grundy is a member of Cleveland (Ohio) Meeting.

Beyond the Spirit of the Age


This Swarthmore Lecture is thought-provoking and likely to create controversy. Jonathan Dale humbly draws upon his experience and past mistakes. He quotes ordinary people who have been the victims of social change, especially unemployment. He has read numerous old Swarthmore Lectures...
and uses his reading to inform his perspective on the ways the Religious Society of Friends has changed over time.

We do not have here a flattering portrait of either British society or Britain Yearly Meeting. Jonathan's challenge to us is to rediscover our social testimony. He urges us to witness to it as a corporate group as well as individually.

Jonathan's message is that our faith is under attack—even though we may not realize it. The predominant values of our society ("global capitalism") are fundamentally opposed to Quaker values; they are materialistic, increase inequality, and damage the environment. The consequence of a degraded social structure is a lower quality of life for all (the better-off included). Unfortunately, our daily lives are increasingly infiltrated by the ethics of the marketplace and material gain, and spiritual values are squeezed out.

However, the Religious Society of Friends is vulnerable to the assault of even more insidious and subtle evil: individualism and relativism. We are overwhelmed by the scale of social issues, so we retreat into our private lives. Moreover, because we do try to respect each other's opinions, we are scared of hurting other Friends' feelings if we speak up. More significantly, we despair of finding unity on social issues and of moving forward together, and hence our collective voice is muted. The other danger is a passive acceptance of the notion that all beliefs are of equal value, and that therefore one should avoid controversy; this too undermines the effort to search for a consensus and a corporate expression of witness.

The Religious Society of Friends is at risk of becoming a "dub," where individuals pursue their own therapies and meet their own needs. A flight into the individual and the private means a retreat from the social and the political. It makes for a false dichotomy between the spiritual and the active, the mystical and the practical, the "Kingdom" and the "World." On the contrary, Jonathan argues cogently that the spiritual and the active are mutually nourishing and fortifying, and that indeed the spirit is stultified and impoverished unless its roots are refreshed and fertilized by contact with ordinary people and everyday concerns.

Jonathan distinguishes between individual and corporate concerns and stresses that they are complementary rather than in competition. He suggests that the traditional channels, through preparative and monthly meetings, are not necessarily the sole ways of testing corporate concerns, as (frankly) they are sometimes spiritually "dead." We need to find new ways of testing concerns, such as
"Representative Councils." Similarly, central bodies should be in position to lead rather than wait for concerns to arrive from local meetings.

Later, Jonathan develops these points by advocating the virtues of community ("a neglected testimony"). This arises out of the concept of Christian discipleship—the discipline of actually following Jesus. "I am more and more convinced that Friends would be more effective if we moved from our present structures for business to a more active format of groups with particular remits," he recommends. "Why not expect all members to be associated with a team?" he goes on, giving "Education and outreach; Social life of the community; Housekeeping; Peace and Social Witness" as examples. "A Quaker community ... that would be a wonderful adventure. And nothing hinders it except the will."

In the last chapter, "Signs of hope," Jonathan points to some areas that may help us to be more optimistic about the possibility of change in our society: that of God within each person, which, if found, changes us and drives us to work for love and truth in the world; movements towards greater equality in some realms of society, especially sexual equality; a greater awareness of environmental problems; a concern for more open politics and the possibility of more ethical investment. However, we are left feeling that these movements leave the major ills of our acquisitive society more or less intact. The challenge remains.

This is an exciting and unsettling lecture that shatters complacency. It is worthy of the Swarthmore tradition, and it is relevant to our times. To borrow an inverted phrase, it will "afflict the comfortable."

—David and Jane Harries
(Reprinted from the Oct. 1996 issue of Friends' Quarterly)

David and Jane Harries are members of South Wales Meeting and attenders of Bridgend Meeting in Great Britain. Jane is co-clerk of the Meeting for Friends in Wales.

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Milestones

Births/Adoptions

Miller—Suart Blackwell Miller, on April 22, to Paige and Steve Miller of Live Oak (Tex.) Meeting.
Reed—Nicholas Michael Reed, on March 20, to Deborah Baer and Michael Reed of Stony Run (Md.) Meeting.
Ziegler—Samuel Garrett Ziegler, on Jan. 25, to Renee and Greg Ziegler of State College (Pa.) Meeting.

Marriages/Unions

Brzek-Brittain—Jim Brittain and Regina Brez, on April 12, under the care of Montclair (N.J.) Meeting.
Houser-Shahidi—Saeed Shahidi and Susan Marie Harper, on March 29, under the care of Wilmington (Del.) Meeting, of which Susan is a member.
Houser-Campbell—Edwin Campbell and Jane Flower, on April 5, under the care of Live Oak (Tex.) Meeting.
Moore-Werner—Steven Mark Werner and Joyce Kristina Moore, on May 24, under the care of Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Meeting at Maiden Creek (Pa.) Meetinghouse. Joyce is a member of Lehigh Valley Meeting.

Deaths

Byerly—William Earl Byerly, 95, on April 22, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Born in Weldon, Iowa, Bill graduated from William Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa, in 1929. He attended Pendle Hill Quaker study center in Wallingford, Pa., for graduate studies from 1931 to 1932. In 1934 he married Marian Taber. Bill was very involved in peace work, and in the 1930s he worked as a Quaker Peace Caravan member. As a Home Service Volunteer with the American Friends Service Committee, he worked in Iowa, Minnesota, Kentucky, and in Pennsylvania at the first U.S. Quaker work camp. During the late 1930s and 1940s, Bill and his wife served as co-directors of the Kickapoo Friends Center in McLeod, Okla. He also worked as a high school principal in Iowa, and from 1950 to 1959 he was superintendent at Olney Friends School in Barnsville, Ohio. In the 1950s he helped found Oklahoma City (Okla.) Meeting. In 1966 Marian died suddenly and in 1967 Bill married Phyllis Calhoun. Bill remained active in peace, justice, and community issues, organizing a silent vigil on the steps of the Oklahoma City federal building. From 1984 to 1993, this group met at noon every Wednesday as silent witnesses concerned about U.S. military involvement in Central America. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Marian, and daughter, Frances. He is survived by his second wife, Phyllis; a daughter, Ruth; a son, Lou; four grandchildren, Debbie, Rick, Paty, and Saksya; and two great-grandchildren, Andrew and Emma.

Dunne—Samuel Sloan Dunne Jr., 77, on March 16, in Medford, N.J. Born in Philadelphia, Pa., Sam's boyhood was spent in New York City. He
earned a degree in English from Hobart College in New York and an MS from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. Sam married Nancy Richardson in 1954. In 1955 he received a Diplôme from Université de Hautes Études Internationales, Geneva, Switzerland, Writing was an important part of his life. He was a frequent contributor to school literary magazines and was associate editor of his college newspaper. He later worked for the New York Herald Tribune and the Pittsburgh Sun Telegraph. During the war years he worked as a writer for CBS World News in New York City and later for the Portsmouth, N.H., Herald and the Camden, N.J., Courier Post. Sam did graduate work in journalism and education at Temple University in Pennsylvania, where he served as an adjunct faculty member for four years. He taught English and journalism in New Jersey schools before joining the faculty of Glassboro State College in New Jersey, from which he retired in 1982. Sam was a member of Haddonfield (N.J.) Meeting. He was the author of "Thomas Bailey Aldrich: Poet of the Piscataqua" and two books of poetry, *Cross Reference* and *I'm No Acrobat.* Samuel is survived by his wife, Nancy; a daughter, Cynthia; and a son, Samuel III.

Ingerman—Charles Stryker Ingerman, 87, on May 2, while visiting his daughter in Brighton, Ontario. Charles was born in Arkansas City, Kan. He graduated from Carleton College in Minnesota and did post-graduate work at Yale University. Charles worked for *Time Magazine, Ladies Home Journal,* and the Curtis Publishing Company. In retirement he created and operated Quixote Press, publishing limited editions. Charles volunteered at Recording for the Blind in Princeton, N.J., and Miami, Fla., and as a teacher at the Bucks County, Pa., Correctional Institute. A member of Wrightstown (Pa.) Meeting, Charles was a skilled weaver who also enjoyed reading, languages, gardening, and fishing. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Barbara Longstreth Ingerman; two sons, Peter Zilahy Ingerman and Michael Leigh Ingerman; a daughter, Prudence Leigh Ingerman; an eight-grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Ingram—Linda Chandler Ingram, 89, on Feb. 15, in Gwynedd, Pa. Linda was a lifelong resident of the Philadelphia area. Born in Germantown, Pa., she graduated from Swarthmore College in 1925. In 1951 she received an MA in education from Temple University. Linda married Russell Paton in 1935. They lived in Fort Washington, Pa., from 1939 to 1974, then moved to Foukeleys Friends Retirement Community in Gwynedd, Pa. Linda taught in public and Friends schools, including Westtown, Abingdon Friends, and the Upper Dublin public schools. She also tutored many students in remedial reading. Linda was active in the Fort Washington PTA for many years and, with Russell, helped start the Fort Washington Cub Scout Pack in 1947. Linda and Russell were both active members of Gwynedd (Pa.) Meeting since the 1940s. There Linda served as clerk of Ministry and Counsel and as clerk of the meeting. Linda and Russell also were active in the community at Foukeleys, and after Russell's death in 1981, Linda succeeded him as president of the Residents Association. She later served on the Foukeleys Board of Directors. The couple traveled overseas together several times, and Linda continued to travel with friends after Russell's death. Linda had a wonderful sense of humor, a great zest for life, and love of her family. She is survived by two sons, James and David; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Strong—Mary "Polly" Williams Strong, 87, on January 21, of a heart attack in San Jose, Calif. Polly was born in Hillburn, N.Y., and attended Mary Baldwin College in Staunton, Va. She worked at the Steven Company in New York City as a writer and designer and also worked at a bookstore. She was a member of Manasquan (N.J.) Meeting. Polly moved to California in the early 1960s to join her mother and two of her sisters. There she attended Palo Alto (Calif.) Meeting. Later she and her mother attended San Jose (Calif.) Meeting, and Polly became a member in 1992. She volunteered for ENSIDE Outside, an organization that works with prisoners' families. Polly is survived by her sisters, Josephine Cole and Phyllis Davis; and by numerous nieces and nephews.

Warner—Austin McRaven "Mack" Warner, 77, on Feb. 21, in Stockton, Calif. Born in Mississippi and raised on a Texas farm, Mack had a career as a concert pianist before WWII took him to Europe. His experience in a German concentration camp led him to become a pacifist. He studied for the ministry, completing his second master's degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. Mack and his first wife, Margaret, served as missionaries in Japan in the 1950s. In 1961, while working for the Protestant Council of Manhattan, he helped organize the first interfaith clergy freedom ride. Mack and 17 others, black and white, Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis, rode the bus through Washington, D.C., and several southern states to test the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling against segregation of interstate transportation facilities. Ten of the participants were arrested in Florida and later convicted. While in jail, they received a supportive message from Martin Luther King Jr. After their release, Mack continued to serve at various ministries throughout the country. He and his second wife, Nancy, joined the American Friends Service Committee staff in 1975. Out of concern for the viability of small family farms and farm labor issues, Mack founded AFSC's Rural and Economic Alternatives Project in Stockton, Calif. He and his family moved to the land trust New Life Farm in 1978 where he joined Delta (Calif.) Meeting. Mack initiated the renaissance of the California farmers market. With just a handful in the 1970s, there were, by 1996, over 230 markets bringing in an estimated $300 million annually to local economies. After retiring in 1985, Mack began raising free-range chickens, taught social and business ethics at the University of California, Santa Cruz, and continued his involvement in peace and justice issues including Nicaragua and nuclear weapons development at the University of California Livermore Lab and the Nevada Test Site. Mack's first wife, Margaret, died in 1980. Mack is survived by his second wife, Nancy Warner; two sons, Lawrence and Nathan; three daughters, Melody, Kimberly, and Corie; a grandson, Nathan; a brother, George Warner; and a sister, Winnie Hardaway.

Warren—Roscio Lynd Warren, 78, on Dec. 19, 1996, in Whittier, Calif. Born in Collinsville, Okla., his family moved to Whittier when he was four years old. Lynd attended First Friends Church with his parents in Whittier. He served as a blacksmith's apprentice and for several years worked with his father and brother in the family's gold mine near Mammoth Lakes, Calif. When Lynd was 20, he joined the crew of a merchant marine ship, then traveled to a faraway land to see the world. After finding himself constantly seasick, he returned to study biology at Whittier College. WW II interrupted his studies, and he joined Civilian Public Service for the duration of the war. During that time he served on fire fighting crews, surveying crews, and as an attendant at a psychiatric hospital in Williamsburg, Va. After the war, Lynd returned to Whittier where he began work as an architectural draftsman in his father's architecture office, a career he followed the rest of his life. In 1947 Lynd married Mary Hannah Maris, a member of Lansdowne (Pa.) Meeting. Lynd and Mary wanted to bring their children up in a traditional Friends silent meeting, and since there was neither a meeting in Whittier, they helped found Whitedeaf (Calif.) Meeting. During those years Lynd and Mary were very active in the American Friends Service Committee. Lynd enjoyed creating things with his hands, a skill he learned from his woodwork-}
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California
ARGATA-11 a.m. 1920 Zehnder. (707) 677-0461.
BERKELEY-Unprogrammed meeting. Sunday 11 a.m., at 2515 Vine St. at Walnut. (415) 282-6930.
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FRESNO-Unprogrammed meeting. Sunday 10 a.m. 2219 San Joaquin Ave., Fresno, CA 93721. (209) 237-4102.
GRASS VALLEY-Meeting for worship 9:45 a.m., discussion 11 a.m. at the Friends Meetinghouse, (916) 379-0174.
Hemet-Meeting for worship 9:30 a.m., 20860 Chestnut Dr. Visitors call (714) 925-2618 or 927-7070.
JOLLA Meeting 10 a.m. 7360 Eads Ave. Visitors call 456-1020.
LONG BEACH-10 a.m. Ojibwa at Red Hawk Lane, (714) 514-1730.
LOS ANGELES-Worship a.m. at meetinghouse, 470 So. Normandie Ave., P.O. Box 1953, 90037. (310) 296-0733.
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OAH-Unprogrammed worship. First Days 10 a.m. Call: (415) 407-4659.
ORANGE COUNTY-Meeting for worship 10 a.m. Harbor Area Adult Day Care Center, 661 Hamilton St., Costa Mesa, CA 92627. (714) 785-7691.
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SACRAMENTO Unprogrammed worship, First Days 10 a.m. Call: 458-4659 or 458-4659.
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Colorado

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LOUISVILLE-meeting for worship 10:30 a.m. 3050 Bon Air Ave., 40205. Telephone: 452-6812.

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PORTLAND-Unprogrammed worship, First day. 8 am to 10 am. 1837 Forest Ave. (207) 787-4722.

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ADELPHI-Worship 7:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunday school 10:20 a.m. (10 a.m. Sun.,) Adult 2nd hour 10:15 a.m. 7565 Old Ox Rd. Nursery, 2366 Magerot, near U. of Md. (301) 445-1114.
ANNAPOLIS-351 Dubois Rd. Worship 11 a.m. Phone: (301) 573-9534.
BALTIMORE-Stony Run worship 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. except 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. July and August. 5116 N. Charles St. 437-8325. Worship Sunday school and First day school. 11 Sept., 2010; 11 July, 3016. 756 N. Charles St. 235-4438.

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COLUMBIA-Discussion and First Day worship 9:30 a.m., meeting 10:30 a.m. 5408 Locust Grove Dr., (512) 342-8326.
KANSAS CITY-Penn Valley Friends, 4416 Gilham Rd. 10 a.m. Call: (816) 478-0780.
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SPRINGFIELD-Sunrise Friends Meeting, Worship and First-day school 11 a.m. each First Day at the Eccumenical Center, SMSU campus, 680 S. Florencia Ave. (417) 882-3993.

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LAW ESTER-Worship at the Episcopal Recivity first and third Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Check with Mary Ellen Cannon at (800) 788-3898.
NORTH SANFORD-10:30 a.m. Contact: Webc. (508) 294-6676.
PETERBOROUGH-Monadnock, Meeting at Peterborough/ Jaffrey Line on Rte. 228. 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. (9:30 a.m. in July and August). (603) 926-2621.
WEARE-10:30 a.m., Quaker St., Henrick. Contact: Baker (603) 479-3230.
WEST EPPING-Unprogrammed. 10 a.m. On 1st and 3rd First Days. Friend St. directly off Rte. 27, Oark Fritz Bell. (603) 895-2437.

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JERSEY CITY AREA-Worship 11 a.m., 437A, S. Pitney Rd. Near Asbence. (609) 852-2597.
CAPE MAY-Meeting mid-June through Sept., 8:45 a.m., beach north of first-aid station. (609) 624-1165.

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