

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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Meetings for Worship:

First Day School for Children

Nursery Care for Our Youngest

Meetings for Worship with a

Concern for Business:

Adult Religious Education:

First Days, 11:00 A.M.

11:15 A.M. (Join Meeting for Worship from 11:00-11:15)

11:00 A.M. (For questions call Suzanne Spoor at 410 257 2379)

1st First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.

As noted in calendar below

JUNE 2008 CALENDAR

01	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
02			-	Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 5)
05		7:00 P.M.	-	Peace and Justice Center Meeting
07		9:30 A.M.	-	Quaker Quest (page 6)
08	(2)	9:30 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
15	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:30 P.M.	-	CREC Committee Meeting
21		10:30 A.M.	-	BYM Interim Meeting at AFM
22	(4)	9:30 A.M.	-	Early Meeting for Worship
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		9:00 P.M.	-	July and August Newsletter Items Due: AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
29	(5)	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:15 P.M.	-	Growing and Greening Visioning Session for Clerks

Care of the Meeting House for Sixth Month: Outreach

QUERIES FOR SIXTH MONTH: HOME AND FAMILY

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle? *Faith & Practice*, p.39.

AFM library books on the monthly query are in the wooden rack to the left side of the counter. "Query of the Month" pamphlets are labeled in the pamphlet rack.

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

6rd Day of the Fourth Month, 2008

Present: B. Thomas (Clerk), M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk), J. Christianson, W&M Candler, S&N Elsbree, M. Kniskern, M. Barbera, R&T Hawkins, H. Saunders, D. Walizer, E. Albert, C. Mayer, P. Meredith, C. Krafft, M. Burgess, J. McKeown, D. Sillars, L. Pickens, P. Favero, M. Gerace, S. Oliva, W. Jordon, L&D Johnson, B. Peregoy, P. Caroom M. Reid.

Pat Schenck is holding the Meeting in the light for our session today.

Meeting began with silent worshipful centering.

We held the Sandy Spring Friends Meeting in the light of God's grace concerning a difficult time in their membership process.

BYM Interim Meeting: Barbara Thomas reporting:

We are forming a committee to plan for Sat. Sixth Month, 21 in Annapolis. Hospitality will arrange for the meals. We will be seeking over night stays, and other help as well.

Third Month 29th 2008 BYM Interim Meeting: Nan Elsbree reporting:

Update from Interim Meeting in Williamsburg: At the beginning of the meeting, Mary Lord, who had been traveling in Kenya, spoke eloquently about the newly emerging peace work of Kenyan Friends.

Report of the Committee of Four: The committee presented this minute recommending that FUM past dues be paid.

“We Friends of Baltimore Yearly Meeting gathered for Interim Meeting at (date and place), agreed to direct our General Secretary to release to FUM the monies withheld since 2004, and furthermore we ask that Stewardship and Finance Committee together with Trustees formulate a plan for paying what is owed in the past, in installments if necessary.”

The decision to disperse these past funds was held over until the Annual Meeting. In the mean time, Trustees and Stewardship and Finance will explore ways to raise the needed funds.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: The meeting approved sending the budgeted amount of \$9,000 that would have gone to FUM in 2008, to the Kenya Relief Fund to support the Friends Church Peace Initiative.

Development Subcommittee: A job description for a development coordinator is being created. Money is available to pay someone from June 2008 through December 2008. This person will, hopefully, be presented at the Annual Session.

The comments regarding the FUM controversy from AFM for Worship with Attention to Business, Third Month, 2008 were sent to BYM.

The next Annual Baltimore Yearly Meeting: will be held at Frostburg University Eighth Month, 2008, 4th Day through the 10th Day. All are encouraged to attend. Financial assistance is available for first time attenders.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Sylvia Oliva reporting:

The FCNL Legislative Priorities Survey:

THE TOP 5 RECOMMENDED PRIORITIES

1st selection, chosen by 22 people: **Peaceful prevention and resolution of deadly conflict:** Shifting federal priorities from war to programs that will prevent war and build the U.S. capacity to manage conflicts peacefully. Note: Two people wished to add a special focus on the Middle East.

2nd selection, chosen by 19 people: **A sustainable energy policy:** Working to reduce oil dependence, improve energy efficiency, and develop renewable sources of energy.

3rd selection, chosen by 18 people: **Advancement of civil rights and liberties:** Opposing torture, illegal government spying, and working with Congress to prevent the erosion of civil liberties and human rights. Note: One person added to this “the human rights and dignity of all immigrants, an end to institutional racism, advocating for fairness to tribes and equal rights for indigenous people.”

4th selection, chosen by 16 people: **Nuclear disarmament:** Building congressional opposition to the development of new nuclear weapons. Note: One person included “the reduction of stockpiles of weapons already developed.” Another added [opposition to] “the proliferation of existing weapons.”

5th selection, chosen by 11 people: **Addressing poverty, healthcare, education, employment, housing,** etc. Note: One person added addressing poverty...” at its root causes, particularly poor education and higher education/job training.” She also added, “Providing for public health through universal healthcare and strict enforcement of safe living conditions and environmental health regulations.”

Friends approved this submission to FCNL by the Fourth Month, 30th, deadline.

We were reminded that the FCNL Education Fund is tax deductible for contributions. **(Continued on following page)**

Fourth Month Minutes Continued:

Quaker Market: Jean Christianson reporting: Quaker Market is to be held Fifth Month, 3rd Day 2008. Proceeds will be distributed as follows: 75% for AFSC Iraqi Refugee Project and 25% for AFM Peace and Justice Working Group. Friends approved this distribution.

Quaker Quest: Barbara Thomas from Outreach Committee and Dot Walizer from Ministry & Worship Committee are asking AFM to approve and attend a 5- hour workshop presented by seasoned Friends from Friends General Conference (FGC). The concept of Quaker Quest was begun in England in 2002 and promoted by FGC throughout the U.S. If we choose to take up the Quaker Quest, AFM will be the first in BYM to do so. We may also invite those Friends from Penn House and from Patuxent Friends Meeting, should our numbers be deficient. This program is intended to educate, stimulate and share Quaker principles as a teaching and learning modality. It is an opportunity for Friends to explore the meaning of their Quaker faith and to learn ways to share their experience. The cost of this Quaker Quest includes the transportation fees for the two FGC leaders and will come from the Ministry & Worship and Outreach Committees.

The Quaker Quest is to be held at AFM on Sat. Sixth Month, 7th Day, 2008. The purposes of the workshop are:

1. To familiarize Friends with the Quaker Quest in reach and outreach programs sponsored by FGC.
2. To determine, at the workshop's conclusion, whether AFM wish to undertake the outreach portion over the next year.

It was decided that this workshop would be well attended and was approved. There is no requirement to proceed with the outreach portion, following the first session. If, however, the outreach session is approved, ten Friends would be selected to proceed through several cycles of the Quaker Quest, with approximately six sessions each, divided by topics such as Quakers & God, Jesus, Worship, Evil, Pacifism, Equality, Simplicity. We would advertise the sessions and topics, repeating them several times throughout the year.

Stewardship and Finance: Will Candler reporting:

Meeting approved that 10% of the 2007 excess in unrestricted contributions go to Quaker Causes, \$250 to balance the 2008 budget. Half of the remainder is to go to Capital Funds. The balance is to fund the Peace and Justice Center Working Group. And that money is to be administered within its existing fund until an administrative process is established.

CREC: Youth Safety Policy: Mardy Burgess reporting:

Policy has been written and was distributed. It is to become formalized at the next month business meeting. Youth safety policy is for the insurance company and will be accompanied by a handbook. It is to be developed for use within AFM.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Thomas, Clerk

Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk

MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS MINUTES

4th Day of the Fifth Month, 2008

Present: B. Thomas (Clerk), M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk), B&K Chandler, N&S Elsbree, H. Saunders, M. Barbera, C. Mayer, C. Krafft, E. Geil, P. Favero, P. Schenck, R&T Hawkins, P. Meredith, E. Albert, S. Oliva, D. Walizer, P. Singer, M. Gerace, W. Jordan, J. McKeown, M. Burgess, J. Hobbins, D. Sillars, M&W Candler, M. Reid.

Esther Geil and Harold Saunders held the meeting in the light for our session today.

Meeting began with centering worship.

Announcement: Quaker Market was successfully held yesterday yielding approximately two thousand dollars for the immense efforts put forth.

Ministry and Worship: Dot Walizer reporting. Spiritual State of Meeting was read and is attached to these minutes. Comments were offered, particularly concerning the eldering topic. It was decided that the eldering guidelines be sent separately from the spiritual state of the meeting report. These guidelines will be available for further comments and

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revisions, perhaps including a worship sharing and input from the Childrens Religious Education Committee. The first two sections of the spiritual state of the meeting were approved and will be sent to BYM.

Quaker Quest Update: Barbara Thomas reporting:

On the Sixth Month, Seventh Day, 2008, Quaker Quest will be held from 9:30am to 4 pm at the Meetinghouse. Simplicity is the topic of the Quest and will be presented by Peter Meredith and Jean Christianson. It is hoped that Friends attend and sign-up in the lobby.

Lighthouse Shelter Minute: Peter Meredith reporting:

Sandy and Lee Curry, who have contributed countless hours to the Lighthouse Shelter, are now leaving the area and need to resign. The minute of appreciation was read as follows and was joyfully approved.

Annapolis Friends Meeting joyfully thanks Sandy and Lee Curry for the countless volunteer hours they have put in over the last few years coordinating the work in the pantry at the Light House shelter. Under Sandy's supervision, the Light House has been able to provide about 100 free bags of groceries a month to people in Annapolis and the surrounding county who would otherwise go hungry. It is Sandy who quietly empties the bottomless bin in the Meeting House foyer and takes in what members of this Meeting offer in the way of food donations. Sandy has served for several years as the Meeting's alternate on the board of directors of Annapolis Area Ministries, and her counsel on AAMI issues has been prompt and valued. Sandy and Lee will be sorely missed and the Meeting offers them heartfelt thanks for this and many other joys as they look westward to Oregon.

This minute will be recorded and sent to Sandy Curry.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee will be drafting a separate minute of appreciation for Sandy Curry's work on their committee and for her work with the Bridges for Peace.

Stewardship and Finance: Will Candler reporting:

Following the discussion at the last Meeting for Business, it was agreed between Peace and Social Concerns Committee, Stewardship and Finance Committee and the Peace and Justice Center Working Group, that we recommend to Meeting for Business that the Peace and Justice working group operate with oversight by Stewardship and Finance. To reflect this change and last month's discussion, Stewardship and Finance reports that it has updated the Peace and Justice Center Fund. This change was approved.

Description of Peace and Justice Center Working Group Fund:

1. Fund Type: Contingency.
2. Name: Peace and Justice Center Fund.
3. Purpose: To finance the activities of the Peace and Justice Center Working Group under the Stewardship and Finance committee.
4. Restrictions: To be used for operating costs of Peace and Justice Center working group under the Stewardship and Finance committee.
5. Disbursement Authority: Peace and Justice Center working group, under the oversight of Stewardship and Finance.
6. Remarks: These funds are intended for use on Meeting sponsored or organized activities of Peace and Justice Center working group under Stewardship and Finance. That is they are not intended for donation to non-AFM peace activities, however worthy. The fund was established in recognition of the diverse and rapidly evolving opportunities opening before Peace and Justice Center working group that effectively prohibits detailed annual budgeting. (Note, for the time being Peace and Justice Center working group, despite its name, has no physical assets, rather it is a portfolio of activities.)

CREC: Mardy Burgess and Michele Reid reporting:

The Youth Safety Policy was reviewed and several areas of change will occur. This policy will be re-worked and brought back to the next meeting for business. Great appreciation was expressed for all the hard work put forth by this committee.

These minutes were read and approved during Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Thomas, Clerk

Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk

JULY AND AUGUST NEWSLETTER ITEMS

This summer, the July and August Newsletters will be combined into **one** newsletter that will be distributed on June 29, 2008. The September newsletter will come out on August 31. Please submit any items regarding events in **July AND August** before the deadline. If you have events with tentative dates, you may want to submit an article describing the event and then email the confirmed date using the “announce list.” Because there are five First Days in June, items should be submitted by 9:00 p.m. **June 22nd**. Please email the items to AFMeeting @ yahoo.com

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE SHELTER, ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTER, AND PANTRY

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (June 2nd this month). Peter Meredith (410-647-2487) and Marcia Ormsby (410-280-5025) serve as our schedulers to identify Friends to coordinate monthly meals. We also collect non-perishable food items to deliver to the pantry after each first First Day. These items may be placed in the container in the hallway of the Meeting House.

ABRIDGED PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF 5/18/08

After a period of silent worship, we approved a “Minute of Support for California Supreme Court Decision Recognizing Same-Sex Marriages,” which will be presented at Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. A “Minute of Appreciation for Sandy Curry” was also approved and will be presented at MWB.

An ESC fund request for aid for the people of Myanmar (Burma) in the wake of the May 3rd cyclone, through Doctors Without Borders, was submitted by Sylvia and approved by PSC for \$300.

We had a discussion of PSC committee members’ leadings for committee’s focus this year: All committee members present expressed leadings to address Iraq-related issues. Our resources for social and humanitarian needs, abroad and at home, are being drained for the war. The culture of war engenders an attitude of distrust, fear and rejection or punishment of those who “look different”. This war mindset infuses our communities and merges with anti-immigration sentiment. The concept “patriotism” is used to stifle personal dissent and justify lack of restriction on corporations.

PSC members want to respond to the Iraq war and its associated problems by supporting approaches that lead to change. We want to take opportunities to “speak truth to power.” We want to practice seeing that of God in every person at every opportunity. We want to model how to relate to “The Other” in our daily lives. Who is “The Other?” We want to speak up as individuals willing to express an unpopular point of view, sowing seeds of an alternative world view, seeds of peace and justice. We must recognize that fear of repercussion affects our actions and can promote inaction. We need to support each other, discerning how we can be faithful to our call in meeting the challenges of our time. In summary, it is the leading of PSC to: 1) foster acceptance of and love towards “The Other” and 2) recognize the damage of the war in Iraq and do what we can to end the war and foster healing, reconciliation and justice.

Some committee activities related to these intentions might include: continued nurture of AFM’s relationship with the Islamic Center of Annapolis; support for Iraqi refugees and IDPs; support for our Iraqi war veterans; expansion of inter-faith, inter-cultural exchange around International Day of Peace vigil at AFM; participation by PSC members and others in Bridges for Peace weekly vigil on First Days, Noon – 1:00 on Spa Creek Bridge; attunement to action recommendations of AFSC and FCNL.

Lastly, PSC updated our current mission statement, which our clerk will recommend to business meeting and share at an AFM committee clerks’ meeting this July. We ended in silent worship.

DARFUR UPDATE: “NEVER AGAIN” AN EMPTY REFRAIN by Sylvia Oliva

Situation on the ground: On May 10th the Justice and Equality Movement (JEM), a Darfurian rebel group, attacked a suburb near the capital of Sudan. In retaliation the Sudanese government and Janjaweed militias targeted Darfurian civilians in air strikes, arrests, beatings, disappearances, and executions. Aid workers also, after five years of loyal and very courageous presence in the country, are still being assaulted. Sudan broke off diplomatic relations with Chad, alleging Chadian support for JEM. It is likely that no more than 80% of the mandated UNAMID peacekeeping troops will reach Darfur by the year’s end. How long can these troops keep “holding on by a thread!” The British government is offering to host peace talks in London.

Save Darfur Coalition action: Jerry Fowler, former staff director of the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum Committee on Conscience, has become the new executive director of the Coalition as of March 2008. The Coalition’s board of directors recently updated its Unity Statement, the basis for the Coalition since its founding in 2004. Advocacy for the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act (SADA) has been a long and arduous project of Save Darfur. This important legislation prohibits federal contracts with foreign companies

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operating in Sudan. It was signed into law by our President, but has not been fully implemented. We are grateful that our two “Call to your Conscience – Save Darfur” banners are now being displayed by neighboring churches: Calvary Methodist Church and St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Genocide Olympics: Because of China’s complicity in the Darfur genocide, the Dream for Darfur organization is commencing a series of protests at Olympic corporate sponsors’ headquarters, e.g. Staples (in Boston) and Coca Cola (in New York). Organizations commended for their helpfulness were Adidas and Kodak. The International Olympic Committee has so far done nothing on behalf of Darfur.

How we can help: The U.S. still owes \$334 million to the United Nations for UNAMID troops in Darfur. Call 1-800-GENOCIDE. Ask our Senators to:

- 1) Appropriate an additional \$334 million for peacekeeping in Darfur.
- 2) Pay back the \$1.5 billion we owe the UN for unpaid peacekeeping bills.

QUAKER QUEST: SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 9:30 A.M.-4 P.M.

Annapolis Friends Meeting has been selected for a Quaker Quest workshop. April’s Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business approved this 5.5-hour “inreach” workshop. That means it is just for us—to spend the day together exploring what it means to be a Quaker today with its simple, contemporary, and radical aspects. We will experience much rich community building and learning.

Two facilitators from Friends General Conference will come to Annapolis to lead the workshop. Afterward, we will decide if our experience and practice in our beloved Religious Society of Friends in Annapolis is something we want to share more broadly with seekers in our community by launching a Quaker Quest “outreach” program you wish.

PHILADELPHIA TRIP JUNE 13TH

On Friday June 13th a group will be traveling from AFM to Philadelphia to visit our partner children at their school. We will be carpooling from the meeting house at 7 a.m. so that we will have time to visit with the children and enjoy a potluck lunch before they leave at noon. After that we are planning to visit the Liberty Bell before heading back to Annapolis.

All are welcome. The children are really looking forward to our visit. For questions or to RSVP with information regarding how many will be attending from your family, whether anyone will be driving, and what food/beverage item you would like to bring, please contact Cairn Krafft at cairnkrafft@comcast.net or 410 257 2379

LIBRARY CORNER

FIRST DAY SCHOOL LIBRARY

- by Cairn Krafft

The existence of an organized, catalogued First Day School library at Annapolis Friends Meeting can be traced back to long-time sojourner from Friends Meeting of Washington, Guinevere Scott. Guinevere loved children and she loved books. She was a tremendous advocate for the main library at AFM and she had a vision that our children should have their own library. She saw a need for a children’s librarian to help accomplish this and was not afraid to ask the meeting to fill that need. Her request came at a time in my life when I wanted to deepen my commitment to the meeting and was searching for the best way in which to do that. I had no library experience, but had always loved books and figured that what I lacked in experience I could make up for in energy.

Six years later, with the help of many individuals including Nan Elsbree and Ria Hawkins, we have a lovely First Day School collection that is catalogued in an electronic database and shelved using a color-coded system designed to facilitate use by children, with the hardback books covered in protective plastic. During those six years our original collection has been augmented with annual acquisitions through the Children’s Religious Education Committee budget as well as special books donated by meeting individuals. Our First Day School collection now consists of over 350 books. As a collection it has its own story to tell about us and the books we have chosen to provide for our children. We have books about Quakerism and world religions, biographies of William Penn, Lucretia Mott, Martin Luther King, Jr., Gandhi and the Buddha, (to name but a few), books about nature, books on activities to do with children, and collections of stories. We have three Eknath Easwaran books donated by Guinevere Scott (*Our Gandhi: Child of Fear to Man of Freedom, The Monkey and the Mango, and Kalabashee and His Sisters*). We have *Thee, Hannah*, one of my favorite books as a child, and *Lighting Candles in the Dark*, a wonderful collection of stories I also loved as a child (in the original version, *Candles in the Dark*).

If you are unfamiliar with our First Day School collection, take a peak. Perhaps you will find a book you would like to share with your child or grandchild, or even read yourself. Books for the youngest children are housed in nursery; books for the oldest children are located on a few shelves in the main AFM library, and books for the children in-between are housed in the large classroom. We also

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Children's Library Continued:

have some adult resource books and parenting books on shelves at the other end of the large classroom. If you would like to check a book out (yeah!!), print your name and the day's date on the library card in the back of the book, leave the card in the library basket on the table in the large classroom, take it home and enjoy! When you bring it back, please retrieve the card from the basket, reinsert it in the book pocket, and reshell the book yourself matching the color dot on the book spine to the color codes on the bookshelves.

As way opens we hope to make the AFM libraries easier to use in the future. The new Library Committee clerk, Ken Chandler, is currently working on inventorying our collections and putting them into a combined enhanced database that will hopefully be searchable in the future. We have also discussed the possibility of making a copy of the database accessible from the AFM website with Ken Mayer's help. In the meantime, I would invite you to take a browse through the First Day School collection. Many hidden gems await...

ASSISTANCE TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL SESSIONS OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Baltimore Yearly Meeting is offering each Monthly Meeting the opportunity to send three of its members or attenders to Annual Sessions at for two days at no cost. This offer is for Friends (adults or children) who would not be able to attend otherwise. Annual Sessions run from August 4 through August 10 at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, Maryland. Attenders can choose any two days from among the six. If interested, let Barbara Thomas know and she will provide the gift certificates for registration.

QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 PM on Sunday June 1, 2008. France Pruitt of Bethesda Friends Meeting will discuss her book *Faith and Courage in a Time of Trouble*. This book tells the story of a nominally Jewish Belgian family who spent more than four years during the Second World War as refugees in the south of France. France was five years old when the family left Brussels and ten when they returned. In 2006, several members of the family returned to the region to dedicate a granite bench in honor of the courageous efforts of its people.

BYM SPRING 2008 SILENT RETREAT: June 13 - 15

True silence ... is to the spirit what sleep is to the body, nourishment and refreshment. William Penn, 1699

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Silent Retreat at Dayspring. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Sunday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation, reading, walking, resting, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice.

SPONSOR: Baltimore Yearly Meeting

FACILITATOR: Jean Christianson QUESTIONS? Call Jean Christianson at 410-544-1912 or e-mail jschristianson@gmail.com

WHERE: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20876 (301-428-9348)

ARRIVAL: 4:00-7:00 p.m. Friday. (Dinner at 7 p.m.) DEPARTURE: 2:00 p.m. Sunday

COST: \$175. The fee covers 6 meals, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth. (Note: all food is vegetarian.)

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: June 6th (if not filled earlier). Minimum number is 10 participants. Maximum is 18. Please register as early as possible. Friends will be enrolled in the order in which checks are received.

Bring toilet articles, casual clothes, walking shoes, and a flashlight. Friends sometimes bring personal journals, devotional literature, sketch pads or needlework.

DIRECTIONS TO DAYSPRING RETREAT CENTER: From I-270 take the Damascus exit (#15-A), Route 118 to the north. Go 8/10 of a mile on Route 118 to MD Route 355. Turn left on MD Route 355 and go a VERY SHORT block. Turn right on Neelsville Church Rd. Continue 6/10 of a mile on Neelsville Church Rd. to Dayspring Retreat Center. **OR** From I-70 take Route 27 south at Mount Airy. It will merge into 355 (Frederick Rd.) continuing south. Turn left onto Neelsville Church Rd. (just before reaching Route 118) and follow directions above.

The telephone number for Dayspring is (301) 428-9348 in case of emergency.

Make check for \$175 payable to **Dayspring Retreat Center** and send with registration form to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena, MD 21122 (410-544-1912).

Name _____ Meeting _____
Address _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Special Needs _____

If there is light in the soul, there will be beauty in the person. If there is beauty in the person, there will be harmony in the house. If there is harmony in the house, there will be order in the nation. If there is order in the nation, there will be peace in the world. Chinese Proverb

Endeavor to make your home a place of peace and happiness where the presence of God is known. Try to live simply. Remember to value beauty in all its forms. Encourage the appreciation of music, literature and the other arts and the development of taste that will reject the worthless and the base. God's good gifts are for all to enjoy; learn to use them wisely. From Advices, London, 1964.

Watch with Christian tenderness over the opening minds of your children. Seek to awaken in them the love of Jesus Christ and an understanding of his teaching. Uphold in your own conduct, and thus encourage in theirs, truthfulness and sincerity. Through example and training help them to recognize and obey the voice of God in their hearts that they may be joyful and willing in his service. Remember, at the same time, that there is a unique potentiality in each human being as a child of God, and that the Holy Spirit may lead your children along paths which you have not foreseen. From Advices, London, 1964, in Daily Readings from Quaker Writings Ancient and Modern, p.292, Linda Renfer, Ed.

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