

## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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**Meetings for Worship:** Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis  
**First Days, 11:00 A.M.**  
**11:00 A.M.**  
**First Day School for Children 11:00 A.M.**  
**Nursery Care for Our Youngest 11:00 A.M.** (For questions call Cairn Krafft at 410 257 2379)  
**Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business: 1<sup>st</sup> First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.**  
**Adult Religious Education: As noted in calendar below**

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### APRIL 2007 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				<b>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 3)</b>
08	Easter (2)	7:00 A.M.	-	<b>Early Easter Morning Worship and Walk (page )</b>
		10:00 A.M.	-	<b>Worship Sharing (page 3)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
15	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		12:15 P.M.	-	Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting
			-	Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting
18		12:00 Noon	-	Lunch Bunch (NOTE NEW TIME)
22	(4)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Quakerism 101: Quaker Organizations (page 3)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		12:15 P.M.	-	<b>Open Trustee Meeting (page)</b>
		9:00 P.M.	-	<b>Newsletter Items Due:</b> email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
29	(5)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Fifth First Day Coffee (page 4)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School

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**Care of the Meeting House for Fourth Month:**

QUERIES FOR FOURTH MONTH:

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**THIRD MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS**  
**MINUTES – March 4, 2007**

Present: B. Thomas, M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk), J. DeLorge McKeown, M. Holmes, C. Mayer, S. Olivia, P. Schenck, M. Gerace, W. Candler, Cairn Kraft, P. Favero, P. Singer, M. & E. Barbera, Elise Albert, D. Sillars,, J. Christianson, N & S. Elsbree, Wes Jordan, B. Pergoy, W. & M. Candler, T. and R. Hawkins, D. Lamb Minor, B. and K. Chandler, D. Walizer, H. and K. Saunders, M. Burgess, E. Geil, E. Shaffer.

The meeting opened with silent worship.

**Announcements:**

Laurie Perman has accepted the position of the executive director of Pendle Hill and resigned from the BYM clerk position. We would like to minute our appreciation for her tireless efforts at BYM. Howard Fullerton will be clerking BYM until a search committee can fill this position.

Chesapeake Covenant Congregations: faith communities in the Chesapeake Bay watershed: Kathy Saunders presenting: Declaration of Support is attached to these minutes. A request was made to endorse this group.

Co-clerk of the Christian Interfaith Relations Committee of FGC: Dot Walizer reporting: She is asking for hospitality in the last weekend (24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup>) of third month. The Meeting House has been reserved for this Committee meeting.

Clerks' Meeting: Third Month 25<sup>th</sup> at the rise of meeting is intended to discuss mutual concerns, overlaps, and gaps.

The Work Weekend for all the BYM camps will be posted on the internet and on the bulletin board.

An urgent call about the new request for the Military Personnel to be sent to Iraq: We are urged to support those who are called to consciously object military service.

On March 16 Christian Peace Witness for Iraq is sponsoring an ecumenical service at the National Cathedral in Washington, DC, followed by a prayer vigil near the White House, to mark the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our country's war in Iraq. Friends are encouraged to participate in this and the March 17 noontime silent vigil on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, a weekly vigil begun by Langley Hill Meeting more than four years ago.

The Islamic Society of Annapolis has invited AFM to join them in an evening study circle at their new mosque in Gambrills, MD on March 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Clerk of PSC urges Friends to respond in good numbers to their gracious invitation, as our Meeting is seeking to strengthen our relationship with our Islamic community, especially in this time of discrimination and suspicion towards many Muslims.

Description of the emergent social concerns fund: attached to these minutes and will be added to the newsletter. A request was made to allocate these funds from year to year rather than to carry over a balance.

**Ministry and Worship:** Dot Walizer reporting:

Both the ministry and worship committee and the clearness committee for membership enthusiastically affirm the convincement of Elise Albert as a member of AFM. The meeting has joyfully recorded her as a new member.

**Stewardship and Finance:** Phyllis Singer reporting:

A request was made that suggestions for the use of the 2006 surplus come from the committees, rather than from individuals. A youth safety issue about the glass in the doors is coming from the religious education committee and the parking problem resolution is coming from the meeting house and lands committee.

Don Lamb Minor reporting:

AFM Restricted Funds and AFM Policies and Procedures: available in the Meeting House office. Copies can be made as needed by members but the booklet needs to remain in the office.

The Brick Fund has become inactive but will remain a line item, the Camping Assistance Fund is to be added to the budget as a line item.

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## Minutes Continued:

The Founders Fund becomes an endowment such that the earnings and interest may be used without drawing from the principle. In previous years the entire fund and earnings were available for use. This change was made and approved by meeting.

**Spring Market:** Margaret Holmes reporting:

The Spring Market proceeds are to be directed according to the following request: that 75% be allocated to support the environment through the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and that the remaining 25% be allocated to the Earth Care Interest Group suggested to be under the care of the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. Additionally, the Earth Care Interest Group may request funds through the Emergent Social Concerns Fund. It was approved, by meeting, that 75% of the Spring Market proceeds be distributed to an environmental cause and that the remaining 25% allocation be laid over until the Fourth Month Meeting for Business.

**CREC Update:** Marty Burgess reporting:

A flyer was distributed regarding Junior Young Friends meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Third Month.

Elise Albert reporting:

The short term parking solution is proposed to be addressed through an ad hoc committee, clerked by Careen Mayer. This committee will fall under the auspices of the CREC and Meetinghouse and Lands committees and is charged to come up with a short term parking solution that may lead to a long term solution. The membership of this ad hoc committee is to be determined by those interested.

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

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## MINISTRY AND WORSHIP CORNER

### EASTER SUNDAY AT ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING

We will be celebrating Easter this year with additional worship opportunities.

**Early morning worship** will begin at 7:00. Please wear walking shoes, as we will move into a walking meditation at approximately 7:30. The walking meditation will take us down into the Ravine along the path that borders our property. A light breakfast will be served after everyone has returned.

**Easter Worship Sharing** will begin at 10:00. This is an opportunity to prayerfully reflect on the meaning of Easter within the Worship Sharing format of a Quaker Meeting. The Meeting will end at 10:45 to allow time to prepare for our regular Meeting for Worship

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### QUAKERISM 101: QUAKER ORGANIZATIONS

Please come and join us on April 22 at 9:00 for the final part of our series on Quakerism – exploring Quaker organization. Although we are an “Unprogrammed Meeting,” we are not unorganized. Topics to be discussed include the Monthly Meeting, our membership as a constituent meeting in Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the role of Baltimore Yearly Meeting’s *Faith and Practice*, and our affiliation as a member of BYM in both Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference. Note quite sure what that last sentence implies? The please come and join us in the Library.

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### FIFTH FIRST DAY COFFEE – APRIL 29

We set aside every fifth First Day (April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00) for an informal gathering around the concern of membership, how one becomes (or why would you want to become) a member of the RSOF (A.K.A. Quakers) or other questions regarding Quaker tradition and worship. If you have questions about membership or would just like a chance to talk about the Quaker tradition, please come and join us for a cup of coffee. There is no formal agenda. Everyone, Friends who are members or Sojourners and friends who are Attenders or the merely curious are most welcome and can drop in or out of the conversation anytime between 9 and 11. See you in Library.

## OPEN TRUSTEE MEETING – APRIL 22, 2007

-from Dot Walizer, Clerk of Trustees

Notice is hereby given of an Open Trustee Meeting to be held at rise of Meeting on 22 April 2007. All members of Annapolis Friends Meeting are invited to attend this Session.

This Meeting is being held to discuss revisions and updates to the current Corporation By-laws of Annapolis Friends Meeting and to reach unity on their ratification and adoption. Members desiring a copy of the By-laws should contact the Clerk of the Trustees, Dot Walizer by email ([dewalizer@msn.com](mailto:dewalizer@msn.com)) or phone. Copies are available in either hard copy or electronic format. Members intending to attend or having questions are asked to read the new proposed By-laws and submit concerns and questions at least one week prior to the meeting to allow time for review and research.

## OUTREACH CORNER

### VISITORS SUNDAY RESCHEDULED FOR APRIL 29

Bring your friends, neighbors, spouse, or self to Visitor's Sunday on April 29. At 10:00, there will be an introductory presentation led by Lee Lougee and Pat Schenck in the main meeting room on Quaker worship, history, and testimonies. After this orientation, visitors will be invited to worship with us at our regular 11:00 Meeting for Worship.

Of course, visitors are always welcome, but this will be an opportunity for an orientation prior to worship. Bring people you know who have "always wanted to visit a Quaker meeting." Young Friends are especially invited to bring their friends.

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## PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

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

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (April 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 near the front door of the Meeting House.

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### ALL YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE LIGHT HOUSE SHELTER

For many years, Annapolis Friends Meeting has supported the Light House Shelter in Annapolis, which offers housing and other assistance to the homeless. Here is what the shelter does and how Friends can help.

**The Light House** is located at 206 West Street. It has 15 beds, plus two apartments for families. **Anchor House**, an affiliated program, offers transitional housing assistance to families for up to two years. Its facilities are also in Annapolis.

The Light House is more than a shelter. It offers financial assistance to poor people facing **eviction** or **utility turnoff**. Every weekday, it offers 50 **bagged lunches** to people who ask for them. Every month, a needy family can ask for a bag of free food from the **pantry**. **Health kits** (toothpaste, soap etc.) are also given out on request.

Every year, the Meeting makes a cash donation to Annapolis Area Ministries Inc., a coalition of 17 churches that serves as the shelter's governing body. In addition, the Meeting has made specific commitments to the Light House as follows:

- **Food donations:** All year round, Friends are asked to bring nonperishable food to the Meeting House. The box is by the front door. Food donated in this way helps supply the Light House pantry (it does not go for meals at the shelter

itself). In **July**, the Meeting has primary responsibility for making sure the pantry is stocked, in partnership with St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. **Sandy Curry** volunteers at the pantry and can answer questions about it.

- **Evening meals:** Our Meeting is responsible for supplying and serving dinner on the first Monday of every month. This is currently very popular. Friends can stay and serve (the time commitment is roughly 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.) or simply drop off food. **Marcia Ormsby** and **Peter Meredith** coordinate this.
- **Weekend staffing:** Every **May**, the Meeting is responsible for daytime staffing at the shelter on weekends, when the regular staff works nights only. We are partners with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis. Shifts are 9-12 and 12-4. Guests rarely stay in the shelter on summer weekends, and these are quiet shifts. The shelter offers a brief training; this year's date is April 22 at 2 p.m. This has been difficult to find volunteers for; contact **Peter Meredith** if interested.

Several fundraisers take place every year. Most are in the fall, but the first of these is the annual **Ride for Shelter on Sunday April 15**. Volunteers are needed both as riders and organizers. **Peter Meredith** has details. In three years, the ride has raised \$25,000 in all.

Anne Arundel County has a desperate need for more shelter for the homeless. Last year the Light House turned away 388 men and women and 110 children. Annapolis Area Ministries plans to build a bigger, more modern shelter in Parole, and has an agreement in principle to buy land for this on a site between Hudson and Willow streets. Annapolis Friends Meeting has a seat on the Board of Annapolis Area Ministries, which is currently held by Peter Meredith. Please call him with any questions: 410-647-2487.

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### **PSC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 3-18-07 (Abridged)**

We reviewed our positive experience at The Islamic Center of Annapolis in Millersville's 3/17 evening presentation and discussion on key elements of their faith. The Imam seemed interested last night in an opportunity for Friends to inform them of our beliefs. A future committee agenda item will be ways to continue our connection with and support of this community.

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PSC Committee was requested by the newly formed Earth Care Interest Group to "parent," or sponsor them, which we gladly agreed to do. We welcomed the proposal that the 25% portion of the proceeds from Quaker Market, which will be dedicated to the Earth Care Interest Group, be placed in Emergent Social Concerns (ESC) Fund and restricted for Earth Care's use. Even though we heartily "pre-approve" them, we ask that the interest group complete the newly approved procedure for requesting ESC funds.

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A copy of the approved Description of the Emergent Social Concerns (ESC) Fund (Revised 3-4-07), including the procedure for recommending recipients of this fund, is now in the folder by the copier in our Meeting House office. recommend that 2006 AFM budget surplus (in addition to the 10% which automatically goes to Quaker Causes) be placed in ESC Fund.

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We discussed John Salzberg's offer to present on Friends International Center in Ramallah (FICR). John has informed the clerk that FICR is in partnership with Ramallah Friends Meeting and, though it has no official connection with Ramallah Friends School, Quakers from the School are actively involved with FICR. We conferred with Outreach Committee and came up with several dates for a potluck and presentation following a Meeting for Worship sometime this May or June.

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We recommend a threshing session to consider Quaker Causes, preferably no later than July and as a \_ hour segment of a Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business. Suggested queries: What is the purpose of corporate contributions in addition to those by individuals? What qualifies an organization to be a Quaker Cause? What are the benefits of contributing to many vs. few causes, and do we need guidelines for the number of causes (no more than how many / no less than how many)?

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### **PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDING RECIPIENTS OF THE ESC FUND**

All Friends who wish to recommend a recipient are requested to send the following information in writing to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee. This information may be placed in the PSC mailbox in the meeting house office or sent by email to the current PSC clerk:

- Name of and contact information for proposed recipient (person, group, organization, or cause that would receive the funding).
- Brief description of purpose of recipient or how the funds would be used.
- Brief personal justification for your request.

Your phone number and/or email address. Friends who wish to recommend a recipient of the Emergent Social Concerns Fund are requested to send in writing the following information to the Peace and Social Concerns Committee: 1) Name of and contact information for proposed recipient (person, group, organization, or cause that would receive the funding), 2) Brief description of purpose of recipient or how the funds would be used, 3) Brief personal justification for your request, and 4) Your phone number and your email address, if you have email.

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## **DARFUR UPDATE: A CALL TO YOUR CONSCIENCE** by Sylvia Oliva

I saw the banner on the outside of a bus in New Carrollton the other day: “**a call to your conscience – save Darfur.**” It’s also on 1,000 houses of worship across the U.S., and it’s on our Meeting’s signpost at the corner.

The United Nations, in a recent report of its Human Rights Council, is urgently **calling on the conscience** of the international community for immediate and effective action to stop the genocide. The report team directly accused major nations of allowing Sudan to continue its violence, stating that the important steps these nations have undertaken “have been largely resisted and obstructed, and have proven inadequate and ineffective.”

The report urged the U.N. Security Council to deploy the proposed U.N.-A.U. peacekeeping mission for the protection of civilians, to fully implement travel bans and asset freezes for those who commit violations, and to fully support International Criminal Court prosecution of suspects in the genocide.

Sanctions have not been imposed in the Security Council because of certain veto-holding permanent members of the Security Council, namely China (who buys two-thirds of Sudan’s oil exports) and Russia (who sells warplanes to Sudan). What can we do to wake up the consciences of these nations and others who are complicit? What can we do to wake up the conscience of Sudan? Are we in this country fully awake?

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## **LIBRARY CORNER**

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### **SAVE MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR QUAKER MARKET** -from Margaret Holmes

Yes, the ice is melting and what better way to celebrate than to clean out our basements, attics and closets to get ready for spring. This is a great chance to share what we no longer need or want with others, make space, and simplify. And the exchange of all of the junk to jewels is so much fun. Mark your calendars to come help sort items May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> and to help with the market on Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>. All help is welcome. Come be a part of this Spring Fling!

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### **ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY RESPONDS TO HATE LITERATURE** -from Pat Schenck

Some members of the meeting have awakened in the morning to find hate literature in their yards, neatly wrapped in plastic. It is vicious, and many of us have wondered how we can respond. Experience shows that the worst thing we can do is ignore it, as the perpetrators assume people agree with it, and more important, so do members of groups victimized by it.

I have been part the Anne Arundel Race Relations Coordinating Council this past year, a group that developed a rapid response network comprised of representatives of police, the state's attorney's office, the city and county human relations commissions, and various elected officials. Several community gatherings have been held around the county. The final one will be held in Annapolis on March 27 at 6:30 p.m., at Calvary United Methodist Church on Rowe Boulevard.

The purpose is to inform people not only about this network, but also about what neighborhoods can do. Panel members will include rapid response network members as well as representatives of the media, the board of education, and other groups.

A healthy presence of Friends would be most welcome.

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## **CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING**

-by Phil Favero

On March 11, Seneca Valley Friends Preparative Meeting hosted the Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting in the rolling green hills of Ijamsville, about ten miles east of Frederick, Maryland, at Friends Meeting School (FMS), a PreK-8 Quaker institution. FMS is a ten year old school that serves 110 students and has twice won National Character Education Awards. An important part of the meeting for worship with attention to business was a preliminary discussion about whether Quarterly Meeting should take FMS "under its care." An ad hoc committee will investigate the question. The day's program included personal stories from several Friends, who discussed the meaning of a Quaker education in their lives, and a tour of the school. Nine monthly meetings from Chesapeake Quarterly participated in the gathering as did Frederick Monthly Meeting, which is located in another Quarterly Meeting. Sharing informal conversations with and hearing news about the more than 40 neighboring Friends in attendance were highlights of the meeting.

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## **PEACE POLE FROM HOME OF CAROLINE MARTIN**

-by Pat Schenck

The new peace pole to be raised at the Meeting House was made and donated to us by Steward Weiss, the grandson of Caroline Martin, founder of Annapolis Friends Meeting. It was made from a timber that stood next to the fireplace in her home on Wilson Road, which was recently torn down. We will have plaques made to place on the pole with "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in different languages.

What memories came to me when I saw it! Early in my experience at AFM, we met in her home. We were a band of two families, one or two couples, and a handful of single people, almost all of us new to Quakerism. We were a worship group with no yearly meeting affiliation, and we weren't sure we wanted any!

Caroline had pursued a master's degree in social work at the University of Illinois. There she had had her first experience with Quaker worship. When she returned to Annapolis, she drove to Baltimore to worship, but after flat tires on several First Days she became convinced that she was meant to start a meeting in Annapolis. Friends had been meeting at St. John's College for a couple of years when I arrived, but we soon moved to Caroline's house.

Meeting there was special, as it reflected the rugged simplicity that we had come to cherish in her. She had physically built parts of the house herself, including the rustic living room where we worshiped. I also remember her wonderful large kitchen with a huge picnic table in the center that easily seated all of us. And we had many conversations of spiritual seeking sitting on the window seats in that room.

I was a young mother of toddlers at the time, and I was happy to find a community my family could be part of. I also had been seeking for a long time for a community where I could grow spiritually without the restraints of a rigid creed. No one helped me understand the possibilities more than Caroline did. The process of my conviction occurred in her house, through worship, through conversations at that picnic table, and especially through getting to know this remarkable wise woman. She influenced my style of child rearing and she taught me to have infinite trust in the worth and promise in

people, from small children to the alcoholics she worked with to myself. In conversations with her, and even more by observing how she lived, I began to understand Friends' positions on peace and justice and on peace.

So the peace pole will have a very special meaning to me. Thank you, Stewart!

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### **BYM STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE**

Funds for educational loans to qualified secondary school, college and graduate school students are available from the Educational Loan Committee of BYM. Loans can be up to \$5000 per academic year funds permitting, and no interest is charged while the student is in school. Allow ample time to complete the form by the May 1, 2007 deadline. Application packages may be obtained from the BYM web site [www.bym-rsf.org](http://www.bym-rsf.org), or write to BYM at 17100 Quaker Lane, Sandy Spring, MD 20860. Applicants will be informed of the results by early June 2007. Contact Mardy Burgess [mardypb@comcast.net](mailto:mardypb@comcast.net) or Caroline Rodgers [carri585@earthlink.net](mailto:carri585@earthlink.net) for information regarding what has to be done at the AFM level to apply

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### **FRIENDS WILDERNESS CENTER**

April 21: Spring Work Day. Celebrate Earth Day with Friends Wilderness Center by helping to care for the land entrusted to us. We'll have many work projects, including repairing any winter damage, clearing trails, tidying Niles Cabin, and preparing the Tree House and Yurt for the season. Groups and people of all ages and abilities are welcome! Call Sheila Bach at 304/728-4820 or email [snbach@earthlink.net](mailto:snbach@earthlink.net) for more information. A free lunch will be provided if you register ahead of time.

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### **SAVE THE DATES FOR B.Y.M. SPRING SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING 6/15/07 – 6/17/07**

See May newsletter for more info and registration form

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### **QUAKER POTLUCK & DIALOGUE AT WILLIAM PENN HOUSE**

You are invited to attend a potluck and Quaker dialogue at 6:30 PM on Sunday March 4, 2007. Our Program this First Day, "A philosophy of work: being at the service of others" is presented by Peta Ikambana. Beyond the financial benefit we get for the work we do in any given society, there is that personal and underlying motivation which helps us to give the best of us in what we do. Peta has been the Area Director of American Friends Service Committee, DC Peace and Economic Justice Program Office for two years. He is a native of the Congo and has lived in Spain, Columbia and Philadelphia.. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003 Tel: (202) 543-5560

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### **CURRENT E-MAIL LIST TO END**

The current Meeting e-mail list will cease to exist around the end of March. If you want to continue to receive messages, you must sign up for one of the lists that will replace it. Please fill out a blank form to be found on the round table in the front hall of the meetinghouse. A copy was in last month's newsletter. Mail it to AFM at 351 Dubois Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401. Or, just let Pat Schenck know what you want to do. She can be reached at 440-263-4529 or [pat.schenck@verizon.net](mailto:pat.schenck@verizon.net).

Here are your choices: Please select ALL of the options below that apply:

I have no e-mail, *or* I do not want my e-mail address known by anyone.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to have my e-mail address appear on the newsletter mailing list, along with my home address and telephone number, so people can contact me individually.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive meeting *announcements* such as information on Quaker gatherings; news of births, deaths, and people requesting to be held in the Light; and agendas for upcoming business meetings.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive messages regarding Friends' testimonies and concerns as well as other matters that may be of interest to Friends (no political content—we are a tax-exempt organization).

(Note: for maximum involvement, you must check the last three options.)

Include your name and e-mail address. If you are not currently on the newsletter mailing list, add your mailing address.

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*Man will come to a spiritual dead end if he does not allow time apart and in solitude for things to happen inside him. It is possible to drown children and adults in a constant flow of stimuli, forcing them to spend so much energy responding to the outside world that inward life and the creative imagination which flowers from it becomes stunted or atrophied...In homes where silence is lived, the child finds it easy and comfortable to turn to it. In a large and noisy family (like my own) the period of hush that begins every meal sweeps like a healing wind over all the cross-currents that have built up in the previous hours and leaves the household clean and sweet. Times apart of special family worship, hard to come by in the daily routine, become ours to be remembered and valued for their very scarcity, and never fail to catch us up to another level of love and awareness....Some families must work harder than others to create the physical situation in which times of solitude become possible, but when silence is treasured, the quiet place is found. Elise Boulding, 1962*

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