

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS NEWS

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Meetings for Worship: Annapolis Friends Meeting House, 351 DuBois Road, Annapolis
First Days, 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: 1st First Day of Month at 9:00 A.M.
Adult Religious Education: As noted in calendar below

MARCH 2007 CALENDAR

04	(1)	9:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship
		12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
05				Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 3)
06		12:00 Noon	-	Lunch Bunch
11	(2)	9:30 A.M.	-	Meeting for Learning: Forgiveness in Our Time (p. 3)
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
18	(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
		9:00 P.M.	-	Newsletter Items Due: email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
25	(4)	9:30 A.M.	-	Meeting for Learning: A Biblical Look at Easter (p. 3)
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School

Care of the Meeting House for Third Month: Meeting House and Lands

QUERIES FOR THIRD MONTH: THE MEETING COMMUNITY

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs? *Faith and Practice, p.38.*

This is the reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you ... for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and love and of self-discipline. II Timothy 1:7

SECOND MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS
MINUTES – February 4, 2007

Present: B. Thomas (Clerk), M. Ormsby (Recording Clerk), J. DeLorge McKeown, V. Pawlewicz, C. Mayer, S. Olivia, P. Schenck, M. Gerace, W. Candler, C. Kraft, P. Favero, P. Singer, T. Weber, E. Albert, C. Hitchings, D. Sillars, J. Christianson, L. Lougee, N. & S. Elsbree, K. Finch, P. Caroom, M. Kniskern, W. Jordan, B. Peregoy, D. Evert.

The meeting opened with silent worship.

We began with a thank you note from the Elsbrees for the lovely celebration honoring them on the 20th of First Month.

Announcements:

A list of the clerks and committee members will be posted on the bulletin board.

Holiday Market announcement: Valerie Pawlewicz reporting.

The 2006 AFM Holiday Market netted \$2034.05 of which 75% will go to organizations out of the Meeting and 25% to the Meeting. \$500 will be contributed to the meeting's building fund. Great appreciation was extended to those whose efforts make the Holiday Market possible.

Meeting for the clerks will be held on the 25th of Third Month.

Outreach committee will be turning over \$1000 to the Building Fund from their tee shirt proceeds.

The clerks and pastors of Friends United Meeting sent a DVD "Searching for Peace in the Middle East," which will be available in the library. Additionally, the FUM will be reconsidering their controversial hiring policy.

The Save Darfur banner will be posted on Bestgate and DuBois Road. Help is requested for that effort and those interested should contact Sylvia Oliva.

BYM is inviting those interested in submitting workshop proposals to do so with an absolute deadline of the 21st of Second Month. .

Treasurer's Report: Wes Jordan reporting. His report to be added to these minutes. In general there is a surplus of almost \$8000, which is indeed a pleasure.

Stewardship and Finance: Phyllis Singer reporting:

In two weeks, during the committee meeting day which is the 18th of Second Month at 9:00 a.m., there will be a discussion regarding the disposition of the surplus from the 2006 budget; all are invited to attend.

Meeting House and Lands: Phil Caroom reporting. That report will be added to these minutes.

Additionally, around 2001-2 a discussion ensued about additional building proposals regarding the Meeting House expansion. The original "visioning document" will be made available through email and distributed at rise of meeting prior to the threshing session which is proposed to be set for 4:00 p.m., Second Month, 24th as a potluck at the Meeting House. This date is subject to revision.

Peace and Social Concerns:

Resolution on Repealing the MD Death Penalty: Ted Weber reporting.

Bills to repeal the Maryland's death penalty are now being considered in the Maryland General Assembly. God reminds us that "Thou Shall Not Kill;" therefore, a minute has been set forth. That minute will be included as an attachment to these minutes and, will be sent to the Governor and to the Maryland State Legislature. Additionally, this minute is intended to represent a guide for individual action as Friends are led.

Peace Pole: Sylvia Oliva reporting.

Stewart Weiss, a grandson of Caroline Martin who was one of the original founders of our Meeting, made a Peace Pole from a piece of wood from his grandmother's home on Wilson Road. This pole was presented to our Meeting. Meeting House & Land Committee has recommended that it be planted on the Meeting House property to remind us to visualize and pray for world peace. An ad hoc committee for its installation will include all those interested to plan and to be involved in its installation.

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

RECORDING THE MINUTES

- by Marcia V. Ormsby, Recording Clerk

I am so pleased to note our attendance at Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business (MFWWATB) is increasing. I want to recognize the many sacrifices that involve your attending and to encourage all those interested to come. This meeting is the place where the real work of our congregation is reported; and here is where we make real changes within our spiritual community. As your faithful recording clerk, I strive to do my best to accurately document the immense amount of information exchanged during these meetings. Without a record, we just cannot sustain these terrific improvements. I believe in the written word; to assist me, I request that those of you presenting written material send it to me as an attached word document prior to the MFWWATB. In that way, it can be attached to the notes and brought to the 'Big Book' for perpetuity. This courtesy would make my life so much easier. The Big Book resides in the Meeting office for anyone's perusal.

MINISTRY AND WORSHIP CORNER

ADULT MEETINGS FOR LEARNING

March 11th Forgiveness in Our Time - This session will examine the writings of theologians on forgiveness as a prerequisite for reconciliation, the base of interior peace and a foundation for societal peace. The South African concept of UBANTU and, after apartheid, the working of forgiveness through the Truth & Reconciliation Council will be discussed

March 25: A Biblical Look at Easter

OUTREACH CORNER

PICTURE BOARD—GET YOUR PICTURE ADDED NOW

The purpose of the new picture board in the hallway is to help all of us recognize one another by name. Many pictures are now included and names will be added soon. It works best if all our pictures are included. Chris Rozycki will continue to bring her camera to worship, and she promises that if you don't like your picture, she'll take it again. If you are not on the board, please get your picture taken by the end of March. Thank you.

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE AND ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTERS

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (March 5th 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 shelter after each first First Day.

PSC COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF 2-18-07 (Abridged)

Minute and Resolution for Repeal of the Maryland Death Penalty proposed by PSC was revised and approved at 2nd month Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business. Ted mailed copies to Governor O'Malley and all state representatives from Anne Arundel County, and Maryland Citizens Against State Executions (MD CASE).. Sylvia sent the minute drafted in our 1st month PSC meeting to all Baltimore Yearly Meeting monthly meetings via Clerk of BYM Peace and Social Concerns Committee. A Friend noted that it is a sign of AFM's increasing maturity that Friends at business meeting wanted our anti-death penalty minute to be framed in language as accessible as possible to readers.

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PSC Minutes Continued

MINUTE IN SUPPORT OF REPEAL OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN MARYLAND

Annapolis Friends affirm our support of any and all legislation for absolute repeal of the death penalty, including HB 225 and SB 211 in the 2007 Legislative Session.

Based on the commandment “Thou shalt not kill”, we fundamentally oppose the death penalty. We believe no human being has the right to take the life of another.

Fundamental Quaker Testimonies recognize the divine creation and essential equality of all people. We also believe that the death penalty is contrary to our witness for peace and to our seeking to build community.

Annapolis Friends Meeting, of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), calls on the Governor and our representatives to the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates to enact legislation to repeal Maryland’s death penalty statutes and, further, to enact an immediate moratorium on executions in Maryland until such legislation is ratified into law.

Procedure for Recommending Recipients of Emergent Social Concerns (ESC) Fund has been revised with the assistance of Stewardship and Finance Committee. PSC Committee has agreed to this Procedure, and it will be published monthly in the AFM Newsletter.

Maryland’s House Bill 902/Senate Bill 823, which would establish a Task Force to Promote Nonviolent and Peaceful Ways to Resolve Conflict, were brought to our attention by Ted. Harold will contact Phil Favero and Careen Mayer for their appraisal of this proposed legislation and will make recommendations about it to Meeting.

Following Worship Sharing on the spiritual state of the committee, we closed in brief silent worship. Committee members affirmed our confidence in our clerk, assuring her that we hold her in the Light and share responsibility with her.

PROCEDURE FOR RECOMMENDING RECIPIENTS OF THE ESC FUND

All 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.

DARFUR UPDATE: SUDAN DIVESTMENT

-by Sylvia Oliva

While the genocide rages and most of Sudan is in shambles, the Khartoum-based government enriches itself obscenely on its oil revenues and buys a lot of expensive military equipment. The U.S. has imposed economic sanctions against Sudan, and individual Americans can boost the power of these sanctions by joining a campaign of targeted divestment.

Initiated years ago by college students across the country, divestment is growing in universities, states, cities, and pension plans which have investments in companies that do business with the Sudanese government. As an example, in 2005 student activists convinced Harvard University to sell \$4.4 million worth of stock it owned in Petro China, one of the largest oil companies operating in Sudan.

Targeted divestment focuses on the most egregiously offending companies. It aims to have the maximal impact on the Sudanese government’s behavior, while causing minimal harm to innocent Sudanese civilians and investment returns. Illinois, NJ, Oregon, Maine, California and Connecticut have already divested, and many states have pending legislation to do so.

Maryland has state pension funds invested with 26 companies doing business with or in Sudan, at a total of an estimated \$496.2 million. Legislation for targeted divestment was introduced in the Maryland House of Delegates in 2005, and again in 2006, but so far it has failed to pass. A nine-month study was conducted on the effects of the bill. Early this year State Senator Rob Garagiola will be introducing legislation. Let us contact our state senators and ask them to co-sponsor this bill. All the information you may need, including talking points and a sample letter, can be found at www.SudanDivestment.org. Or call the Sudan Divestment Task Force at 310-500-7776.

It made a difference in **South Africa**. It can make a difference in **Sudan**. Check into your personal investments, too.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HABITAT PROJECT IN GLEN BURNIE

Volunteers are needed every Saturday in March to help with a Habitat building project in the Freetown neighborhood. Annapolis Friends Meeting is a sponsoring church. Our goal is to supply four volunteers each day to help with construction; in addition, the Meeting is responsible for lunch on March 17 and March 24. Response in January and February was good but we were frequently a volunteer short. This is a very rewarding way to spend a Saturday; if you are interested, please get in touch with Peter Meredith at (410) 647-2487 or meredithp@att.net.

LIBRARY CORNER

MULTI-MEDIA OFFERINGS

-from Nan Elsbree

Have you looked at the shelf above the counter? If not take a look. There are DVDs, VHS and cassette tapes to explore.

DVDs: range from the classic **Friendly Persuasion** to one by BYM youth: **Out of the Silence** to Al Gore's **An Inconvenient Truth**. **Searching for Peace in the Middle East** is a very interesting DVD. Composed of interviews with diverse Israelis and Palestinians it shows that both sides yearn for peace.

VHS include a tape of AFM's building dedication in 1993. Other topics range from racism to Quakers in Russia and in Fayetteville, NC.

Cassettes include Ann Riggs talk: **Stillness, surrounding, sustaining and strengthening** at Friends General Conference Gathering. There are two sets of tapes. One is on the Bible and one on Quaker Myths.

We have much for which to be grateful. The library committee thanks Phil and Ilene Caroom for the cushion on the chair; V. Pawlewicz, L. Pickens, L. and D. Johnson for books; W. and M. Candler for the DVD: **An Inconvenient Truth**.

I personally thank Ria Hawkins for helping to process the books and Schuyler for his patient assistance updating the library catalogue. If I have forgotten anyone please accept my apology.

SAVE MAY 5TH 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 you calendars to come help sort items May 2nd, 3rd and 4th and to help with the market on Saturday May 5th. All help is welcome. Come be a part of this Spring Fling!

PERSONNALLY SPEAKING (excerpted from 1/18/07 *Pelican Press*)

-from Fran Palmieri

I've been photographing at a nearby state park for the past two years. What's inside the park interests me, thrills me and feeds my soul. What's outside the gates haunts me.

Florida scrub jays, gopher tortoises, all though commonly seen in the park, are never seen in my neighborhood just across the Trail. Chapman's myrtle and sand live oaks, all common at the park, will never grace anyone's lawn. Many of the beautiful wildflowers at the park are never planted in yards or gardens. More and more, I am resentful of the fact that I have to go inside the park gates to witness anything real.

How has this come about? For one thing, deed restricted neighborhoods interested in keeping up appearance and property values insist that residents plant lawns, perpetuating a wasteful and expensive practice. They require weed-free lawn, thereby promoting the use of toxic chemicals to keep them that way. Lawns are sterile, monotonous and lifeless. It is like posting a Keep Out sign to wildlife who can't eat the stud, find shelter in it, hide in it, nest in it. The only life a lawn supports is fire ants. ...

This is a new year and there is always room for hope. Plus some action. Here's what I put on my list:

- Live in an area without deed restrictions or one with enlightened policies
- Elect officials with a clearly state environmental policy and a track record to back it up, vote the moribund ones out.
- Buy a biodiesel car or carpool, bike, walk
- Downsize. So I really need 2,000 square feet under air?
- Shop less, accumulate even less, store nothing.
- Think sustainable, buy "used," recycle.
- Garden for wildlife, plant native plants, weed by hand.

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Palmieri Continued:

- Buy local produce, eat at local restaurants that buy locally.
- Turn the thermostat up in summer, down in winter
- Join local environmental groups and get to work.

What is on your list? Look in the faces of your children and think of their grandchildren and their grandchildren. Start now.

ENVIRONMENTAL SMALL STEPS

-by James Kniskern

I'm sure that we will have folks around who would like to take a look at what we are doing. All added up they sound like big things, but they aren't really. Mary and I have just taken many small steps. We put some of those things into action that people may have read about. There are lots of things that we still want to do, but either don't have the time, money, or the solar window to accomplish.

I don't know if there is a list on the internet of things that can be done that are environmentally friendly, but there should be, shouldn't there? Here is a list of the things that Mary and I have done so far. Keep in mind that we tackle things in small batches, and keep working on them until they are done. None of this was done overnight! It takes time. Also it is a matter of changing some habits, and making things work for you!

1. Rain barrels at all 5 downspouts. These were assembled in 5 phases, and I learned how to make them from the internet! And yes, they are made from Rubbermaid 32 gallon trashcans. Each phase of rain barrels got little improvements and tweaks to make it better,

so by the time I was installing the fifth set, I got it done in just a couple of hours. We use the water for the gardens around the house. The nice thing is that we don't have to carry water far to water plants.

2. Low flow showerhead - low cost item at Home Depot. Reduces water usage by leaps and bounds, but still gives you the feeling of water pounding on you as you shower. It gives plenty of pressure to rinse shampoo out of hair and such. Ours doesn't quite match the other fixtures in the bathroom, but certainly does allow us to save huge amounts of water.

3. Greywater usage: Mary's idea. Catch water in the tub, carry it outside to water plants. We don't do this much in the wintertime, since the plants are sleeping. We do save shower water in 2 buckets next to the toilet to use for flushing. This came about because we have an old house, and didn't want to retrofit the place with more pipes to the outside. Also kids use MUCH less water when they have to carry it outside in buckets. It makes them think about what they are using. Our water consumption dropped to only 5 units per quarter.

We could get much more strict on this, by saving dishwater (no dishwasher in our house, hand washing only) and even saving hand-washing water too. We will probably do this in the spring when we need more water.

4. Electricity - Putting off-and-on-switched power strips on computers, entertainment centers and other things. - Electronic equipment that is in "standby" uses power, just waiting for you to use your remote control. This is essentially wasted power. Ok, so if you want a clock, use a clock that uses wind-up mechanism, or a rechargeable battery. Forget about the clocks in the electronics. They drain power.

5. Compact Florescent Lights (CFL): These are the famous curly bulbs. They save TONS of electricity! When Mary and I married, I started replacing all of the bulbs in her house with these. They are more expensive initially, but save money overall. They pay for themselves. There is something even better, and as of yet more expensive initially: LED lights. They last for 10s of years and use even less energy than CFLs. They take a bit more wiring, as they run on Direct Current (DC) instead of AC. Mary and I haven't moved to these yet, but will when we build our next house.

6. Get rid of the lawn. This took us about 3 years. Plan pathways and plant/flower beds. Make changes in small sections. Did you know that mowing grass using either gas or electric mowers is a fantastic waste of energy, money and time? If you absolutely have to keep some grass, then keep the patch small, only 30-40 square feet, just enough to have some green, or walk on barefoot. This can be easily cut with a rotary push mower, which uses no fossil fuel, and allows exercise too. Remember to let your grass clippings mulch down into the soil to feed your grass. That requires far less fertilizer, which is good for the environment too. Getting rid of the lawn saves hundreds of gallons of water, as well as fossil fuels required to make, transport and clean up fertilizers. The key to getting rid of your lawn is do a little bit at a time, and work toward building the soil. Once you have done this, the system actually takes far less work to maintain. Mary can actually weed the entire front gardens in about a half an hour. This is because we have it so heavily mulched and planted with plants we want, they crowd out the weeds. Planted and mulched garden beds hold more water than shallow rooted lawn grass, keeping much less runoff from leaving your property.

7. Gas mileage - Try to purchase a car with the highest gas mileage possible. Hybrids are better. Full electric if they suit your needs. Most people only travel long distances a few times a year - buy accordingly. I personally found it much more fun to buy a small

engined scooter. It gets me to work on warmer days and gets about 80 MPG. So I think I'm doing a bit for global warming, and still having fun at the same time. Of course, it would be better if my job were only 3 miles from home, instead of 18, but I still have to get back and forth.

8. Use of "Bay Friendly" cleaners. This came about not because we wanted to "save the Bay" but because we didn't want to have to have another dry well dug for our septic system. Our first dry well stopped working, and caused a backup of sewage into the house, not a pleasant thing. So I read up on everything not to put into a septic system. Harsh cleaners, bleach, high phosphorus detergents, paint, borax, Epsom salt, and anything else that will kill my beneficial bacteria in the system is forbidden. This has the added benefit of making things biodegradable, and easy to put on the garden, and good for the Bay. It is a selfish reason, and frugal, to be environmentally friendly... It's expensive and smells bad to have septic system problems.

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Kniskern Continued:

9. Get energy efficient appliances. We are still working on this one. We always shop for the best energy efficient appliances we can afford. Knowing how they will be more cost effective and efficient makes a slightly more up-front cost more bearable. We have to remember that the cost of using the appliance will go in lower energy costs later on. Demand quality, efficiency and usability.
10. Hang clothes out on a clothes line. Lines are easy to put up, and clothespins are inexpensive. Even if the clothes are a little damp, 10 minutes in the dryer to finish them up will still save money and energy. We estimate we saved about \$300 in the last year by hanging out laundry. As I told a friend recently, if you want softer clothes, use distilled vinegar in the rinse cycle, and tumble the clothes for 5 minutes after they are dry.
11. Drying clothes in the winter: Put a vent on the dryer that will allow moist hot air to be blown into the house instead of outside. Most people with central air have very dry homes. Added humidity makes the house feel warmer, and a load or two of laundry moisture won't make the house feel damp. Also, central heating dries the air in the house anyway. Also, a bit of heat from the dryer is saved, keeping your money from flying out the vent. Our vent can be switched to outside flow in the summer.
12. Water Filters - Simple carbon filter makes water taste better, and also removes some of the chlorine/ chloramine/fluoride that is added to water in Maryland.
13. Composting Toilets. Simple to build and use. A bit of a chore, but saves HUGE amounts of drinking water from being flushed away.
14. Weather proof doors and windows. Weather stripping is inexpensive at hardware stores. I'm amazed at the amount of savings from sealing up those doors and windows. It takes a bit of practice to apply, but as my Dad used to say to us kids "Close the door! I'm not heating the entire outdoors!"
15. Install extra insulation in attics, crawlspaces, basements, exterior walls. We are still working on this, and add insulation as we can afford it. Doing it ourselves is least expensive, but again, pays for itself later on. This is equal to putting an extra blanket on the bed, or an extra sweater on when you are feeling cool.
16. Buy locally grown/produced foods. Support your local farmers market. They often have organic foods, which are better for you and have traveled much shorter distances. Buying local saves fuel to transport food. Organic foods are higher in nutrients and trace minerals, and have no pesticides. One of my little sayings during sweet corn season, "If it is good enough for the worms, then it is good for me!" I just leave the worm in the pile of husks for the compost bin, cut out the worm eaten bit, and eat the rest of the corn.
17. Eat seasonally grown foods. This works if you garden, and if you don't, patronize those farmer's markets and freeze or can your food for the off season. This is something new for us, and while we are moving in this direction, we still have a good way to go.
18. Eat fewer processed foods. This allows you to be healthier and eat better foods. It has an advantage of allowing you to cook more for yourself at home, and eat recipes you like. Processed foods are packaged with way too much waste wrapping, have been transported way too far, and usually aren't good for you anyway.
19. Eat less meat. It costs enormous amounts of energy and water to feed, transport, and otherwise produce meat for your table. Use less, or for even better health go vegetarian or vegan (animal-derived food free). Reduce dairy and eggs. High energy cost to produce/transport, high health cost of consuming.
20. Lower house temperature in winter. If we are cold, we put a sweater on. We rarely have the house warmer than 66 in the winter. In the summer, our thermostat is set at 78 or 80. If we feel warm, we go outside and spend some time. Then coming inside feels cooler. The advantage is that the AC makes the house drier, so we feel cooler. 80 is pretty cool on a 95 degree day.
21. Wash laundry in cold water. It takes energy to heat water, and clothes get just as clean in cold water too. For extra-soiled clothes, try adding hydrogen peroxide (but not too much) to help your cleaner. Hydrogen peroxide won't harm the septic either.
22. Wash clothes less often. If your clothes aren't dirty, don't wash them after just one wearing. Wear clothes until they are soiled, and need to be washed. Over washing makes clothes age faster. (This works pretty well for adults, but for kids of course, they soil clothes pretty quickly.) I have a set of "gardening clothes" that I put on to garden in. This keeps my other clothes cleaner longer. (Undershirts and underwear are worn for a day, then washed.)

Things we are planning to do in our next home include all of the above things plus:

Solar water heater

Solar panels - either selling power to power company or going off-grid completely

High thermal mass walls - cool in summer, warm in winter.

Heat with efficient "rocket heater" using scrap wood.

Living roof - again, cools in summer, holds in heat in the winter.

Sun room - shaded in summer, warms house in winter, brings natural light into the home. Allows seeds to be started for garden earlier. Possible food production inside the house during winter.

And more things that I'm sure we will figure out as we go.

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, 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 mardybp@comcast.net or Caroline Rodgers carri585@earthlink.net for information regarding what has to be done at the AFM level to apply

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS CALENDAR

The 335th annual session to be held at Frostburg State University Frostburg, Maryland from July 31- August 5, 2007.
Theme: Nourishing the Seeds of Hope

INTERIM MEETING - Clerk: Michael Cronin

March 24, 2007 – Gunpowder: 10:00 a.m. for BYM committee meetings and 1:00 for business sessions.

UPCOMING: June 16, 2007 - Dunnings Creek October 20, 2007 - Friends Meeting of Washington March 29, 2008 – Williamsburg

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 for more information. A free lunch will be provided if you register ahead of time.

STRATEGY IS POSSIBLE WORKSHOP

The William Penn House and Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Peace and Social Concerns Committee are co-sponsoring the workshop, "Strategy is Possible." The workshop will take place on Saturday, March 17, 2007 from 9AM to 6PM at the William Penn House on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. Daniel Hunter of Training for Change will facilitate. Training for Change is a group founded by George Lakey that helps activists stand up more effectively for justice, peace and the environment. Daniel will share key lessons gleaned from Training for Change's Strategy Project focused on successful social movements around the world.

So if you would like to get a fresh perspective on social change strategies, gain tools to develop effective strategy, get to know Friends from other Meetings and reflect on ways Monthly Meetings might work together for peace and social justice, please join us for this workshop! The cost is \$45 per person after February 15th. To register or for more information, please call Bernadette Odyniec at 202-543-5560, email bernadette@williampennhouse.org, or go to www.WilliamPennHouse.org.

PENDLE HILL: RACISM WORK AND PEOPLE OF COLOR OPPORTUNITIES

Dr. Darya Funches, a gifted mentor to Niyonu Spann and others, will be offering a series of three events for People of Color entitled, "From the Disinherited to the Chosen" the weekend of March 9-11, and for two four-day gatherings in June and August. Also on March 9-11, Chuck Esser, Pamela Haines, and Ingrid Lakey will be leading a weekend workshop on "White People Working to End Racism." On March 30-April 1, Dr. Hal Weaver will be leading a weekend examination of the lives of Paul Robeson and Bayard Rustin in "Lift Every Voice and Sing." It's also not too early to begin planning to take "Beyond Diversity 101" with Niyonu June 25-30 (or maybe just enjoying a short course with her as she leads her very popular "Singing Our Souls" from May 14-18. We are also blessed to have a diverse faculty leading a wide range of programs. More details are available on our website: www.pendlehill.org, or call John J. Meyer at 800-742-3150, ext. 121, or Becky Birtha, our new constituent services coordinator at ext. 137.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. His mercies never come to an end. Lamentations 3:22

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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-from the Ad Hoc Committee on Electronic Communication

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*Speak to Him thou for he hears, and spirit with spirit may meet,
Closer to us than breathing, nearer than hands or feet. Alfred Lord Tennyson*

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracle, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

I Corinthians 12: 8-11.

Remember, O my soul that the Prince of Peace is thy Lord, that he communicates his unmixed wisdom to his family, that they, living in perfect simplicity, may give no just cause of offense to any creature, but may walk as he walked. John Woolman (1720-1772)

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