

## 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: 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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### January 2006 CALENDAR

01	(1)	11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
02				<b>Meeting provides Lighthouse Shelter Supper (page 4)</b>
03		12:00 Noon	-	Lunch Bunch
08	(2)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business (page 2)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		12:00 Noon	-	Potluck
15	(3)	9:00 A.M.	-	Peace and Social Concerns Committee Meeting
		9:30 A.M.	-	Committee Meetings
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		12:30 P.M.	-	Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting
21			-	<b>Family Night and Movie (page 3)</b>
22	(4)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Exploring The Religious Society Of Friends (page 2)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School
		9:00 P.M.	-	<b>Newsletter Items Due:</b> email AFMeeting@ yahoo.com
28		6:30 P.M.	-	<b>Hope Rises from the Ashes of My Lai (page 3)</b>
29	(5)	9:00 A.M.	-	<b>Fifth Sunday Coffee (page 2)</b>
		11:00 A.M.	-	Meeting for Worship and First Day School

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**Care of the Meeting House for First Month: Ministry and Worship**

### QUERIES FOR FIRST MONTH: MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP

Are meetings for worship held in expectant waiting for Divine Guidance? Are Friends encouraged to share spiritual insights? Are special gifts of ministry recognized and encouraged?

Do you come to meeting with heart and mind prepared? Are you careful not to disturb the spirit of the meeting by late arrival or in other ways? *Faith and Practice, p.37*

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*For when I came into the silent assemblies of God's people, I felt a secret power among them which touched my heart; and as I gave way unto it, I found the evil weakening in me and the good raised up. Robert Barclay*

## ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING COMMITTEE CLERKS

COMMITTEE	CLERK OR CO-CLERKS
<b>Children's Religious Education:</b>	Cairn Krafft (410-257-2379)
<b>Nursery Care Coordinator</b>	Suzanne Spoor (410-721-6187)
<b>Meeting House &amp; Lands:</b>	Sky Elsbree (410-647-3591) and Don Sillars (301-262-3581)
<b>Ministry &amp; Worship:</b>	Phil Favero (410-268-4716) and Dot Walizer (410-721-4737)
<b>Outreach:</b>	Pat Schenck (410-263-4529)
<b>Pastoral Care:</b>	Joanna Mendelman (410-626-0361)
<b>Peace and Social Concerns:</b>	Jennifer DeLorge McKeown (410-266-5559)
<b>Stewardship and Finance:</b>	Don Lamb-Minor (443-742-1618)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Wes Jordan (410-721-1839)
<b>Trustees:</b>	Dot Walizer (410-721-4737)



## REMINDER

**FIRST MONTH MEETING FOR WORSHIP WITH A CONCERN FOR BUSINESS  
will be held on January 8 due to New Year's Day falling on the first First Day**

## MINISTRY AND WORSHIP CORNER

**MEETING FOR LEARNING: EXPLORING THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS**  
-from Dot Walizer

Are you wondering about this topic? Curious about this group of seekers? Wondering how it came to be-and how it still remains? Please come and join us as we learn and explore that which makes us the Religious Society of Friends: our traditions, our beliefs, our theology and our history. All are welcome. We begin at 9:00 a.m. January 22 and will continue on February 12 and 26 and finish on 12 March 12.

The first meeting will concentrate on a historical overview: how we began and what forms the foundation of our faith tradition. Subsequent meetings will explore our traditions and testimonies, vocal ministry, how we are organized, and what does it mean when the notation RSOF appears beside your name.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact anyone on the Ministry and Worship Committee. See you there.

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**FIFTH FIRST DAY COFFEE**  
-from Dot Walizer

We have set aside every fifth First Day (January 29 at 9:00 am) for an informal gathering around the concern of membership and how one becomes (or why would you want to) a member of the Religious Society of Friends (aka Quakers). If you have questions about membership or would just like a chance to talk about the Quaker tradition and what membership means, please come and join us for a cup of coffee and some pastry. There is no set formal agenda. Everyone, friends who are members or sojourners and friends who are attenders or the merely curious are welcome. See you in the Library.

## OUTREACH CORNER

### PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR: FAMILY NIGHT AT THE MEETING HOUSE ON 1/28/06

The next Saturday night potluck will feature the classic family movie "The Friendly Persuasion," on January 21 (snow date Jan. 28). This delightful story of 19<sup>th</sup> century Indiana Quakers is based on the novel by Jessamyn West (she wrote the screenplay as well).

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### 1/28/06 POTLUCK AND PROGRAM: HOPE RISES FROM THE ASHES OF MY LAI

Mark your calendars now for the next Saturday Night Potluck program, a slide presentation and discussion of a series of current peace and reconciliation projects in Vietnam, offered by Mike Boehm of Madison, Wisconsin, on January 28. Potluck will be at 6:30 with the presentation at 7:30, all in the meeting room.

Vietnam veteran Mike Boehm has been working in My Lai and elsewhere in Vietnam since 1992. A veteran who served in Cu Chi, Vietnam from 1968 to 1969, Boehm first returned to Vietnam in 1992 to help build a medical clinic. He has traveled to Vietnam 14 times since then to facilitate these projects.

While there he began to come to terms with his own experiences there and to understand the tremendous capacity of people-to-people projects for building peace and reconciliation between two societies. Boehm's work in Vietnam has included providing loans to over 3,000 women in 16 different villages including My Lai, building on the Grameen Bank model of micro credit. In addition he has helped facilitate the construction of new primary schools in My Lai and two Peace Parks, the Vietnamese-American Peace Park north of Hanoi and the My Lai Peace Park. He also has helped facilitate the exchange of artwork between the children of My Lai and Madison, Wisconsin.

Madison Quakers, Inc., Boehm's sponsoring organization, is a non-profit corporation created specially to support this work in Vietnam. In the last 10 years, Madison Quakers have raised more than \$500,000 to further the projects. Madison Quakers, Inc. also funds the Sisters Meeting Sisters project. This project will bring together the women of Vietnam and El Salvador to share their experiences of rebuilding their lives, families and communities after war.

This program is jointly sponsored by Peace and Social Concerns Committee and Outreach Committee. Members and attenders of Annapolis Friends Meeting are welcome to bring their friends, relatives and neighbors.

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### DECONSTRUCTING RACISM GROUP TO MEET

- Pat Schenck

Since the series of workshop on diversity led by Marilyn Gilmore several years ago, a group has been meeting on a quarterly basis to consider issues of racism that we struggle with personally and to think about how we can move our meeting forward to being a more welcoming community. Although Marilyn has moved to Colorado, we intend to continue meeting. Occasionally there is some sort of presentation, but often, discussion of our own experiences over the past three months fills the entire morning. I think we all have learned a lot and increased our awareness through this sharing. We are making a fresh start and inviting anyone who is interested to join the group at its next meeting on January 14 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon in the library at the Meeting House.

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### LIBRARY CORNER

The newly formed library committee will meet over pot luck on the 8th of January in the library. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us. Come explore the library. Winter is a good time to catch up on reading. We have a variety of reading materials from Pendle Hill pamphlets of 25 pages to books of longer length. Our subjects vary from Quakerism to the testimonies to spirituality to religions to parenting and even some fiction. There are some tapes of lectures given by prominent Quakers. So stop in and browse. The catalogue of books is in the white binder. Pendle Hill pamphlet listings are in the blue book on the shelf with the pamphlets under the newcomers sign. Watch for our corner in next month's newsletter. Any questions give me a call: Nan Elsbree 410-647-3591

## PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS CORNER

### ANNAPOLIS AREA MINISTRIES LIGHTHOUSE AND ANCHOR HOUSE SHELTERS

AFM provides the shelter meal each first Monday (January 2<sup>nd</sup> this month). Valerie Pawlewicz and Leo Pickens (410-280-0939) 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.

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#### Tom Fox

We will continue to hold vigils for Tom Fox Wednesdays from 7pm-8pm until he and his colleagues are released. Please continue to hold Tom Fox and his co peacemaker members in the Light, as well as their families and F(friends, especially Tom's support committee. Let us also live out our Peace testimony by also holding those holding Tom in the Light. If you would like more information please contact Jennifer DeLorge McKeown at 410-266-5559.

Peace and Social Concerns committee has sent letters of support for Tom Fox in the name of the committee to Alexandria Monthly Meeting, Hopewell Centre, Langley Hill Meeting, Baltimore Yearly Meeting and Christian Peacemaker Teams. We would like Meeting to consider an Annapolis Friends Meeting minute of support. Here is our draft for your consideration.

*The Peace and Social Concerns Committee of the Annapolis Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends offers our prayers and support for Tom Fox and his colleagues on the Christian Peacemaker Team who are being held in Iraq. We hold them in the Light as well as their families and all who are suffering because of the war in Iraq.*

#### Quaker Causes

Peace and Social Concerns Committee has met several times to discuss where we feel led for Quaker Causes for the 2006 budget. We submit the following for Meeting's consideration. We attempted to balance two concerns. First was to make our gifts more effective by reducing the number of causes on our list; second was the desire to increase the number of worthy our causes. We concluded that symbolic gifts, no matter how small they may appear have weight beyond financial gifts and have added four causes. Because the newly created Emergent Social Concerns Fund has a fixed 20%, some of the other figures were adjusted to some rather unusual percentages. The four new causes are starred with further explanations following.

Emergent Social Concerns 20% (fixed)	Lighthouse Shelter 22.12 %
Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center 13.12%	BYM Camping 8.4%
*We Care and Friends 6.4%	*International Friends Center in Ramallah 4.5%
*Friends Peace Teams 4%	AFSC 2.56%
FCNL 2.56%	Pendle Hill 2.56%
William Penn House 2.56%	Right Sharing 2.56%
Burial Grounds 2.5%	Washington Work Camps in DC 2.08%
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**We Care and Friends** received support from Annapolis Friends Meeting when we had a surplus last year. One Friend described them as a quasi-Quaker cause in that the work they are doing with youth in the Clay Street area is building the beginnings of non-violence. Baltimore Yearly Meeting asked Monthly Meetings to contribute to the **Friends International Center in Ramallah**. Although we did not give as much as requested, we see Friends Center as a symbol of hope and reconciliation in the Middle East. We have given to **Friends Peace Teams** in the past for their work in bringing together people from both sides of the genocide in Rwanda, as well as other long term conflicts throughout the world. We would like to officially support their efforts. **John Calvi** has been working since 1982 helping heal survivors of trauma: sexual abuse, inmates, tortured refugees, ritual abuse survivors, addicts, and hospice. Currently he has called the Religious Society of Friends to a Conference on the Treatment and Prevention of Torture, which will be held June 2-4, 2006 at Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina. It is hoped that a well-planned conference can inform without overwhelming and develop a wide variety of actions towards changing laws and policies and for rehabilitation for both survivors and perpetrators. We would like to support his efforts as well.

#### Healthy Air Act

We submit to meeting a draft letter to go to Speaker of the House Busch as well as our State Senators and Delegates in support of the Healthy Air Act.

*As members of Annapolis Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, we recognize our responsibility to be good stewards of the environment. Because we are concerned about the growing problem of pollution in Maryland, we urge you to support legislation which improves the quality of air and water. We are delighted that legislation is proposed to address air quality in 2006. We ask that you make the Maryland Healthy Air Act a priority in this upcoming legislation session.*

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## **Peace and Social Concerns Continued:**

### **Military Recruitment**

Public Law 107-110, the No Child Left behind Act, states that either students or parents may request that personal information not be released to military recruiters without written parental consent and that schools must notify parents of the option to make such a request and must comply with the request. We are writing to the superintendent of Anne Arundel County Public Schools to find out how this information is being shared with parents and student. We look forward to sharing what we learn. If you would like more information and an “opt-out” letter, please visit AFSC’s website, specifically, [www.afsc.org/youthmil/militarism-in-schools/default.htm#opt](http://www.afsc.org/youthmil/militarism-in-schools/default.htm#opt)

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## **MARKET THANKS**

-from Valerie Pawlewicz

Once again a successful market! How could it not be, you ask? I’ll tell you: each Market is a gift of faith. Will enough people come to help out? Will there be enough items to sell and of the “right” kind? Will the word get out and will people actually show up on our doorsteps to purchase items? Will these people, new to our ways, play by the strange rules of “fair donation” and really give us a reasonable amount in exchange for our goods? Each year it is an unknown; and each year I am surprised by the yes, yes, and yes to each of these questions. I’m sure I am not alone in asking these questions nor in the surprise at the strong, positive response.

Below are just a few highlights:

Don Lamb-Minor dropping off kitchen items, mid-week and in the dark of night, to ensure a successful Dude’s contribution (he then returned to the Market—after a half-day of work in Baltimore—to help run and close the kitchen);  
Phyllis Singer arranging to donate items amidst a family move and crisis;  
Karl Richmond and Phil Caroom saving our shoppers from extreme seasonal smoke-inhalation by figuring out how to open the chimney flue AFTER a lit wood fire was fully under way (whoops!);  
Mod Lauren Slavin and her two stylish teenager friends sashaying through our kitchen—one who color-coordinated her miniskirt with her orthodontal braces—and finding something to amuse themselves for upwards of two hours;  
Erica Barbera introducing her new stuffed bunny, and then hugging, new shoppers arriving through our front door;  
An old friend I haven’t seen in over five years received a flyer and decided to spend her afternoon at the Meeting House, purchasing gifts, eating soup, visiting with me and running into other old friends of hers;  
Lynada and David not just delivering box after box of lovely items, but at the last minute enlisting friends to drop off items, too;  
Harold Saunders personally serving end-of-the-Market coffee to the stalwart clean-up crew;  
Marcia taking the mop by the horns and cleaning the kitchen floor;  
Jeff being called a “Tarzan” as he single-handedly (and impressively) carried tables to the closet;  
Skyler and Nan Elsbree—last out of the Meeting House—offering to be the ones to pick up the last sign (the heaviest) along Rowe Blvd.

I am sure you, too, have your own memories to add.

It is heartwarming to work alongside our tried-but-true Market veterans (I initially wrote “tired-but-true veterans”—perhaps not to far off the mark). Our “tired-but-true” Market veterans include, but are not limited to, Jean Christianson, Dot Walizer, Joan Alspaw, Cairn Kraft, Harold & Kathy Saunders, Careen Mayer, Carol Hitchings, Dottie Kinsman-Brown, Skyler & Nan Elsbree, Karl Richmond, Phil Caroom, Sylvia Oliva, Ruth & Lauren Slavin, David & Lynada Johnson, and Meg & Don Sellars. It is also encouraging to see relatively new members take part in the Market, such as positive energy shown by Kris Roszyiki and Carolyn Rodgers.

To these folks and all unnamed lovely souls, I salute you: what menschs! The world is run by such menschs. And, I for one, am proud to be counted in your wonderful number.

PS Oh yes! We netted over \$2,000 (money is still coming in). This is the highest amount every netted by a market (we have grossed over \$2k in past markets, but would fall just under the final total once expenses were recovered). As a community, we can feel proud of establishing and running a successful and highly regarded.

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

You are invited to a potluck William Penn House on Sunday, January 8, 2006 at 6:30 PM. Our Program this First Day is presented by Byron Sandford, Executive Director of William Penn House. A member of Friends Meeting of Washington Byron will lead a discussion on the “40 Years of Quaker Witness on Capitol Hill: William Penn House.” In 1966, under the care of the Friends Meeting of Washington, William Penn House was founded by Bob and Sally Cory. As we celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> year of service, we will look back at our legacy and share our vision of the present and future of this grand old House. Bring a dish to share; family members and friends are always welcome. William Penn House, 515 East Capitol Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

## MORE ON WILLIAM PENN HOUSE

Below is a letter which was composed by Maia Carter Hallward a fellow board member at the William Penn House and member of FMW. Maia took a 6 month leave from the board this past year to return to Ramallah and work on her graduate degree. She has spent several years working with the Ramallah Friends School, and with Palestinian people. I found her letter so eloquent in describing the accomplishments and challenges of the William Penn House that I wanted to share it with AFM. Her letter articulates the value of this wonderful resource, which is so dependent on our contributions, and presents a great opportunity to “reinforce behavior you would like to see increase”. If you are led to contribute to the Penn House, or would like to visit the Penn House and meet the staff, the address is: 515 East Capitol St, Washington, DC 20003. Or you can talk to me about coming for a tour.

Peace, Bonnie Peregoy

Dear Friend,

I have the privilege of serving on the Board of William Penn House, which, as you well know, is a Quaker organization that puts faith into action and helps create space in which others can act on their faith as well. It has been an exciting few years of service, as the organization has moved onto more solid financial footing and has begun to renovate and refurbish the house, which is beginning to show its age. We are blessed with able and dedicated staff members who are active in local Quaker meetings and national Quaker bodies. Under their leadership, William Penn House has embarked on a revitalizing mission that seeks to be good stewards of our physical resources—taking care of our property—and be good stewards of our social resources—letting our lives speak through expanded programs. The commitment to vision and lived mission has resulted in record occupancy rates in the past year, and superlative comments in the guest book.

As William Penn House nears its 40th anniversary our programs are expanding and our clientele is broadening. Washington Quaker Workcamps (WQW) has become a thriving ministry and has even added an additional part-time staff member. Through work and worship, workcampers make love visible and change lives—their own and those with whom they work. After two years of operating out of William Penn House, WQW became an official program of William Penn House in 2005, a transition which has benefited both organizations synergistically.

This past year also brought the second Teachers of Peace conference, funded again through grant money that allowed us to offer the three-day event free to Middle and High School teachers from across the United States and Canada. Participants included teachers from all four “flavors” of Quakerism, as well as Muslim, Jewish, and other faith traditions. The weekend was an exciting opportunity to envision ways in which to integrate peace studies into the classroom as well as to stimulate the imagination through presentations from peacemakers active in a variety of arenas. I was blessed enough to be able to participate in much of the weekend and gained new perspectives on aspects of the complexity that is involved in teaching and living peace.

In the upcoming year we anticipate growing even more into our mission and vision; a fantastic opportunity made possible because of our firm financial foundation (thanks in part to generous contributors like you!) and committed staff. One of these new projects is a William Penn Peace Prize, which will publicly acknowledge those walking a path of peace in times of war and demonstrate that another way is possible. We are also working to bring our staff salaries in line with comparable nonprofits, including other Quaker organizations, so that we can better demonstrate that we value them and not just take value from them.

We are extending the challenge this year of asking our community of supporters to consider doubling the amount they have contributed in the past. My husband and I doubled our own gift this year, based in part on my own feeling so enriched by the love and support of the community at William Penn House. In addition, I feel that I have greatly benefited from the spiritual and educational programs provided by William Penn House—monthly potlucks with discussions led by area Quakers on their international and local work, Teachers of Peace, FCNL lobbying weekend, workcamps, etc. It has been incredibly exciting to watch William Penn House grow steadily since the slow months after September 11th, 2001 and to see it once again come into its own as a vibrant place of Quaker witness. I am thrilled to be part of this effort and hope you will join me in it.

In peace and love, Maia Carter Hallward

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## FRIENDS OF COLOR WORSHIP GROUP

The Friends of Color Worship Group meets the first First Day of every month at 9:15 in the Terrace Room at Friends Meeting of Washington, 2111 Florida Ave NW in Washington DC. All Friends of color (members or attenders) and their families are welcome.

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***The Quaker meeting for worship is not a place for individual meditation, it is a community in which two or three are gathered together to wait upon the presence in the midst which links us all. Edward Hoare, Deepening the Spiritual Life of the Meeting, FGC, 1995***

## THE IRAQ WAR AS SEEN FROM CAPITOL HILL AND BAGHDAD: RICK MCDOWELL AND MARY TROTOCHAUD

Friends Committee on National Legislation senior fellows for Iraq policy, will share their first-hand experience in that war-torn country, their impressions of Capitol Hill since joining FCNL's staff last spring, and an assessment of congressional attitudes about the war and prospects for an early withdrawal.

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m. following Quaker worship at Bethesda Friends Meeting on the campus of Sidwell Friends Lower School, Edgemore Lane & Beverly Rd., Bethesda, Md. (*three blocks from the Bethesda Metro station*). Sponsored by the BFM Peace and Social Justice Committee. For directions go to web site at [www.bethesdafriends.org](http://www.bethesdafriends.org)

Rick and Mary returned to the U.S last March after living and working for two years in Iraq's "red zone." While in Iraq, they coordinated relief and development projects for the American Friends Service Committee and worked with emerging civil society organizations. They currently are part of FCNL's effort to raise up the "Iraqi voice" as they work for a just peace for the families of Iraq and the United States. They hear each day concerns from friends and associates in Iraq about security, living conditions, and the fragility of life.

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## CHARACTERISTICS OF HEALTHY MEETINGS AND WORSHIP GROUPS

The following was written by two FGC field workers, Jan Greene and Marty Walton, and published in the summer, 1998 edition of *FGConnections*.

One of the responsibilities of field workers is to help meetings grow into healthy communities of faith where individuals and the community can deepen their relationship to God and be more responsive to God's leadings. As we have been able to work with meetings in all stages of development from tiny worship groups to large city meetings, we have come to recognize some of the signs of healthy, vital meetings.

- A healthy meeting has a clear sense of itself and what it is called to do and be. It cares for the spiritual development of all but does not demand that anyone be at any particular place in their development. It recognizes that all are on a journey and are bound to be in different places. It provides a place where it is safe to say, "This is what I truly believe."
- A healthy meeting will include all types of people. It will provide a spiritual home where individuals are supported in making significant changes in their lives, in deepening their relationship with God, and in discerning God's leadings. It will have people who challenge by their example and who engage others in corporate accountability. It will have people who differ in perception about how the larger society can better express the values the whole meeting cherishes, and who are willing to explore those issues.
- A healthy meeting will offer children a spiritual language and a spiritual home. Children are windows of the divine and will teach older Friends in a community that includes them. The meeting will also offer spiritual nurturing to older Friends. Some older Friends and Friends with chronic illnesses may be experiencing years of deprivation and may be in special need of spiritual nurturing.
- A healthy meeting has Friends who know a lot about what is going on in each other's lives. The meeting will include many extended families sharing much more of life than one hour a week. A healthy monthly meeting keeps in close contact with older Friends.
- A healthy meeting has active links with the quarterly and yearly meeting, with Friends' organizations, and with the surrounding community, recognizing that there is no real barrier between the meeting and the rest of the world. When a meeting is strong, its members and attenders will talk to others about how important the meeting is to them. Visitors will be welcome and will sense the spiritual depth that this faith community offers.
- A healthy meeting cares for its corporate life-it acknowledges that it is more than just a collection of individual lives. It will discern those times when it has begun to move away from wholeness and will stay with difficult issues and wait for guidance from God. There will be recognition, repentance, healing, forgiveness. A healthy meeting will understand that conflict is inevitable in any meeting that is vital and growing and that, properly addressed, working through the conflict can deepen the meeting spiritually.
- The healthy meeting will provide spiritual nurture for the "difficult" Friend, but will understand that protecting the safety of the meeting as a faith community has priority. It will not confuse "being loving" or "being Quakerly" with tolerating the destructive behavior of an individual, but will understand that setting firm limits is loving.

ANNAPOLIS FRIENDS MEETING SILENT RETREAT AT DAYSPRING

February 3 - 5, 2006

Be still and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10)

Friends, I hope you can come share the silence of Dayspring Retreat Center. The warmth of spiritual community in the heart of winter, amid nature's beauty--what a blessing! Love and LIGHT to you as you consider joining in this adventure.

Details about the retreat follow, starting with excerpts from the Retreat Center's welcome letter:

The purpose of silent retreat is the deepening of communion with God, with other persons and with oneself. ... (We) make space for... a time of waiting in silence, in solitude, to hear the voice of the One Who speaks in everything that is, and who, most of all, speaks in the depths of our own being. (Thomas Merton)

LOCATION: Dayspring Retreat Center, 11301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20874 Telephone (in case of emergency): 301-428-9348

DIRECTIONS: From I-270 take the Damascus exit (#15), Route 118, to the east. Go 8/10 of a mile on 118 to MD Route 355. Turn left on 355 and go a SHORT block. Turn right onto Neelsville Church Rd. Continue 6/10 of a mile on Neelsville Church Rd. to Dayspring, a gravel drive on your left. Follow the road to the sign pointing to the silent retreat parking to the right OR C 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- 1) About 50 years ago, Church of the Savior in Washington, D.C. was led to establish Dayspring as a silent retreat center. Two simple buildings overlook meadows, woodlands and ponds filled with wildlife. The Inn (18 single rooms, each with Bible, bed, sink, desk and reading chair) and the Carpenter's Lodge (living room with fireplace, dining room, kitchen and porch) are connected by a path.
2) Meals are vegetarian. They are prepared and eaten in silence. A Dayspring cook prepares the food.. Retreatants carry out final preparation, set-up and clean-up.
3) Silence is maintained from Friday's opening meeting for worship through Sunday's closing worship.
4) Retreatants often bring Bibles, Friends writings or other devotional reading. If you have literature you would like to share, there will be a lending table in the Lodge.
5) You will need toilet articles, warm casual clothes, walking shoes or boots and a flashlight. Bed linens, blankets, pillows, washcloth and towels are provided.

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE:

Friday:

4:30 -
7:00 Arrival
7:00 Dinner
8:15 Introductions, Orientation,
Worship Sharing, Meeting
for Worship

Saturday:

7:30 Wake-up Chimes
8:00 Breakfast
9:30 Meeting for Worship
12:30 Lunch
4:00 Tea
4:15 Worship
6:30 Dinner
8:00 Meeting for Worship

Sunday:

7:30 Wake-up Chimes
8:00 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting for Worship
10:45 Break (Maintaining Silence)
11:00 Worship Sharing
12:30 Lunch
2:00 Departure

REGISTRATION

Make check for \$150 payable to Dayspring Retreat Center and give or mail to Jean Christianson, 189 Edgewater Rd., Pasadena ,MD 21122. We need a minimum of 10 registrants. Maximum capacity is 18. Your check will guarantee your spot. Count will be given to Dayspring Friday, 1/27. Checks will be deposited after the retreat. Feel free to call 410-544-1912 with questions.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

***With diligence meet together, and with diligence wait to feel the Lord God to arise, to scatter and expel all that which is the cause of leanness and barrenness upon any soul; for it is the Lord must do it, and he will be waited upon in sincerity and fervency of spirit; ...and let none be hasty to utter words, though manifest in the light in which ye wait upon the Lord; but still wait in silence, to know the power working in you to bring forth the words, in the ministration of the eternal word of life to answer the life in all. Stephen Crisp, 1663***

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*Do not be anxious about distracting thoughts, but ride through them to the still centre, and try, if only for an instant, to let yourself be quiet in body, mind, and soul. (Written on the door of the Flushing (New York) Meeting House)*

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***We become what we do. A great religious interpreter of our times once said that he kissed his child because he loved her and that he kissed his child in order to love her more. Regular participation in corporate worship is a school and workshop in which those who would grow in the religious life, no matter how tenuous may be their present connections, should be in attendance. Douglas V. Steere, Prayer and Worship, FUP, 1978***

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