

ABINGTON



QUARTER

AQ NEWSLETTER



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Religious Society of Friends

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Summary of Business at Abington Quarter's Picnic 8/7/2016

After open-air worship, meeting for business began at 10:52 a.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the business session of 5/2/2016 were electronically circulated; these were approved without additions or corrections.

Loretta Fox (Abington) was approved as a Quarterly Meeting trustee, replacing Rebecca Emerson. The meeting expressed appreciation for Rebecca Emerson's service.

There is a continuing need for a Quarterly Meeting treasurer to handle the accounting function. It is not a difficult job, but it requires attention. Robert Reiff has continued to serve, but will not after the end of 2017. The job description is posted on our site:

www.abingtonquarter.org Friends are encouraged to help us find a candidate.

Tom Rie (Gwynedd) who serves on the Nominating Council reported on Philadelphia Yearly Meeting annual sessions. At sessions all Councils reported, and the budget was approved (with a small surplus). The revision of Faith and Practice (which is on the YM website) was presented but not approved. The undoing racism group believes that the present structure does not sufficiently accommodate their work. Although the structural revision allows for this change, The body did not approve undoing racism group's request to join the work of other collaboratives.

Tom also reported for the Abington Quarterly Meeting Fund, noting that 4/15 and 9/15 are the deadlines to apply for funding for projects serving the interests of a monthly meeting or the entire Quarterly Meeting. Recently the Fund has helped with draining the grounds of Richland Meeting, roof repairs, the Heeding God's Call display, and Middle School Friends Conference. Funds for refugee work have been approved and are available.

There are three other funds, two for aging members and one for members of any age who have housing, medical or related difficulties.

Margaret Anderson spoke about human trafficking in terms of raising awareness, particularly at the beginning of the year, since January is Human Trafficking Awareness month. Trafficking is the fastest-growing criminal industry, and there are an estimated 27 million victims worldwide, of whom only two per cent are rescued; the average age is 12. Margaret suggests viewing

www.A21.org,

which lists 21 ways to help. She described the work being done by various organizations and how victims can be helped (by professionals) once they are identified.

Meeting closed in worship. A picnic lunch, and pool time followed.

Minutes from our sessions will be gathered and sent out to those in attendance soon after the session so that comments on substance may be forwarded back to the Clerk and Recorders for inclusion in a draft to be presented at the next session for approval by the body.

— *Coming Events in Abington Quarter* —

PLEASE ANNOUNCE
Quarterly Meeting at Horsham
10/2/2016
Agenda

Meet and greet —8:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Semi-annual reports: AQM Trustees and Treasurer
AQM Home & Care Report

Refugees and other service:

- Arrival of Congolese Refugee Family - Jim Fitzgerald, Abington MM
- Sending Aid to Refugees Overseas - Gail Moxey, Gwynedd MM
- Foster Care at Home - Ann Marie Wolf-Schatz, Plymouth MM
- Human Trafficking Awareness Month - Margaret Anderson, Richland FM

Worship with Horsham Friends — 10:30 a.m.

JFC/MSFC Conferences Report - annual report at rise of
meeting

Lunch with Horsham Friends. Bring something to share.

AQM Committee Meetings

AQM Trustees: 9/24/2016, 6:30 p.m. Foulkeways, William Penn Room.

AQM Home and Care: Monday, 10/10/2016, 1 p.m. Foulkeways. Contact Nancy Gold, clerk, nancygold@aol.com.

AQM Representative Committee, Monday 11/6/2016, 9:00 a.m. Foulkeways ; William Penn Room

Monthly Meetings for Business: days and times
(some meetings do not convene in mid-late summer)

Abington and Unami: 2d First Day, 9 a.m. (Abington meeting may not always be on 2d First Day; check www.abingtonmeeting.org)

Richland: 2nd First day, 12 noon.

Plymouth: 3rd First Day, 9 a.m.

Gwynedd: 3rd First day, 10:45 a.m.

Byberry: Last First day, 10 a.m. unless otherwise arranged.

Horsham: Last First day, 11 a.m. unless otherwise arranged; soup Sunday follows.

News from around Abington Quarter

Abington:

Remembrance:

Erika Berlinghof d. 5/1/2016; sympathies with Bill and Marjorie Berlinghof, and the family and friends of their daughter.

Alice Ridgway d. 5/3/2016.

Nikki Lee, and the family and friends of her father, Allan J. Schultz, d. 2/19/2016.

Patricia and Paul Conroy, and the family and friends of Paul's brother, Thomas M. Conroy d. 5/22/2016

Hold in the Light:

Pat Ambrose, Tom Ely.

WELCOME new members!

5/15/2016 Rochelle Tormollen transfer

Cora Bubb, daughter of Becca & Michael Bubb

Charles Daniel Pancoe and Adeline Jane Pancoe, children of Stefan Pancoe & Rachel Grabianowski

7/18/2016 Nancy Morgan

Charles Ott

Congratulations graduates:

Evan Adler PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HIGH SCHOOL

Jacob Agoglia ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL

Andrew Dow ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Elena Moreno ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL

Douglas Sayers ABINGTON FRIENDS SCHOOL

Brittany Garrison -- BS in Biomedical Engineering, UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Katie Maher -- BS in Actuary Science, ARCADIA UNIVERSITY

Anna McPeak -- BS in Television & Radio, ITHACA COLLEGE

Gwynedd:

Remembrance:

Gertrude Bell 2/2016

Joan Meschter

Mary Margaret Bailey 5/2016

Hal Juram; memorial on 10/9/2016, 2 p.m. Foulkeways.

New youth coordinator: Wendy Riley.

Plymouth:

Celebratory remembrance: Dora Martinez Armstrong d. 5/2016. Dora's way of being was celebrated with a picnic – and lots of hugs.

Graduates: Joe Schatz: Ph.D UPenn.

Richland:

Welcome new member: Carol McCoy.

Meetings in Abington Quarter Meeting

Addresses, web URLs

Abington MM: 520 Meetinghouse Road, Jenkintown, PA 19046;

<http://www.abingtonmeeting.org/>

Byberry MM: 3001 Byberry/Southampton Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154

Gwynedd MM: 1101 DeKalb Pike, Gwynedd, PA 19454. www.gwyneddmeeting.org/

Foulkeways WG: Foulkeways at Gwynedd 1120 Meetinghouse Road, Gwynedd PA

Pottstown WG: Location to be determined.

Horsham MM: 611 and Meetinghouse Road, Horsham PA 19044

Norristown MM: 20 E Jacoby Street (at Swede Street), Norristown PA 19401

Upper Providence Meetinghouse 807 Black Rock Rd Oaks PA 19426

www.quakercloud.org/cloud/norristown-friends-meeting

Plymouth MM: E Germantown and Butler Pikes, Plymouth Meeting PA

Richland MM: S. Main St. & Mill Road (just off Rt. 309), Quakertown, PA 18951;

www.richlandquakers.org

Upper Dublin MM: 1506 Fort Washington Avenue Maple Glen PA 19002

Unami MM: 100 E Fifth Street, Pennsburg PA 18073

— Events in Abington Quarter —

Sunday, 10/16/2016 2-4 p.m. ABINGTON MEETING DEDICATION: plaque for unmarked graves.

6-? p.m. UNAMI MEETING: COLLOQUY... in the midst of political turmoil,
an opportunity to talk to others.

Saturdays: Gwynedd MM 11/5/2016, 12/3/2016, 9 a.m. Flea markets to benefit AFSC

Gwynedd MM: Saturday, 11/12/2016 8 p.m. Coffeehouse with Ben Tousley, singer and storyteller.

Sundays:

Abington MM: Sundays at 7 will resume in 10/2016.

Tuesdays:

Gwynedd MM: Meditation 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Wednesdays:

Gwynedd MM: Yoga 6 p.m. Community room. (10/5-11/16; 12/6-21/16)

Horsham MM: Mid-week worship, 7:00 p.m. 1st and 3rd weeks of each month

Plymouth MM: Mid-week worship 7:00 p.m. Contact: Dave Miller d.j.miller@verizon.net or Christine Greenland 215-322-4105 christine.greenland@gmail.com

Richland MM: Historical Conversations with Jack Schick. 6:00 p.m.

"Light Group" 7:00 p.m. Explore a type of meditation used by early Quakers to "find the Truth in the Light", centering. Contact: Susan Abbott, naisma@aol.com, 610-346-1937 OR Jack Schick, sjkschc@aol.com. Please be prompt!

Upper Dublin MM: Mid-week worship, 7:00 p.m. 1st and 3rd weeks of each month.

MONTHLY/OCCASIONAL

Gwynedd MM: 3rd Wednesdays. Group Spiritual Nurture — 7:15pm-9:00pm — 10/19, 11/16, 12/21/2016 (continuing 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 4/19, 5/17/2017) The commitment is for the entire program. Well worth the time and effort.

Gwynedd MM: 2nd Mondays Spiritual Book Discussion Group 1:00pm-2:30pm 10/10, 11/14, 12/12/2016. Library.

Gwynedd MM: 12/10/2016. Silent Retreat: 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Entire Meeting House and grounds.

GATHERING GARDEN CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE
GWYNEDD FRIENDS MEETING located at the corner of Route 202 & SUMNEYTOWN PIKE
1101 DEKALB PIKE, GWYNEDD, PA 19436 www.gwyneddmeeting.org

SMALL GROUP SPIRITUAL NURTURE: THIRD WEDNESDAYS 7:15 - 9:00 PM

Dates: Oct 19th, Nov 16th, Dec 21st, Jan 18th, Feb 15th, Mar 15, Apr 19th & May 17th

“Holy Listening - to “listen” another’s soul into life, into a condition of disclosure and discovery, may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another.” - Douglas Steere. Group spiritual direction is a process in which 4-5 people gather in a small group on a monthly basis to assist one another in an ongoing awareness of God in all of life. Each member of the group seeks support for their responsiveness to God and they agree to support others in responding to God’s work in their lives.

Location: Library and 2nd Floor Counseling Room

Cost \$30. Contact: Chris Dueh 215 896-4097 or cmdueh@gmail.com for questions and registration.

SILENT RETREAT: (December 10, 2016) 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

In the midst of busy holiday times come for a day of silent retreat. We will gather to share our prayers and hopes for the day, and then see where the spirit will lead each of us through journaling, art work, labyrinth walking, meditation and sitting quietly by ourselves in silence. At the end of the day we will meet to gather the graces. Bring a journal, sketchbook, needlework, simple crafts, or spiritual readings. Also bring a bag lunch and snacks to share. Drinks will be provided.

Location: Gwynedd Friends Meeting and grounds

Cost: \$10 Contact: Chris Dueh 215 896-4097 or cmdueh@gmail.com for questions and registration.

MEDITATION GROUP: EVERY TUESDAY 7:30 - 8:30 MEDITATION 8:30 - 9:00 PM SHARING

Come join the Mediation Group at Gwynedd Friends Meeting every Tuesday as we connect with the divine of the inner self through stillness and silence. Help and guidance are available for interested beginners. **Cost:** Free **Contact:** Bart Sachs bartsacks@aol.com for questions. No registration needed.

YOGA CLASSES: WEDNESDAY starting OCT 5th, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Uma Anmangandla, a student of Ashwini Aragam, a certified Yoga instructor will offer class of gentle Hatha yoga. Bring towel or yoga mat for sitting on the floor and wear comfortable clothing. Register on the first evening.

Location: Community Room

Cost: \$4.00 Per Class. Contact: Uma UmaAnmangandla@gmail.com for questions.

SPIRITUAL BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Selected SECOND MONDAYS 1:00- 2:30 PM

Dates: Oct 10th, Nov 14th, Dec 12th, Mar 13th, Apr 10th & May 8th

Join this small, informal discussion group to explore a variety of spiritual traditions. For October 10th we will read Four Doors to Meeting for Worship by Will Taber We will make future book selections at the first meeting.

Location: Library **Cost:** Free **Contact:** Carol Ritting critting@hotmail.com or Jane Berger jberger@westnet.com for questions. No registration needed.

WORSHIP AND MINISTRY

MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR HEALING:

In the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Healing we make ourselves available to the healing power of the Spirit, to be used on behalf of ourselves or of those whom we wish to hold in the Light for healing of mind, body, or spirit. As in our regular Worship Meetings, there may be silence and vocal ministry. Our focus is not to persuade God, nor in any way to deny the work of those in the healing professions. We simply seek to hold those whom we care for in the Spirit’s healing Light.

Location: Meeting for Worship Room; **date TBA. Cost: Free. Contact:** Anne Hill aschatzh@verizon.net for questions. No registration needed.

Opportunities for service in AQM!

Newsletter: Send in events at your meeting. Newsletters (e-format preferred). If you want to join the fun, please contact: Christine Greenland 215-322-4105; christine.greenland@gmail.com.

NEXT NEWSLETTER will be produced in late November 2016. Please get information to me by 11/1/2016 if possible. I may be at conferences throughout November.

AQ Website: Help keep the AQ Website up to date! *Contact: Dan Turner, Abington Quarter Webmaster, m-turner@verizon.net or 215-884-5127, with coming events. He can also assist with getting your events onto the PYM community calendar.*

—Events beyond Abington Quarter —

Friday-Sunday, 9/23/2016 - 6:00pm to 9/25/2016 - 2:00pm Upper Susquehanna Quarter Fall Family Gathering at Crystal Lake... <https://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/upper-susquehanna-quarterly-meeting/events/2016-fall-family-gathering>

Saturday, 9/24/2016 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. **The Social Justice & Spirituality Thread Gathering** combines the topics of Peace & Social Justice and Worship and Ministry, lending a specific blend of interests and concerns. Follow up on the White Privilege conference. *Swarthmore Meeting. Contact: zacd@pym.org*

Saturday, 9/24/2016 5:30–8 p.m. **Parent Meet-up Green Street Meeting; prior to Middle School Friends overnight, also at Green Street. 9/24-25/2016**

Friday 9/30-10/2/2016 **Tri-Quarter Gathering** at Lake Okonixon, Medford Lakes, NJ.

Saturday 10/1/2016 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Youth Visioning program** – Arch Street. Collaboration of monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meeting youth programs.

Friday-Sunday 10/7-9/2016 **Young Adult Friends Fall Retreat** Chestnut Hill Meeting.

Saturday 10/8/2016 10 a.m.-3 p.m. **Finance and Outreach Thread Gathering**, Birmingham Meeting.

Sunday 10/9/2016 2-4 p.m. **Rising to the Challenge: A conversation with Ruah Swennerfeld**. Friends Center.

Saturday 10/22/2016 10-3 p.m. **Gathering of Monthly Meeting Clerks**. Providence Meeting.

Saturday 10/30/2016 2-4 p.m. **Aging Resources Consultation**. The Hickman. Facilitated by Callie Janoff (NY YM), director of the ARCH program.

Friday-Sunday 11/4-6/2016 **Middle School young Friends** Westtown School

Young Friends Continuing Sessions West Chester Meeting.

Saturday 11/5/2015 **Continuing Yearly Meeting Sessions**. Westtown School.

For greater detail and other opportunities, check www.pym.org/calendar;

Amazing resource!

Pendle Hill programs

See <http://www.pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events>
for more details, biographical information, costs and on-line registration

Exhibits in the Barn:

8/1 - 11/1/ 2016 **Apart From Us** Joey Hartmann-Dow (Lehigh Valley MM)

Nov 3, 2016 - Jan 31, 2017 **Framing the Light** Jean Schnell

Special Lectures

Thursday 9/29/2016 7:30-9:00 p.m. **Face to Face: Early Quaker Encounters with the Bible.** T. Vail Palmer, past editor of *Quaker Religious Thought*. Book signing to follow

Monday 10/3/2016 7:30-9:00 p.m. **White Allies in the Work for Racial Justice: yesterday and today.** Dirk Boyd, Eastern University

Radical Faithfulness Program 9/26/2016-5/22/2016
contact [Steve Chase](#), Director of Education, at 610-566-4507, ext. 123.

Ongoing programs: (weekend workshops indicated by **)

** Friday-Sunday 9/23-25/2015 **Lives of Service.** Lloyd Guindon and Bob Denison. Join the Pendle Hill maintenance team in service in and to community.

Saturday 9/24/2016 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m. **Surrender to Serenity** Asake Denise Jones. Daytime only.

Saturday 10/1/2016 1:30-4:30 p.m. **Studio Cleaning and Care** Jesse White

Sunday 10/2/2016 2-4 p.m. **S.T.O.R.Y. Poetry Coffeehouse** Jesse White

** Friday-Sunday 10/7-10/2016 **A Language for the Inward Landscape: Wisdom from the Quaker Tradition.** Brian Drayton and Fran Taber.

10/8/2016 **Open Studio Session** Jesse White

** Friday-Sunday 10/10/14-16/2016 **Paths into Prayer** Nancy Bieber

** 10/10/2016 **Center for Courage and Renewal: Academy for Leaders.** Valerie Brown.

Saturday 10/15/2016 9:30 a.m.—4 p.m. **Prayer of the World - a Call to Awaken** Maia Tapp – writer, poet, pilgrim (multi-media, daytime only)

Saturday 10/15/2016 9 a.m.—4 p.m. **Pennsylvania Community Rights Workshop;** cosponsored by ecojustice collaborative of Philadelphia YM and Mountain Watershed Association.

Sunday 11/6/2016 2-4 p.m. **S.T.O.R.Y. Poetry Coffeehouse** Jesse White

Saturday 11/12/2016 **Art for Spiritual Discovery** Jesse White

Friday-Sunday 11/18-20/2016 **Center for Courage and Renewal fall retreat. Valerie Brown

Saturday 11/26/2016 1:30-4:30 p.m. **Studio Cleaning and Care** Jesse White

Saturday 12/3/2016 **Intuitive Painting as Spiritual Practice** Damini Celebre

CONFERENCE: 12/1-4/2016 Visioning and Creating a Moral Economy. George Lakey

On-Line Classes

9/5/2016-10/30/2016 **A Sustainable Life: Quaker Faith and Practice in the Renewal of Creation** Doug Gwyn (author of book by that title)

Advanced information for registration:

1/9-4/2/2017 **Exploring the Quaker Way** Marcelle Martin (author of *Our Life Is Love*)



Let nothing trouble you
 Let nothing frighten you
 Everything changes
 But God is there.
 Through patience
 You will attain everything
 Whoever has God lacks nothing
 God is enough.

adapted from *Teresa of Avila*

Abington Quarter Sunday Worship

9:30 -10:30 AM

Gwynedd MM

10:00-11:00 AM

Norristown MM

Upper Dublin MM

10:30-11:30 AM

Horsham MM

Richland MM

11AM-12 PM

Byberry MM

Foulkeways WG

Pottstown WG (2nd, 4th weeks only;

Location to be determined)

Unami MM



11:15 AM-12:15 PM

Abington MM

Plymouth MM

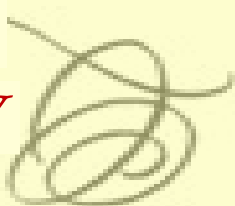


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