

The Langley Hill Friend

THIRD Month 2014

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We behold, with real sorrow, the devastation occasioned by the present war . . . we believed it to be our indispensable duty to abstain from all wars and contests, which have a tendency to destroy the lives of men [We cannot] join with either of the contending parties, being thereby equally restrained from entering into solemn engagements of allegiance to either, in the present unsettled state of affairs. – Maryland Yearly Meeting, to the Maryland Assembly 1778 [from

Calendar

Recurring Events

Sundays 9 am "Drop-in" Worship Sharing in the upstairs room
9:30 am Early worship in the meeting room
10 am Meeting for worship (9:30 on business meeting day)



First Sundays 9:15 Singing ♪♪ 10:00 Worship. 11:00 Fellowship. Noon Potluck Lunch.

Second Sunday 10:30-12:00 Meeting for worship with a concern for Business

Second Tuesday 7:30-8:30 Mid-Week Worship

Third Sunday 7:00-9 pm Adult Discussion

Saturday 12-1 pm Witness on Mall "Seek Peace and Pursue It" (Contact Bill Mims 703-281-7293)

Upcoming Events at Langley Hill – and Elsewhere

3/30 Sunday 11 am Intergenerational worship sharing

4/4-6 Fri - Sun BYM Young Friends Conference - location TBA

4/4-6 Fri - Sun Friends Committee on Scouting Annual Meeting (Sandy Spring Friends School)

4/5 Saturday BYM's Witness in the Wider World see page 10

10a-4p Friendly Sing: A Musical and Quakerly Potpourri. see page 0

4/13 Sunday 12 noon Jim Crow discussion (Working Group on Racism)

5/10 Saturday Meeting-wide Work Day (check with H&G on date)

To Schedule Second Hours contact Jeanne Houghton 703-609-1065 seacairn@comcast.net
For other uses of the Meeting House contact Sheila Bach 304-728-4820 snbach@earthlink.net

Cuba Visit and Donations

Five Quaker women from the US will visit Cuba Yearly Meeting and more specifically, a meeting of the United Society of Friends Women, International (USFWI), in Holguin, Cuba, April 25-May 2 – pending visas being issued as they always have been.

This trip is organized and sponsored by Friends United Meeting (FUM). The other women are from Ohio Y.M. FUM has been sending people to Cuba for the last 12-15 years without any problems.

Amenities are scarce for the Cubans and they are most appreciative of many things which we take for granted. For that reason, I am collecting the following small items:

- hotel/travel size shampoo, conditioner, creams, soaps, and
- eyeglasses, both prescription and reading glasses including sun glasses.

Of course, if anyone would like to purchase these items and donate them that would be appreciated as well. My luggage limit is 64 pounds.

I will have a box on the table in the foyer labeled CUBA and would like to receive the donations by Sunday, April 13.

– Dona Manoukian

House & Grounds Update

You've noticed by now that the parking lot, which took a beating this past winter, is much improved with a load of gravel. Also the chimney has been repaired so the bricks and mortar will no longer be in danger of disintegrating or becoming loose. (People may not have observed this but your House and Grounds Committee did.)

Also we continue to pursue the torn up front lawn. The hold ups have been: weather!!! and slowness of response from our contacts.

Did you know that our elevator has a phone connection for emergencies? It does. The whole elevator is inspected periodically to be sure it's safe.

There will be and **All-Meeting Workday** this spring, probably on **Saturday, May 10**.

Next committee meeting: April 8. All welcome!



Outreach Visioning Meeting

On February 24, the Meeting held a meeting on our vision for Outreach for LHFM. Three directions were discerned:

1. First, we should focus on expanding our "traditional" outreach efforts (getting more people to the door and working to be more welcoming to those already arriving) by taking on new activities as led by individuals or small groups, de-emphasizing the role of the A&O Subcommittee.
2. Second, we should focus on the in-reach portion of Quaker Quest for now and reconsider the public sessions perhaps in the future.
3. Third, We should keep exploring whether a northern Virginia worship sharing group is a good way to introduce more diverse people to Quakerism and perhaps bring them to LHFM's doors.

The complete notes follow:

Outreach Visioning Meeting Notes – 2/24/14

Attending were Mary Yeane, Jeanette Smith, Doug Smith, Francesca Constantino, Chuck Kleymeyer, Dona Manoukian, and Tim Hunt

The meeting started with a period of silence around 7:45 PM

Tim then briefly reviewed the outreach events that have led us to discern what direction(s) the Meeting might take in fulfilling its outreach goals (namely to attract families) including the Quaker Quest worship last fall and the “traditional” work of the Advancement and Outreach Subcommittee. Doug Smith described his efforts to form a worship group in northern VA near Metro which is a third avenue of outreach. Tim then asked where LHFM should put its outreach efforts – public sessions of Quaker Quest, broadening and enhancing our traditional outreach activities, and/or the No. VA worship group.

It was noted that more newcomers including families are attending causing the RE program to grow slightly.

Traditional outreach has two aspects; being welcoming to those who “come through the door” and trying to get more people “to the door.”

Some felt that QQ would be too much effort but that the public sessions could be revisited in the future; two participants were surprised that we were not considering the public sessions since that was their expectations after the excitement of the workshop and are willing to help make it happen; others felt using the “in-reach” parts of QQ would be worthwhile (small group or meeting-wide events) and take less effort; it was noted that numerous announcements and newsletter articles had invited members to express an interest in the planning group but no one came forward. When M&W and A&O reviewed it, only a few expressed interest and others significant doubts.

One model for outreach is to empower individuals or small groups to start efforts and seek validation from A&O or the meeting if funds or broader efforts are envisioned. One idea might be to use the list of previously gathered ideas (30-40 of them) and bring

a few of them at a time to Meeting to see if there were people willing to take them on OR to align an idea with someone who would be good to take in on and make the direct contact with that person.

Some felt that it was important to stop talking and start doing and spend less time on “in-reach” and get outside our doors, like having a LHFM booth at McLean Day (May 17).

Significant time was spent discussing how McLean Day would be a great opportunity in many ways to bring our outreach skills together that could be used for other venues like CDS spring festival, McLean Historic Society event in April and Arlington County Fair in August. There needs to be a balance between letting Way Open for people who participate in the booth and being prepared with to say when approached (the proverbial 30 second elevator speech). If materials are needed, there is money in the A&O/M&W budget. Francesca agreed to put together a proposal and budget and get things rolling with help from Dona, Chuck and Mary.

The sense of the discussion was:

1. We should focus on expanding our “traditional” outreach efforts by taking on new activities as lead by individuals or small groups, deemphasizing the role of the A&O Subcommittee as the place where things happen. The energy to have a “booth” at McLean Day is a good example of such an activity.
2. Focus on the in-reach portion of Quaker Quest for now and see if we might consider the public sessions in the future.
3. Keep exploring whether a No. VA worship sharing group is a good way to introduce more diverse people to Quakerism and perhaps bring them to LHFM’s doors.

We agreed it would be useful to meet again in late May to review how McLean Day went and how other activities progress.

We ended with brief silence at 9:25 PM

Notes from March Meetings for Business

Editor's note: There were many substantive matters discussed at length, so I've opted to make separate articles for a number of them.



Letters to the Meeting. Arlene Fleming, whose husband died last month, wrote thanking the Meeting for its support. Baltimore Yearly Meeting wrote announcing a meeting in Alexandria on April 5th with the Ad Hoc Vision Implementation Committee. Friends interested in social change are invited to attend.

Care and Clearness – Robert Trussell has been welcomed as a new member. Naomi Thiers is recommended for membership. This recommendation will lay over for a month.

Building Use Committee Report – Sheila Bach, clerk, gave the 2013 annual report for the Committee. A variety of groups used the building, including a number of Quaker groups. Income was more than had been budgeted. We continue to seek ways to increase use of the building. One possibility is McLean Fair Day. Another is to post something on our website letting people know the building is available. If you have any ideas, please let a committee member know: Sheila Bach, Jim Laity or Lauren Stockbower.

Temporary Nominating Committee Ollie Moles and Jeanette Smith will work with clerk Mary Yeaney to find new members for the Nominating Committee. Contact one of them if you're interested in serving.

Treasurer's Report

Status Update - Two thirds of the way through the fiscal year our contributions are on pace – but Friends are urged to continue to give. Expenditures are running low, but semi-annual repayments to people who have lent us money go out this month. In May we will see a draft budget, so Finance committee members are contacting committees for their budget requests.

Bequest – Founding member Archer Taylor has given a \$5,000 bequest to the Meeting. A larger bequest some years ago showed the need for a thoughtful process for handing such bequests, and a second hour discussion was held to discern how to . Minutes from that meeting helped the Finance committee draft a proposal, which was presented and discussed at the business meeting. The Committee will take suggestions into consideration, revise the draft and bring it to the April business meeting for final approval. The proposal includes establishing an ad hoc committee to work on a bequest. He will then ask for volunteers for an ad hoc committee to work on this current bequest. Friends approved this approach.

→ See General Fund detail, next page

Are our Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business held in the spirit of worship, seeking the guidance of God?

– Faith & Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting (2011 draft)

Langley Hill Friends Meeting General Fund

	Jul 2013 - Feb 2014	FY 2013-14
	Actual	Budget
Portion of Year		
Income		
Contributions (Autogive)	\$43,468	\$71,000
Contributions (non-Autogive)	\$40,594	\$55,218
Contributions (TOTAL)	\$84,062	\$126,218
Other (Interest, MH Use, etc.)	\$7,233	\$7,727
TOTAL	\$91,295	\$133,945
Expenses		
Meeting House	\$15,759	\$20,872
Administrative	\$2,061	\$4,910
Publishing	\$819	\$1,000
Committees	\$775	\$9,950
Religious Ed	\$2,164	\$10,841
BYM	\$17,863	\$24,190
Contributions to Other Organizations	\$13,100	\$21,000
Transfers to Other Funds	\$0	\$5,500
Contingencies	\$0	\$500
Loan Repayment	\$20,827	\$35,182
TOTAL	\$73,368	\$133,945
Net Income	\$17,927	\$0

Bank Accounts & Investments	\$133,945	
Money Loaned Out to Others	\$40,056	
Mortgage Principal Balance	\$238,665	\$325,000
	Outstanding	Original

The following SSOM report was read at March Business Meeting. It will lie over until the April Business Meeting. The Ministry and Worship Committee welcomes comments on this draft especially if the proposed actions and commitments expressed for the coming year are the most appropriate. Please contact Tim Hunt (Clerk) or any other member of the Committee with questions or observations.

2013 Spiritual State of Langley Hill Meeting Report – First Draft (3/8/14)

The path of the pilgrimage is as much the journey as the destination. Langley Hill's spiritual journey is ongoing and incomplete with many twists and turns that can teach or be invisible.

In last year's Spiritual State of the Meeting report, we developed several queries to guide our progress to becoming a deeper spiritual community. We now report on how our Meeting is doing one year along for each query; whether we are appropriately focused; and any needed adjustments. Within each query we offer a suggestion or two for the Meeting to embrace in the coming year.

1. How do we attract the young singles, couples and families to make Langley Hill a vibrant, multi-generational community?

Our attitude to visitors is very welcoming. Several new young families and singles are attending and enrich our community. However, communication is inconsistent about children's programs and events making some feel left out. Organizing small group discussions (so called Friendly Eights) may break down barriers and involve new attenders perhaps with a Friendly Eight focusing on Quaker parenting. We should continually reach out to newcomers to understand how the Meeting can assist them in their spiritual journeys and avoid "jargon" and actions that exclude. Our RE program and its dedicated teachers are a blessing to us all.

2. Do we do enough to nurture our children's spirituality and find opportunities to explore with us their spiritual quests and questions? What can adults learn from our younger members?

The RE program's focus on the SPICES (Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, and Stewardship) and our quarterly intergenerational worship sharing program provide the strongest connections with our children's spiritual growth. Two young friends participation in the Quaker Quest workshop affirmed their Quaker groundings. The

Nativity Play provided a new opportunity for adults to witness the Christmas story through the voices of our Meeting's youth. Yet some adult members feel a distance from our young Friends. Perhaps the adults and children ask each other about our spiritual journeys to encourage sharing, mentoring and deepening of spiritual relationships.

3. Do we keep hidden the glories of our Meeting's experiences to the detriment of others and ourselves? How do we build a diverse community?

Many friends let their lives speak and show others by action what it means to be Quaker such as our support for the drone vigil at the CIA. Some find their spiritual journey an internal experience while others would like to share their "glories" (transformations or revelations) more widely. Spiritual exuberance may be viewed as proselytizing so friends are cautious about over-sharing. If we are open, sharing more will invite others to respond with their revelations thereby deepening our connections.

It is recognized that as a community we need to reach out. We held our first ever "Quaker Networking Day" in June inviting graduates of Quaker colleges to meet members with common interests or careers. Our Community Celebration Open House at the start of the fall RE classes gave several committees the chance to describe their roles and activities to attendees. Most newcomers are drawn to our meeting for worship rather than events at the meetinghouse. Perhaps we should host a LHFM booth at family friendly community events to reach seekers who are not making it to our door. While we struggle with some aspects of diversity, we are growing in other areas. Our awareness of the discriminatory effects of mass incarceration of young black men from the book "The New Jim Crow" is stirring actions. Perhaps we should find ways to introduce our form of worship to more diverse

communities within northern Virginia, to help seekers find the Quaker Way.

4. Is the “tent” of Quaker beliefs in OUR meeting properly sized? Do differences in beliefs and values challenge our community to deepen and grow?

We are beginning to test the size of the “tent” through our discussions around membership in Largely Hill including whether and what type of “boundaries” should exist to retain our spiritual integrity. Diversity of beliefs can be a gift when the Truth is reflected but it makes defining our Meeting’s “core” beliefs very challenging as we consider outreach. More intimate groups, like spiritual formation, the 9 AM Sunday drop-ins, Introduction to Quakerism, and monthly book discussion provide numerous opportunities for members to explore and discuss Quaker beliefs. Perhaps more discussions of our “tent” of beliefs with focused queries would help (such as, what does God mean to you? How do you see Christ in your life? How do you experience the Light?). Vocal ministry is another reflection of the breadth of our faith and can be inspiring when Spirit-led and concerning when self-centered. Meeting for worship remains at the heart of our spiritual community.

5. As Quakers, do we know who we are spiritually and our treasured roots? Do we share enough our convictions and doubts even if it creates tension? Do we have common language to talk about our faith?

Langley Hill is a safe place to share our spirituality when it emanates from the Light. Having a common, spiritual foundation is critical to then allow exploration of faith and experiences around the edges where tension can exist and be healthy if we respect our differences. The Quaker Quest workshop provided some tools to help articulate our beliefs and more exchanges would be helpful. Perhaps defining our “spiritual foundation” more clearly through Second Hours and conversations would help create common language about our faith and love of God.

6. Do we fail to share a message that may be meaningful to others? Do we talk when we should be listening for the Truth?

We provide a safe place for vocal ministry by being attentive listeners even if the message is hard to hear. Messages can be meant for us, others or no one. Messages that lack a sense of “quaking” in the minister or focusing overly on self may have strayed from the Light. Some messages season nicely outside of Meeting, waiting for the Light to shine on them and take form. Greater time between messages to reflect always is appreciated. Perhaps we need to provide more mentoring to those that speak as well as to those that should find their voice. Inviting “afterthoughts” at the rise of meeting provides a venue for more voices to be heard.

As we reflect on our progress this past year and identify new actions to assist our spiritual growth, it is worth repeating the qualities of our Meeting:

- Our community strives to base our relationships with each other on love.
- Our community is a tapestry of beliefs.
- Religious expression is real and universal.
- As Quakers, we are open.
- Our Meeting has a growing mix of ages.
- We are a welcoming community.

Each of us shares in the Light but experiences it in unique ways. As we look through the glass darkly, we see that of God in everyone and it takes everyone’s searching and faith to make the journey fulfilling as individuals and as a community.

Statement from Young Friends forthcoming

Presented to LHFM March 9, 2014 Business Meeting by the Ministry and Worship Committee

Prepared by Ken Bernstein, Jenepher Mosely, Mel Snyder, Steve Morse, Chuck Kleymeyer, Georgia Fuller, Susan Joyce, and Tim Hunt (Clerk))



African Great Lakes Initiative (AGLI)

Mel Snyder reported that at the recent Peace and International Outreach (P&IO) committee meeting, the ad hoc committee on AGLI recommended, and P&IO approved that we adopt David Zarembka's suggestion for the project in Burundi to support. Adrien Niyongabo is administrator of the project, which is located in Kamenge, a suburb of Bujumbura, Burundi. Background and a description of this project are given below:

Project summary – Healing and Rebuilding Our Community (HROC-Burundi)

Burundi will prepare its youth group for the upcoming 2015 elections and for cooperating with and supporting a possible Truth and Reconciliation Commission using a series of three workshops to

1. facilitate trauma healing,
2. teach alternatives to violence, and
3. empower youths prior during and after the implementation of a truth and reconciliation commission and throughout the election process to support these important events.

Possible actions the Meeting can take to support this project include the following:

- Attend the Peace Quest Conference at Stony Run on June 20-22 where the Friends Peace Teams and AGLI programs mentioned above will be presented in depth.
- Support our young people in attending this conference. Young Friends under 16 can attend without charge.
- Meet Adrien Niyongabo, project administrator, who will be attending the Peace Quest conference and has accepted our invitation to visit us at Langley Hill.
- Contribute money to this project. Young Friends have expressed a willingness to have a fund raising event. We'd like to recommend that individual contributions and Meeting contributions be above and beyond money that is already earmarked for Friends Peace Teams/AGLI. We'll be consulting with Jim Laity about how best to set up a fund that is earmarked for the AGLI project.

- Use this as an opportunity to learn more about Burundi, the history of violence there, the historical effects of colonialism, the beginnings of democracy, and the peace work of Friends Peace Teams in the African Great Lakes Region.
- Consider using part of the Tom Fox Scholarship Fund to send one or two young people to Burundi or a neighboring country to participate in some of this work.

Mel stated that we want this to be a relationship, a sister meeting to friends in the AFGLI. We can't have this relationship with the whole world. But in this specific way, we can stay in touch with real people doing real things in real countries.

Social Concerns Committee Proposed Minute on Same Sex Marriage

In 1991 Langley Hill approved a Minute in support of our commitment to welcome any couple seeking to be married under the meeting's care, and to offer not only the marriage event but ongoing support to the marriage thereafter. However, any marriages of same-sex couples provided by the meeting would not be legally recognized due to laws and provisions in the state constitution.

The year 2014 has opened as a time of change in the legal climate of Virginia. The new attorney general has refused to support the state constitution's ban on same-sex marriage, and there have been two court cases in which same-sex marriage has been supported. However, court appeals are underway, so the issue is far from settled.

At the March 16th continued meeting for business, a minute was proposed that Langley Hill consider extending its commitment to same-sex marriage via one or more of the following actions: writing to the attorney general to express our support of his stance, joining with other Virginia meetings to file an amicus brief in the appeal of one of the court cases, writing to other Virginia meetings to encourage their consideration of these matters, and to form an ad hoc committee to consider these and other possible actions during this time of possible change in Virginia.

The meeting discussed its impression that this proposed minute was not well-seasoned as well as its recognition that promptness in executing some of these actions was an important consideration. Example: if Langley Hill wishes to participate in the filing of the amicus brief, it must do so before a court date set in mid-April. Consensus was reached to form an ad hoc committee to further examine the currently proposed actions as well as explore possible additional activities to support same-sex marriage. One concrete step we may take is to add the Langley Hill Friends Meeting to a website which lists churches that perform same-sex marriage ceremonies.

The ad hoc committee consists of Robert Trussell, Naomi Thiers, Nicole Bivens Collinson, Mary Yeaney, and Jim Fussell.

Note: This write-up is derived from the draft minutes and much editing by both me, Jeanne Houghton, editor, and Elaine Williams from Social Concerns.

Peace & International Outreach Proposed Minute on Boycott, Divestment & Sanctions

Fred Krimgold and Najla Drooby presented the following proposed minute on Langley Hill Friends Meeting in support of BDS (Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions).

We members of LHFM are compelled, as a matter of conscience, to live in accordance to the Quaker Testimony of Peace and find ways to reconcile our faith with practical ways of living this testimony in the world. Refusing to profit from violence, oppression or war is our personal witness to "the life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars."

We unite with the AFSC's "Principles for a Just and Lasting Peace in Palestine and Israel" and their support of boycott, divestiture, and sanctions efforts. We, the members of LHFM commit ourselves to avoid profiting from violence or the oppression of any person within the state of Palestine and Israel. We also commit ourselves to encourage all Friends and people of Faith to join with us in this witness to peace.

Fred stated that peace groups have asked for action from groups like ours throughout the world to support the peace effort and to encourage the participants in the conflict to hear our concerns.

A number of religious organizations have taken action and made statements in favor of BDS movement. We are not alone or out in front.

AFSC statement: identify companies that in view of AFSC that are directly profiting from violence and oppression in the Israel Palestine conflict.

A number of Friends spoke in support of the proposed minute, stating that it was beautifully written and referenced the pain of both Israelis and Palestinians. A Friend said that the BDS movement is trying to bring international pressure to end oppression. Another Friend mentioned that Tory Smith works at AFSC on this issue and might be invited to come and speak to our Meeting.

Several Friends spoke of their difficulty with the proposed minute and concerns about anti-Semitism. Fred stated that there was no intention of anti-Jewish sentiment and he would welcome suggestions on how to clarify this.

The Clerk said that it sounds like there are concerns. We need more seasoning to address this minute. We may need to do some more reading about the conflict.

Najla added that we don't need to wait until next month to talk about this. One of the reasons we brought it is to open conversations.

*For purposes of identifying companies who profit from this violence, we recommend reading more about American Friends Service Committee's Investment Screen.

Friends who want to catch up on the very latest developments regarding this issue, please follow this link to the AFSC web site to learn more.

<https://www.afsc.org/story/boycott-divestment-and-sanctions-explained>





Peace is a shelter for all that we love. It is the only house in which man can now live. Peace is love conquering fear. It is a lively concern for all men, for friend and for rival, for the lovely earth, for life and for joy. Peace is world order and political institutions. It is justice and the control over the strong. It is mercy and the restraint of the merciless. This peace comes neither from surrender nor from war. It must be hoped for or we fall into irretrievable despair. It must be planned for, even on the brink of disaster, and even beyond disaster. To those of us who fear... we say there is a power, within man and beyond man, that can yet save us, and without which we cannot be moved.... Peace is God's will. Peace is Christ's way. It is the Lord's power rising over all.

- Kenneth E. Boulding for Friends National Conference on World Order 1961

Thinking About Race –

No Freak Accident

From The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness, pp. 237-238.

“Saying mass incarceration is an abysmal failure makes sense, though, only if one assumes that the criminal justice system is designed to prevent and control crime. But if mass incarceration is understood as a system of social control—specifically, racial control—then the system is a fantastic success. In less than two decades, the prison population quadrupled, and large majorities of poor people of color in urban areas throughout the United States were placed under the control of the criminal justice system or saddled with criminal records for life. Almost overnight, huge segments of ghetto communities were permanently relegated to a second-class status, disenfranchised, and subjected to perpetual surveillance and monitoring by law enforcement agencies. One could argue this result is a tragic, unfortunate mistake, and that the goal was always crime control, not the creation of a racial undercaste. But judging by the political rhetoric and the legal rules employed in the War on Drugs, the result is no freak accident.”

The BYM Working Group on Racism meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, usually at Bethesda Friends Meeting or Friends Meeting of Washington. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

BYM Vision Implementation Wants to Hear from You

In the next months, the Vision Implementation Committee would like local Meetings and BYM committees to set aside some time to read the Vision Statement and prayerfully consider our life and work in light of the BYM Vision Statement. Letters have been sent to all Meetings and Committees.

- A member of the Committee will visit with every Monthly Meeting. The first few Monthly Meeting visits have produced some great new insights. Please be there when we come – we'd like to talk with you.
- If you're on a BYM committee, please be ready to meet for a discussion with other members.

The more we understand the workings of our Yearly Meeting, the better the Vision Implementation Committee will be prepared to do our work of sharing insights and making recommendations to Baltimore Yearly Meeting at Annual Session in August. Our committee's work will reach an end this August, so we need to hear from everyone in a timely way. For more background, go to www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/visionimple/



BYM's Witness in the Wider World

Alexandria Friends Meeting

5 April – 9:30 am – 4:30 pm

*We seek to serve others in love, to share our gifts and resources, to reach out to those in need, both friends and strangers, and to witness in the world to our shared experience of the infinite love of God.
– from BYM's Vision Statement*

Please join the ad hoc BYM Vision Implementation Committee for a day of sharing, reflection, renewal, and rededication.

- How can Friends work together to bring more love and peace into the world?
- How can we speak our truth and build bonds between people?
- How can we discern what work is ours to do, and then how to do this work?
- How can we follow the guidance of the Spirit and be nourished by the Spirit in everything we do?

Everyone is invited to come and participate – members of peace and social concerns committees, those working on issues of social justice and faith, those employed in Quaker service organizations, and everyone interested in the way BYM expresses our faith beyond BYM. Mary Lord will be our keynote speaker.

The day will begin with refreshments at 9:30 am and conclude at 4:00 pm. A shuttle will leave from Huntington Metro Station at 9:30. Email Alison Duncan to indicate interest. (youthprograms@bym-rsf.org)

Friendly Sing: A Musical & Quakerly Potpourri

Charlottesville Friends Meeting – April 5 Saturday 10am – 4pm

Come sing with Friends! Join Barbarie Hill, Frances Schutz, and Hank Schutz as they lead a day of singing. Beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 4:00 pm, there will be a potluck lunch at 12:30. Overnight hospitality may be available for Friends travelling at a distance may be available if requested in advance. Contact Frances Schutz (schutz67@embarqmail.com or 434-979-5413) for more information. *Thinking About Race*

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