

The Langley Hill Friend

THIRD Month 2013

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To have an experience of the knowledge and strength of the Divine we need only, in Fox's words, "Be still in thy own mind and spirit from thy own thoughts, and then thou wilt feel the principle of God to turn thy mind to the Lord God, whereby thou will receive his strength and power from whence life comes, to allay all tempests, against blusterings and storms."

Calendar

Recurring Events

- Sundays 9:00 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
- 2nd Wednesday 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

- 3/23 Saturday 10am - 7pm: BYM Interim Meeting
- 3/24 Sunday 9am: Arthur Larrabee: Quakers as "Christian Universalists"
- 11 am: FCNL policy discussion
- 3/31 Sunday 9 am: Organ Music: Bach's Passacaglia Widor's Tocatta
- 11 am: Advancement & Outreach
- 4/7 Sunday 9 am: BYM Faith and Practice Q&A: 15. Social Concerns
- 6:30-9:30 pm: WPH monthly potluck: Immigration & Community
- 4/14 Sunday 9 am: Dorothy White: Selections from "A Trumpet," 1662
- 4/21 Sunday 9 am: BYM Faith & Practice Q&A: Stewardship of Personal Resources
- 7 pm: "For Peace and Truth" by Pierre Ceresole

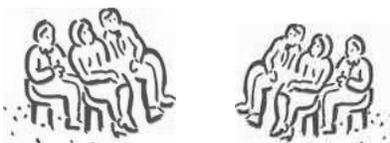


To Schedule Second Hours, contact [Jeanne Houghton](mailto:Jeanne.Houghton@langleyhill.org) 703-609-1065
For other uses of Meeting House contact [Virginia Colin](mailto:Virginia.Colin@langleyhill.org) 703-864-2101

Friends' Drop-In Readings

9:00 AM – Upstairs room

- 3/24 Arthur Larrabee: Quakers as "Christian Universalists"
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- 4/21 BYM Faith and Practice Q&A: 16A. Stewardship of Personal Resources



Third Sunday Discussion Group
"For Peace and Truth"
21 April — 7:30 – 8:30 pm

The reading for April is the book "For Peace and Truth" by Pierre Ceresole.

Steve Morse will have reprints at a nominal price, or he can email an electronic file.

BYM Interim Meeting

Little Britain Meeting, Pennsylvania
March 23

Join Friends from all parts of the Yearly Meeting as we gather at Little Britain Monthly Meeting on March 23, 2013 to conduct the business of the Yearly Meeting. All Friends are welcome.

These BYM Committees will be meeting:

Advancement & Outreach	Nominating
Ministry & Pastoral Care	Youth Programs
Stewardship & Finance	Unity with Nature
Religious Education	

Limited overnight hospitality for either or both Friday and Saturday nights is available. Child care is available Saturday for both morning and afternoon sessions. Both overnight hospitality and childcare must be requested in advance by using the forms available on the BYM website here: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/third13.html>

What's Up Downstairs: First Day School Testimony on Integrity

In April and May the elementary-school -age children and their teachers will be learning about the Friends' testimony on Integrity, which will include discerning and being faithful to God's leadings, wholeness, truth-telling, and appreciating our gifts. We think everyone may be interested in reading the Bible stories we'll be studying:



<u>Theme</u>	<u>Story</u>	<u>Bible Verses</u>
Listening to God	Samuel Hears God's Call	1 Samuel 3
Friendship	Ruth and Naomi	Ruth 1:16-18
	I Call You My Friends	John 15:12, 15
Doing God's Will	The Faithful Hebrew Midwives	Exodus 1:15-21
God Is Our Home	Psalms and Friends Worship	Psalms 100 and 84
Using Our Gifts	Let Your Light Shine	Matthew 5:14-16
God Believes in Us	God Believed in Jonah	Jonah
Building Our Lives on God's Word	The House Built on Rock	Matthew 7:24-27

Notes from Meeting for Business 10 Third Month 2013

Finances continue to be in good order. We are 2/3 of the way through the year and currently have a surplus and are on track to meet the budget. This month will be making semi annual mortgage repayment to Friends who loaned money for the renovations. By prepaying principal these 15-year loans will be fully repaid sooner, probably 10 or 11 years. The monthly treasurer's report is on page 6.

The Meeting approved Mel Snyder to serve an extra year on Ministry and Worship, which is in need of more members. Jim Laity was nominated to serve on _____.

The draft **Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for 2012** was discussed at length, and a revised draft is on the next page.

The **Care and Cleanness Committee** recommended KC Morris for membership and her children, Colleen, Alexandra and Connor Kohout, for junior membership. Greg Chudy's membership is also recommended. Friends are urged to make a special point of getting acquainted with them this month. KC has been with us for a long time. Greg is a relative newcomer, whom friends can recognize easily when he "wears" his napping baby daughter during meeting for worship. He's also written twice on behalf of Peace & International Outreach for the newsletter.

The list of names of **Meeting members we've lost contact with**, a concern of the Committee discussed last month (see February minutes) was handed out to all and is posted on the bulletin board. The whole list is posted on the bulletin board and printed in this newsletter (with the exception of a few that are

already being contacted). The Committee hopes to make contact with as many as possible to learn their current wishes with respect to the Meeting. All are urged to participate in this effort. If you know the whereabouts of an individual, please let Rebecca Rawls or another Committee member know, and/or contact them yourself.

Jeanne Houghton and Ollie Moles will serve on a **Temporary Nominating Committee**, clerked by Mary Yeane, to find new members for the regular Nominating Committee.

At this time each year the Peace and International Outreach Committee looks at the organizations to which we give a portion of the \$6,000 designated for this outreach. The formal minutes will have detail of the discussion of how this money is handled.

Peace and International Outreach. At this time of year, the Committee is looking at organizations receiving grants from the Committee's \$6,000 outreach fund. That process is underway. Last year the Committee embarked on an initiative to include young Friends in this process. A process was set in motion by which Young Friends came up with an organization they wished to support: the Far Rockaway Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund. (You can find it on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/NYCRockawaysSandyRelief>) Discussion during the business meeting was rich and interesting; read more in the March business meeting minutes, and note the article from Peace & IO on page 7.

– Jeanne Houghton



Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for 2012

3/16/13 Revised Draft

*This draft includes revisions based on comments made at the business meeting on 3/9. If you have other suggestions, please contact Tim Hunt or another member of Ministry & Worship.**

Each year the Ministry and Worship Committee gauges our Meeting's spiritual health in the Spiritual State of the Meeting Report. The Report provides an opportunity for the community to look inward at its spiritual health as well as share with other BYM meetings our spiritual joys and conflicts. Since the Committee also provides the Meeting an annual report in December, we are focusing this Report on a few highlights.

We are an active community and blessed with many leaders. We are spiritually healthy in many respects. We have identified a few activities that have benefited us.

- We host weekly worship sharing groups, in depth monthly discussion groups, and an introduction to Quakerism course for all attenders as part of our adult religious education program.
- We plan periodic intergenerational worship sharing on Quaker topics as well as have our youth share their RE experiences with the full Meeting.
- We have embraced the BYM Spiritual Formation program.
- We used our Second Hour program to discuss vocal ministry and other community building topics.
- We held a Meeting for worship with a concern for Babies to celebrate the newest lives amongst us.
- We keep "Business Meeting" as a Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business.
- We used our internet access to broadcast a Memorial meeting to friends and family members who could not attend while maintaining a sense of community; we are also starting to use technology more in our Committee work.
- We have reenergized our Advancement and Outreach Subcommittee and we remind

ourselves that A&O is everyone's responsibility.

- We find joy in the musical ministry that our children and adult community provide.
- Realizing that the reality of racism is a barrier to Friends' relationship with the Divine, we continue to have under our care the Meeting's "Working Group on Racism."

As we reflect on our spiritual state, a few qualities of Langley Hill Friends Meeting serve as anchors for our spiritual home and deserve note:

1. Our Community is based in love. That love is strong. At times that love can obscure conflict. We need to support each other in bringing tensions to the surface so that they can be addressed.
2. Our Community is a tapestry of beliefs. It generally holds together and gets renewed by weaving new lives into the Divine tapestry of Langley Hill Friends Meeting. At times, we do not do enough to acknowledge the tensions that come from this spiritual diversity.
3. Religious expression is real and universal. Most meetings for worship are rich and sustaining of the Spirit. Yet, we need to do more to support and provide a safe place for our ministers to give Spirit-led messages whether through words or deeds. And when messages create a dissonance within, we need to reflect upon them, listen for the Voice of God and discern if they are meant for us or others now or in the future.
4. As Quakers we are open. We come from many backgrounds and are on different spiritual journeys heading different places. Sometimes we can appear intolerant of language used to describe the Divine and role of Christ in our faith life.
5. We are a welcoming community. We often greet newcomers with enthusiasm although follow-up is inconsistent. To be a healthy, spiritual community we need to attract and retain new members and enhance our racial diversity.

Reflecting on these concerns, we have identified several queries for the Meeting to explore and deepen our spiritual roots:

- Do we keep hidden the glories of our Meeting's experiences to the detriment of others and ourselves? How do we build a racially diverse community?
- 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?
- Is the "tent" of Quaker beliefs in OUR meeting properly sized? Do differences in beliefs and values challenge our community to deepen and grow?
- Do we know who we are spiritually? Do we share

enough our convictions and doubts even if it creates tension? Do we have common language to talk about our faith?

We are blessed by a relatively large and active group of members and attenders at Langley Hill who enrich our spiritual lives, create meaningful programs, and nurture one another. We struggle to balance the demands of everyday life with our commitments to the Meeting so it remains a nurturing experience and sustains us spiritually in our daily lives.

Statement from Young Friends needs to be incorporated

* Ministry and Worship Committee Members are Ann Stone, Chuck Kleymeyer, Georgia Fuller, Jenepher Moseley, Ken Bernstein, Mel Snyder, Steve Morse, and Tim Hunt (Clerk)

Request from Care & Clearness

Where Are These Friends?

Friends, we ask your help in learning about these members of our Meeting with whom we have lost official contact. If you know where they are living and what they are doing now, please share that information with Rebecca Rawls (301-942-7875 rebecca.rawls@verizon.net) or any member of the Care & Clearness Committee. Or if you know how to contact them and would be willing to do so, that would also be appreciated. Thank you! We will offer six names each

Focus for March:

Phyllis Anderson
Morgan Baynham
Owen Baynham
Donald Bell
John Canfield
Paul Canfield
Margaret Taylor Chase
Lynn Catoe-Emerson
William Emerson
Beth Ann Frisk
Laura Lee Frisk Houghton

Martha Hadley Glock
Amber Gordon
Amy Griffin
Diana Holroyd
Dalmer and Irene Hoskins
Lawrence and Elizabeth Howe
Holly Kruse

Christopher Legge
William Legge
Ellen Lukens
Jeffrey Lukens
Rebecca Lukens
Dorothy Ann Lukens Underwood
Douglas Manring
Lynn Manring
Michael Manring
Bonnie Binns Mattaeus
Deborah McCormack
Felicia Mostofi
David Nichols
Wendy Nirenberg
Sean O'Neill
Sarah McGraw Plaster
Eileen Ross
Daniel Rush
Gayle Rush
Joshua Rush

Nicholas Rush
John Saaty
Deborah Smith-Cohen
Alexia Stanley-Miller
Andrea Stanley-Miller
Vanessa Stanley-Miller
Charlotte Stewart
Errin Stewart
Judith Stewart
Beth Stover
Christopher Stover
Donald and Dorothea Stover
Marian Stover
Patricia Stroud
Lawrence Taylor
Annell Bond Wattecamps
Bonita Winer
Jay Worrall III (Jeep)
John Worrall
Margaret Wright

Langley Hill Friends Meeting General Fund			
	Jul 12 - Feb 13	FY 12-13	
	Actual	Budget	Portion
Portion of Year			67%
Income			
Contributions (Autogive)	\$46,652	\$71,000	66%
Contributions (non-Autogive)	\$39,434	\$49,439	80%
Contributions (TOTAL)	\$86,086	\$120,439	71%
Other (Interest, MH Use, etc.)	\$7,915	\$5,655	140%
TOTAL	\$94,002	\$126,094	75%
Expenses			
Meeting House	\$11,238	\$20,897	54%
Administrative	\$4,076	\$5,010	81%
Publishing	\$630	\$2,000	32%
Committees	\$195	\$5,600	3%
Religious Ed	\$5,135	\$9,490	54%
BYM	\$11,280	\$23,215	49%
Contributions to Other Organizations	\$14,550	\$18,200	80%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$0	\$6,000	0%
Contingencies	\$0	\$500	0%
Loan Repayment	\$20,827	\$35,182	59%
TOTAL	\$67,932	\$126,094	54%
Net Income	\$26,069	\$0	

Feb NonAG
\$2,179

Bank Accounts & Investments	\$135,202		
Money Loaned Out to Others	\$40,056		
Mortgage Principal Balance	\$239,768	\$325,000	74%

Activities of the Peace and International Outreach Committee



Friends envision a world free of war and violence in which friendship and generosity replace strife and conflict between people and nations. The Peace and International Outreach Committee acts on the Meeting's behalf to work toward this vision. Though we have a far way to go, we're taking some small steps in our local community to carry this work forward.

Vigils Against Drones. We have continued our support of the monthly vigils at the CIA against weaponized drones. Following the February and March vigils, we opened the doors of the Meeting House to the vigilers and provided light refreshments and a meeting space for planning future anti-drone activities. Attendance at the vigils and the fellowship afterwards has been strong, and we continue to see new faces. Please consider joining us for future vigils (held the second Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM) and continue to hold us and this cause in the Light.

Drones were also the topic of second hour on the 17th. Tory Smith, AFSC intern and son of Doug and Jeannette Smith, spoke about the many social justice and human rights concerns raised by the growing use of drones, both as weapons and as tools of surveillance. Discussion followed.

Anti-War Play. Following the March vigil, a group of talented high school actors from the Traveling Players Ensemble performed the classic anti-war play, *The Women of Troy* by Euripides. The audience included folks from Langley Hill and others who had attended the morning vigil. After the play, the audience had a chance to engage the performers with some thought provoking questions about the deeper meaning of the play. Jeanne Harrison, one of the adult directors of the ensemble, wrote us afterward about the inspiration the young people drew from being truly heard and respected

by the audience at Langley Hill.

Writing to Congress. On April 7th there will be a table set up for writing letters to Congress on the peace and justice concerns raised by FCNL's action alerts. The Committee will provide the materials, postage and suggested wording for the specific issue in focus. You just put pen to paper and speak your mind to your senator or representative. Handwritten letters carry the most weight with Congress. We hope to reestablish this as a monthly custom on the first Sunday of each month. Please join us to make your voice heard by legislators.

Student Peace Award. To sow and nourish the seeds of peace among our young people, the Committee supported the 2013 Fairfax County Student Peace Awards. Arlene Fleming, who is very active with this program, presented to our committee about the program and encouraged others from the wider Meeting community to also lend their support in the year ahead. The P&IO Committee will be reaching out to everyone at Langley Hill to search out individuals who feel led to further this valuable work.

Helping Hurricane Sandy victims. The P&IO Committee invited our Young Friends to research a worthy cause they felt led to support financially, using the Committee's grant funds. They were led to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy by supporting a food pantry ministry organized by Far Rockaway Full Gospel Church in New York, a ministry recommended by New York area Friends. At the March business meeting, Friends approved sending the \$300 in P&IO grant funds to this ministry.

– Greg Chudy
Peace & International Outreach

Langley Hill Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business
Second Month 10, 2013

Queries for this month: Children and young people need love and stability. Are we doing all we can to uphold and sustain parents and others who carry the responsibility for providing this care?

– *Advices & Queries 2008 Read by Mary Yeaney*

Opening. The Langley Hill Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends opened its Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business in silent worship on February 10, 2013, at 10:35 a.m. with Mary Yeaney as Clerk and with about 35 friends present. We reviewed the agenda and heard time-sensitive announcements and news of the community.

2/13-1. Treasurer's Report Rick Post reported that our giving was relatively small last month, but we are ahead of the game. Our income is on track for the year, but Friends are encouraged to keep giving.

2/13-2. Nominating Committee Report Dona Manoukian brought forward the nomination of Doug Neal for House and Grounds Committee. The nomination had laid over from the previous month. Friends approved this nomination. Dona mentioned that the Ministry and Worship (M&W) Committee is not fully filled. Juliet Isele has resigned due to family obligations, so there are several missing slots. Mel Snyder has served two terms and ordinarily would now go off the committee. But because of the shortage on the M&W Committee, Nominating Committee brought Mel's name forward to serve an additional year on M&W. Friends were in agreement with this exception to our typical practice. The nomination will lie over for a month. Mel serves on Advancement and Outreach as well as the Working Group on Racism, two subcommittees of M&W. Friends who are interested are encouraged to volunteer to serve on the Ministry and Worship Committee. (Membership in the Meeting is required.)

2/13-3. Care & Clearness Committee Report Tim Yeaney, clerk of the committee, read the names of the other committee members: Suzanne Nicholson,

Rebecca Rawls, Paul Slattery, John Smallwood, John Surr, and Steve Woodbury. He described the work of the committee. The Care & Clearness (C&C) Committee is charged with overseeing care of members and attenders including issues of membership and marriages. The committee arranges for clearness committees concerning family or work issues as well as support committees. The committee also oversees the Family Emergency Fund.

A specific issue that the committee is dealing with has to do with the membership rolls. In January, we received a report from Steve Elkinton about our membership rolls. There was a question as to whether inactive members should be removed. Last month, this issue was referred to C&C. The Committee has formed a sub-committee to look into the issue. In reviewing Monthly Meeting minutes, it was discovered that in June 1996, the Monthly Meeting approved a minute regarding inactive members which included a recommended course of action for the Overseers (C&C) and Monthly Meeting to take. However, in December of that year (1996), we were not in unity to take the action that the minute stipulated. C&C will review the minute to discern whether it should be revised and will bring a recommendation back to business meeting as way opens. If you have any questions, please bring it to Tim or another member of the committee. The broader issue is how to care for membership. Tim encouraged us to reach out to others. When we see newcomers and visitors amongst us, we should talk to them and share the informational cards on Quaker Meeting which are found in the pews. We should think of others in the Meeting with whom we have served on past committees and see if they're currently coming to Meeting. If not, we should contact them by phone, email, letter, text or tweet. We build a web of connections and we're all responsible for nurturing it.

2/13-4. Approval of Minutes Minutes for January 2013 were approved with two small changes.

2/13-5. Following silent worship, the Clerk declared friends at liberty at about 11:20pm purposing to meet again as way opens for Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business at the rise of Meeting for Worship on March 10, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Yeaney, clerk
Laura Lee Fischer, recording clerk

*Do you uphold those who are acting under concern,
even if their way is not yours?
Can you lay aside your own wishes and prejudices
while seeking with others to find God's will for
them? – Advices & Queries 2008*

Langley Hill Meeting was one of the contributors toward rebuilding Mito meetinghouse, which was destroyed by the earthquake and tsunami. This is an excerpt from a letter sent to Quakers in Aotearoa New Zealand in appreciation

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Japan



September 2012

Dear Friends worldwide,

Nobody could expect the dedication ceremony of our Meeting House and Kindergarten coming so quick! It was held on 9 September 2012, just two days before a year and half after the great earthquake on 11 March 2011. It was celebrated by 130 attendants not only from our area but also Tokyo and much further.

Let me express appreciation to all the donors worldwide who have supported Mito Monthly Meeting to build a Meeting House and Kindergarten. The house is a joint house of the two. On weekdays it is a kindergarten and on Sunday it is our Meeting House. This system has been kept since 1951 when Edith F. Sharpless, a Philadelphia Quaker, started over again after WWII. 100 year old brick meeting house was replaced by wooden house, but bricks carefully taken out from the ruins were put on the walls up to the waist and on the walking space around the whole house. At the porch the kindergarteners placed each brick piece as their memory in July. Now they enjoy playing in the new house and out in the garden lively. Wood smells good in the hall under the tall triangle ceiling. On Sunday meeting for worship has been held comfortably. It might be impossible without your kind donation.

Friendship in Light,
Mamoru Hitomi, Clerk, Mito Monthly Meeti



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