

The Langley Hill Friend

FOURTH Month 2013

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Any great issue has transformative power, once we engage it. Slavery led John Woolman through a lifetime of spiritual transformation, of renewal in his own heart. Whether our own faith is centered on Christ or other core beliefs, our journey can be animated as Woolman's was by compassion and a love of truth. – David Morse, Testimony: John Woolman On Today's Global Economy

Recurring Events

Sundays 9:00 am "Drop-in" Worship Sharing in the upstairs room - *see next page*
9:30 am Early worship in the meeting room

First Sundays 9:15 Singing 🎵🎵 10:00 Worship. 11:00 Fellowship. Noon Potluck Luncheon

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

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
11 am: George Fox Country, pics & talk by Steve Elkinton

7 pm: "For Peace and Truth" by Pierre Ceresole

4/28 Sunday 11 am: Advancement & Outreach Committee leads second hour

5/15 Wednesday *Newsletter deadline!!*

5/19 Sunday 11 am: Second Hour Intergenerational Worship Sharing. See next page.

6/2 Sunday 9 am til afternoon: Worship then First Day School Potluck & Recognition of students & teachers. See next page.

6/16 - 8/18 Used Book Sale. See next page.

Announcements from BYM are listed on pages 7-8.

(BYM Calendar Online: http://www.bym-rsf.org/event_calendar.html)



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



Friends' Drop-In Readings

9:00 AM – Upstairs room

- 4/28 Two Poems by Thomas Merton
- 5/5 Byron Katie: The Work (led by Mel Snyder)
- 5/12 BYM Faith & Practice 16b -- Stewardship of the Earth
- 5/19 BYM Faith & Practice 17 -- Vocal Ministry (led by Tim Hunt)
- 5/26 Desert Fathers (led by Ken Bernstein)

Introduction to Quakerism a Course for Everyone



Ministry & Worship Committee is sponsoring this class, which will meet the first four Sunday evenings in June, from 7 - 8:30 in the Library. (No meeting on the 5th Sunday, 6/30.)

There are two texts, both available from The FGC bookstore, or from Steve Morse at a discount:

A Brief Introduction to the Quakers (Pink Dandelion)

A Book of Quaker Wisdom (Robert Smith)

Steve Morse and Ann Stone will lead the class.

Religious Education Events

- 5/19 **Intergenerational Worship Sharing** on First Day, **May 19th during Second Hour** is being planned by the Young Friends. You'll experience an opportunity to be creative and artistic. Don't miss it!
- 6/2 The annual **First Day School picnic** will be held First Day, **June 2nd**, with a fabulous potluck to follow. Come celebrate the end of First Day School classes and help give appreciation to both teachers and students.



Used Book Sale

June 16 through August 18
Sponsored by the Library Committee



Is spring cleaning leaving you with bags of books to donate...somewhere? Are you looking for a new infusion of summer reading...for beach reading, for the children? Want to discover a new mystery writer, or poet? Perhaps learn about gardening or brush up on your history?

We have the solution for all of the above AND you will be helping the library to buy new books for the library shelves.

Beginning June 1 you may bring books and DVD's to donate directly to the 3rd floor middle room (NOT the teen room.) Items must be in good condition, no text books or encyclopedias, and not so obscure that no one will want to buy them. PLEASE NOTE that at the end of the sale the library committee will find a new resting place for the leftover books.

Books will be \$1.00 for hardcovers and 50¢ for paperbacks, DVDs at \$2.00. Transactions will be self-serve on the honor system.

Contact Anne Hunt for more information, awlhunt@gmail.com.

"God, out of his everlasting love, did appear unto us, according to the desire of our hearts, who longed after him. ... The Lord of Heaven and earth we found to be near at hand, and, as we waited upon him in pure silence, our minds out of all things, his heavenly presence appeared in our assemblies when there was no language, tongue, nor speech from any creature. Francis Howgill, 1663

Where Are These Friends?

Martha Hadley Glock
Amber Gordon
Amy Griffin
Dalmer and Irene Hoskins
Elizabeth and Lawrence Howe
Holly Kruse
Ellen, Jeffrey, and Rebecca Lukens

Friends, we ask your help in learning about these members of our Meeting with whom we have lost official contact. If you know how to contact them and would be willing to do so, that would be greatly appreciated. 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. Thank you!

From Najla Drooby:

I just wanted to let you know that my parents passed away peacefully within two months of each other this last February. Dad, Alaeddine Drooby, died on Dec 14, 2012 and Mom, Nabila Drooby, died on Feb 9, 2013. They both had a rough last year medically speaking but they were happy to have each other and their friends around. Luckily all of their children were with them in their last moments. I am closing their house now and slowly heading back home where I look forward to reconnecting with everyone and setting roots again. I may stop by the Quakers in France on my way.

Notes from Meeting for Business 14 Fourth Month 2013

Five Marymount University students worshipped with us and stayed briefly for the beginning of the meeting for business. Two letters were noted. Susan Hills Rose wrote requesting transfer to Patapsco Meeting where she and Jim regularly attend. We accepted, with regret on behalf of Langley Hill but delight for Susan and Jim and the Patapsco community. Kate English wrote requesting Meeting membership and saying she and Jim Fussell wish to be married under the care of Langley Hill. Friends were delighted!

Two applications for membership presented last month were presented for approval this month. Greg Chudy's membership was enthusiastically approved. We also delightedly approved the membership of KC Morris, a longtime active attender and contributor to the community, and junior membership for her children, Colleen, Alexandra, and Connor Kohout.

The Treasurer's Report (next page) shows we are in good shape. The proposed changes in the Meeting Bylaws were approved (page 5). It was noted that our bylaws don't say what we must do, but rather describe what we do do. If we change our practices, we can change the bylaws the next time they are reviewed, which happens every two years.

Care & Clearness offered the next group of missing member names, hoping we can find these people this month. The list is at the top of this page. ↑

Quaker Quest is coming to Langley Hill on May 11! Friends General Conference and the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Advancement & Outreach Committee are sponsoring a training session hosted at Langley Hill on May 11th for any monthly meetings in BYM that might be interested in doing Quaker Quest.

Again we heard the revised Spiritual State of the Meeting Report for 2012 but found more possible improvements, which the Ministry & Worship Committee will work on and present another draft in May. We discussed whether the Junior Monthly Meeting (JMM) Report should be integrated into the report as a whole, or stand as its own report. Zephren Bivens Coinson spoke on behalf of JMM in favor of keeping it separate as we've been doing.

Langley Hill Friends Meeting General Fund presented at Meeting for Business 14 April 2013



	Jul 12 - Mar 13	FY 12-13	
	Actual	Budget	Portion
Portion of Year			75%
Income			
Contributions (Autogive)	\$52,596	\$71,000	74%
Contributions (non-Autogive)	\$41,559	\$49,439	84%
Contributions (TOTAL)	\$94,155	\$120,439	78%
Other (Interest, MH Use, etc.)	\$9,305	\$5,655	165%
TOTAL	\$103,459	\$126,094	82%
Expenses			
Meeting House	\$14,377	\$20,897	69%
Administrative	\$4,676	\$5,010	93%
Publishing	\$771	\$2,000	39%
Committees	\$195	\$5,600	3%
Religious Ed	\$5,273	\$9,490	56%
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	\$30,329	\$35,182	86%
TOTAL	\$81,450	\$126,094	65%
Net Income	\$22,009	\$0	

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\$2,124	\$2,627

Bank Accounts & Investments	\$121,443		
Money Loaned Out to Others	\$40,056		
Mortgage Principal Balance	\$234,571	\$325,000	72%



Langley Hill By-Laws Changes Approved 14 April 2013

The Langley Hill Friends Meeting Bylaws *describe* our functioning; they don't *prescribe* them. That is, they say what we actually do, not what we *should* do. Every five years they are reviewed and can be revised to reflect current practice. The changes below are a result of just that process.

f. **Treasurer:** The treasurer is responsible for the custody and disbursement of the Meeting's funds as directed by the Business Meeting.

1) The Meeting may appoint a person to function in the treasurer's absence, and may retain a bookkeeper with authority to receive and disburse funds on the Meeting's behalf.

2) The treasurer is ~~an ex-officio~~ member of the Finance Committee, and serves as its clerk.

~~3) The treasurer shall serve a term matching the Meeting's fiscal year.~~

~~34)~~ The treasurer shall keep accurate records.

~~45)~~ The treasurer shall ensure that a report of current overall contributions and expenses is made regularly at Business Meetings, and shall provide more detailed financial reports semi-annually and on request.

3. **Committees:** The Meeting shall appoint clerks and other members for any standing committees it establishes or maintains, with rights and responsibilities as set forth in *Faith and Practice* or in decisions of the Meeting. The Meeting and its standing committees also may appoint members and attenders to additional ad hoc committees. Appointments for committees ~~other than the Publishing Committee~~ shall be made in accordance with Article III.3 and .5 above, normally for a three-year term. Normally appointments may be, renewable once for a maximum total of 6 years' continuous service on a committee, but additional renewals may be made with the approval of the Business Meeting, in the same capacity. ~~The Publishing Committee shall consist, ex officio, of those who publish the Meeting's publications.~~ Committees other than the Care and Clearness, Ministry and Worship, and Nominating Committees may co-opt individuals who show sufficient interest and willingness to perform committee duties, including attendance at meetings. Committees with responsibilities extending beyond the Meeting may appoint representatives to other community or religious groups. The

"Keep your meetings in the power of God... And when Friends have finished their business, sit down and wait awhile quietly and wait upon the Lord to feel him. And go not beyond the Power, but keep in the Power by which God almighty may be felt among you. ... For the power of the Lord will work through all, if ... you follow it." George Fox, 1658

Library Committee Annual Report March 2012 through March 2013

The LHFM Library Committee continues to meet monthly for a discussion of committee business and a working session.

This year we have focused on plans for a transition from categorizing our collection based on the Dewey decimal system. First, we researched the matter by exploring how other meetings handle their library collections. We learned about the category systems used by different meetings as well as the layout of local meeting libraries. Committee members have spent time talking with other meetings and with librarians at Swarthmore. We met with the Library Committee from Adelphi Friends Meeting and exchanged ideas about a similar classification system they use. We have held a work session to devise a plan and have another session scheduled to begin reclassifying and labeling our collection in April.

Our new system will have categories that are color coded, prominently labeled and easy to understand, such as "Newcomers, Bible Study, Quaker Studies, Life Transitions, World Religions, Quaker History, Christian Religions and World Religions, as well as Fiction, Children's and Young Adult books." Special collections, such as "End of Life Matters" can usually be found within one of the new categories, and we will develop one-page guides to special subjects to help people locate the materials easily. It will require

considerable time and effort to implement the new system, but we are making a beginning.

Other tasks we routinely perform include reshelving returned materials, updating and shelving periodicals, and removing non-library materials from library shelves and tables. We periodically reconsider how best to organize, display and label materials in our new space. We continue to take stock of the current collection and consider what we should keep, add and remove. We welcome ideas and feedback from others in the meeting about these issues.

In 2012, the Library Committee hosted a sale of books from FGC, and we plan to hold another later in 2013. These sales support FGC's bookstore and offer us a chance to view and purchase important Quaker writings. They also bring in a portion of the sales for the Meeting. In response to many requests from Friends, we are also planning a "self-service" used book sale for the summer.

We hope to continue to work with others in the Meeting to develop ways to make the library welcoming and useful to all, as way opens.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann L. Stone,
Clerk, LHFM Library Committee



*Look to the Lord and be strong,
at all times seek his presence.
Remember the marvels He has wrought,
the portents and the judgements He has given ...
He is the Lord our God,
his judgements cover the whole world.
-- I Chronicles I 16:11-14*



From BYM – Events & Announcements

April 27 Saturday

BYM – Apportionment Meeting at Charlottesville Friends Meeting (Charlottesville, VA)

Find out more about the money your Meeting sends to BYM! Please come, listen and give feedback, and make sure your Meeting sends a representative. Hear about how other Meetings are handling their finances and about how the Yearly Meeting is doing. The Stewardship and Finance Committee hosts this annual meeting to consider issues of apportionment – that is, financial support of BYM. It is a time for sharing and consideration of important issues.

Special presentation this year: BYM Goes Green.

In the afternoon, join Camp Property Manager David Hunter and General Secretary Riley Robinson as they discuss BYM's progress with environmental Friendliness. You might learn something for your Meeting! Questions or for more information, contact Co-Clerks Jim Riley (540-667-6919 or jriley@jtrileycpa.com) or Tom Hill. (434-295-1795 or quakertomhill@gmail.com)

May 1 Wednesday

Native Peoples in Our Area: Then and Now at Friends House (Sandy Spring, MD)

Join Gabrielle Tayac, a member of a prominent Piscataway family that has included several hereditary chiefs, as she discusses the history of native peoples in this region. The Piscataway tribe received state recognition at an emotional ceremony in January 2012, and Gabrielle works at the National Museum of the American Indian.

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May 11 Saturday

Vigil to Protest Drone Warfare at CIA Main Gate, Langley, Virginia

Langley Hill Friends Meeting is one of the co-sponsors of a Vigil to Protest Drone Warfare every month on the Second Saturday at the Main Gate of the Central Intelligence Agency. The Vigils begin at 10:00 am. Please join us there, and for light refreshments at the Langley Hill Meeting House afterwards. For more information, contact Walter Brown. (carolewalter@aol.com)



May 11 Saturday – Quaker Quest

All-day Training for Local Meetings at Langley Hill Meeting (McLean, VA)

The Quaker Quest All-day Training is coming up soon! Quaker Quest is first and foremost an outreach program. It helps Friends talk about their faith, think about what newcomers might want and need, and adds to community of the Friends who take part in it. We would like to recruit two folks from each Local Meeting to attend the training. Please contact the Yearly Meeting office or Walter Brown (carolewalter@aol.com) with any questions.

May 24–27

Friends Conference on Religion & Psychology at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, PA

FCRP is thrilled to welcome back Dr. Donald Kalsched as our plenary speaker this year. Dr. Kalsched will be speaking on “Trauma and the Soul,” following the release of his new book in March, *Trauma and the Soul: A Psycho-Spiritual Approach to Human Development and its Interruption*. About the book he says: “By focusing on the “inner world” of trauma I hope to illustrate how the psyche responds inwardly to overwhelming life events. What happens in the inner world, for example, when life in the outer world becomes unbearable? Finally, what do these inner images and fantasy structures tell us about the miraculous life-saving defenses that assure the survival of the human spirit when it is threatened by the annihilating blow of trauma? For more information, including stimulating workshops, go to fcrp.quaker.org/.

June 14–16 – Silent Retreat for Friends

at Dayspring Retreat Center by Annapolis Friends Meeting

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Silent Retreat at Dayspring for Friends. Members of Annapolis Friends Meeting will be given priority in registration, and Friends from Baltimore Yearly Meeting are invited to join them. The Retreat has never been full, so please join us!. We will keep the silence from Friday evening until after worship on Monday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation in meadows and woods, reading, walking, resting, praying, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice at Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD. The cost of the re-

treat is \$210.00, and the deadline for registrations is June 7, 2013. For more information, contact facilitator Jean Christianson of Annapolis Friends Meeting. (410-544-1912 or jschristianson@gmail.com)

June 15 Saturday – BYM Interim Meeting at Adelphi Friends Meeting (Adelphi, MD)

Get to know Yearly Meeting Committees and Friends from other Meetings! Be a part of important decision making. Join Friends for morning committee meetings and the afternoon's Interim Business Meeting. Adelphi Friends Meeting is hosting the Sixth Month Interim Meeting. Friends will begin gathering at 10:00 am. Lunch will be provided, and the afternoon Business Meeting will be held with dinner following the rise of Meeting. Check the Yearly Meeting website for more information.

June 21– 26 – Quaker Spring Experiencing the Inward Christ Together at Woolman Hill (Deerfield, MA)

Are you longing for more quiet opportunities to worship and share with other Friends? Would you enjoy taking part in a radically unprogrammed retreat with Friends from a variety of theological backgrounds for a week or just a few days? Come to Quaker Spring! Friends of all branches are welcome, and costs are low. For more information and registration, see their website. (www.quakerspring.org)

June 30–July 6 Friends General Conference Gathering at University of Northern Colorado (Greeley, CO)

The annual FGC Gathering will begin on Sunday June 30 and continue until Saturday the 6th of July.

Registration opens on April 3. See the FGC website for full details of the planning and registration information. (www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering)



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BYM Development Program Update

At Third Month Interim Meeting on March 23, J.E. McNeil, clerk of the Development Committee, reported on the recent external audit performed by consultant Helen Colson. Helen had been scheduled to give the report herself, but family health concerns prevented her attendance. She kindly provided a list of the comments she had planned to make. The Development Clerk's report, the external audit, and the Development Director's report on the final gift results for 2012 may be found online. We are grateful to all Friends for helping us meet the 2012 year-end challenge, and for supporting our Yearly Meeting and its programs. (www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/third13.html)

***Faith and Practice* First Reading Available!**

The *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee has submitted the completed draft *Faith and Practice* for a First Reading at Annual Session 2012. Printed copies, as well as electronic versions suitable for the Kindle, Nook, or other e-readers, may be purchased through the Yearly Meeting's website. (www.bym-rsf.org/publications/purchases.html) A pdf of the complete text is available for free downloading, and the text may also be read online. Invite the Committee to come visit with your Meeting! Contact Sheila Bach at snbach@earthlink.net.



July 29 – August 4 BYM – Annual Session at Frostburg State University (Frostburg, MD)

Let your Spirit grow! Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Annual Session 2013 will be held at Frostburg State University in Frostburg, MD. The theme for this year is *Growing from Common Roots toward the Light*. You can refresh yourself at Monday's retreat, take in the exciting plenary sessions, and engage in a range of activities for the whole family. The Spring edition of the *Interchange* will be appearing soon and will contain all of the information regarding registration, including forms and rates. **Online registration returns, so you will be able to register with ease!** There are many ways to reduce the costs of attendance, including first-time attender certificates, work grants, and assistance for younger adult Friends. Check www.bym-rsf.org for news and updates!

This Month in Quaker History

On April 8th, 1656, James Nayler, one of the best-known preacher-organizers of the burgeoning Quaker movement, rode into the city of Bristol in England. Nayler was a brilliant figure in the movement, and had a strong mystical visionary streak. In fact, this tendency had been growing stronger, to the point where Nayler apparently thought, at least briefly, that he had become fused with Christ, and represented in his person the Second Coming. There were some local Friends who also fell into this delusion, and when Nayler came to Bristol, they mounted him on a donkey and followed him into the city shouting hosannas, in an effort to re-enact the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The authorities were outraged by this spectacle, arrested Nayler and charged him with blasphemy. After horrible tortures and long imprisonment, Nayler was ultimately released and died soon thereafter, though not before renouncing his errors, being reconciled with Fox and the movement, and making the lovely statement which Friends often reprint today:

“There is a spirit which I feel which delights to do no evil nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy its own in the end.”

Thinking About Race

White Identity Exploration Group



“When Friends [School of Baltimore] announced that we would be starting a White Identity Exploration Group for parents this spring [2012], we received a range of responses. The School had successfully launched affinity programs for parents of children of color as well as for same-sex, adoptive and single or divorced parents – all of which are minority groups at Friends. *Why, some argued, would white parents, as a majority on campus, need to meet around their racial identity?* Other parents decried the notion of a singular white identity, arguing against the notion that there is only one way to be white.

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The truth is we all have a racial identity. Understanding it, and how it impacts those with whom we interact, is not about further separating ourselves from those who are different from us. Quite the opposite: Such identity exploration among majority and minority groups can facilitate relationships by dispelling stereotypes and identifying shared values and characteristics.

Diversity exists within any group. Striving not to see differences when we look at each other —the once-popular “identity blindness” theory — presumes that difference is inherently bad when, really, it provides exciting opportunities for learning and mutual sharing.”

From “Diversity Notes,” by Felicia Wilks, Director of Diversity at Friends School of Baltimore, in the Spring 2012 **Collection**, p. 9.

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.



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