

The Langley Hill Friend

ELEVENTH Month 2013 6410 Georgetown Pike, McLean, Va. 22101-2210

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Do you, as the way opens, share Friends' principles with non-Friends?
Do you witness to your Quaker faith by letting your life speak?
Do you make non-Friends welcome in your meetings for worship?
Do you find ways to encourage their continued attendance?

Calendar

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
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
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

- 11/17 Sunday 9 am Quakers and Jung, drop-in discussion
11 am Membership Issues led by C&C committee
7 pm "The New Christianity" book discussion
11/24 Sunday 11 am Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund - presentation by FMW friends
7:30 pm "The New Christianity" - book discussion
11/9 - 12/1 Young Friends Conference, Friends Meeting of Washington
Fri-Sun
12/1 Sunday 9am sing, 10am worship, 11 fellowship, noon potluck
5:30 pm "The New Jim Crow" - book discussion & byo bag supper
12/8 10:30 am Worship with a concern for Meeting Business
12/14 Saturday 10-11 am Vigil against drones
12/15 Sunday 11 am FDS rehearsal for evening program
5 pm CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT PROGRAM
12/22 Sunday 11 am Open (fellowship, singing)
12/29 Sunday 11 am Open (fellowship)

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

Drop-In Topics

on Sunday mornings from 9 - 10

- 11/24 Psalms 88 , 73
- 12/1 Dante's Inferno, Canto V: Paolo & Francesca
- 12/8 Isaac Penington
- 12/15 Adin Steinsaltz on "Repentance"
- 12/22 Slide Show on "The Annunciation"
- 12/29 New Year's Resolutions (chat)

Third Sunday Book Group

The monthly discussion group will NOT meet in December. Next meeting will be on January 19, Chapters 4 and 5.

The Christmas play needs adult volunteers!

This is your chance to work with the young people in our meeting as they prepare a Christmas play for our Candlelight Program December 15th. It's an intergenerational opportunity, as well as part of our community building curriculum in First Day school. Who knows, it also might be the beginning of a stage career! Please contact David Henderson, director, (email: fuzzy44@hotmail.com) or Robert Trussell, production assistant, (email: rtrussell.rdt@mac.com) if you're interested to volunteer. Your rehearsal schedule would be flexible.

Preview of Second Hour on 11/24

Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund

The Mary Jane Simpson Scholarship Fund helps graduating seniors in DC public schools go to college. Quakers have been running the program for over thirty years. The fund is named for Mary Jane Simpson, a member of Friends Meeting of Washington and social worker in the DC public schools, who launched this fund and was its strong champion. Since 1981, this program has awarded 101 scholarships to graduates of 19 DC public high schools.

The Friends Meeting of Washington and Bethesda Friends Meeting jointly manage and finance this scholarship fund. A management committee from the two meetings contacts public schools, selects awardees, follows up with recipients, and makes decisions about the program's policies and practices.

J.E. McNeil and Anne Kendall from FMW will be at the 11/24 meeting to tell you about the the scholarship and the students who have received this help. We welcome the support of Langley in what we think is a very exciting project.

Note from Nominating Committee

At the Meeting for Business on November 10 this slate of 2014 committees was presented.

The new names are in **bold**; They will be presented again in December for approval.

There continue to be opportunities to serve on committees, and as always, there are many additional ways of participating in the community through teaching, being riser or greeter on a Sunday morning, interacting with the children during assembly time, etc.



"I first came to Meeting because my parents brought me. I had no choice. As I grew to adulthood, the political action part of the peace testimony kept me in Quakerism as a young man. Lately, I continue to be drawn to the Peace Testimony, and am also working more on the mystical. Meeting for Worship feels right and natural."

** "quote" from 10/27 Second Hour discussion of Membership

LANGLEY HILL FRIENDS MEETING
2014 OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, & REPRESENTATIVES
→ 1st presentation 11/10/2013

CAPITALS = Clerk

Italics indicates being presented for consideration

Bold indicates having been presented but not yet approved

OFFICERS (All serve through 2014)

Clerk	Mary Yeane (12)
Recording Clerk	Laura Lee Fischer (11)
Corresponding Clerk	Ollie Moles (12)
Recorder	Ann Delorey (14)
Archivist	Ann Delorey (14)
Treasurer	Doug Smith (09)

Directors of the Corporation (Trustees)

(Serve through 2015)
 Sheila Bach (09)
SEAN BEENY (11)
 Carole Brown (13)
 Ollie Moles (09)
Doug Smith (07) (temp advisor)

COMMITTEES		
Serving through 2016	Serving through 2015	Serving through 2014
Building Use Committee		
Lauren Stockbower (14)	SHEILA BACH (14) Calendar keeper	
	Virginia Colin (10) advisor	
	Jim Laity (10)	
Care & Clearness		
Kate English (14)	Rebecca Rawls (13)	Suzanne Nicholson (12)
KC Morris (14)	TIM YEANEY (13)	Paul Slattery (12)
		John Smallwood (09)
		John Surr (12)
		Steve Woodbury (09)
Fellowship		
JEN POST (CO CLERK) (11)	Charlotte Boynton (13)	Nicole Bivens Collinson (12)
Frank Taylor (14)	Kate English (13)	
Monica Smith (14)	Jim Laity (10)	
Roger Catlin (14)	BABS WILLIAMS (CO CLERK)(10)	
Finance		
Rick Post (11)	Arthur Kopelman (13)	DOUG SMITH (09)
Jessica Mott (14)	Loretta Kopelman (13)	Donna Williams (12)
	Jim Laity (Ex Officio)	
COMMITTEES		

Serving through 2016	Serving through 2015	Serving through 2014
	Flower	
Ann Varnon (11)	LYNN CORN (00)	Anne Hunt (12)
	Ann Medinger (13)	
	Doug Neal (10)	
	House & Grounds	
Paul Kollenberger (11)	David Henderson (11)	DONA MANOUKIAN cc (12)
Babs Williams (14)	Doug Neal (13)	Keith Oberg (12)
Keith Alvey (14)		RICK POST cc(12)
		Mark Van Raden (09)
	Library	
Mark Meineke (14)	Barbara Haught (13)	Tadek Kosmal (12)
	Anne Hunt (10)	
	Ann Kosmal (10)	
	Naomi Thiers (13)	
	Ministry & Worship	
Steve Morse (11)	Ken Bernstein (13)	Chuck Kleymeyer (12)
Susan Joyce (14)	Georgia Fuller (13)	Jenepher Moseley (09)
	TIM HUNT (10)	
	Mel Snyder (Race comm.)	
	Peace and International Outreach	
Gabriel Smith (14)	Greg Chudy (13)	Walter Brown (12)
GARY GARRIOTT (11) co-clerk	Francesca Costantino (13)	Mary Diamond (12)
Tim Yeaney (11)	Jenepher Moseley (13)	Fred Krimgold (09)
NAJILA DROOBY (14) co-clerk	Mel Snyder (10)	
	Publishing & Communication	
Lara Maupin (14)	Marge Epstein (13)	Roy Clark
	Hugo Estrada (13) (Data Base Mgr)	Jeanne Houghton (Nsl Editor)
	DOUG NEAL (13)	Sara Nash (Mailing)

COMMITTEES		
Serving through 2016	Serving through 2015	Serving through 2014
Religious Education		
Ollie Moles (14)	Betty Smallwood (13)	JIM HERSEY (09) co-clerk
Carole Brown (14)	Jeannette Smith (10)	Hugo Estrada (08)
Scholarship		
Nick Smith (14)	Barbara Haught (10)	Kent Weaver (07)
Kate Oberg (14)	BETTY SMALLWOOD (10)	
Social Concerns		
LAURA LEE FISCHER (11) co-Clerk	Don Bearsden (13)	Arthur Kopelman (12)
	Robert Trussell (13)	
	Elaine Williams (13)	LORETTA KOPELMAN (12)Co-Clerk
Nominating Committee		
Serving through 6/2016	Serving through 6/2015	Serving through 6/2014
Babs Williams (13)	Dona Manoukian (12)	Gary Garriott (08)
Jessica Mott (13)	Susan Sassner (12)	ANNE HUNT (08)
		Jen Post (11)
		Mark Van Raden (13)

Appointments & Representatives
(Committee Appointments - Listed Here for Reference Purpose Only)

Marriage Celebrants	Laurie Wilner (no renewal date) Steve Woodbury (no renewal date)
Meeting Calendar Second Hr. Calendar	Sheila Bach (14) (Building Use appointment) Jeanne Houghton (M&W appointment)
FCNL Representative(s)	Bill Mims (Peace Appt.)
Religious Education Coordinator	_____
Ad Hoc Advancement & Outreach (Ministry & Worship Committee)	Georgia Fuller Jeannette Smith & Mel Snyder
Ad Hoc Committee on Racism (Ministry & Worship Committee)	Jeanne Houghton, Ollie Moles, Mel Snyder, Ann Varnon, Babs Williams, Susan Joyce, Jenepher Mosley

Appointments & Representatives
(Serving as way opens with no defined term)

BYM Representatives	Bill Mims (Adult Program) & Jeannette Smith (Youth Program)
BYM Interchange Liaison	Jeanne Houghton (11)
AFSC Representative	AFSC Reorganized; Soc Concerns reviewing appointment
Friends Wilderness Center	_____
William Penn House, Washington Quaker Work Camps	Bill Flanagan (08) Jim Hersey
Liaison with Country Day School	John Surr (05)
Registered Agent	Bill Flanagan
Bookkeeper	Jim Laity
Va. Interfaith Council on Public Policy	Babs Williams

From the Meeting Treasurer

Friends, we are nearing the end of the Federal income tax year. We're also more than 1/3 of the way through Langley Hill's fiscal year. During the period July - October 2013, we budgeted to receive over \$18,400 in contributions *outside of AutoGive*. Unfortunately, we've received only \$4,544.



We budgeted for **\$18,000** by now
in contributions but have only \$4,544.
So we're already \$13,456 short –
with 2/3 of the fiscal year to go.



We are seriously behind and need contributions *NOW*. Let's not wait till the end of our fiscal year to make up the shortfall – please get out your checkbook and make a donation *TODAY*. You'll get a nice tax savings for 2013 as well.

Send your donation to our bookkeeper: Jim Laity
2621 Depaul Drive
Vienna, VA 22180-7052



Please, give generously to our faith community.
Don't count on someone else to cover your missing contribution.

In the Light,
Doug Smith, Treasurer
Langley Hill Friends Meeting

Langley Hill Friends Meeting General Fund

	Jul 2013 - Oct 2013	FY 2013-14	
	Actual	Budget	Portion
Portion of Year			33%
Income			
Contributions (Autogive)	\$22,212	\$71,000	31%
Contributions (non-Autogive)	\$4,544	\$55,218	8%
Contributions (TOTAL)	\$26,756	\$126,218	21%
Other (Interest, MH Use, etc.)	\$4,032	\$7,727	52%
TOTAL	\$30,789	\$133,945	23%
Expenses			
Meeting House	\$7,424	\$20,872	36%
Administrative	\$993	\$4,910	20%
Publishing	\$261	\$1,000	26%
Committees	\$134	\$9,950	1%
Religious Ed	\$1,036	\$10,841	10%
BYM	\$5,868	\$24,190	24%
Contributions to Other Organizations	\$4,850	\$21,000	23%
Transfers to Other Funds	\$0	\$5,500	0%
Contingencies	\$0	\$500	0%
Loan Repayment	\$14,355	\$35,182	41%
TOTAL	\$34,921	\$133,945	26%
Net Income	(\$4,132)	\$0	

Bank Accounts & Investments	\$114,917		
Money Loaned Out to Others	\$40,056		
Mortgage Principal Balance	\$213,935	\$325,000	66%
	Outstanding	Original	% Left to Pay

Thoughts on Membership – from Oct. 27th Second Hour

Meaning of membership

- Commitment (x2)
- Public commitment (x2)
- Not unlike the commitment of marriage -- formal and public (x2)
- But some said commitment is not the same as membership and is more important (x3)
- “Real” members are those who are committed to the Meeting, not necessarily those who have been through a membership process
- An affirmation to give back to the Meeting, not just take from it (x3)
- Acceptance, responsibility, and accountability to and from the community
- A statement of responsibility for the health and life of the community
- Integrates one more closely into the Meeting
- Affirms community
- Friends open up more to members and include them more in Meeting activities
- Means being recognized as part of the community
- It’s a public affirmation of belonging
- Should not change the way the Meeting thinks about the person (nonmembers are as valuable as members)
- Should not feel exclusionary
- It’s intensely personal; it’s one’s identity (x2)
- It’s a judgment of whether the Meeting can accept the applicant
- Carries responsibility to be articulate about what Quakerism is
- It’s a mistake to think joining will enable someone to “fix” what’s wrong with the Meeting
- Shouldn’t be terminated no matter how tenuous the connection if the person wants to remain a member
- Confused about journey to become a Quaker vs. a member of a particular Meeting
- Should have a low bar on allegiance to testimonies (military, in the CIA, not a pacifist all okay).

- But others said membership should not be extended to everyone (x2) (i.e. not pedophiles, “my way or the highway” evangelicals, or atheists, active soldiers, CIA employees, abusers of other people)

Membership process

- Helps both the Meeting and the applicant understand each other
- Is a process by which applicants teach themselves about basic Quaker processes and learn what they are getting into
- Should be a mutual process of exploring our spiritual and practical links with each other intended to help us understand and support each other as part of a community
- Is a process of reaching clearness, which is valuable regardless of the outcome
- Sheds light on all of one’s character
- Should be an active, contemplative process between the applicant and the group
- Although it’s hard to hear “This isn’t ripe yet,” that can be the wise response
- The Meeting should respect and nurture people on the journey to membership and help individuals discern this path
- Some fear they wouldn’t “pass” the process despite an internal commitment to the Meeting
- Is intimidating
- Maybe we should say if you come, you belong.
- People can be hurt spiritually if they want to join and someone objects or if they want to serve in a particular position and can’t because they are not members. We should not be causing spiritual hurt.
- A process of clearness when a person is working through the idea of joining is good, especially being held in the Light, but clearness is between an individual and God, and other Quakers should not be able to stand in the way of someone who is clear and wants to join.
- An alternative (better) process might begin with a letter and clearness committee to test the leading and hold in the Light, but if after these steps, if the applicant wants to join, he or she would be allowed to join.

Our Quaker Quest Workshop Was a Success — Now What?

On October 26 about 30 members and attenders of Langley Hill including two young Friends were led through a marvelous spiritual experience by two expert facilitators from FGC. Our goal was to help find ways to talk about our faith and understand better some of the ways we can welcome newcomers into what can sometimes seem a closed community.

We practiced "Quaker speed dating," which is not a new Christian dating service, but an opportunity to share in 60 seconds with one other person your response to typical questions Seekers ask. Do Quakers believe in sacraments? How do Quakers view the Bible? How is worship and mediation different? Not surprisingly there were lots of different answers to these questions.

We also tossed a big ball of yarn around the circle to show our connections: "our kids were in FDS together," "we're on a committee together," "we sing together," "we have lunch after Meeting," or "we are in Spiritual Formation together." It's great to be involved as long as those connections don't become barriers to welcoming others into our community.

Finally, we spent time understanding what the outreach part of Quaker Quest would be like. As developed by British Friends and refined and supported by FGC, it involves an introduction to Quakerism by experiencing silent worship and hearing from three members or attenders of the Meeting about their past and current experience with a topic relevant to Quaker faith. Three consecutive sessions each have this format, and the series is repeated so those attending can experience all three events.

We heard from Mel Snyder and Hugo Estrada about their experiences with Simplicity for five minutes and then we got to reflect in small groups on what simplicity means to us.

To make the Public Sessions of Quaker Quest work, the Meeting would have to publicize the three sessions, which would be repeated, so we attract people curious about Quakers. We learned that there are in fact many Seekers that have an affinity to Quakerism according to research as they want a Spiritual home that gives them meaning and purpose and creates a sense of Community from which service and social action is fostered. Clearly Quaker Quest is a program and commitment that we are just beginning to explore.

Ministry & Worship and Advancement and Outreach have started talking about next steps. Are we led to pursue the public sessions of Quaker Quest? Ultimately this would require approval by the Meeting and significant involvement. If you are interested in being part of that discernment, let me know.

Alternatively, we may decide that outreach is still important but we will do it in other ways, or that our focus should be continuing the dialogue about our faith and going deeper.

Or all of the above, as way opens. The committees do sense an energy that was created by the Quaker Quest Workshop and we want to tap into it and let it spread throughout our Meeting.

For more information about Quaker Quest you can go to: www.fgcquaker.org/services/quaker-quest

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