



# PRISM

The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

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Monthly

## JANUARY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7:30pm Peace & Social Action Committee @ Buxenbaum's	2 7pm San Pedro Sister Community @ Buxenbaum's	3	4 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group  Birthday: Jackie Dickinson	5 10am King Ferry Food Pantry
6 10am Meeting for Worship - Song&Silence	7 7:30pm Meditation Group  Birthday: David Connelly	8 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Nelson's	9	10 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond's  Birthday: Sarah Nelson Weiss	11 7pm Movie Night - Forgiveness (second DVD) @ Meetinghouse	12 Birthday: Suzanne O'Hara
13 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Soup & Sharing  Birthday: Trudy Buxenbaum	14	15 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Claire's	16 7pm Outreach Committee  Birthday: Garrett Hanson	17 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	18 6:15pm The Cayuga Prison Worship Group	19 9am Genoa Food Pantry
20 10am Meeting for Worship - Ruth Bradley 11:30am Monthly Meeting for Business at the rise of	21	22	23 Deadline for PRISM submissions	24 7pm Mid-week Worship @ Sammond;s	25 Birthday: Kristin Trapani Otis	26 5:30pm Family Night 7:30pm Concert @ Merrifield (Sally Ramirez and Doug Schmidt with Latin Cabaret/jazz )
27 10am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	28 Birthday: Greg Otis	29	30	31		

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact [pr.prism@gmail.com](mailto:pr.prism@gmail.com)

## **POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES**

No December Meeting For Business

### **SOUP & SHARING**

After the rise of meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Soup and Sharing. The topic is "Speaking out of the Silence." All are welcome to join us for a light meal and interesting conversation.

### **WORSHIP IN SONG & SILENCE**

The January 6<sup>th</sup> worship will be Song and Silence. The first 30 minutes will be favorite hymns followed by unprogrammed worship.

### **MOVIE NIGHT**

Please join the Peace and Social Action Committee in viewing the second DVD of Forgiveness on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. A discussion will follow.

The movie will be viewed in the basement of the meetinghouse. There are wooden folding chairs available, but you are welcomed to bring your own seating (cushions, bean bags, folding sling chairs, etc.) if it will make you more comfortable.

Movie night is open to all.

### **FAMILY NIGHT**

Our next family night will be a GAME night on **January 26<sup>th</sup>** at 5:30 pm. This should be an evening of fun for young and old alike. Kathleen Connelly would welcome suggestions if you have a favorite game you would like to play.

Looking ahead to **February** we will once again host Friendly suppers in each other's homes towards the end of the month. If you would like to be a host/hostess, please let Hannah Richter know. Names of attenders and members will be randomly assigned to have dinner in one of the host volunteer's homes.

The **March** Family Night will be held on the **16<sup>th</sup>**. Please note the weekend shift due to Easter at the end of the month. Beverly Miller (Howard Nelson's sister) and her husband Bob will be sharing with us their recent trip to Kenya.

## **2012 CHRISTMAS FAMILIES**

With help from the Auburn Prison Meeting, Friends from Poplar Ridge helped three families during this Christmas season. Two families were Spanish-speaking farm workers. The first was a single mom and her son recently arrived from Mexico. They were helped with their need for winter clothing including warm jackets and boots. A couple of toys and some books in Spanish completed the gifts for them. We also helped them with the purchase of food for their Christmas meal. The second family of five including 3 young children were helped with a gift certificate to purchase holiday food. The third family was a single mom and her special needs daughter who is in Headstart. They were helped with food, clothing and a few toys.

## **FROM THE PEACE AND SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE**

FCNL is updating and reviewing their policy guidelines (which have been in place for 10 years). We have been asked for our feedback. The FCNL policy committee writes:

*"[We] bring you these 12 queries for your consideration. We hope that you will discuss some of them that particularly interest you and send us your thoughts, your wisdom..."*

*"Your meeting or church does not need to come to unity on any advice you might give us. A reflection of your discussion and the values you considered would be very helpful to the committee".*

We hope as many as possible will read the queries below and join in a Soup and Sharing on February 3, 2013. We will share ideas on **some** of the queries – those that are most of interest to the group.

Here are the 12 Queries, separated into four main areas.

### **Part I: We Seek a World Free of War and the Threat of War**

**Weapons.** FCNL urges the "elimination of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons" and restrictions on conventional weapons. What about lasers, unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) and other weapons we don't know about yet? Can we say why FCNL should urge that certain kinds of weapons be eliminated or restricted? Is

it the technology itself, or how these weapons are (or can be) used?

**Intangible Weapons** - What should guide FCNL's understanding of intentional interference with electronic communications ("cyber warfare") or actions intended to cripple a nation's economy? Are these alternatives to war, or are they a new kind of warfare?

**Global "War on Terror"** - Since September 2001, the fear of new attacks on the U.S. homeland and U.S. interests abroad has been used to justify the assignment of military hardware, personnel, and processes to an unlimited war. The declared enemies in this war are non-state entities, sometimes even small groups or individuals. What values should guide the U.S. government's response to legitimate U.S. security interests threatened by hostile non-state groups or people?

**Military-supported humanitarian aid** - Should U.S. humanitarian aid groups have the protection of U.S. military troops in conflict zones? When deadly conflict is already underway? In situations of genocide or mass atrocities, how should FCNL respond to a U.S. policy that would support U.N. military forces to impose order or settlement?

*Part II: We Seek a Society with Equity and Justice for All*

**Electoral Processes** - Should FCNL support changes in the structure of federal elections to enlarge the possibility that a third party candidate could win an office, to reduce the cost of campaigning, or to improve the information available to voters? Should Congress have the authority to regulate fundraising and spending in federal election campaigns?

**Immigration** - What is the responsibility of the U.S. with respect to receiving immigrants and refugees? Should restrictions on the numbers of immigrants received be governed by economic needs (of the U.S. or of the potential immigrants), by concerns for family unity, by country, by political ties between the U.S. and other countries, or by other values? What is the responsibility of the U.S. government to local communities that receive large populations of

immigrants? How should immigration laws be enforced?

*Part III: We Seek a Community Where Every Person's Potential May Be Fulfilled*

**Employment.** What is the federal government's role in ensuring that everyone has an opportunity to work and earn a living wage? Is the role primarily in supporting education and training? In the promotion of new and growing industry, or the support of dying industries? In tax policies that encourage companies to employ more people? In direct job creation (hiring with government funds)? Are there other essential considerations?

**Veterans** - The wars since 2001 have brought to light the heavy burden borne by soldiers – those who survive and those who do not – and their families. How should FCNL policy address this development? Should veterans be treated differently from others in similar circumstances?

**Government Support of Agriculture** - What values should guide federal government choices about the support of farms and farmers and the production of various commodities?

**Government Support of Large Industries** - What values should guide federal government practice with respect to "bail-outs" of large financial institutions and industries?

*Part IV: We Seek an Earth Restored*

**Environment and the Economy** - To what extent should the government's role in promoting employment opportunities be modified to take into account the impact of certain kinds of economic growth on communities and on the environment?

**Economic Transitions.** - How should the federal government respond to employees and communities that are affected by the downsizing or closing of any large employer, including military installations, military production, fossil fuels production or other industries? As these industries close or need to change, whether because of climate change, economic forces or government regulation, how should the federal government respond to the needs of communities in transition.



We hope that all had a wonderful holiday season. Thanks to all the people who make Christmas special at the Meetinghouse. All appreciated the Meetinghouse decorations and Christmas Program.

### **POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING**

Clerk – Larry Buffam

Recording Clerk – David Connelly

Treasurer – Dee Nance

Pastor - Ruth Bradley

Musicians - Claire Howard, Jeff Layton, Cathy Mullarney

Ministry & Counsel Clerk - Howard Nelson

Poplar Ridge Friends meet every Sunday at 10 am for worship. The fourth Sunday of the month is an unprogrammed meeting. The fifth Sunday is a youth centered service. There is Nursery during meeting.

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