



PRISM

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The Religious Society of Friends, Poplar Ridge

MAY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00am Meeting for Worship - A.T. Miller 12:00pm embrace the lake	2 7:30pm Meditation Group @ Nelson's	3 7:00pm Youth Committee @ Lockhart's 7:30pm Peace and Social Action @ Buxenbaum's	4	5	6	7 Meetinghouse Cleanup Day 9:00am King Ferry Food Pantry
8 Mother's Day 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Rebecca Shillenback 11:00am Coffee Hour	9	10 7:30pm Ministry & Counsel @ Otis'	11	12 7:00pm Mid- week Worship @ Sammond's	13 6:15pm Cayuga Prison Worship	14
15 10:00am Meeting for Worship – Queries 11:30am Meeting for Business ----- Spring Gathering	16	17 7:15pm Women's Spiritual Nurture @ Otis'	18 7:30pm Friends Cemetery Meeting	19	20	21 9:00am Genoa Food Pantry 7:00pm Merrifield Concert - Craig Bickhardt
22 10:00am Meeting for Worship (unprogrammed)	23	24 7:30pm Men's Spiritual Nurture Group	25 Deadline for PRISM submissions Outreach Meeting 7:30pm Worship in Spanish	26 7:00pm Mid- week Worship - Berggren- Thomas'	27 6:15pm Cayuga Prison Worship	28
29 10:00am Meeting for Worship - Melinda Grube	30 Memorial Day	31				

Spring Gathering -----
San Pedro Visit --

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Birthdays: 1st Dikshing Lama; 2nd Jack Benjamin Gregory; 3rd Charlotte Jane Mumma; 7th Magdalena Wiedermann, Sophie Lucine Buffam, Elizabeth Brice; 8th Sullivan Malcolm Otis; 15th Evangeline (Lynn) Ray; 16th Mateo Labatut Pronto; 26th Leif Gunderson; 29th Miles David Weiss; 30th Carmen Reynolds, Jesse Otis; 31st Jackson Otis

For more information about calendar events, check the PRISM or contact pr.prism@gmail.com.

POPLAR RIDGE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS MINUTES FOR APRIL 10, 2016

Persons present: Sally Otis, Jane Simkin, Paul Simkin, Dill Otis, Jim Kerrigan, Anne Dalton, Rebecca Schillenback, Jeffrey Layton, Barry Kahn, Christopher Sammond, Karen Simkin, Charlie Weld, Ruth Bradley, Eric Devin, Andy Simkin

The minutes from the March 20 meeting were read by Andy Simkin.

For the Peace and Social Action Committee, Eric Devin noted that the committee would, at the May monthly meeting, share its input to FCNL concerning legislative priorities.

Anne Dalton read aloud a draft policy for publication of written content in the PRISM newsletter. Concern was expressed over ambiguity in part of the draft. The Outreach committee will revise, drawing on inputs to be sent to Anne Dalton by email.

Annual reports from various committees were given orally and received by the meeting, with written versions to be provided electronically to Clerk Anne Dalton and Recording Clerk David Connelly.

The membership report was presented by Karen Simkin.

The Finance committee report was presented by Treasurer Jeffrey Layton.

The Building committee report, prepared by Larry Buffam, was read by Dill Otis. A note will be added regarding housekeeping: "routine housekeeping is done by volunteers on a rotating basis"

There was no report on Bulletin Boards.

Jane Simkin gave an oral report for the committee on Historical Materials, noting that several members of meeting had been involved in conserving materials from the Benjamin Howland house following its recent demolition.

The Library report was not presented, but had earlier been transmitted electronically to David Connelly by Stephanie Nelson.

The Ministry and Counsel report was presented by Sally Otis. The report will be supplemented with a mention of spiritual nurture groups. Language will also be added regarding the deaths of two members.

There was no report from the Music committee.

The Nominating committee report was presented by Ruth Bradley. She shared a list of nominations, indicating where changes are suggested. There was some discussion of the nominations for the Nominating Committee. Linda Simkin had requested to withdraw and suggested that three year terms for this committee would be appropriate. It was decided that the nominating committee will return to having only three members, each with a three-year term. The meeting appointed Rebecca Schillenback to replace Linda Simkin.



It was noted that a second Representative to the NY Yearly Meeting is needed. David Connelly was suggested. The Nominating committee will contact him. A representative is also needed for NY Yearly Meeting meetings for discernment. The nominating committee will approach Anne Dalton and Melinda Grube.

The persons nominated in the Nominating committee report were appointed by the monthly meeting to the positions for which they were nominated. The list of appointments is appended below. The meeting also approved a change in the name of one committee, from "Prison Oversight Committee" to "Prison Worship Group Contacts".

The Outreach committee report was presented by Anne Dalton.

The Peace and Social Action report was presented by Eric Devin. There was some discussion of

licensing for movie nights. It was suggested that it could be good to get public licenses and use movies as part of outreach efforts. The Peace and Social Action and Outreach committees will follow up.

There was no report from the Prism committee.

For the Prison Worship Group Contacts committee, Dill Otis gave a report concerning the Cayuga Correctional Facility worship group. There was no report concerning the Auburn Correctional Facility.

The report from the Religious Education and Youth committee will, as is usual, be prepared after the annual Children's Day in June.

The Social committee report, written by Hannah Richter, was read by Anne Dalton, together with an addendum to last year's Social Committee report.

There was no report from the Telephone Tree committee.

The Wider Parish committee and Yearly Meeting committee reports were presented by Ruth Bradley.

Anne Dalton will prepare a note thanking Suzanne O'Hara for her work on PRISM this year in difficult family circumstances.

There was a clarification regarding the Funds committee. The committee can approve expenditures between monthly meetings. Every effort should be made to contact all members of the committee, but in the absence of one or more members, action may be taken if two or more are contacted and agree.

A written update on recent insulating work in the Meetinghouse basement, prepared by Larry Buffam, was read by Anne Dalton. Some valuable silverware found during construction will be taken for safeguarding to the home of a family from the meeting.

PRISM EMAIL

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FRIENDS CEMETERY

There will be a Friends Cemetery Meeting on May 18th at 7:30pm in the meetinghouse. This historic cemetery is on Poplar Ridge Rd. just West of Dixon Rd. All are welcome to attend the meeting especially those interested in local history.

MEETINGHOUSE CLEANUP

Saturday, May 7th, is the day for our annual spring cleaning of the meetinghouse. There will be friends working from approximately 9 am thru 4 pm.

There are many tasks from yard work, window washing, thorough cleaning of the kitchen and bathrooms, dusting, wiping the benches, etc. Come for a couple of hours or come for all day if you can.

Bring all your favorite cleaning supplies, buckets, rags, rakes and other indoor and outdoor tools. This is always a fund day and many hands make light work.

See you there.



EMBRACE THE LAKE

Join your friends on Sunday May 1st, 12:00 for the Embrace the Lake Cleanup project. Poplar Ridge Meeting will again be hosting our annual lakefront cleanup project in cooperation with the Cayuga Lake Watershed Network's "Embrace the Lake" program. All are welcome to participate.

We will meet following the rise of meeting at the parking area at the bottom of Poplar Ridge Road across from the Wells College ball fields. The network will again provide gloves and trash bags. It's a nice day feel free to bring a bag lunch along to enjoy by the lake.

Pastoral needs or questions:
Call Craig Kukuk at 734-717-7719.

SPRING GATHERING

The Farmington-Scipio region spring gathering will be held at Watson Homestead in Painted Post on May 13, 14, and 15, 2016. Registration forms will soon be available. The topic is *White Privilege: What it means to us as faithful members of the Society of Friends.*

Everyone is welcome. Come for the speakers, good food, time to get to know other Quakers, sing, dance, workshops and Bible study. Very affordable as you pay what you can or not at all.

Volunteers will be needed to help with the children's program as Poplar Ridge Monthly Meeting is in charge this year. The Youth Committee is working on finding a "person in charge" for each age group but other helpers will be needed through out the weekend. Speak to Julie or Scott Lockhart, or Kathleen Connelly for more information.

MERRIFIELD CONCERT

Craig and A.T. are excited to be hosting the singer/songwriter Craig Bickhardt for their May Merrifield concert on Saturday the 21st at 7pm. You can hear a taste of his music at craigbickhardt.com and then come and enjoy at 2345 Center Road, Scipio 13147. A Craig Bickhardt live set is a mix of absurd anecdotes and personal confessions, accompanying a well-stocked bag of original tunes and the occasional choice cover. His decades in music have given his performances the depth of experience – his love songs seem sweeter and more poignant, his story-song narratives more true-to-life than they could have in the past. The stories of his lifetime are simply too good not to share, and being in our local community together is a great place to share them.

They would love to see you join them with friends, family, and new acquaintances in the intimate setting of a concert in their home. Come early to enjoy the garden a bit and stay late to socialize and get to know the performer personally. \$15 is collected at the door to support the artist. Contact Craig and A.T. with any questions at atmiller80@gmail.com or [607-279-7515](tel:607-279-7515).



HELP SAVE A QUAKER SCHOOL

Hello from a member of Mount Holly Monthly Meeting in New Jersey,
We need the help of your Meeting and any Friends to save our local Friend's School at SaveOurSchoolFAW.com.

A Friend's School education is a valuable thing, not only because of the great academics it provides but also because of the testimonies that children are taught. Friends Academy of Westampton in New Jersey was started over 30 years ago to provide such a Quaker based education. Because Friends Academy has always kept tuition low to provide this valuable education to a broader public than might normally be able to afford it, the school is in danger of closing due to lack of funds. Most of our families are middle and lower income families. The parents of FAW are currently engaged in a campaign to save the school and to raise enough funds to open the doors next year and into the future.

We need the help of all Quaker Communities to save this vital part of our community. What we need is to reach over 100,000 people and have them make a small donation between \$5 and \$20. So what are we asking of you? We are asking for a small donation and we are asking that you inform your meeting in the hopes that they are led to donate, and hopefully, we need you to get more people to make a small donation and have them spread the word. The more people we contact the closer we get to our goals. Our campaign needs to reach \$250,000 immediately and \$1 million by the end of this campaign on April 23rd. We can do it with your help. Visit our website: SaveOurSchoolFAW.com and engage our Go Fund Me campaign. Individually we may be meager, but together we are mighty.

Joe Myers
Mount Holly (NJ) Monthly Meeting
Parent of Rosie, Jack and JoJo at Friends Academy
(Editor's note: The link above for donations is still active even though the date indicated has past.)



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OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Friends,

In keeping you informed of the Ministry of Friends Theological College, I write to you today. We are blessed to be in this ministry, and ask for your continued prayers for this work.

At the Friends Theological College (FTC) main campus in Kaimosi, currently there are 32 residential students living on campus as well as 35 students who are part of the Module program. Residential students are on recess from March 18, until April 18, 2016 when they come back. We have enrolled a higher number of new students this April module than the previous year. There a total of 26 students in our Lugulu campus, 8 in Samburu, and 8 in our Nairobi Satellite centers. We anticipate a higher number of student enrollment to our residential program this September 2016. The current total number from all centers including Kaimosi comes to 109 students. However, there are some students, who unfortunately, are unable to return because they are unable to maintain sufficient funding to continue attending the school.

The Module program at FTC is an intensive study program with a usual schedule from April through May. In August, the students in this program return for two to three weeks. Then, they resume their studies once more in December for three to four weeks of intensive study. Overall, FTC is operating three satellite centers in addition to Kaimosi. The satellite centers include Lugulu, Samburu, and the recently opened FTC Nairobi campus with eight students.

RFTC Graduation: On February 25, 2016, I was privileged to travel to Rwanda to participate in the very first graduation of Rwanda Friends Theological College (RFTC) on February 27, 2016. I was there in the company of Jim LeShana, professor and Vice President for Academic Affairs and also Director of Graduate Study, at Barclay College, Iowa. He was there to represent Evangelical Friends Mission, and I represented Friends United Meeting. Jim and I jointly conferred certificates and Diplomas (equivalent of Associate degree) in Pastoral Ministry to 16 students.

One to two students from Rwanda are expected to join FTC Kaimosi in September 2016 for the Bachelor of Theology degree program. Overall, this has helped to cultivate a strong and positive relationship between FTC and RFTC.

Pastors' Workshop in Uganda Yearly Meeting: Margaret Amudavi, the FTC Dean of Academics, and Rodgers Wekesi, lecturer of the Old Testament, and myself, accompanied by FTC student,



POPLAR RIDGE FRIENDS MEETING

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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. Nursery is available during meeting. The meetinghouse is located at 1868 Poplar Ridge Road, Poplar Ridge, NY 13139.

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