



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Our doors say, "welcome;" do we?

### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 12th Month, 14, 2014**

Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:30AM after a brief period of silence.

Attending: Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Deborah Cox, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Leigh Anne Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Katherine Johnson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Robert Shattuck, Cathy Thompson, Norval Thompson, Bob Wack, Dolores Wack, Rob Wieland, Ralph Young.

Query; Additional Thoughts: The Query, "Simplicity and Integrity" was read during meeting for worship. Several Friends made additional comments regarding the meaning of simplicity to them. A newer of our Meeting stated that she would appreciate a further and deeper discussion on this important topic to help her discern what simplicity means in her life and witness as a Quaker. All felt that an important concept such as this would be a good topic for a Worship & Ministry worship sharing.

Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: The Meeting approved the minutes from meeting for business 11th month.



Clerk's Desk: Westtown Friends School is planning an open house for interested local families at rise of meeting January 18. Meeting members and others who want to learn more about the school are also invited to attend. A meeting regarding the finances of the Scholarship Fund will be scheduled for January instead of this month.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report is given to us as a year-end update as our quarterly report is not due until next month. A summary of our finances is as below. The full accounting report with our up to date P&L and Balance sheet will be published on our website. We are behind in income compared to this date last year and need to again encourage members to consider their end of year gifts to THFM.

Financial Update from Treasurer 7/1/14 - 12/13/14

Member contributions	\$16,173	= 32.3% of annual budget
Total Income	\$19,756	= 32.5% of annual budget
Total Expenses	\$22,728	= 37.4% of annual budget
Net Income	-\$2,972	

Prior Year comparison 7/1/13 – 12/13/13

Member contributions	\$23,075	= 48% of annual budget
Total Income	\$28,009	= 48% of annual budget
Total Expenses	\$23,151	= 39.6% of annual budget
Net Income	\$4858	

Operating Cash in Talbot Bank as of 12/13/14 = \$37,655

Reserve Operating Funds in Friends Fiduciary as of 9/30/14 (our last quarterly report) = \$40,076

THFM Annual Report: Dee Rein, Assistant Clerk, read the draft report. There are two reasons we write this report yearly. One is to help us identify strengths and weaknesses. The second is to share with SQM at the annual business meeting. Everyone is encouraged to contact Dee Rein with any changes to this document before its final acceptance next business meeting. The complete report is as follows:

Third Haven Friends Meeting  
Annual Report 2014

Third Haven Friends Meeting is an active community of 153 members, including 22 under age twenty-two and a fluctuating number of attenders at varied levels of activity. Attenders are encouraged to consider applying for membership as they are moved to do so. Average attendance at Meeting for Worship is 75-85. This is an active and engaged community.

Representatives attended Southern Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting to keep the Third Haven community informed and represented at these levels of Quaker activity. Members and Attenders also represented Third Haven at a variety of Talbot County organizations, representing our Quaker values in the world.

The Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Records and Treasurer facilitated the aims of the meeting. Third Haven committees pursued their responsibilities with commitment and creativity throughout the year, creating a productive community.

Budget and Finance supervised creation, approval and implementation of the budget. The treasurer provided frequent reports and the committee sought to remind members and attenders of the importance of supporting Third Haven. Third Haven's finances are in good order.

Overseers Committee continued pastoral care, helping members and attenders nurture one another. As in past years, committee members kept in touch with the Third Haven Friends through a calling tree. An annual new member and attender recognition luncheon in March and an honoring our elder's event were well attended. A continuing focus for the committee was the care of seniors in our community and support of members facing challenges.

Testimonies and Concerns led the meeting's involvement in peace and social justice issues by sponsoring projects including Shoffner Fund disbursement through the First Day School adoption of a Bolivian child and Aquayuda water delivery in Colombia South America, Marilla's lunches, homeless shelter and detention center volunteerism, PEACE demonstrations and discussions, the Multicultural Festival and Christmas children's donations, migrant worker aid, and three members serving on the board of Midshore Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP).

Worship and Ministry supported the spiritual life of the meeting and adult religious education. Greeters from the committee welcomed members, attenders and visitors, offering pamphlets and other information. The 12 Queries and 4 Advices were read throughout the year. Quarterly silent retreats and Modules on Quaker faith and practice were also offered. Discussion groups covered a variety of topics including "Essentials of our Faith and Practice," "Higher Consciousness & Spiritual Awakening" and "Christ a Symbol of the Self". Meeting for worship is consistently spiritual and enriching.

First Day School counted 17 families comprised of 25 children under the age of 17 who have attended this past year. The largest attendance fell on the holidays, especially at Christmas and Easter when special programs occur. On a weekly basis, attendance is sparse, with an average of 3-5 attending. Meeting members shared their talents and gifts with the children, which makes a big difference. First Day School grows our meeting in many ways.

Property and Grounds oversaw numerous projects. Clay Owens continues to serve as caretaker, including duties as groundskeeper, housekeeper and friendly presence to visitors. Members and Attenders supported Clean Up days in April and November. An extensive list of projects and the contributors to their success may be found in the November 2014 newsletter.

Scholarship Committee: Third Haven's Scholarship Fund offers some financial support to young people in Friends schools and college students, so that the Meeting continues to demonstrate its care for them during these important years. The fund totals approximately \$80,000 managed by Friends Fiduciary. This year's scholarship distribution was \$3,250.

Hospitality Committee has had large groups partaking in coffee and treats after meeting for worship, although attendance slows down over the summer months. Hospitality facilitated numerous events enhancing the life of the meeting.

Communications Committee prepares and posts all text and images on the Third Haven Website, and newsletter, providing vital meeting information and recording current history.

Outreach Committee seeks to make the general public more aware of Friends' existence; more knowledgeable about Friends' beliefs; and more welcome at Friends meetings through personal contact and publications briefly introducing our faith and community. Facilities Use handled requests from Friends and community for activities which were congruent with Quaker testimonies.

The Charitable Contributions Committee, intended to coordinate the Meeting's donations, is currently in formation.

Nominating Committee carefully considered the gifts of all members and attenders, inviting each person to participate as he or she is moved, making our community strong through the diversity of skills we all bring to Third Haven.

This is a synopsis of so much that occurs during the year at Third Haven Friends Meeting, an active, thoughtful, spirit led community of the Religious Society of Friends. Worship & Ministry Annual Report: the Assistant Clerk of W&M summarized this report. The Meeting accepts the report with gratitude. The complete report is as follows:



### Third Haven Friends Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee 2014 Annual Report

#### Purpose

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee (WMC) was approved at the 10.3.11 meeting for business. The (abbreviated) purpose is:

- Meeting for Worship – The WMC cares for the meeting for worship.
- Spiritual Nurture – The WMC nurtures and supports the Spiritual life of the meeting, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.
- Adult Religious Education – The WMC provides opportunities for the Meeting community to learn about our Faith and Practice, the Religious Society of Friends, and Quaker and other Spiritual practices. The Committee offers teaching and learning opportunities to support the meeting for worship, and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders.

#### Worship and Ministry Committee

The participating members of the WMC for 2013 were: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Molly Bond, Tom Corl, Katherine Johnson, Joyce Macijeski, John Turner and Rob Wieland. Luisa Adelfio served until she moved to Norfolk VA in 8th month. Catherine Cripps formed and facilitates the Jung Study Group and joined the WMC. Connie Lewis rejoined the WMC. Mike Pullen served the WMC, facilitating the Course in Miracles. Valerie Sypula joined the WMC late in the year. Tom Corl clerked the WMC. The WMC met monthly at the rise of meeting for worship on 4th day, except for 8th month. Members attended WMC meetings regularly and actively supported many WMC programs and activities.

#### Meeting for Worship

The WMC provides greeters before the meeting for worship to welcome members, attenders and visitors. Greeters offer various pamphlets, brochures and information to visitors and those new to the Third Haven and our Quaker meeting for worship. Members of the WMC read the 12 Queries on the First Day of meeting for business and the 4 Advices in meeting for worship during the year.

The attendance at meeting for worship varies from week to week and month to month. Based on regular counts by Robert Shattuck, attendance averages around 65-75, slightly less than last year. Attendance at a few meetings for worship approached 90. In 7th-8th months, attendance drops to around 50. This count includes children and adults who go out for First Day School. There were fewer children this year than in years past. The meeting for worship continues to attract visiting Friends, non-Friends, seekers and people

curious about Quakers and our way of worship. Though difficult to estimate, it seems that Third Haven averages 2-3 visitors each First Day. Members of WMC, the Outreach Committee, Overseers and other Friends often greet visitors at the rise of meeting for worship and follow-up with visitors as may be appropriate. The WMC regularly discusses greeting and welcoming practices. Some visitors return and become involved in the life of the Meeting.

Peggy Walbert reports that 4 people consistently attend 4th day meeting for worship, with up to 8-10 on dates that coincide with other meetings, including monthly WMC meetings. The attenders have changed over the last 10 years, but the seeking for a hushed silence has remained the same. Because of the small number, close relationships are formed. Often there is an exchange of books or conversations about readings. In the last 10 years, 7-8 people have gravitated to First Day meeting for worship and become active in the Meeting.

Late arrivals and coming and going during meeting for worship are chronic problems. The WMC reminds Friends, from time to time, to “come with heart and mind prepared for worship” and arrive on time.

All the members of the WMC attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry. The WMC considers and discusses the meeting for worship and vocal ministry at each WMC meeting. The WMC finds the meeting for worship consistently vital and meaningful for members, attenders and visitors. The WMC finds the Third Haven meeting for worship consistently spiritual, rich and nourishing. Newcomers and visitors frequently acknowledge the meaningfulness of the meeting for worship in attracting them and leading them into participation in Third Haven Friends Meeting. The Third Haven meeting for worship, and participation in it, are blessings, appreciated by members, attenders and visitors. The Third Haven meeting for worship is a great gift from each of us to all of us. The WMC seeks to nurture and sustain our blessed meeting for worship.

### Worship and Ministry Programs

The WMC offered a variety of adult religious education opportunities, programs and activities in 2014:

#### Speakers and Discussions

The WMC was able to invite some distinguished Friends to Third Haven as speakers in a program on the essentials of our Quaker Faith and Practice:

On 3.30, Linda Chidsey of New York Yearly Meeting spoke on “Worship and the Spiritual Journey.” This session went very well with 36 attending and participating. Friends noted that Linda’s offered very powerful accounts of her own Spiritual journey and her “conversion experience” at Third Haven.

On 4.6, John Andrew Gallery, from Chestnut Hill Friends Meeting in Philadelphia, spoke on “Testimonies, Witness and Action.” John taught Quakerism 101 at Third Haven around 2007. The suggested readings, including pieces by John were excellent. Friends felt that his presentation was very well done, and the session deep and powerful. 21 participated.

On 4.27, Patty Levering, from North Carolina Yearly Meeting, spoke on “Quaker Meeting as a Faith Community.” Patty’s presentation covered “foundation stones” of

Quaker meeting as a faith community, Spiritual gifts – nurturers, conservers and challengers – and the Bill Taber’s 4 stages of meeting for worship. 23 attended. She told stories and facilitated a discussion on our Quaker faith community. The excellent session was very well received.

On 5.4, Thomas Swain, former Clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and an international traveler in Quaker ministry, spoke on “History and Beliefs of the Religious Society of Friends.” 23 attended. Thomas discussed the early stages of Quakerism. He provided powerful quotations from early Friends, including women Friends. Friends discussed a quotation from Francis Howgill at length. This was another outstanding presentation.

Tom Corl coordinated this program. Overall attendance was good. The WMC prepared a press release, invited Friends from Southern Quarterly Meeting (SQM), and distributed posters and information on the program in the community. However, almost no one from outside the Meeting community attended. The WMC arranged for hospitality, reimbursed speakers’ travel expenses and provided a small honorarium to each speaker. The WMC found this program to be very meaningful and valuable to Third Haven Friends.

In addition, 2 members of the WMC facilitated discussions of practices important to the life of the Meeting community:

On 9.7, “Prayer and Other Spiritual Disciplines,” facilitated by Gwen Beegle. 15 attended and participated in this very good program.

On 10.26, “Discussion of Quaker Process,” facilitated by Tom Corl. A very useful new book, Quaker Process for Friends on the Benches, by Mathilda Navias, was the basis for this session. 15 attended. Friends found this session useful.

#### Discussions

Mark Beck facilitated monthly discussion sessions, open to the wider local community (starting at 6:15 pm, lasting for 1 hour and 15 minutes). The dates were adjusted for Friends with different schedules. Topics for discussion were chosen to offer the possibility of personal and spiritual understanding and growth. The general sense from those attending is that they come away with a deeper appreciation of the meaning of topics discussed and the applications to their own lives. Beginning in 7th month 2013, Mark Beck organized 5 discussions: “Why Am I Here?” “Presence,” “Happiness,” “Forgiveness” and “Faith.” In 2014, the sessions were:

1.30, “Prayer and Meditation”

2.27, “Gratitude”

3.25, “Higher Consciousness and Spiritual Awareness”

4.17, “What Does It Mean to Be a Christian?” with Rob Wieland

5.29, “Metanoia,” with Tom Corl

6.26, “Conscience”

7.31, “Images of God,” with Candace Shattuck presenting “Faith & Play,” a Quaker adaptation of Godly Play

8.28, “Attitudes”

9.25, “Attitudes” (repeated)

10.25, “Compassion”

11.18, “Inner Peace”

12.18 (scheduled), “Christ as a Symbol of the Self”

Since 7th month 2013, 43 different people have participated in these discussion groups. The average attendance is 8.4. Attendance varies from as few as 4 to as many as 15. 8 people have attended 6 or more sessions. Attendance totaled of 117 person-sessions. Most are from Third Haven Friends Meeting. Mark Beck plans to expand the number of facilitators in 2015 to add interest and breadth of perspective. The participants valued and appreciated these sessions. The WMC is grateful to Mark Beck for organizing and facilitating these valuable discussions.

#### Inward Bound

Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck organize and facilitate Inward Bound on behalf of the WMC. Inward Bound is a silent retreat or quiet day held 4 times a year – 3.20, 6.16, 9.16, and (scheduled) 12.18 in 2014. They communicate and reach out to other Friends Meetings in SQM and seekers in the wider local community. Sessions run from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm and include silent reflection, potluck lunch and worship sharing at the end. Attendance ranged from 6 to 10 participants.

Inward Bound provides the opportunity for a weekday retreat and time for silent reflection for members and attenders of Third Haven Friends Meeting, members of SQM, and occasionally participants from the wider community. Participants are encouraged to find Spirit-led activities that encourage listening for the Light within. These quiet days provide the opportunity for weekday retreats away from the busy-ness of everyday life. These silent retreats are for listening for the Light within, reflection, reading, and enjoying the grounds of Third Haven. Inward Bound will continue in 2015. The WMC is grateful to Katherine Johnson and Candace Shattuck for organizing and facilitating these valuable silent retreats.

#### Course in Miracles

The Course in Miracles is a self-study curriculum, consisting of the metaphysical framework, a workbook with 365 daily lessons for a 1-year study period, and a manual for teachers in question and answer format. The curriculum, gently teaches us how to change our mind and undo the misperceptions of the ego through forgiveness, healing, and understanding our separation from God and from each other.

Mike Pullen continued to lead the Course in Miracles for the WMC, in weekly meetings at 6:00 pm on 4th day. The Course took a break over the summer. Generally, there were 4 members of the group. The group mourned the death of its very active member, Denny Bliss, in 2nd month. A Friend from Frostburg MD comes once a month. This life-long Friend, a 10-year Course student, brings a great sense of Spirituality to the group. This course, started in 2010, will continue in 2015. Mike Pullen will continue to facilitate. For discussion to be meaningful, the Course requires at least 4 participants. More are welcome but the Course requires a continuing commitment to participation. The Course and Quakerism share much in common – both undo the obstacles to the awareness of love’s presence. The WMC is grateful to Mike Pullen for organizing and facilitating the Course in Miracles.

### Carl Jung Study Group

This year Catherine Cripps formed and launched the Carl Jung Study Group, under the care of the WMC. She joined the WMC as well. The group studies and reflects on texts by Carl Jung and works inspired by him. The Jung Study Group met on:

9.18 to discuss symbolism and transcendence, with 7 attending;

10.14 to discuss selected paragraphs from Jungian thought that moved them, with 8 attending; and

11.11 to discuss an experience of a felt sense of Spirit from anytime in life, with 11 attending.

12.9 to discuss "Christ as a Symbol of the Self," with 5 attending.

About half of the participants are from Third Haven. Some in the group are practicing psychologists or therapists with very great experience with Jungian approaches to psychology and Spirituality. The Jung Group will continue in 2015, with Catherine facilitating. The WMC appreciates Catherine's work to organize and facilitate the Jung Group, a valuable addition to WMC programs, serving the wider local community.

### Other Activities

On 2.16, Third Haven Friends participated in a discussion of Third Haven and our Faith and Practice, with Bryan Russo of WMAU FM (National Public Radio in Washington DC and Ocean City MD) for broadcast on WAMU FM. The Communications Committee disseminated the broadcast and posted it on the Meeting website.

The WMC Clerk helped arrange a 6.15 visit by the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Long Range Planning Group (LRPG) to Third Haven.

Though the Third Haven Spiritual Formation program ended in 2011, one small group continued to meet until recently.

Following up on a new WMC idea, on behalf of the WMC, John Turner led singing before meeting for worship on 12.7, with 10 participating.

The WMC is developing its speakers program for 2015, which will probably include 2-3 speakers from Pendle Hill. This will help strengthen the Meeting's long connection to Pendle Hill.

The Meeting plans to invite Arthur Larrabee, former Clerk of PYM and a leading expert on decision-making in the manner of Friends, to Third Haven again in 2015.

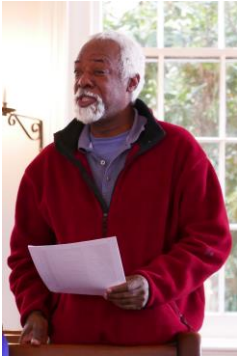
### Conclusion

Third Haven Friends Meeting has a long tradition of Spirit-led practice in its WMC, caring for the meeting for worship and the Spiritual journeys of members and attenders. The WMC encourages all members and attenders to come to meeting for worship as often as possible, with heart and mind prepared, at the appointed hour of worship. Friends should participate in and support the meeting for worship, in expectant silence or with vocal ministry, as moved by the Spirit. Third Haven is blessed with a deep, rich and nurturing meeting for worship, and a vital and growing Meeting community. The WMC is grateful for the opportunity to help nurture and support the meeting for worship and the Spiritual life of the Third Haven Friends Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

*Tom Corl*, Clerk, Worship and Ministry Committee, Third Haven Friends Meeting





9. Nominating Committee Final Report: The completed Nomination Committee Report will be published on our website. The Meeting reviewed the final slate. Natalie Moon was added to the Hospitality Committee. Lorraine Claggett will be added to the list of PYM representatives. There is no current TACL representative but Larissa Kitenko will talk to Ralph Young about possibly filling that role. The Meeting approved this report.  
Meeting for business was adjourned at 12:15 PM  
Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

#### IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Suggestion of possible worship sharing regarding the topic of Simplicity
- Draft of Annual Report for THFM presented
- W&M Annual Report accepted
- Nomination Committee final report approved

### **Talbot Interfaith Shelter**

Peter Howell writes, “Dear Friends, I’ve received an e-mail from Jack Harrald, President of the Talbot Interfaith Shelter, reminding me that ALL morning and evening supervisors (but not dinner providers) must have CURRENT volunteer registration forms and background checks on file in order to volunteer. According to Jack, the following Quakers' forms are current: Larissa Kitenko, Richard Morrical, Jeffrey Rank, Sarah Sayre, Meredith Watters, Nancy Wohlsen, Mary Yancey, Ralph Young.

If your name is NOT on this list and you volunteered at the shelter in December, or are even TOYING with the idea of volunteering between Feb. 8 and Feb. 14, PLEASE complete the attached volunteer registration form and background check authorization form, and mail them to TIS, P.O. Box 2004, Easton MD 21601. And while you're at it, the signup sheet for the week of February 8-14, 2015 is attached. We'll be partnering with Grace Lutheran Church that week. Please use the sign-up sheet to stake your claim to the shifts of your choice before the Lutherans get them! Return the updated sign-up sheet to me via return e-mail, or send it to me at 311 South Aurora Street, Easton, MD 21601.

If you volunteered in December, Jack has your name. He will send me periodic updates, and pester me if anyone's forms are missing. And when he pesters me, I'll pester you. I would hate to see the shelter's guests suffer because one or more of us failed to fill out a simple form or two.

If you have any questions, please contact me at this address, or by phone at 410-924-5752.” *Peter Howell*

## **Siddhartha Discussion Group Opportunity**

Worship & Ministry, a committee of 3rd Haven Quaker Meeting in Easton, will host a discussion group on Thursday, January 29, in the Friends Meeting, Quaker Common Room. The discussion will last one hour and fifteen minutes and start promptly at 6:15. It will be facilitated by Bob Wack with Mark Beck assisting.

The topic for this upcoming discussion will be **Siddhartha**. *Siddhartha* is a book written by Herman Hesse in 1922, about a man's journey of self-discovery.

The following reference will give good insight into the topic.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddhartha\\_\(novel\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Siddhartha_(novel))

See attached for a short one page summary of the book.

The book can be purchased on Amazon for as little as \$0.01 plus postage.

The program is open to all. Feel free to bring friends. Call Mark Beck, 410-822-6481, if you have any questions about the program or this meeting. Feel free to suggest a topic that you would like the group to share in.

For those who have joined us in the past we thank you for your prior participation and a hearty welcome to those who will be joining us for the first time. We look forward to seeing all of you. Thank you in advance for sharing your thoughts & understanding on this stimulating topic.

*Mark Beck*

POSSIBLE DISCUSSION AREAS RE SIDDHARTHA BY HERMANN HESSE

As described in Faith and Practice, the Light Within is the fundamental and immediate experience for Friends, with the understanding that every person has the direct capacity, without mediator or mediation, to commune with God. Similarly, in his journey pursuing enlightenment, Siddhartha (Sanskrit, roughly translated, he who has found meaning) ultimately realizes that spiritual attainment does not come from teachers or outside sources, but instead through an internal connection—searching and reaching understanding within oneself. That is to say, enlightenment cannot be taught, but must be experienced from within.

In the novel, *Siddhartha* is depicted by Nobel Prize author Hermann Hesse as pursuing a spiritual journey seeking Nirvana (paradise in Buddhism). This begins with his birth into an educated Brahmin family (highest caste Hindu); next, abandonment of that life to become a Samana (traveling ascetic); then being exposed to teachings of the Buddha; and, subsequently, pursuing a materialistic and worldly lifestyle-- only to find that none of these experiences independently leads to the achievement of universal truth or wisdom. At the conclusion of the novel, the seeker Siddhartha lives the rest of his life in the presence of a spiritually inspirational river, where he listens to the river flow and searches within himself (the river apparently represents life, time and the path to enlightenment).

As one literary critic has described the situation, “Siddhartha ultimately understands that because the essence of enlightenment already exists within us and is present in the world at every moment, prescriptive paths simply lead us further from ourselves and from the wisdom we seek”.

Discussion participants might ask themselves whether the journey and experience of Siddhartha is similar to that of George Fox, who left home at the age of nineteen to seek spiritual direction. Fox spent four years wandering and seeking, in the process consulting clergy and scholars—none of whom could “give rest to his troubled soul”. Fox eventually concluded that there was a “religion of personal experience and direct communication with God, a religion of continuing revelation--available to every person”, thereby birthing the Religious Society of Friends.

Are there possibly similarities comparing the experiences of George Fox when seeking the Light Within, and the phases of Siddhartha’s quest, as he eventually ponders insights from the river?

Further, are there possibly similarities between elements of Siddhartha’s ultimate belief system and aspects of key Quaker testimonies— equality, peace, simplicity, stewardship, and integrity?

How do participants in the Third Haven discussion group react to the various phases of the journey and insights found in the Hesse novel?

Have any of our personal experiences as seekers been comparable to Siddhartha’s?

- Is this novel worthy of a place in the Third Haven library?
  - In order to benefit fully from participation in the Third Haven discussion group, it is suggested (in a gentle Quaker manner) that the novel be read in its entirety.
  - May be downloaded from Gutenberg for Kindle or other readers.  
<http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/2500>
  - May be downloaded from Librivox as an MP3 recording  
<https://librivox.org/siddhartha-by-hermann-hesse/>

## Christmas Celebrations:



**Carol Singing**



**Children’s wishes for Christmas and  
Third Haven Friends**





**First Day School leads us in thought and song.**



**Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men**