



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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MARCH 2007 NEWSLETTER

Climate Change, Energy, and the Peace Testimony

Context: At Annual Sessions in March, PYM will continue its focus on the Peace Testimony that began at a Called Session in November. Since then, scientists have reported that climate change is known to be occurring more rapidly than expected. Furthermore, two of the nation's leading oil experts say they believe the world has already reached "peak oil" production, and that it will soon become impossible to supply as much oil as is now being used.

Query: How does the prospect of turmoil and conflict due to climate change and diminishing oil supplies affect our understanding of living in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion for all wars?

Third Haven Friends Meeting - Minutes of the 2nd Month 11th, 2007

Meeting for Business

Attending: Anne Rouse, Molly Burgoyne, Ann Williams, Winslow Womack, Doreen Getsinger, Larny Claggett, Candace Shattuck, Helen Womack, Paige Bethke, Meredith Watters, Leonard Baynham, Lorraine Claggett, Norval E. Thompson, Dee Rein, Peter Howell, Karin Stoker, Joseph Davis, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Tania Harrison, Jim Rouse, John Schreiner, Cathy Thompson, and Marsie Hawkinson.

The Clerk of the Meeting, Anne Rouse, presided over the business meeting. She opened the meeting with a brief period of silence at 11:35am.

Query for Second Month: The Second Query from Faith and Practice on meeting for business was read during meeting for worship. Further comments on this query included one friend asking us to consider the phrase "without regard to the presence of time" in our proceedings.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the 1st Month 2007 Meeting for Business were approved without additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Davis reported on the financial condition of the Meeting. The full report is included with these minutes. Income for 1st Month 2007 was \$3,981.07 while expenses totaled \$2,904.72 for a net income of \$1,076.35. The contingency fee is under budget at \$594.71 due to a unexpected reimbursement from the IRS. YTD actual income is \$13,977.27 less than expected and actual expenses are \$23,643.52 less than expected giving us a net income of \$9,666.25. So rounding off the numbers from July 2006 through January 2007 with we have an income of a little over \$40,000 and expenses of a little over \$30,000. Our total assets equal

\$71,590.38. Total liabilities equal \$4506.60 and total equity equals \$67,083.78. About 73% of our members and about 37% of our attenders contribute to Meeting. The Meeting approved the Treasurer's report.

Clerk's Mail: Anne Rouse discussed three items from the mail. The first item was a letter received by PYM addressing the Meeting's discernment regarding same sex union. This letter was sent to multiple meetings, not just ours, in order for PYM to check in with meetings on this issue. Anne wrote a response which is included along with these minutes. It reiterates our previous minute on this subject from 2nd Month 2005 Meeting for Business. It concludes with the reconvening of the clerks of our Meeting in the fall of 2006 stating that the sense of our Meeting on this issue had not changed from 2005. The Meeting approved the sending of this letter.

The second letter was from Wanstead Meeting in East London, UK, asking permission to use portions of the book "Three Hundred Years and More of Third Haven Quakerism" by Kenneth Carroll. This book is copyrighted by our Meeting. The Clerk granted permission to the UK meeting to use the book. The Meeting approved this action.

A letter of request for membership by Mark Beck was read aloud to all and passed on to the Overseers Committee for consideration.

The Clerk asked John Schreiner, Clerk of Building & Grounds, to confirm that a check has been sent from the Maryland Historical Trust for \$32,000. It was initially been sent to the wrong address, but is now being forwarded to the Trustees.

Overseers: Dee Rein said the committee endorsed the membership request by Peter Howell. His clearness committee consisted of Nancy Mullen, Helen Womack and Norval Thompson. The Meeting wholeheartedly approved this. His welcoming committee will consist of Lorraine Claggett, Meredith Watters, Nancy Mullen and John Shreiner.

A clearness committee consisting of Doreen Getsinger, Nancy Mullen and Marsie Hawkinson met regarding the marriage request by Steven Gerni and Susan Dabney. They have asked to be married under the care of the meeting on June 9th, 2007. The Meeting approved this request. An oversight committee is to be determined by the couple with the names brought back to meeting.

Worship & Ministry: Meredith Watters gave information on three possible upcoming ideas to promote Quaker knowledge. The first is a recommended reading list to be used by four possible target groups: those who have never been to a Quaker meeting, those who have been coming more than once and express interest in knowing more, those who are longer term members and attenders considering membership who wish to adsorb a greater knowledge of Quakerism and those who want to go into the greater depths of Quaker history and theology. It is being compiled by the committee and will be distributed in print and available on the website. The second will be a six part program called Quakerism 101. Twenty people signed up today as being interested in this. The Meeting agreed that the committee should go forward with the planning of this course. The third was christened "Short Quakerism" and will be a presentation at the rise of Meeting as often as every 6 weeks on the basic tenets of Quakerism. The presenter will possibly use the posters made for the community awareness day. This will be a one hour presentation with questions afterwards. The Meeting agreed the committee should go forward with all of these proposals.

Recorder's Report: The Clerk, reporting for the Recorder, stated that beginning last year we had 113 adult and 17 children recorded as members. During the year we lost two members, Marlette Sawyer and Bill Kemp to death. We have now added 1 new member, Tania Harrison bringing

our total to 112 adults and 17 children. One friend mentioned that she had seen Warren Therien's name in the obituaries and he had been listed as a member. Another Friend indicated that the listing was a mistake His wife was a member, but he had not ever become a member.

Carriage Shed Sale: Candace Shattuck proposed the date of May 19th for the sale. It was suggested that goods for the sale be taken starting May 14th. Several ideas were suggested regarding the disbursement of proceeds. These ideas included giving the money to an organization for peace efforts directed towards the Iraq War, helping fund requests of young friends to attend various programs, or add to monies already earmarked for the children's play garden. The meeting approved the sale and the date of the sale and asked that the disbursement of proceeds question be turned over to Testimonies & Concerns for consideration.

Interim Meeting Report: See attached.

Nominating Committee: Meredith Watters clarified some appointments. Nancy Mullen is now clerk for T & C. Dee Rein is Clerk for Overseers with Doreen Getsinger Assistant Clerk. Candace Shattuck is on that committee as well. Molly Burgoyne is the Recording Clerk but has stepped down from W & M committee. Janice Shreves is now on First Day School committee and Library and Outreach but off of Hospitality. Jacob Mullen and Patrick Malloy are added to Hospitality. Paige Bethke is added to Worship & Ministry. A replacement as treasurer is needed for Joe Davis. A revised list of committee members will be in the directory.

Other Concerns: On Saturday Feb. 10th, the clerks discussed the problem of some of us coming in past 10:00 am for meeting for worship. We will continue to encourage people to be on time so all can fully participate. We ask however, if individuals come in past 10:05, they please respectfully wait in the vestibule until the children rise and leave for First Day at 10:15. We remind friends to close the outside door when entering.

The Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm after a period of brief silence.

Molly Burgoyne, Recording Clerk

Contemplating Conflict: Rule 4

Over the last few months this series has translated the use of four conflict resolution rules used by peer mediators in the schools into use in Friends' search for unity on decisions within our own Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business. Rule 1: Do Not Interrupt, Rule 2: No name calling or put downs, and Rule 3: Be as honest as you can, set the stage for the real work at hand. Rule 4: **WORK HARD TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM** deceives us with its simplicity. "Of course," we say to ourselves, "we'll work to solve the problem. That's what we're here for!" Let's slow down a bit and apply some of that honesty. Are we working to solve the problem in unity with the meeting, or are we working hard to convince everyone else that our ideas, positions, and preconceived notions are right? Working hard to solve the problem means staying open to new ideas, studying all perspectives of a situation, using our creativity to fashion solutions that answer the critical aspects of the problem Working hard may even mean ambiguity tolerance, being willing to allow more time to elapse, time for all to listen to that still voice within, before the conflict is resolved. Rule 4: Work hard to solve the problem becomes the stage where our creative selves enjoy the adventure of problem solving and conflict resolution. The opportunity of conflict is fulfilled if we use these rules as principles to respect each other and our disparate ideas and leadings. When we face conflict, let us celebrate our developing unity! *submitted by Dee Rein*

Report on Interim Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of January 25, 2007 for Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Interim General Secretary Report: A progress report was given on Arch St. Meeting House. It has been a financial drain, resulting in a \$153,000 deficit. On the bright side there has been an increase this past year in the number of guests, 4,000, in its role as a conference center, with 27 new rental groups using the facilities. 45,000 visitors were greeted in 2006. Arch St. also participated in "Once Upon a Nation", an historic play in the Old City depicting colonial Philadelphia. The focus next year will be on marketing as well as building a sustainable financial model.

Report of the General Secretary Search Committee: Arthur Larrabee has been chosen as General Secretary and will assume his position on April 1st. A five years term limit and annual review with possible extension was approved. Details of the selection process has been shared via e-mail and is available online (pym.org) or as a hard copy in the Common Room.

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee: The committee endorses a Philadelphia – based project called "Endow-A-Home". The program was founded in 1988 and enables head-of-household women with a history of homelessness to purchase a home after participating in an intensive program of case management designed to build their self-confidence and skills. It has proven to be a highly successful and respected program. Details and information are available on a handout in the Common Room. Monthly Meetings are encouraged to support this project.

Financial Oversight Working Group: The unqualified Audit for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting for 2006 was presented and accepted. It showed that the Yearly Meeting has total assets of \$52,929,191 and total liabilities of \$1,870,232 for a net of \$51,058,959. Other significant items were; employee salaries and benefits of \$2,232,938; grants and contributions of \$1,490,895. We are operating at a deficit of \$253,000; \$153,000 of that is a function of depreciation added to the cash position

Annual Fund: This Year the goal is \$475,000; \$11,000 more than last year.

As of 1/25/07 we were \$174,788.40, at the same time last year we were at \$194,037.73.

There is a matching gift being offered as an incentive to increase both size and quantity of gifts. It works like this; if you contributed \$50 last year and make a gift this year of \$100, the \$50 increase will be matched and that total doubled, making yours a \$300 gift. There are more details available in the common room.

Report submitted by Interim Meeting representatives: *Doreen Getsinger, Marsie Hawkinson, Norval and Cathy Thompson*

Current Third Haven Announcements

March 7 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

March 10 (seventh day) Southern Quarter Clerks Gathering Saturday 10-3:00 - Monthly & Quarterly Meeting Clerks, Recording Clerks, and Committee Clerks gather to share their experiences while learning ways to enliven their work and nurture the gifts of their community. Locations & other details to be announced.

March 11 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by meeting for business. Scheduled report from the Hospitality Committee, the Common Room Committee, and FCNL. Please submit all proposed agenda items to Anne Rouse by Wednesday, March 7.

March 14 (fourth day) 12:45pm Climate Change: What's in Store for the Shore. Lecture by Bill Boicourt, Professor of Oceanography (UMD Horn Point) open to the public, free, unreserved seating at the Steamboat Bldg, Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum.

March 14 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

March 21 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

March 23 at 7:00 PM With the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Easton as film licensee, the Talbot County Social Action Coalition is presenting a free showing of the 2004 Oscar winning film "Born into Brothels" at the Third Haven Friends Common Room. The following is a description: on the film jacket: "This Oscar-winning documentary is a portrait of several unforgettable children who live in Calcutta's red-light district, where their mothers work as prostitutes. Spurred by the kids' fascination with her camera, Zana Briski, a photographer documenting life in the brothels, decides to teach them photography. As they begin to look at and record their world through new eyes, the kids awaken to their own talents and sense of worth."

March 25 (first day) 10am meeting for worship followed by the **New Members and Attenders Luncheon**. At the rise of meeting Third Haven Friends will host New Members and current Attenders as our guests at the annual luncheon in their honor. All members of our meeting community are encouraged to attend for celebration and fellowship.

March 26 (second day) 6:30pm - The Annual Interfaith Seder Dinner will take place this year at St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Easton. There is no charge for this turkey dinner. Along with the dinner will be a very interesting program. Ann Williams is the Third Haven Coordinator for the dinner and she must report the total number of our people who will be attending the dinner. If you will be attending, please see Ann after Meeting for Worship or call her at 410-770-3237 before March 19th.

March 28 (fourth day) 5:30pm meeting for worship

The Committee on Friends Education announces that PYM will provide \$600 of grant aid for each child of a Quaker family attending a Friends School for the 2007 - 2008 school year. Information about this tuition aid program including application forms may be found in the Third Haven Meeting common Room.

Reminders

- Send a contribution payable to: Third Haven Monthly Meeting

Mail to Third Haven Treasurer, PO Box 2379, Easton, MD 21601

- Send a contribution payable to PYM Annual Fund (mention Third Haven)

Mail to PYM Development Office, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. A Friend has generously offered a \$50,000 matching gift to encourage new donors and to increased the amount of Friends gifts to the Annual Fund. Help Friends Earn a \$50,000 Matching Gift for 2006-2007 PYM Annual Fund

- Please submit all newsletter articles to hawkjm@goeaston.net

- . Notices of committee meetings, e-mail and other address changes should also come to this address.

- If you have an excess computer, please call Ralph Young (819-0050) and a new home will be found for it. The demand is great and the supply is small. "Paige Bethke donated her excess computer and this week the computer was joyfully welcomed by the Chesapeake Center, an Easton non-profit employer of disabled adults. The hard drive was thoroughly erased and Windows XP reinstalled before the Chesapeake Center received it. This computer is the latest model computer donated so far.

KidsQuake is a website dedicated to children everywhere who are learning about Quakerism. www.friendsmedia.org/kidsquake/

AFSC has a great new website which you can access at: www.friendsforpeace.org or from our home page: www.afsc.org. There are some wonderful photos already up on the site, but best of all, you and your friends can download signs and be creative in making your own.

Here's a website that lists charities that are active in Iraq: (from Tania Harrison)

<http://www.charitywatch.org/hottopics/iraqaid.html>

Please look at the Third Haven Calendar on the following website: we need your input.

<http://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=thirdhaven%40gmail.com>

"Books Needed - The Alexandria Detention Center Library is in need of all types of Spanish language books including dictionaries, textbooks, and all general reading material (fiction, non-fiction, poetry, etc.). Please place your donation in the beautiful chest made by Bill Lane for this purpose located under the window on the East side of the Common Room or call Ralph Young for pick-up, 410-819-0050." The following is an index of coming events listed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and other major Quaker organizations. Details of these events may be found on the Third Haven Website, <http://www.thirdhaven.org/> by clicking on Complete Text Material on the home page.

The new address for Lila Line is 108 N. Higgins St. Easton, MD 21601 - 410-822-0162

Complete Text of Current Material (Updated March 1, 2007)

INDEX OF EVENTS FOR 2007

GENERAL (undated)

FWCC Offers Quaker Interpreters Training

Quakerism Programs at Pendle Hill

Quaker Worship Group Forming near Pottstown

PYM Annual Fund goal is \$475,000

Yearly Meeting Takes Action on Climate Change

Washington Quaker Workcamps

Concerned about the War on Drugs?

Using PYM Library materials

Join the PYM Library Services Group

Quaker Parenting Project offers Discussion Series

Friends Counseling Service

MARCH 2007

March 10 Seminar on School-Meeting Relationships

March 11 AFSC Leader Speaking at Westtown

March 15-18 FWCC Meeting in Providence, RI

March 16 Christian Peace Witness for Iraq

March 23-25 Yearly Meeting Sessions will be in March and July

The second part of PYM's 2007 Sessions will be Residential Yearly

Meeting July 26-30 (Thursday through Monday) at Rowan University in

Glassboro, New Jersey!

APRIL 2007

April 11 Friends Insurance Group Annual Meeting

April 14 Support Group on War Taxes and Meeting for Music at Swarthmore Meeting

April 28 QuickBooks Workshop - Back by Popular Demand!

MAY 2006

May 5 Burial Grounds Workshop
May 6 History Group Visiting Woolman Site in Mount Holly
FRIENDS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
PYM Seeks Young Friends Program Assistant
Friends Journal seeks Development Officer
Call for Licensed Mental Health Professionals
Advancement and Outreach Coordinator for FGC

First Phase of Philadelphia Friends Center Roof Construction Complete

Construction on the first phase of the new roof at Friends Center's in Philadelphia is complete. The new "Energy Star" roof will not only keep Friends Center dry, but also insulate the building against both heat and cold. The next phase, to be completed in February, is the installation of photovoltaic panels that will generate a portion of Friends Center's electricity. Later in the spring when the weather is right for planting, the vegetative "green" roof will be installed. The green roof will further insulate the building, and will also protect the watershed by keeping stormwater onsite. All three of these integrated elements will be a showcase for how we can minimize the environmental impact of our buildings with simple, proven strategies.

Wanted: Third Haven Friends Meeting treasurer! The nominating committee is currently seeking a Treasurer to succeed Joe Davis as soon as possible. Joe Davis describes the job and time required as follows: "Duties include:

- . getting the mail from the PO Box and the from the Meetinghouse
- . Collecting the cash from the boxes in the two meetinghouses
- . Doing monthly payroll for two salaried employees and quarterly and annual payroll tax returns
- . Entering and depositing contributions and other cash receipts
- . Paying bills
- . Reconciling bank statements
- . Presenting monthly report at Business Meeting (Sept-June)
- . Emailing monthly reports to Committees so they can see how much they've spent
- . Printing and mailing annual contribution statements
- . Attending Budget and Finance Committee meetings about 6 per year

I do the job on the 1st and 15th of each month to minimize the time it takes. (QuickBooks makes this very easy) I spend 3-4 hours each time or 6-8 hours a month. Plus there are calls and emails from Members and Committees that need to be responded to. All told, I would estimate I spend 8-10 hours a month, or about 2 hours a week."

If you are so moved....please help us fill this important role in the life of the meeting. Contact Meredith Watters.

Weblogs (abbreviated 'blog') allow individuals or groups to post information on the internet. Two of our members have asked that their blogs be listed here: "Here is a link to my Quaker blog, which is at: <http://thefriendlyfunnel.quakerism.net> . Thanks!" Tania Harrison
If you've missed Joe Davis' emails, you can now subscribe to his blog and new entries will be emailed to you. <http://quakerorts.blogspot.com/>

Young Adult Conference Over 100 young adult Friends from across the United States and Canada gathered this past weekend at the Burlington Conference Center in Burlington, NJ. The weekend conference was organized by youth workers from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Friends General Conference and Pendle Hill and was funded by a grant from Friends Institute of PYM. This diverse group of young adult Friends represented 20 different Yearly Meetings, including Friends from Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting and Evangelical Friends International. About 34 conference attendees were from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Throughout the weekend, we focused on the queries: “Who are we?” “What are we called to today?” “Do we have a collective identity as young adult Friends or a collective witness?” A week before everyone arrived, we sent out a Friends Journal article written by Christina Repoley, who attended the conference, titled “The Prophetic Journey” and challenged people to begin reflecting on the four queries. On Friday evening, everybody received their own copy of the October 2006 issue of Friends Journal themed “What are Friends called to today?” which became a valuable and much read resource throughout the weekend.

We opened up the conference by playing games and beginning to look at the diversity we had within the group. For those who wished to get up early on Saturday morning, a Bible Study/discussion group met at 7:30am. Niyonu Spann, Dean of Pendle Hill, joined us on Saturday morning to facilitate community building. She encouraged us to look within to find the essential elements of Quakerism that sustain us, and to ask ourselves how we can grow into living those elements more fully. This discussion allowed space for Friends to voice concerns about feeling disconnected from Quakerism, alone in their beliefs, or lacking a common definition of what being Quaker meant. There was such a diversity of opinions, beliefs, and life experiences that we wrestled with how we could come to unity on any sort of collective identity. Niyonu left us to reflect on whether we believed that being in unity meant there could be no difference or disagreement.

Saturday afternoon found us in five different “interest/discussion groups,” all led by young adult Friends attending the conference. The overarching theme for the interest groups was “Quaker Witness: How we are living as Quakers in the world today.” The groups discussed political activism, community service, writing and blogging as ministry, Quaker diversity, and discerning one’s spiritual call.

We began meeting for worship on Saturday evening with the introduction of more queries:

Who are we?

How do we be real about our brokenness and make space for healing?

What do we need to do to become who we want to be?

What holds us back from doing this?

This led us to an amazing and powerful two hour long meeting for worship. To better share the power of this meeting for worship, we are quoting a young adult Friend.

“One thing that I can say about this weekend was that I attended one of the most powerful Meetings for Worship I could have ever imagined. It lasted almost two hours, and the messages were honest, vulnerable, and earth-stopping in how covered the Meeting felt. It was a powerful group of people that I spent the last couple of days with. Goosebumps rolled over my body continuously, and the presence of Spirit was palpable in our very breathing ...

One of the things that I will continue to sit with was how much pain people were able to voice about the divisions within Quakerism, the knowledge that Quakerism is something that they feel is worth fighting for, and that they are willing to step into that struggle. Person after person

stood, in various forums, and gave voice to their need for Quakerism to grow, to change, to become the powerful vehicle we all know it could be. They gave voice to the necessary shifting and growth within Quakerism ... But for once, it was not a hopeless process, but one filled with Spirit, commitment and hope. We are a broken people, a broken society, and yet, by naming that brokenness and standing in discomfort, in speaking our t(T)ruths, we are walking closer and closer to God. In taking our shadows by the hand, and loving them for their existence, we are, in fact, healing the wounds that have been bleeding for so long.”

(<http://quakerscholar.livejournal.com/12988.html>)

In closing, on Sunday we shared what we would take away from this conference. Many Friends felt like there was a lot to be done, but they were reenergized by the faith and love that they felt during the weekend, and would return to their own communities with hope for the future.

“We were covered in the Holy Spirit, bonded together in Love, a gathered people under the headship of the Spirit of Christ. We were broken, tender, and open to the ministry of the Lord. And the underlying message that the Inward Teacher had for us was simple yet profound: We start with love. Often Friends, reaching across the divides of differences in theology, culture and ways of viewing the world, wonder what it is that makes us all Friends. “Why are we called to be together?”, we ask. This weekend, I felt that we were given the answer: We are called together because of our love for one another....If we stay low to the ground, if we stay vulnerable and tender to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, there is no limit to how God can act through us. The ministry of young Friends, the ministry of these valiant Quaker men and women, will shake the countryside for miles around.”

(<http://lambswar.blogspot.com/2007/02/powerful-gathering-of-young-adult.html>)

In peaceful quaking, Lauren and Emily

Further discussions and blogs about the young adult Friends conference are being shared at www.quakerquaker.org. For more pictures of the conference, please check out www.quakeryouth.org (scroll down – click on the pictures on the bottom right corner).

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Third Haven Committee Membership Updates

Add: Nancy Mullen - Testimony and Concerns – Clerk
Molly Burgoyne - Recording Clerk
Candace Shattuck - Overseers – member
Jacob Mullen - Hospitality – member
Paige Bethke - Worship and Ministry – member

Remove: Molly Burgoyne -Worship and Ministry
Janice Shreve – Library and Outreach

“ - Hospitality
Patrick Malloy - Hospitality
Change Dee Rein to Clerk of Overseers and Doreen as Assistant Clerk

Prayer Request for Friends in Kenya February 10, 2007

Dear Friends,

In the wake of recent street gang violence near Nairobi, I am writing to ask your prayers for Kenya and all Friends in Kenya, the Friends United Meeting (FUM) General Board, our Baltimore Yearly Meeting (BYM) members and delegates attending the General Board Meeting in Kenya, and for the families and friends of all concerned. Although Friends attending the General Board Meeting are safe, undoubtedly their families will rest more easily when they return home safely. John Smallwood (Langley Hill) and Rich Liversidge (Sandy Spring) planned to be there and it is likely that other BYM Friends are as well. Please share this prayer request with your Monthly Meeting. This violence resulted in the death, among others, of a Kenyan Friend, Dr. Job Bwayo, an internationally-regarded AIDS researcher, and serious injury to his wife Elizabeth Bwayo and Carol Briggs, a member of Northwest Yearly Meeting.

With appreciation for your prayers,

Lauri Perman, Presiding Clerk

Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Call for Nominees

AFSC's Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee invites your participation in our quest for nominees for the 2008 Nobel Peace Prize.

As a former laureate, AFSC is privileged to submit an annual nomination to the Oslo Committee and takes the opportunity seriously, recognizing that the process of selecting a nominee can be a source of learning and illumination for those striving, as the AFSC does, to take action to see “what love can do.”

Among the qualities we look for in candidates are commitment to nonviolent methods, quality of character, sustained contributions to peace, justice, human dignity, and the integrity of the environment, and global impact. A candidate's relation to crisis areas in the world is also considered, as a Nobel Prize may, by its timeliness and visibility, offer valuable support to a solution to the crisis. We would especially welcome nominees who are not Friends and programs that were not initiated by Friends, in order not to be self-serving.

For timely review and preparation of a recommendation to the AFSC Board in November, nominations should be received by May 15. Please send supporting documentation, including biographical information, a description of the individual or organizational contribution to peace, and references to recommended published material by or about the candidate. We ask that nominators observe the same confidentiality that the Committee uses in its work.

Nobel Peace Prize Nominating Committee contact: *Susan Jackson* sjackson@afsc.org



Godly Play Materials

Instigated by Candace Shattuck and using boxes built by John Hawkinson, Godly Play activities are demonstrated here by Cathy Thompson to an interested crowd in the First Day room.

**A few photos of Third Haven Peace,
courtesy of Ralph Young**



