



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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December 2019 NEWSLETTER

What does our Meeting understand to be the meaning and implication of our testimonies on simplicity and integrity?

How do our Meeting's actions demonstrate this understanding?

Query 12. Integrity and Simplicity

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Tenth Day, Eleventh Month 2019

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40 a.m. with a brief period of silence

Attending: 29 attended: Gwen Beegle, Molly Brian, Larny Claggett, Laura Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Connie Crow, Whitley Gray, Jeanne Halpin, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Beth Mufson, Cynthia Quast, Carolyn Regan, Bob Regan, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Jon Slocum, Paige Tilghman, Ben Tilghman, Bob Wack, Kevin Walsh, Winslow Womack, Mary Yancey, Harvey Zendt

Comments on Eleventh Query, Education (read at Meeting for Worship)

The league of women voters are studying civics education in the public schools. It was appreciated the query was read while parents were present. The scholarship committee financially supports young people attending Quaker schools. The older version of Faith and Practice reminds us to "be teachable," which applies to us as adults as well. The immigrant task force is working in many ways to help immigrants, as are members of Testimonies and Concerns.

Approval of minutes from Tenth Month business meeting-Approved

Clerks' Desk

Jonathan Slocum's membership request-recommended for approval by clearness committee and Pastoral Care Committee-Approved. Welcoming committee: Gwen Beegle, Katherine Johnson, Dee Rein.



Nominating Committee Preliminary Report – Bill Lane

The proposed committee roster will be sent out in announcements. Molly Brian remains as clerk of the meeting. Changes include: Communications Beth Mufson photographer, Pastoral Care additional members John Turner and Candace Shattuck, PEACE representative John Turner, Recorder for meeting membership adds Adrienne Rudge. Members and Attenders are asked to look at the list and be sure they are willing to actively participate, have fun and do good. Approval should occur next month for implementation in January, 2020.

Testimonies and concerns will coordinate NSC Ridgeway House lunch participation by THFM, which Ralph had been doing. A skills bank list might be helpful.



Testimonies and Concerns Annual Report – *Paige Tilghman*-Accepted

Testimonies and Concerns is responsible for assisting meeting members in focusing attention on a wide variety of issues that impact our work, as Quakers, in the world. Faith & Practice provides recommendations for a ‘Witness in the World committee’ that includes: a plan to carry out social service projects; a role to recommend particular actions to individuals and to the meeting itself, as corporate body; encouragement to work for social change through Quaker organizations; support for a member in seeking to bring a concern to the attention of monthly, quarterly or yearly meeting; contribution of services or financial support for individuals as “released friends”; to initiate consciousness raising and skill building activities that reflect our testimonies and help to create a culture of anti bias, peace and justice.

Members include: Cynthia Browne, Bob Day, Ryan Ewing, Stephanie French, Sandra Herbert, Connie Lewis, Beth Mufson, Bob Wack, Harvey Zendt and Paige Tilghman, serving as Clerk; with interest in the work of Cynthia Quast, supporting Marilla’s Lunches, and Tom Corl, supporting the Detention Center Library. The committee meets at 8:45 in the Brick Meetinghouse on the 1st first day.

The T&C budget for FY 19 through to June 2019 was \$1,200. Expenses included \$364 to support Marilla’s Lunches; \$145 to support the work at the Detention Center Library; and \$500 to the Multicultural Center for the Cultural Competency training program, held at THM, 2nd, 21st, offered to THM and the public. The FY 20 T&C Budget is \$1,500 with \$138 spent for Marilla’s lunches, to date. T&C recommends a list of contributions to THM of organizations that reflect work for Quaker concerns. 10 organizations were selected and presented to the 3rd month business meeting with approval and disbursement of \$3,000. T&C is preparing a list of recommended contributions for 12th month business meeting. T&C monitors the John Schoffner Third Haven Scholarship International Education Fund, managed by Friends Fiduciary. The 3rd Quarter report indicates a Market Value for the fund at \$18,202.90. The committee recommended 2 awards in 2019 of \$300 each to the Bolivian Quaker Education Fund and the Los Patojos School in Guatemala and brought that request to 3rd month business meeting with approval.

Several T&C members have been active in the Immigration Task Force of which THM is a member. The Immigration Task Force discusses how to engage the community to support immigrants who live in our communities. T&C members were trained in “Immigration Detention: Becoming a Visitor Volunteer” . This training facilitates the requirement for those visiting immigrants facing legal issues at detention centers. Several T&C members are committed to making the drive to the Snow Hill Detention Center to visit detainees and have volunteered as assigned pen pals to those in the detention center.

T&C provided input to the Friends Committee on National Legislation on their “World We Seek ... Statement of Legislative Policy” and brought those recommendations to 4th month business meeting. The recommendations included a clear and concise policy statement of the four basic principles, and encouraged language that would describe Quaker action not as a justification for our beliefs but as an expression of our collective work. FCNL has issued their revised Statement fcnl.org .

T&C approached 5th month business meeting for approval of a Peace Pole, in keeping with the Peace Pole Project, a monument that displays the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in the language of the country in which it has been placed, and usually with 3 or more translations. Business meeting agreed to move ahead and asked T&C to work with Property & Grounds to have the Peace Pole ordered and paid. T&C sent the order to the Maple City, MI manufacturer. Shortly after receiving our order, the owner passed away. The money was refunded. T&C referred the matter to Property & Grounds who has identified a skilled wood worker at the CBMM who has crafted Peace Pole’s and has agreed to craft a

Peace Pole for THM. The committees will report back to business meeting, when the pole is complete, for instructions for installation.

The peace pole fabrication and installation are in process.

Bob Ellis of the The Climate Project, a national organization, is available to visit us on February 20th for an interactive presentation. This might be an outreach activity. Eastern Shore Climate Adaptation Project might also participate. Approved

New Business

Anny Williams donated a cabinet to the restroom.

The driveway entrance pillar is not yet in place due to the mason's delay.

Southern Quarterly meeting will be hosted by Third Haven in January.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 12:30 p.m.

D. Rein, Recorder

Announcements <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>

Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

Survey

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting asks all members/ attenders to send in a "self portrait " reflecting their talents/ gifts/ ideas etc. Please go to this link <https://www.pym.org/census/individual-demographics-form/> and share your portrait. Any questions please reach out to Mary Walsh at PYM: mwalsh@pym.org

Christmas Party Donation

Talbot County Detention Center

Please consider a donation to the Talbot County Detention Center to support their Christmas Party. We will be collecting cash and check contributions (made payable to: Talbot County Detention Center) at hospitality in the Common Room for the month of November. The funds collected will be used by the Detention Center staff to purchase gifts for the children of those who are detained. Look for a donation box wrapped in Christmas paper. Thank you.

Nominations for 2020

Recent announcements have circulated the list of 2020 proposed committee clerks & members. Please review this list and notify a member of the nominating committee if you would like to change your status. The list will be finalized at the December Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

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Quiet Places: Mary Yancey writes, "Here is the link to the very interesting conversation between Krista Tippet and Gordon Hempton who studies quiet places throughout the world. I found it fascinating and I think other Friends might also."

<https://onbeing.org/programs/gordon-hempton-silence-and-the-presence-of-everything/>

December 1 (Sunday)

Testimonies and Concerns

“Testimonies and Concerns Committee will meet on twelfth month, first day (December 01) at 8:45 am in the Brick Meeting House with an agenda to consider a recommendation to business meeting for contributions to Quaker organizations that reflect our priorities. T&C submitted their annual report to 11th month business meeting. The committee continues their work with several members supporting immigrant individuals in our area that require assistance; offering help with Marilla's lunches ; and are volunteering at the Talbot County Detention Center. Pete Howell needs help in December 17th at the Talbot Interfaith Shelter.

December 7 (Saturday)

Fall Clean Up Date

December 8 (Sunday)

Meeting for worship with attention to business

December 12 (Thursday)

Inward Bound Quiet Day

Join us for a day of peace and inward renewal.

Inward Bound Quiet Day

December 12, 2019; 10am to 3pm (pot-luck lunch at 12 noon)

Join TH Friends in a silent retreat that offers a day of listening for the Light within, contemplation, reading, walking the grounds, writing, and self-chosen art activities. For those interested, we will practice a guided meditation, Light to Live By. We enjoy a shared, silent potluck lunch, and end our session with a short sharing session. Come for all or part of the retreat. Information and/or RSVP: Candace Shattuck candace.shattuck@gmail.com, or Katherine Johnson katherinekai@goeaston.net.

2020 Outreach Film Series

The Outreach Committee is planning a new film series for after the first of the year. The committee needs Friends' help to identify themes. The themes for our first two film series were Race Relations; and Environmental Stewardship. The committee is already considering a few options: Immigration; Sexual Discrimination, Harassment and Abuse; Economic Inequality; Health Care. But they are also eager to hear your ideas. In addition suggesting a theme, please feel free to suggest specific movies (documentaries or feature films) that follow your theme. *Please share your ideas with one of our committee members:*

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Mary Yancey at my371365@gmail.com or 410-829-0159

Henry Lane at mystique4200@gmail.com or 203-981-9448

Pete Howell at piratepete@goeaston.net or 410-924-5752.

Climate Emergency

In consideration of our testimony on stewardship, find below the entire Washington Post newspaper article by Andrew Freedman covering the declaration by scientists of a climate emergency..

SCIENTIFIC REPORT, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

From THE WASHINGTON POST By Andrew Freedman November 5, 2019

A new report by 11,258 scientists in 153 countries from a broad range of disciplines warns that the planet “clearly and unequivocally faces a climate emergency,” and provides six broad policy goals that must be met to address it.

The analysis is a stark departure from recent scientific assessments of global warming, such as those of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in that it does not couch its conclusions in the language of uncertainties, and it does prescribe policies.

The study, called the “World scientists’ warning of a climate emergency,” marks the first time a large group of scientists has formally come out in favor of labeling climate change an “emergency,” which the study notes is caused by many human trends that are together increasing greenhouse gas emissions.

The report, published Tuesday in the journal *Bioscience*, was spearheaded by the ecologists Bill Ripple and Christopher Wolf of Oregon State University, along with William Moomaw, a Tufts University climate scientist, and researchers in Australia and South Africa.

The paper clearly lays out the huge challenge of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases.

“Despite 40 years of global climate negotiations, with few exceptions, we have generally conducted business as usual and have largely failed to address this predicament,” the study states.

The paper bases its conclusions on a set of easy-to-understand indicators that show the human influence on climate, such as 40 years of greenhouse gas emissions, economic trends, population growth rates, per capita meat production, and global tree cover loss, as well as consequences, such as global temperature trends and ocean heat content.

The results are charts that are, at least compared with the climate graphics presented by the IPCC, surprisingly simple, and that help reveal the troubling direction the world is headed.

The study also departs from other major climate assessments in that it directly addresses the politically sensitive subject of population growth. The study notes that the global decline in fertility rates has “substantially slowed” during the past 20 years, and calls for “bold and drastic” changes in economic growth and population policies to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Such measures would include policies that strengthen human rights, especially for women and girls, and make family-planning services “available to all people,” the paper says.

On energy, the report calls for the world to “implement massive energy efficiency and conservation practices” and cut out fossil fuels in favor of renewable sources of energy, a trend it notes is not happening fast enough. It also calls for remaining fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, to remain in the ground, never to be burned to generate energy, a key goal for many climate activists.

Maria Abate, a signatory of the scientists’ warning and a biology professor at Simmons College in Boston, says she hopes the paper will raise awareness. “Like other organisms we are not adapted to recognize far-reaching environmental threats beyond our immediate surroundings,” she said via email. “The reported vital signs of our global activity and climate responses give us a tangible, evidence-based report card that I hope will help our culture to develop a broader awareness more quickly to slow this climate crisis.”

Other items on the study’s list of policy priorities include quickly cutting emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, such as soot and methane, which could slow short-term warming. The study also calls for a shift to eating mostly plant-based foods and instituting agricultural practices that increase the amount of carbon the soil absorbs. On the economy, the study states that improving long-term sustainability and reducing inequality should be prioritized over growing wealth, as measured using gross domestic product. The authors also advocate for policies that would curtail biodiversity loss and the destruction of forests, and they recommend prioritizing the preservation of intact forests that store carbon along with other lands that can rapidly bury carbon, thereby reducing global warming.

“This is a document that establishes a clear record of the broad consensus among most scientists active at this point in history that the climate crisis is real, and is a major, even existential, threat to human societies, human well-being, and biodiversity,” said Jesse Bellemare, an associate professor of biology at Smith College who is a signatory of the study’s emergency declaration.

He said via email that the presence of so many biologists and ecologists on the list of signatories may reflect the fact that they are observing so many changes from an amount of climate change much smaller than what is projected for the future.

Ripple, of Oregon State, is no stranger to organizing scientific calls to action, having founded the Alliance of World Scientists and organized scientists’ “Warning to Humanity: A Second Notice” in 2017, which was also published in *Bioscience* and focused on the urgent need to solve a broad array of environmental problems including climate change and biodiversity loss.

“We’re asking for a transformative change for humanity,” Ripple said in an interview. Many of the signatories to the warning do not list themselves as climate scientists but, instead, as biologists, ecologists and other science specialists. Ripple says that is intentional, as the authors sought to assemble the broadest support possible.

“The situation we’re in today with climate change,” he says, “shows that this is an issue that needs to move beyond climate scientists only.”

Moomaw says the paper comes from researchers who are seeing the consequences of a rapidly changing planet, and is in part “a statement of frustration on the part of many in the scientific community.”

“Scientists, and in particular those that are studying what is happening in a changed climate, have become the most alarmed at how rapidly these changes are taking place and the urgency of needing to take far more drastic action,” Moomaw said.

The term “climate emergency” has been championed by climate activists and pro-climate action politicians seeking to add a sense of urgency to the way we respond to what is a long-term problem. The Climate Mobilization, an advocacy group, is seeking to have governments in the United States and elsewhere declare a climate emergency and enact response measures commensurate with such a declaration.

New York’s City Council has declared a climate emergency, as has San Francisco. European cities have also taken this step. Bills labeling global warming as an emergency are pending in both the House and the Senate, endorsed by prominent liberals including Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.).

The youth climate movement, including Swedish activist Greta Thunberg, has been leading the charge to ratchet up the language used in describing global warming.

To date, scientists have been reluctant to use such language. However, this study may change that.

Phil Duffy, a climate researcher and president of the Woods Hole Research Center, who added his name to the paper Monday, said he finds the term fitting, considering the scale of the problem and lack of action so far.

“The term ‘climate emergency’ ... I must say, I find it refreshing, really, because you know, I get so impatient with the scientists who just are always just waffling and mumbling about uncertainty, blah, blah, blah, and this certainly is, you know, is much bolder than that,” he said. “I think it’s right to do that.”



Quakerism 101 concluded with discussion of Community in a Quaker fashion. The series led participants to consider many facets of the beliefs and processes of The Religious Society of Friends including faith, testimonies, witness and action, history and the meeting community. Sponsored by Worship and Ministry and led by members, the program used a variety of sources that merit individual consideration by anyone interested in learning more about Quakerism. These included The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery by Rex Ambler, Letters to a Fellow Seeker by Steve Chase, Beyond Consensus by Barry Morley and numerous Quakerspeak videos www.quakerspeak.com.

First Day Conversations continue with a variety of topics. Here we discuss “Yes.” What are you saying, “Yes,” to? Join us every first and third First Day for stimulating, casual discussion and camaraderie from 9-9:45 a.m..



First Day School Lessons: Though the weather chilled outside, this was not so with the activity in the little hive of First Day School busyness! November had our children learning how to listen deeply in nature – sitting quietly outdoors together, the kids made sound maps of all they heard and contemplated how this could work if listening in the same way to your heart. The following week Jeanne delved further into the Testimony of Peace. Together the group read the story, *The Shoemaker’s Wish*, and crafted paper origami doves. Next week Susan led a Godly Play storytelling about the beginning of all beginnings: Creation. This beautiful story helps kids contemplate where all life originated - well-timed to start delving into the mysteries and wonder of the holiday season ahead. The third week Dona and Kulveen taught us about birds, and we adventured outdoors to hang bird feeders we’d made with bagels and seeds. The final week of November kicks off our Christmas season with the annual wreath-making by the kids as gifts to the meetinghouses. We are so thankful for all the families finding a spiritual home with Third Haven, and all the Meeting for your support and guidance on the First Day School programs!

Little Spices: November brought the final sessions of Third Haven’s fall Little SPICES program to an end. This program is a continuing series that offers young children (3 and under) and their caregivers time outdoors for mindfulness and learning. This fall series honed in on discussions and activities related to the Quaker Testimonies – each week of the five weeks focused on one. November highlights included a nighttime potluck and nature walk by lantern, music, and care for birds (lots of new little bird feeders now dot the Third Haven grounds!). Thank you to all the teachers and supporters of Little SPICES this fall. It continues to be such a heart-filled community of families who seek connection and centeredness on Third Haven’s grounds.

LOOKING FOR IDEAS AND TEACHERS FOR THE 2020 CALENDAR!

First Day School is starting to put together our calendar for the spring, and we sure would love your help. We hope to continue our regular popular programs in nature, queries and wonderings, and Faith & Play/Godly Play stories. In addition, we'd like to add:

- **Community action opportunities:** 5 service projects, especially related to Quaker Testimonies- ideas and connections needed.
- **Quaker history and leaders:** Monthly session (5 in total) for the older kids (8 and up) about - lead teacher/organizer needed.
- **Talents:** Sessions with Meeting members/attenders to share their passion with our kids (2 in total) – whatever it is that moves your spirit and inspiration. Recently, demonstrations about weaving, music, birding, and yoga have been met with great joy by the children.
- **Teacher Assistance:** Finally, given the large and varied ages of our kid group, more hands are needed during First Day School to help assist teachers every week.

If any of this speaks to you, please add a note to this clipboard (next page) or let Amy or Susan know – we'd love to talk with you! (amy.owsley@gmail.com, and susanclaggett2@gmail.com).

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FROM THE FIRST DAY SCHOOL

On December 1, First Day School (during Meeting for Worship) will be decorating wreaths to adorn Third Haven's meetinghouses – an annual tradition! We are seeking wreath materials (berries, shells, greenery, etc.), decorating materials (wires, clippers,) and a few volunteers to help the children. *Please bring your wreath decorations/supplies the morning of 12/1 to the Common Room before 10AM, and let Amy know in advance if you plan on staying to help.* Thank you!

On December 7, thanks to the hard work of Jeanne Halpin, all are invite to join Third Haven's Peace Float at Easton's holiday parade! We are hoping many members/attenders will hop on with the kids to sing carols and join in the merrymaking. Details to follow from Jeanne. *Sign-up sheet will be in the Common Room.*

On December 8, kids of First Day School will be meet over hot cocoa and read a holiday book about gratitude and gifts (from the heart, not the store). We will be crafting holiday ornaments to give away. *We are looking for an assistant teacher or two to help Amy with this lesson.*

On December 15, the children will listen to a reading of the Faith & Play story of Christmas. This narration will be the inspiration for our pageant on December 22. We will each pick a role to play in this story, and begin practicing it. Parents: kids will be selecting roles for the pageant this day and talking about costumes. If you can't make FDS on 12/15 but want to be a part of the pageant, please send Amy an email so we can secure your kids a role. We have a special Holy Family surprise for everyone! *We are looking for an assistant teacher or two to help Amy with this lesson.*

On December 22, First Day School will share our pageant at the Rise of Meeting! First Day School families (and any one else so moved) are asked to bring a plate of your favorite cookies to share with the Meeting. Hot chocolate, apple cider, and caroling will make the Common Room so very merry!



Feeding our Feathered Friends