



Third Haven Friends Meeting

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February 2014 NEWSLETTER

"Now I see there is a people risen that I cannot win with gifts or honours, offices or places; but all other sects and people I can."
Oliver Cromwell

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Business Minutes for the 1st Month, 12, 2014

1. Call to order: Candace Shattuck, Clerk of Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 11:40AM after a brief period of silence.
2. Attending: Dawn Atwater, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Lorraine Claggett, Benita Cooper, Catherine Cripps, Tom Corl, Debbie Danser, Ed Danser, Robert Gladney, Marsie Hawkinson, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Adrienne Rudge, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Brian Shean, Sally Vermilye, Meredith Watters, Ralph Young, Frank Zeigler, and Joyce Zeigler.
3. Query: The Query "Meeting for Worship", was read during meeting for worship. No additional comments were given.
4. Minutes from previous Meeting for Business: The Meeting approved the minutes for worship with attention to business for the 12th Month, 2013.
5. Clerk's Desk: The Clerk read a correspondence from PYM regarding the John Martin Trust. This Trust has been set-aside for Friends who are in financially difficulty. The Clerk turned over the letter to Adrienne Rudge, Clerk of Overseers to discuss in committee. The Clerk also announced that Katherine Johnson will serve as the third member of Nominating Committee this year. Norval Thompson, Clerk, and Robert Weiland are the other committee members.
6. Overseer's Annual Report: Adrienne Rudge, Clerk of committee, read the following report:



Third Haven Friends Meeting Overseers Committee Annual Report for 2013

Pastoral care continues to be the major concern of the Overseers Committee. Faith and Practice defines our role with these words: “A Committee of Overseers is appointed to assume leadership in maintaining a caring community, helping all members to find their right roles as nurturers of others. Its tasks may be shared with other committees.”

In 2013, the following individuals were members of Overseers: Paige Bethke, Molly Bond, Molly Burgoyne, Larny Claggett, Deborah Cox, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Connie Lewis, John Schreiner, Norval Thompson, and Adrienne Rudge, clerk. The committee met monthly except in June and July.

Attendance at meetings was good and discussion was lively. After many years as an Overseer, Molly Bond retired from the committee at the end of the year. We thank her for her work, her guidance and her unfailing sense of humor.

As in past years, Committee members kept in touch with the Third Haven Friends Meeting community through a calling tree by dividing members and attenders alphabetically. In early 2013, we assisted John Hawkinson by reaching out to members and attenders to update their contact information before the publication of the 2013 Directory. Once the directory was published, members of the committee helped to distribute it.

The Overseers play a special role in meeting with individuals seeking membership at Third Haven. In early 2013, Dawn Atwater requested membership and met with a clearness committee consisting of Larissa Kitenko, John Schreiner and Norval Thompson. They enthusiastically recommended her for membership at the March Meeting for Business. Likewise, Dona Sorce asked to become a member last spring, and a clearness committee of Molly Burgoyne, Norval Thompson and Adrienne Rudge recommended Dona for membership with pleasure at the June Meeting for Business. New members are invited to a small welcome party and offered a 6-month subscription to Friends Journal.

In response to a request from member Anne Rouse, Overseers recommended that she be granted “sojourner” status at Friendship Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, while maintaining her membership at Third Haven. A minute was drafted to that effect and sent to the clerk of Friendship Meeting.

The annual new member and attender recognition luncheon was held on March 17 and very well attended. Speakers included John Schreiner and Deborah Cox, who remarked on the opportunities for attenders to participate in the events and committee work of the Meeting. The Websters, former caretakers, were recognized at the luncheon and given a commemorative plate.

A continuing focus for the committee was the care of seniors in our community. Two activities resulted from our discussions and search for information. One was a focus group session held on

March 9 and moderated by Molly Burgoyne and Deborah Cox. Molly reviewed the committee's process as we have sought to offer care for our senior members and their caregivers while Deborah, a nurse practitioner specializing in eldercare, reviewed some steps and strategies that may be helpful for those aging in place at home. During the discussion, most participants agreed that THFM has a role in recognizing the needs of our senior members and by acknowledging them, we offer respect as well as suggestions for help when appropriate.

The second activity related to services for seniors involved a simple questionnaire that was circulated by e-mail and by snail mail, soliciting information about the needs and concerns of our members and attenders. The response to the questionnaire, Helping Hands for Aging Friends, was small in number but helpful in assessing some of the needs of our Meeting community.

The Overseers Committee maintains a file of completed Declarations of Memorial Intentions forms for members and attenders. In 2013, Molly Burgoyne took on the task of reorganizing the file and updating the form. After consultation with Candace Shattuck and the committee, Molly completed the revisions, which Adrienne Rudge presented to Meeting for Business in November. Suggestions from that meeting were incorporated into what is now the current form, which was accepted at Meeting for Business in December. The members of Overseers Committee plan to bring the updated form to the attention of our members and attenders and the revised form will be available on the website as well.

In 2013, Overseers were asked to draft a new description of the process of becoming a member of Third Haven, with an emphasis on an expanded definition of the responsibilities of membership. After a meaningful discussion among the committee members, Paige Bethke and John Schreiner each wrote drafts of a revised document. The process continues and the committee plans to bring the final draft to the Meeting as soon as we are satisfied with it.

Throughout 2013, individual Overseers visited and called to support various members who were facing challenges. This outreach to our own is both a responsibility and a privilege which Overseers embrace. Members and attenders are encouraged to allow Overseers to be of service in times of need.

Respectfully submitted, Adrienne Rudge, Clerk

The report was approved with gratitude from Meeting. Adrienne was complimented on her leadership.

7. Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer presented the second quarter financials. The full report is posted online. <http://www.thirdhaven.org/reports.php> Income and Expenses budget vs. actual year-to-date show that we have collected 71.2% of member contributions and our total income of 68.2% for this fiscal year. We have spent 39.9% of our projected budget expenses thus far. On our Balance Sheet, we have an operating account of \$31,070.51. The reserve CD of \$51,613.50 matures in a few weeks. The Finance Committee is studying what to do with this money. Right now, they are considering placing about \$40,000 with Friends Fiduciary Fund and the remainder in the operating account. They will bring an update to us next month. The third sheet reviews the Income and expenses prior year comparison. We have a 19.7% increase in

member contributions but a decrease of 45.9% in attender contributions. Overall, income is up by 9% and expenses are down 9% compared to this time last year. The Clerk of Finance reminded all clerks of committees to please turn in expenses to the Treasurer as soon as possible so we can keep accurate accounting. Friends commented on how our efforts to increase our member contributions seem to be working. The Treasurer was thanked for her diligent work and clear report. A Friend recommended that we accept the report with thanks and the Meeting approved this.

8. Testimonies and Concerns recommendations for Meeting contributions: Lorraine Claggett, Clerk of T&C, brought to the Meeting a variety of questions related to how beneficiaries of contributions are selected, and asked that we establish guidelines. One basic question is whether we want to support Quaker organizations or local entities. In recent years, the budget of \$1500 has been split among 4-5 national Quaker organizations (mainly American Friends Service Committee, Friends General Conference, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Friends Journal), with local contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund and the Neighborhood Service Center coming from other budgets, such as Carriage Shed Sale. T&C would like to see the Good Samaritan Fund made a “line item” or permanent part of our budget. The committee brought the following proposal as a “trial balloon”: AFSC- \$500, FCNL- \$500, The Good Samaritan Fund- \$500, Chesapeake Multi-Cultural Resource Center-\$500. Friends supported the idea of making significant contributions to a few recipients rather than smaller amount to many recipients, as had been done until relatively recently. A 50/50 split between Quaker and local seems like a good starting point. At the same time, many Friends felt we should not neglect the major national Quaker organizations, as there are few Friends in the world, and Friends are the most likely to support them. There was agreement that the Meeting, as a whole, should work to develop guidelines, and that more information would be helpful, specifically wanting to know which organizations we have supported, and from what budget, over the past 5 years. It was noted that the Shoffner Fund has also been used to fund some international donations. The Recording Clerk volunteered to pull this information together as it should be readily available from Meeting minutes. Input from Meeting members and attenders is invited.

Another question brought to the Meeting by T&C is that they have received a check from a member who would like THFM to donate these funds to a trio of projects which have been supported by the Meeting, all 501©3’s in their own right, including Heifer International and The Bolivian Quaker Education Fund. There was much discussion about this donation. We agreed that this donation should be properly returned to the gracious donor with an explanation that they may give this money directly to the charity of their choice without the “pass-through” of THFM. We do not have a way to account for such restricted donations, and to do so would add a level of significant complexity to our accounting. A Friend raised the question if we could ever have a fund set up for a specific purpose. If they feel it was appropriate for Meeting’s needs, the Budget & Finance Committee could set up “temporary restricted funds” which might be needed, for instance for a capital project.

9. THFM Annual Report: The Meeting approved the following report.

Third Haven Friends Meeting

2013 Annual Report

Draft v5 – 1.6.14

Worship – Meeting for worship was well attended in 2013, with an average of 75-85 on most First Days including children who go out for First Day School. In the late summer months,

attendance drops to 50-60. On a few First Days, nearly 100 Friends attended. Meeting for worship is also held on 4th days, with a small regular attendance (4-6, occasionally more). In 4th month the Worship Ministry Committee completed a census of attendance at the meeting for worship, for transmittal to Southern Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, showing corresponding attendance (72, 85, 75 and 59 on 4 consecutive First days). Meetings for worship were consistently spiritual, rich and nourishing, occasionally deeply gathered. The Third Haven meeting for worship is meaningful and vital. The Worship Ministry Committee cares for meeting for worship and discusses the meeting for worship and vocal ministry thoughtfully and tenderly at each monthly Worship and Ministry Committee meeting. The Committee provides greeters before meeting for worship, welcoming visitors and providing information. The Committee reads a Query each month on the First Day of meeting for business and reads the 4 Advices over the course of the year.

Testimonies – The Testimonies and Concerns Committee is very active locally, effectively articulating our Quaker testimonies and demonstrating witness in the wider community. The Committee engaged the Meeting community in wide variety of projects: local organizations working on peace and our other Quaker testimonies (including Neighborhood Service Center, Multicultural Resource Center and Agua Ayuda), assistance in the Talbot County Detention Center, assistance to local farm labor camps (Migrant Worker Ministry), host location and volunteer support for the Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter, local and regional advancement of the Alternatives to Violence Program (AVP), discussions of racism and incarceration, support for Bolivian Quakers and support other international humanitarian organizations. Many of these projects are of long duration at Third Haven.

About every 18 months the Meeting holds a carriage shed sale, this year on 10th month 5th. The net proceeds of ~\$4500, were shared through our faith community and its testimonies: \$1000 to the Meeting scholarship fund, \$1500 to Talbot Partnership, \$1000 to Teen Court, \$600 to a Bolivian Quaker scholarship fund and \$400 to support for the Alternatives to Violence Program. Community – 2013 was a year of growth and vitality in the life of Third Haven Friends Meeting. Membership totaled 153, with 2 new members. There were no deaths in the Meeting community in 2013. The Meeting cares for its young and old members with consideration and tenderness. Overseers care for the wellbeing of members and attenders with pastoral care. Overseers examined how the Meeting cares for older members with a forum on the topic followed by a questionnaire. Overseers drafted a new Memorial Intentions form; its use will be reviewed with each member, and it will be available on the Meeting web site. A rewording of the responsibilities of membership at Third Haven Friends Meeting, designed to be more descriptive, was adopted as well.

The Meeting cares for its children very well. Most of our older First Day School children have left for college or boarding school. Older children have returned and stated their appreciation of the Meeting, and their feeling of attachment to and support from the Meeting. With aging and the departure of a large family, First Day School attendance declined. We welcomed 2 new families. At present an average of 5 children attend. Many weeks there are more adults present than children. The First Day School is well supported by the Committee and other adults. Sessions commence with moments of silence; then the children hold hands and greet one another. A leader poses a question and those present introduce themselves and answer the question if they wish. The group breaks into smaller groups according to age. The curriculum focused on our relationship to our natural world and our greater human family.

The Scholarship Committee provides modest financial assistance to our young members and attenders who are attending college and Friends secondary schools. For the 2013-14 school year, the Committee provided grants to 2 students attending a Friends secondary school and 9 undergraduate college students.

The Outreach Committee focuses on Third Haven visibility in the wider community, and on welcoming visitors and newcomers. The Committee rewrote and redesigned current information pieces, and produced 2 new pieces. "A Quick Tour of Third Haven's Buildings and Grounds" became popular visitors and tourists, leading to a reprint of 2500. The photos and text in "Your Guide to Quakers," for seekers and other visitors, briefly explains our silent meeting for worship and key beliefs. Feedback has been positive.

Communications and Business – The Clerk of the Meeting and Recording Clerks serve the Meeting community very well. Meetings for business are conducted in the good order used among us, with all difficulties handled with tender care. The minutes are carefully recorded and kept in very good order.

The Communications Committee produces an excellent and informative newsletter, with fine photographs, and distributes it each month by email (also mailed to computer-free Friends). Communications provides weekly announcements, Meeting calendar updates and other information by email. Communications maintains and continually updates the very valuable and useful Third Haven Friends Meeting website – <http://www.thirdhaven.org>

The Meeting is in good financial condition. The fiscal year 2012-13 ended on 6th month 30th with operating expenses of \$55,131 and income of \$61,600. The balance sheet showed current assets of \$70,627 and current liabilities of only \$267. The Meeting tries to keep one year's expenses in reserve. The Trustees of Third Haven Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends is a separate entity with financial assets that are used to support specific Third Haven property and grounds projects. The maintenance and the character of the historic Third Haven buildings and grounds owe a great deal to the Property and Grounds Committee, and the stewardship and generosity of the Trustees.

Conclusion – Third Haven Friends is a vital and growing Friends community, nurturing and supporting young and old members and attenders, nourishing the corporate and individual Quaker Spiritual journey in the Meeting community. -submitted, Tom Corl

10. Interim Meeting: Dee Rein, who attended IM with Lorraine Claggett, read her report, which follows the conclusion of these minutes.

11. Outreach: A Friend felt called to write an "open letter" to Pope Francis regarding the Pope's recent remarks and actions evidencing a more inclusive stance from the Vatican. The Outreach Committee feels that the letter could be sent to the Star Democrat for local publication. The letter was read aloud and all present felt it expressed our feelings accurately and should be sent. Suggestions were made to consider having a person sign the letter instead of the Meeting, to perhaps send the letter to the local Catholic diocese. The letter as read is as follows and the Meeting approved sending it to the above.

An open letter from a Quaker Meeting to Pope Francis ---

We as a gathering of Christians attentive to, but not necessarily accustomed to aligning with papal pronouncements, wish to applaud and support you and your message to the world.

Your recent statements have stirred our hearts. How refreshing to hear the pertinent declaration: "We belong to the same human family and we share a common destiny. This brings a

responsibility for each to work so that the world becomes a community of brothers who respect each other, accept each other in one's diversity, and take care of one another." How heartening to hear: "I, too, believe that it will be good for us to stop ourselves in this path of violence and search for peace."

To hear that you also, fervently hope that "...the gospel of brotherhood speak to every conscience and knock down the walls that impede enemies from recognizing that they are brothers..." brings us to lend support for your inspired mission as a religious leader in the world. Together we can focus and build upon the teachings of Jesus.

We, as contemporary Quakers in America, rejoice upon learning that you also, hear "the cry of peace from peoples who are oppressed by war and violence" and that you pray that the "courage of dialogue and reconciliation prevail over the temptation for vendetta, arrogance [and] corruption."

We see these views bolstered by a clear shift, as evidenced by your choice of simple conveyance and lifestyle and frequent outreach to common folk in the world. Please accept our ecumenical support as heartfelt encouragement from a small, yet faithful corner of the United States' religious community. In unity with respect and love, Third Haven Friends Meeting, 405 South Washington St. Easton, Maryland, USA <http://www.thirdhaven.org/>

12. New Business: Mark Beck will lead a Meditation and Spiritual Practice discussion in the Common Room on January 23rd from 6:15-7:30PM.

Meeting for business was adjourned at 1:00PM.

Respectfully submitted, Molly Burgoyne

IMPORTANT POINTS:

- Overseers Annual Report approved
- Second Quarter Treasurer's Report given
- Guideline requested for yearly Meeting contributions
- THFM Annual Report Approved
- Open letter to Pope Francis approved

January 11, 2014 Interim Meeting Report **Clerk Jada Jackson, General Secretary Arthur Larrabee**

Friends are reminded that all items discussed are available on the PYM website under Interim meeting <http://www.pym.org/interim-meeting/materials>. Comments may be forwarded to the appropriate clerks as indicated on the documents there that apply to each topic.

The General Secretary's Report covered youth activities of Middle School Friends, Young Friends (high school) and Young Adult Friends, all of whom show great interest in meaningful participation in the community of Friends.

The Search Committee for a new General Secretary to take the role in July 2014 reported on their progress and time line and received approval for an amended job description.

The clerk reported continuing to work with interested parties to resolve LGBT issues that occurred last Summer involving Caln quarter and the Education Standing Committee.

PYM Long Range Planning Group reported their progress in developing proposed strategic directions to meet the following goals:

1. Assist local meetings in fostering dynamic, Spirit-led faith communities that:
 - a. nurture spiritual disciplines and practice
 - b. welcome seekers and encourage diversity
2. Connect Friends through effective communications and technologies
3. Develop and communicate widely clear messages about Quakers and PYM
4. Simplify governance and administration
5. Foster a climate conducive to innovation and change within PYM
6. Plan and hold annual sessions and other PYM-wide gatherings
7. Facilitate effective PYM-wide corporate witness and social action
8. Partner with other Quaker organizations to achieve common goals

To that end changes in structure and processes at PYM are proposed for both administration and Quaker life. This detailed presentation took 2 hours. Proposals for an Administrative Council, a Quaker Life Council and Continuing Sessions (annual and interim) as well as Nominating Committee and Granting Committee changes included goals gathered during listening sessions over the past 6 months. Proposed changes meet those goals. The entire presentation will be posted on the website and Friends are asked to view it, consider the ideas thoughtfully and respond as indicated at that time.

The Nominating Committee presented a minute requesting a Naming Committee be appointed to help find a new clerk for this committee whose clerk is resigning.

The Worship and Care Standing Committee presented its annual report on six working groups under its care: Friends Counseling Service, Meeting Enrichment Services, Meeting on Worship and Ministry, Ministry for Racial Justice and Equality, Spiritual Formation, and the School of the Spirit and Granting Groups: Aging Granting Group, Family Planning Granting Group, Greenleaf Granting Group, and Jeanes Granting Group.

The Eco Justice Working Group reported on the Growth Dilemma Project and is changing their name to the Friends Economic Integrity Project. They are championing fossil free investing. Another Friend commented on the complexities of different fuel sources pros and cons. Friend Fiduciary is in the process of forming a Green Fund for investing.

The Financial Oversight Working Group gave its annual report on invested PYM funds and the uses of their income. Funds are categorized as unrestricted available reserves, of which there are \$1,046,608; Unrestricted with the principal spendable: \$7,103,654; Restricted principal not spendable: \$38,894,126; Future period investment:\$551,639. These funds are held by PYM as trustee, Friends Fiduciary as trustee or third party banks as trustees. A detailed breakdown of each grant is included in the report.

Jennie Sheeks, Director of Development reported on member giving to the PYM Annual fund to date for fiscal year 2014. (7% of Third Haven members have contributed.) She is available to meet with Finance Committees of monthly meetings to help them develop giving for their meeting. Online donations to PYM and Third Haven may be done at PYM.org.

One monthly meeting reported a vital and growing activity that drew young adult Friends back to their home meeting by asking them to read and lead activities at the Christmas Eve Meeting followed by fellowship. It has become a much anticipated opportunity for Friends to reconnect with old friends/Friends.

Respectfully submitted, Dee Rein, Lorraine B. Claggett

Barbara and Richard Forman write, “2013, a year of reaching beyond our 50th wedding anniversary, and celebrating Richard’s teaching five decades, three at Harvard. For the former, our entire immediate family converged for a week on a cottage and mountain lake. Later the two of us relished our first autumn holiday on both Cape Cod and the South Berkshires. A 1½ day colloquium on the confluences of landscape, road, and urban ecology, a celebratory dinner among museum dinosaurs, and other memorable events attracted colleagues of 10-30 + years from the U.S. and abroad, as well as family Betsy, Brent and -Maura from afar. Barbara paints, embroiders, reads, and added research to her repertoire at the Concord Museum, Richard was buried in book production deadlines, and transitioned from Professor to Research Professor, teaching one grad course per year and ever researching/writing. Our children continue diverse trajectories.... Sabrina and Karl in Central Massachusetts, Adrian in Oregon/Idaho, Brent and Maura in Seattle. Four growing grandchildren are special joys.”

First Day School News:

Susan Claggett writes, “Hello Friends, First Day School is every Sunday at 10 am. Worship begins in the big Meeting room with everyone and then at around 10:15 all the children rise with the teachers and go upstairs for First Day school. Next week, the little people will be hearing a Dr Seuss story. In February, there will be a lesson on Birds and another on the Good Samaritan parable. Please bring your families to worship and explore First Day School with us! We always have a thoughtful and interesting lesson to share about our Quaker faith and the world around us. Please contact Susan Claggett, Clerk of FDS for any questions. Hope to see you next first Day!”
susan@dmv.com

Announcements

Please consult our website, which is updated several times each week.

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

There is included a convenient calendar of Third Haven activities.

<http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>

Online directory

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

Username is 3rdhaven

Password friends (all lower case)

We welcome notes, photos, questions and address information at 3rdhaven@gmail.com

Southern Quarter Report - Camden, DE, January 19, 2014- Business Meeting

Submitted by Connie Lewis

Six people from Third Haven Meeting attended. There were about 50 people present.

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all. About thirty (30) people from Chester River, Camden, Wicomico and Third Haven stayed for the business meeting. The agenda was for Annual Report from each meeting, and where we would meet for the rest of the year.

WICOMICO - All is well

THIRD HAVEN MEETING - Read annual report and census for April 2013 and shared response to Pope's letter John Schreiner had composed.

CADBURY AT LEWIS - Sharon Hoover and her daughter, Nadine, will be attending the AVP Conference this summer in Ireland.

CHESTER RIVER - It has been a very deep centered meeting with time issues and health concerns. They are still trying to resolve the issue of mold in their basement.

CAMDEN - Camden is doing well. The Worship and Ministry committee have held several programs with 12 in attendance at each. I brought home a flyer on Peace Quest 2014, which will be held in Baltimore, Maryland from June 20-22, 2014. There will be interactive workshops, key not speakers, music and building community. For further information go to www.peacequest.org 2014.org

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on May 18, 2014 at Chester River. Third Haven will be the host on October 19, 2014. January 18, 2015 we will hold the annual report business meeting at Cadbury at Lewis.

In Memory



Lila L. Line, 89 of Chestertown, MD passed away January 24, 2014 in Envoy of Denton.

Third Haven member Lila Line was born on February 21, 1924 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late Benjamin and Sophie Perlman Levinson. Ms. Line worked as an editor for The Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Carter Rock, MD prior to her career as a free-lance writer beginning in 1972 for various magazine publications, and working for Chesapeake College as a special writing teacher, retiring in 1992. She was the author of the book "Waterwomen" and the children's book, "Grandpa Builds a Buckeye". After retirement, she worked for Washington College, Academy of Lifelong Learning and pursued her poetry writing. Lila was predeceased by her son, Adam Line and survived by sons, Steven Line (Gail), Jonathan Line (Arlene), grandchildren, Jamie Hollowell (Lee), Stephanie LaMarche, Shawn Marble (Colten) and great-grandchildren, Garrett Hollowell, Crue LaMarche and Cathryn Marble.

A memorial service will be held at Third Haven Friends Meeting in Easton on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at, 2pm. Donations to Third Haven Friends Meeting are requested in lieu of flowers.

Arrangements by Galena Funeral Home of Stephen L. Schaech

www.galenafuneralhomeofsls.com

American Friends Service Committee

submitted by Leigh Anne Dodge

Join us each month as we discuss [how your congregation can engage in the work of AFSC](#).

These monthly calls are an opportunity to learn from AFSC staff about specific focus issues and campaigns, and hear ideas of how to get involved. Each one is also an opportunity to speak with other Quakers from the around the country about strategies for how to engage in collective social change work. The next scheduled call is on February 10.

Spirited Action: How to connect with your local community

We see and hear injustice all around us, but how do we connect with those most directly impacted and support their efforts for change? Join us on February 10, from 7:30-9pm, for a call with Jordan Garcia, AFSC's Immigrant Ally Organizing Director in our Denver Office, and Danielle Short, member of Mountain View Friends Meeting, on how Quakers and Quaker congregations can connect with their local communities to work for justice in a variety of issues, serving as partners and allies in grassroots movements for change.

You can call in with the toll free number 1-866-740-1260 and entering access code 2419995#.

In the coming months:

- **Ending the New Jim Crow and mass incarceration** with Lewis Webb (AFSC) and John and Gail Fletcher (Norman Friends Meeting) on March 15th, 2014 from 7:30 to 9 pm EST
- **Shared Security: A new Quaker vision of U.S. foreign policy** with Aura Kanegis (AFSC) and Doug Bennett (First Friends Meeting) on April 14th from 7:30 to 9 pm EST
- **Working for immigrant justice** with Quaker Judy Goldberger and an AFSC staff member TBD on May 12th, 2014 from 7:30 to 9 pm EST
- **Meeting/Church Liaison program evaluation call** - How are we doing? How can we grow? with Lucy Duncan and Madeline Schafer on June 16th, 2014 from 7:30 to 9 pm EST



Lila and Leonard remembered fondly.



Hospitality plans...please sign up to help!