



## Third Haven Friends Meeting

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## SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

*You must so adjust your heart that you long for the welfare of all beings, including the happiness of your enemies. If a man foolishly does me wrong, I will return to him the protection of my ungrudging love; the more evil comes from him, the more good shall go from me... Let us live happily then, not hating those who hate us let us dwell free from hatred... With pure thoughts and fullness of love, I will do towards others what I do for myself ---Buddha*

*When a person abstains from doing wrong to any creature, in thought, word, or deed, he is said to attain to the state of oneness with God. --- Mahabharata*

*Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate, and pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you; that ye may be the children of your Father which is in Heaven... Do unto others what ye would have others do unto you. -- Teachings of Jesus*

*To the Good I would be good. To the not-good I would also be good in order to make them good. Recompense injury with kindness... Of all noble qualities, loving compassion is the nobles. --- Lao tzu*

### Readers Report

Since we received the "Summer Newsletter" both online, with lovely color pictures, & by hardcopy, you all might want to take us off the mailing list for the hardcopy & save yourselves some postage.

It was an interesting issue: news of my Cousin Helen Goldsborough's death; news of our new address; & very interesting discussion of "decision-making in the manner of Quakers," a subject that interests me because it could be pertinent to residing at Friends House. We live in our own cottage, in proximity to about a hundred other people. On our application forms for entrance to F.H., one of the questions dealt with what experience I & Bryant ("Pete") have had with the Friends' way of resolving issues. Of course, I had to say, "Not much," but what I have learned has been principally through T.H. newsletter reports of Marsie's leadership of the Overseers Committee on the knotty question of same-sex marriage--or union, & should the arrangement be given the blessing of the Meeting. --  
*- Betsy Harrell*

"thank you for including me in the recipient list of your meeting's newsletter. I particularly found the piece by Tom Corl about Q. decision making to be helpful. And I'm delighted to see that you now serve on the Ministry & Worship committee - would that you could find way open to serve on FGC's Ministry & Nurture committee." --- *Penelope Wright*

Thank you for sending the Summer Newsletter. I found several of the articles of particular interest. We certainly appreciate the welcome we received from your congregation last Sunday. Everyone was warm and friendly. Ken Carroll, Laurence Claggett, and you were especially helpful. We learned a great deal about not only the Edmondsons and your meeting house, but also the Quakers. This was our first attendance at a Quaker meeting. We were very impressed. Thank you again for your warm hospitality.---*Jay Edmondson*



## Announcements

The Clerk's Notes: On Wednesday, 9/23/04, I had a very pleasant, relaxed visit with **John Shoffner**. He would appreciate other such visits or notes. On Thursday, 9/24/04, Doreen Getsinger and I stopped to see **Jane Caldwell** at Medford Leas on our way to Interim Meeting. As usual, she was in good spirits and full of interest in the doings of Third Haven. We took along pictures taken at the Children's Camp in July and she was delighted to see them. She mentioned that recently she had received many notes and cards from members which had confirmed her high opinion of our Meeting. Irene Williams reports that her daughter-in-law, Barbara, is improving and that they plan to bring her home on (or by) Oct. 1st. She will still need a lot of care and prayers. **Marilla McCarthy** is still undergoing tests to determine the cause of her continuing heart failure.

**-October 7** (fifth day) 1 PM Ex-Offenders Program of Easton meeting in Common Room

**-October 9** (seventh day) 9:45am Joint meeting of overseers and worship and ministry committees

**-October 10** (first day) **meeting for worship, meeting for business:** committee report due is Property and Grounds

Pendle Hill will offer an "Inquirers Weekend" on October 9th-10th.

**October 17** (first day) meeting for worship

Southern Quarterly Meeting

Fall Gathering: Witnessing Our Faith In Turbulent Times

**October 17th**, 2004 At Wicomico River Friends Meeting featuring Priscilla Adams, Regional Secretary for Quaker Concerns for Haddonfield Quarter of PYM.

**October 24** (first day) meeting for worship we have invited the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee to meet with us prior to their own session here

**November 7** (first day) meeting for worship. Helen Fields, the First Day School coordinator for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, will speak on First Day School and parenting.

### Jungian Dream Group

Several among us have asked if there is a chance to convene a Jungian Dream group. This has been enjoyed in the past at Third Haven. It can be a monthly or twice a month gathering. Dreams are brought forward in the group's safe haven for possible interpretation and exploration. If you have interest in a Jungian dream group, call Jonathan Slocum - 410-829-3060 or Valerie Mazur 410-745-9213.

**YOUR VOTE COUNTS- Less than 52 % of eligible voters cast ballots in the 2000** presidential election - for information about elections visit the Friends Committee on National Legislation website **www.FCNL.ORG**

To enrich this conglomeration of announcements please send notices to **hawkjm@goeaston.net**

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## Philadelphia Yearly Meeting NOTICES:

-Complete text is available PYM website

**www.pym.org/** Click link Calendar of Events

-Volunteer greeters needed at Arch Street Meeting House Contact Lyle Jenks at (215) 241-7225 or [lylej@pym.org](mailto:lylej@pym.org)

-Earlham and PYM to observe International Day of Peace September 20 and 21

Contacts: Jay Marshall at (800) 432-1377 or Janelle Williams at (317) 816-9760.

-PYM Library volunteer orientation October 3  
Contact: PYM Library

-Friends Institute is offering a competitive grant of \$5,000 in a business plan competition for Young Adult Friends (age 18-40) contact: Kareem Brantley at [k\\_brantley@yahoo.com](mailto:k_brantley@yahoo.com)

**-October 9** Conference on "Risk Management in your Meeting Community" Contacts: Helen Fields ([helenfields@pym.org](mailto:helenfields@pym.org) or 215-241-7008\*) or Barbara Hayes ([barbarah@pym.org](mailto:barbarah@pym.org) or 609-387-3875)

-Inquirers' Weekend on **Basic Quakerism, October 8-10** at Pendle Hill in Wallingford, PA.

Contact: (800) 742-3150, or email

**registrar@pendlehill.org or www.pendlehill.org**

**October 7 to 11-**Quaker Earthcare Meetings in Burlington, NJ. **www.QuakerEarthcare.org** "Staying sane in an insane world." Program at Gwynedd Meeting (PA) from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, October 23. Contacts Steve Gulick, [steveg@pym.org](mailto:steveg@pym.org) or 215-241-7068; or Annette

Benert, annettebenert@netscape.net or 610-866-9723.

PYM-sponsored Children's Religious Education Conference on Saturday, October 23, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Yardley Meeting (PA). PYM Spiritual Formation Program – registrar: Wade Wright, 177 Kiles Road, Stillwater PA 17878. 570-925-5262, e-mail w9a8d7e6w@epix.net

**October 15-17,2004**, -New Jersey's Tri-Quarter Gathering at Camp Ockanickon near Medford, NJ Contact: Cindy Cox Crispin at 856-478-4093 or [georgeacrispin@aol.com](mailto:georgeacrispin@aol.com)

**October 23**-The Quaker College Fair will take place Saturday, at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia, from 1:00 to 5:00 contact Kori Heavner at [fahe@quaker.org](mailto:fahe@quaker.org) or 215-241-7116.

**March 10-27 -2005** 17 day Adult Listening Pilgrimage to Israel and Palestine Apply by Dec. 1 Cost \$2,600. includes air fare.

Leave voicemail message Chip Poston 215-579-6673 Contact [chip\\_poston@georgeschool.org](mailto:chip_poston@georgeschool.org)  
**November 5-7** The PYM Friends Workcamp is organizing a weekend workcamp that will focus on Mental Health issues in low-income communities in Philadelphia. Contact Arin Ahlum Hanson at 215-241-7236 or [arinh@pym.org](mailto:arinh@pym.org)



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### **Third Haven Friends Meeting Minutes of the 9th Month 12th, 2004 Meeting for Business**

**Attending** – Paige Bethke, Dan Chaudoin, Larny Claggett, Lorraine B. Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Joe Davis, Leigh Ann Dodge, Doreen Getsinger, Norman Hackland, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Susy Herzberger, Bob Marshall, Valerie Mazur, Beth Mufson, Mike Mullen, Nancy Mullen, Sumner Parker, Jim Paul, Peggy Paul, Dee Rein, Anne Rouse, Jim Rouse, John Schreiner, Candace Shattuck, Karen Stoker, Rob Weiland, Ann Williams and Ralph Young.

**Marsie Hawkinson, Clerk of the Meeting**, clerked the meeting for business. The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. The Clerk



**Marsie presides as Tom records at Meeting for Business**

reminded Friends to be mindful of not wasting our valuable time together and not to extend discussions unnecessarily.

**6th Query** – During the meeting for worship, Ralph Young read the 9th Query on the Ministry of Outreach. During the meeting for worship, some Friends spoke to the query. The Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee discussed how the members and attenders of the Meeting attend other Friends meetings, and reach out to Quaker and other organizations, noting Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) and Friends General Conference (FGC). The Clerk of the Meeting added that 2 members represent the Meeting on the Talbot Alliance of Clergy and Laity (TACL). Others meet on peace and social justice issues with the Church of the Brethren and the Unitarian Universalists.

Minutes of the 6th month 13th meeting for business – The minutes of the 6th month 13th meeting for business were approved, as published in the newsletter, without change.

Clerk's correspondence and announcements – Marsie Hawkinson noted that Steve Baumgartner, the Executive Director at Pendle Hill, will give a brief talk at the rise of meeting for worship on 9th month 26th. The volunteer coordinator from Talbot Hospice asked to speak to the Meeting on 11th

month 7th. On that date, Helen Fields, the First Day School coordinator for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, will come to Third Haven to speak on First Day School and parenting. The Clerk will ask Talbot Hospice to come another time.

The Talbot County Democratic Forum asked to use the common room for a breakfast meeting for about 70 on 10th month 23rd. After some discussion, the Meeting decided not to offer to let this group use the common room. Camp Dark Waters, a Friends camp in Medford NJ, was damaged by flooding and needs funds for restoring its facilities. This item was moved to a later agenda item. A number of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting grant application deadlines will be posted in the common room.

Marsie Hawkinson reported that, on 9th month 11th, the committee of **all Meeting clerks** met with Caroline Packard from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. Caroline Packard works with meetings “to strengthen their ability to resolve differences, with love and respect, as a meeting community.” Marsie will keep the Meeting informed as the work with Caroline Packard proceeds.

**First Day School** – Candace Shattuck, Co-Clerk of the First Day School Committee presented the 2004-05 annual report (attached). First Day School returned to meeting during the 10:00 am Meeting for Worship. The First Day School used a curriculum called Food for Body and Spirit. First Day School Committee hosted Helen Fields, Children’s Religious Education Coordinator for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in mid-November. First Day School presented a Christmas pageant and had an Easter egg hunt.

First Day School Committee led the carriage shed sale and raised over \$6000, enough to buy an “Ark of Animals” through Heifer International, an organization that distributes farm animals to people around the world in to help make them self-sufficient. On 6th month 6th, the Meeting recognized young people moving from 8th grade to high school, and those graduating from high school. The Meeting APPROVED the annual report of the First Day School Committee and noted is thanks to the Committee for all of its good work with the children of Third Haven.

Since the 6th month meeting for business, Friends made suggestions on the use of the remaining net proceeds from the carriage shed sale to the Clerk,

who presented a list of proposals. There followed some discussion of the proposals; Friends added assistance to Camp Dark Waters to the list. A Friend proposed that \$400 be used to pay for the new television and video player in the common room, and that the Clerk of the Meeting and the Co-Clerks of the First Day School Committee be authorized to allocate the remainder (approximately \$600) across the other uses suggested. The Meeting APPROVED this proposal.

Marsie Hawkinson reported that Bill Lane had completed a survey from the Meeting’s insurance company. The survey paid particular attention to the treatment and supervision of children in the Meeting’s care. In this connection, the Clerk noted an opportunity for training at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting on risk management, safety, insurance and related liabilities, with particular emphasis on the issue of child molestation. It was suggested that 2 members from the Meeting should attend this training in Philadelphia on October 9th. Having no volunteers from among Friends present at this time, the Clerk will take this up with the Co-Clerks of the First Day School Committee.

**Communications** – Ralph Young reported for the Communications Committee. This has been a learning year for the Communications Committee. The Committee continues to work on the Newsletter, trying to get each issue out in a timely manner. Friends who have items for the Newsletter should send them to Norval Thompson (e-mail **norval@goeaston.net** ). Friends noted their appreciation for the good work of the members of the Committee on the content, production and distribution of the Newsletter. The Committee continues to work on the Third Haven website, to keep it current and comprehensive, but removing unneeded items. Friends who have announcements or items for the website should send them to John Hawkinson (e-mail **hawkjm@goeaston.net** ). The Committee tries to make all important information available on paper to Friends who are “computer free”.

**Treasurer’s report** – Treasurer Joe Davis presented the final financial report Third Haven for the fiscal year ending 6th month 30th, 2004. The approved budget for the Meeting for the fiscal year 2003-04 year was \$51,260. The total income was \$45,882; the total expense was \$46,875. The net for the year was negative -- \$993. The Treasurer



indicated that income was closer to expenses than he had expected. The final total income was about 10% less than the approved budget. The Meeting APPROVED the final 2003-04 financial report for Third Haven, with thanks to the Treasurer for his excellent reports this year.

The Treasurer proceeded to report on the financial results for the current year to date. In 7th-8th months, the Meeting had \$1593 in income and \$4068 in expenses. The net for the 2 months was negative -- \$2745. This is customary for this time of year. Friends are encouraged to make financial contributions to the Meeting to offset the negative balance so far this year. The Meeting APPROVED this financial report.

Larny Claggett, the Clerk of the **Budget and Finance Committee**, reminded Friends that to achieve the approved Meeting budget for the coming year, each contributor would need to contribute an average amount of \$685. The following discussion suggested that the Meeting also needs to increase the number and the proportion of Friends making financial contributions to the Meeting each year.

**Worship and Ministry** – Bob Marshall reported for the Worship and Ministry Committee. Dana Kester-McCabe of Southern Quarterly Meeting asked Third Haven to host the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee on 10th month 24th. That Committee will join our meeting for worship, then meet with our Worship and Ministry Committee, then have its own meeting for business. Members of the visiting Committee will provide their own lunch. The Meeting APPROVED the invitation to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee for 10th month 24th.

Bob Marshall reminded Friends that the Worship and Ministry Committee had sponsored 3 adult religious education discussions on: 1) vocal ministry, 2) “to love and to disagree” and 3) decision-making in the manner of Friends. These have been well-attended and seem to have been well received by the Meeting. The Worship and Ministry Committee proposed to continue adult religious education, with discussion of “Quaker Faith and Practice and the Bible”, based on materials developed by Jim Rouse and used previously in the Meeting. Jim Rouse will facilitate the first discussion at the rise of the meeting for worship on 10th month 3rd. Childcare and lunch

will be provided for the children. The Meeting APPROVED the proposed religious education discussion and date.

As previously announced, the Worship and Ministry Committee has invited Steve Baumgartner, Executive Director, Pendle Hill, to speak at the rise of meeting for worship on 9th month 26th. **Overseers** – Paige Bethke, Clerk of Overseers, reported. She thanked Anne Rouse and Peggy Paul for filling in for her. Overseers has 11 members and active participation. Paige reminded Friends that Pendle Hill will offer an “Inquirers Weekend” on 10th month 9th-10th. Overseers will meet with the Worship and Ministry Committee on 10th month 9th.

**Testimonies and Concerns** -- Lorraine B. Claggett, Clerk of the Testimonies and Concerns Committee, reported that the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) will meet at the Burlington (NJ) Meetinghouse 10th month 1st-3rd. There will be a local peace retreat on 9th month 18th. The peace vigil at 5:00 pm at the Courthouse will resume on 9th month 16th. Lorraine has additional information on Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL).

Lorraine and Valerie Mazur reported on the successful camp at Third Haven this summer, with 20 children enrolled. Many Friends, local organizations and other individuals contributed time and talent to the success of the camp. Nancy Mullen briefly described a proposal from Southern Quarterly Meeting about prayer and the forthcoming election. Friends may discuss this idea with Nancy. Lorraine noted that the Afghani woman who spoke in 4th month needs resources for medication and school supplies for her work in Afghanistan. Testimonies and Concerns will make a \$100 donation from its budget.

**Hospitality** – Ann Williams reminded Friends to sign up to offer hospitality.

**Library and Outreach** – Anne Rouse reported that the Committee is down to 3 members; she encouraged Friends to consider serving on the Library and Outreach Committee.

**Nominating Committee** – Susan Leibman has asked to be relieved of clerking the Nominating Committee this year. At Marsie Hawkinson’s request, Mary Cotton will clerk the Nominating Committee this year.

**Other business** – Marsie Hawkinson prepared and distributed a brief report on a meeting, 7th month 14th, of Trustees (Bill Lane and Allan Mielke) and other members of Third Haven (Larny Claggett, Joe Davis, Marsie Hawkinson who is also a Trustee, and John Schreiner) to discuss and clarify the responsibilities of the Trustees and the Meeting for financing the maintenance of the property. The report stated in part, “While there is no hard and fast line separating the responsibility for the cost of repairs, the practice is that the Trustees will pay for or help with capital expenses – structural repairs, expenses which are beyond the Meeting’s budget which do not recur every year.”

In response to a number of requests from Third Haven Friends, Marsie Hawkinson proposed to write a letter to Paul Washo. Marsie noted that a year and a half ago, an action was taken on behalf

of the Meeting which was very hurtful to one of our regular attenders. This action has weighed heavily on the conscience of a large part of the Meeting. Marsie asked “Without further controversy, could the Meeting approve that the clerk write a letter to tell him ‘We are sorry. We didn’t mean to hurt you.’” There followed some discussion of this situation and the letter. The Meeting APPROVED that the Clerk write and send such a letter to Paul Washo.

The meeting for business closed with a period of silent worship. The next Third Haven meeting for business will be 10th month 10th.

Respectfully submitted, *-Tom Corl -Recording Clerk Third Haven Friends Meeting*

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**Earth Stewardship Camp**

What happens when an earth stewardship camp comes into being?

Well, some pretty amazing things....Way opens.

Spontaneity happens.

-First, you realize time is a construct for the lives we

normally lead. Time becomes a commodity as an adult; something you spend.

Camp taught us something different.

Our use of a flexible time structure, open classroom, sunshine and rain made for a week of experiential learning. With few rules, we saw the best of each camper come forth for the challenges they gave to each other and to our sense of “Friendly authority”.

Our junior counselors were invaluable to helping build this community.

-We came as a committee of volunteers.

Cooperative effort and diversity of vision came into play. We allowed the testimonies and advices to lead the way, to see if our Faith & Practice would come alive. Each of us experienced the wisdom of innocence and the joy of wonder that all but grab you and wake you up abruptly.

-I found myself asking, “If this would be the last day of my life, would I spend it here?” Yes! And, as



**Happy Campers!**

I wearily, very wearily lay me down to sleep each evening, I wished for another day of.... camp. I could no more have guessed how meaningful this week would be and how intense the depth of connection we all made, would become.

*-Stewardship....*

As we joined together, young & old, full & empty, to share what we

know about our stewardship for the earth and for one another, lots kept popping up. For example, bee stings! (And “almost” bee stings, with plenty of tears falling at the thought of one!) Feathers, mushrooms in trees, snakes in the woods! bunnies, albino and calico squirrels, marsh hawks, doves, swallows, and much more. The campus at Third Haven proved a refuge for more than members and attenders.

Disagreements arose, that directly challenged a route to peaceful responses. We all took a deep breath often and moved forward in calmness. A look at the concept of punishment came up. Is punishment necessary for learning; what does punishment teach? Our campers expressed conflicting opinions. All were heard.

*-Enough.....*

Abundance comes to mind again & again as our teachers, counselors and friendly presence volunteers captured the attention of our campers with the greatest of ease. The rains made our brook babble its story of its past wetlands history and current survival needs.

The descendant of native tribespeople, (the Nanticoke) Daniel Fire Hawk and Bob Laughing Turtle (a Cherokee taught flute maker) brought lessons of the spirit to their presentations and gave to us examples of the reverence shared and lived by the indigenous ones. The sounds of the flute were haunting and inspirational. We thank Creator for their teachings.

Our field trip to the Maritime Museum was made relaxing by a lunch time of play in the park and walks along the harbor. We came back to campus just in time, for a huge thunder n' lightning storm. Healthy food was available through out each day. Popsicles and spritzers were monitored because of the obvious effect they produced spiking energy among us. Sharing was a key concept practiced regularly. As we were learning to read a compass, sharing compasses helped us find our way on the property.

*Worship.....*

Our morning centering times brought us together to share Friend's practice of silence. Review of the prior day's programs brought questions and ideas from the campers.

We listened with our hearts open. We practiced speaking kindly to one another.

We asked.....How does the earth speak to us? Does the earth speak through us? How are we interdependent with the earth and resources that support our lives? Our campers shared their newly found lessons with us. Some among us already had deep connection to the idea of caring for the earth. Each youngster had time to express what they learned. There was ample time to listen and be heard. An overly harsh conflict drew our attention to see, what is the kindest thing to do now?

In what ways can we repair damage that is done to our physical well being, to our belongings, to our feelings? We moved toward becoming stewards of each other.

*Games.....*

Ghost in the graveyard, Telephone, Spell it! Link tag, Hide n' seek, Javelin toss, Water balloons! Making music, braiding, weaving, walking, skipping, hopping the Labyrinth, swinging on the

rope swing, finding treasure, reading stories, drawing, coloring, building and setting traps for food. Our little ones asked when we went back to un-set the traps, "What if we caught a squirrel?" "Well, I have never cooked one before, have any of you?" I asked. "Couldn't we just let it go?" asked another child. "Yes, but who touches the squirrel to free it?" Fair is fair...." whoever taught us to trap, has to show us how to un-trap!"

(Hmmm, methinks, I've been out foxed again!) Our campers taught each other games from their many experiences, always inventive, sometimes unruly. Breathing the warm summer air, each of us ran our fastest, staid our stillest and laughed our hardest as the games carried us through the week. Yes, there were tears and apologies, too.

*Geography.....*

A soft Globe was used to look at the planet. We identified areas of conflict, talked about oceans and waterways and why we must care for them. We explored ways to stop polluting the bays and estuaries here on the shore. The Maritime exhibit had made impressions upon their suggestions. We saw how small we are when we tossed the globe around to play "Find it". Is China really on the other side of the world? Why do Pandas live there? Are there volcanoes in Easton? Were Indians in every country? Who can name all the oceans? So much to learn and plenty of energy to learn it! "This land is your land; this land is my land....." As we walked to take our stand for a silent vigil for Peace in front of the Courthouse, A musician intercepted us, the leader of the Sunnyland Sunshine band, (much to our surprise) and joined us. He provided instruments and banjo with harmonica leadership for singing for the entire ½ hour. The youngsters paraded flags, sang along, danced and had an incredibly fun time. It was a "first" vigil for most of them and did I mention spontaneity? It was not a silent vigil for Peace, but a song-filled vigil for Peace. The children responded with delight, as did the adults among us.

We returned to Meeting and found that Clowns were in the Old Meeting house! Yes, full-blooded clowns in costume! A younger camper blew the whistle on them. Who let them in there? Whew! It was okay. They were here to perform for us and they did.

An original skit was performed by the Church of the Brethren's Clown Ministry.

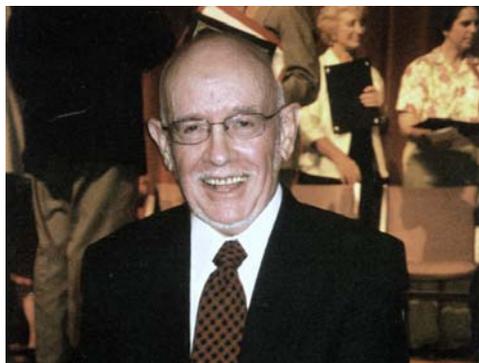
They brought the Bible message of “Love God, Love your Planet Earth”, in mime! It was a remarkable evening, with grilled foods from Eco-Farms and hospitality.

Third Haven Meeting made history by having T & C take up care of the Earth Stewardship Camp for our youth. It was refreshing for our committee and We honor the wisdom present in our young people. There was a natural move toward balance as the limits were tested.

Can we as adults learn from our children, to pardon, repair injury and continue in friendship with clearness of heart for each other?

Can we be wise and natural of Spirit to seek balance for our concerns within our Society of Friends?

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**Getting to know a Friend**

Ralph Young- could see the future of others in a pile of

discarded books. From a stack of books on the floor Young established organized cataloged and computerized the Talbot County Detention Center’s Library in tandem. Young founded and teaches the “ Finding the right Job” program to inmates at the Detention Center; as well as maintain a database of information for his students . Young also teaches G.E.D and computer classes to those in need. Beyond the class room, Young is the Chairman of the Prison Aid Association of the Eastern Shore, assisting prisoners’ transition back into society. --Young also serves the community as a representative for the Third Haven Society of

**Thanks--** to contributors who helped to fund food, activities and camper fees...

*Thanks* to the loving hands who built, cooked, photographed, performed, played, taught, consoled, sang, laughed, encouraged...

Thanks to our ancestors who preserved Third Haven for this endeavor...

"How do we walk upon the Earth with what we have learned?"

*Thanks, Valerie Mazur*

Friends to the Talbot county Association of Clergy and Laity (T.A.C.L.). Through TACL Young has donated and volunteered his time installing previously owned computers for a local childrens’ after- school program, and for several area churches.

--Young helps to keep others informed by managing Third Haven’s web site and creating the congregations Newsletter. Young is also an active participant in the local Peace Program and has helped organize and participates in weekly peace vigils.

--Young’s brawn is as great as his heart ,as he willingly volunteers as a rescue kayaker with the Potomac Paddlers during the “Swim across the Bay “ annual event.

--Young is a quiet and caring gentleman, going out of his way to help others with little fanfare. He is indeed one of Maryland’s most beautiful people.

*By Anne Williams*

(Unique to Maryland and probably to the Nation , the “Maryland You are Beautiful” program was developed to offer activities that foster pride in the State of Maryland. Thanks to the program’s efforts, volunteerism and goodwill, community support has resulted on a massive scale.)

## PRESENTATION - BIBLICAL ROOTS OF QUAKERISM

### QUAKER FAITH AND PRACTICE AND THE BIBLE

The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), which began in England during the seventeenth century, is and always has been a part of the Judeo-Christian community. The roots of our thoughts and beliefs can be found in the various books of the Bible, both in the Old and New Testaments. Though we share many beliefs with Jews and other Christians, there are aspects of our way of life that set us apart from our Jewish and Christian brethren. In many ways Quakers have been viewed as a “peculiar” people, and yet our “peculiarities” are based, for the most part, upon a difference in emphasis or interpretation of the messages contained in the Old and New Testaments.

The purpose of this document is to show many of the links that exist between the faith and practice of Friends and the Bible. This document was created as an out-growth of a special Worship Sharing Session, held Fourth Month, Twenty-eighth, 1996. The session, convened by Lorraine Claggett, under the sponsorship of the Worship and Ministry Committee of Third Haven Friends Meeting, provided us with an opportunity to share our views of the importance of Biblical guidance and its impact upon our religious society and us.

The links that are included in this document have been put in a tabular format; the first column includes reference to a Quaker belief or practice. The second column includes the writings of Friends, where those writings illustrate or clarify a particular belief or practice. (Most of these quotes have been extracted from the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting’s book, Faith and Practice, 1972.) The last two columns list the location and content of Biblical references (in order of their appearance in the Bible). Some-times a Biblical quote, when taken out of context, may not convey the complete meaning that the author originally intended. Therefore, it is suggested that the reader go to the Bible, itself, to obtain a more complete

understanding of any quotations that have been included in this document.

This document should be viewed as a “work-in-progress” – it is not intended to represent a complete coverage -- there are “many other” links, similar to the ones that have been included. This document is offered as a brief view of our Society’s historic and current reliance upon the Bible for much of what we believe and practice today.

*Jim Rouse, Third Haven Friends Meeting, Easton, MD 9/13/03*

### FAITH/PRACTICE WRITINGS OF FRIENDS BOOK/CHAPTER/VERSE BIBLICAL QUOTE – REVISED STANDARD VERSION

(1) Inner Light; Inward Light; Light Within; That of God in Everyone The central and best known doctrine of George Fox is that there is a Light in every man and that this Light is Christ. This belief is based primarily on what was once known as the Quaker text: “. . . ” (John 1:9). . . The Light is the source of knowl-edge of good and evil and of all religious truth. It is also the source of power to act on that knowledge. It is universal. Through unity with it and obedience to it the Light becomes the source of salvation. . . This Light is in every man of every religion, so all know something of Christ, even though they have never had Christi-anity proclaimed to them. Howard H. Brinton, The Religion of George Fox, Pendle Hill Pamphlet 161. “. . . walk cheerfully over the world, an-swering that of God in every one. . . “ George Fox , Journal, Vol. 1, p. 316 Psalm 27: 1Psalm 36: 5, 9Isaiah 60: 1-3Matthew 5:14, 16Luke 17:20John 1:4,5John 1:9John 8:12John 12: 36 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strong-hold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?Thy steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, thy faithfulness to the clouds. . . . For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light do we see light.Arise, shine; for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.“You are the light of the world. . . Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”Being asked by the Pharisees when

the kingdom of God was coming, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; nor will they say, 'Lo, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you." In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. Again Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." ". . . While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

(2) God is Love ". . . And in this I saw the infinite love of God. I saw also that there was an ocean of darkness and death, but an infinite ocean of light and love, which flowed over the ocean of darkness; and in that also I saw the infinite love of God; and I had great openings. George Fox, Journal, Vol. I, p. 19. 1 John 4:7-12, 16

**BACKGROUND:** My Reason for Preparing this Document

--Have you ever wondered: Just what do Quakers believe in and why? Have you tried to explain to a person not familiar with Quaker ways just why Quakers take certain stands regarding peace, race relations, swearing oaths, etc.? Have you wondered about the different terminology that Quakers use, such as Attending Meeting for Worship instead of Going to Church? Or children attending First Day School instead of Sunday School?

These and other questions come up frequently when we discuss Quakerism with members of other religious groups. As a result, I have found it personally useful to put together this document, highlighting some of the differences that exist between our Quaker faith and practice and the ways of other religious groups and, in the process, try to find a Biblical basis for the Quaker way.... .1.

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**Cathy observes Marsie and Doreen at work**

This effort started with a worship-sharing gathering in April 1996 B Quakers and the Bible B led by Lorraine Claggett. I wanted to capture some of what had been talked about during that session.

...In Closing

1. Things that I've Learned:

- a. The concept Love your neighbor as yourself -- I'd always attributed that to the
- b. Christian era -- surprised to find it referenced in Leviticus, Chapter 19, Verse 18 -- the third book in the Old Testament, written approximately 1500 years before the birth of Jesus. *Please see the rest at [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org)*

**INDIVIDUAL STATEMENTS:**

- 1. At the Friends Meeting of Washington, on the patio just outside the meetinghouse, there is a sundial with the inscription "I mind the light, dost thou?" Why is this such an appropriate inscription for that object in that location?
- 2. How do Quakers define their concept of God? Is he a righteous God; an avenging God; a God who will smite down sinners?
- 3. I know about the Apostle's Creed, but what is the Quakers' Creed? I don't think I've ever heard it.
- 4. Why does your group have two names, Quakers and Friends? Do you actually quake during your church sessions? Where did the name Religious Society of Friends come from, anyway?
- 5. Isn't it boring just sitting there with no one scheduled to speak? Do you draw straws to see who will speak first? *Please see the rest at [www.thirdhaven.org](http://www.thirdhaven.org)* By Jim Rouse

**Thank you Friends**

--To Anne Rouse and Peggy Paul for co-clerking Overseers Committee in Paige's absence

--To Marsie and Doreen Getsinger for their many long trips to Philadelphia Interim Meetings

---- "Dear Friends, I wish to thank you for all your support & prayers during my father's (Constantine Szymborski) illness & subsequent passing. In Friendly love,-Vickie Webster"

## Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

### Working For a Stronger Yearly Meeting

--What is the Focus for a collaborative effort?

--How do we want to think about our Yearly Meeting , and what our shared purposes and tasks should be.

--PYM as a faith community seeks to experience the Divine Spirit, and to discern the life

and work it calls to us ,in the manner of Friends.

--PYM as an institution seeks to steward its resources faithfully through and Spirit fed planning and Spirit –led implementation, to support that community and its work the world. This requires that we develop:

clarity in our priorities around that cell,

discipline in our shared efforts to fulfill

those priorities,

generosity in our readiness to give to

support this work

willingness to take risk and act in faith in all

these matters.

PYM as an event (and interim, Standing Committee , and Working Group meetings ) brings Friends together for both these purposes. These meetings need to offer:

-- Experience of the Presence of the Divine and spiritual fellowship with one another that allows us to know that work

--Practice of discernment, active listening , careful thinking and mutual commitment to define and do that work.

--The work of PYM’s staff is to advance all of these functions or ” manifestations “ of our Yearly ,Quarterly ,and Monthly Meetings ,insofar as we can , give the resources, time and energy available to us .

So the crucial question is, “ How can we best do this, and not just for now, but for the longer term so that the future of our Yearly Meeting, and the work God calls us to do in the world is more promising?”

*By Thom Jeavons*



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Wednesday 5:30-6 p.m.  
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