



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

August 2010

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## Proposed Sale of Rt. 79 Land

At the Monthly Meeting for Business July 11, 2010 (for minutes see page 7), Trustees proposed the following Minute:

*We agree to sell the Rt. 79 land and use the proceeds for the new meetinghouse.*

Friends present were clear to sell the land but felt that there should be more time for others to respond and deferred the decision until the August 8 Monthly Meeting. A question was also raised as to whether we would want to place constraints on the future use of the land. Trustees offer the following three options for how the Meeting can proceed:

1. We can list it for sale on the open market with no constraints. Our real estate agent, Christa Bissell, tells us that she thinks it is worth \$80,000-\$90,000 in today's market.
2. We can make an effort to sell it privately to the City of Ithaca which

has funds set aside for the purchase of property along the Six Mile Creek watershed, or to some other conservation group. We don't know if we could sell it at its full market value in this case but the City's interest would be in preserving it for watershed protection.

3. We can hire an attorney to help us put constraints on the future development of the property and then sell it on the open market. This would likely significantly reduce the value of the property and the pool of potential buyers.

The Trustees recommend that Meeting approve the sale of the land and use the proceeds to support the renovations of the new meetinghouse; and that Trustees pursue the possibility of a sale to the City of Ithaca or other conservation group even if that means

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## New IMM Fund to Support Refugee Families

Due to changes at Catholic Charities, Ithaca Monthly Meeting has created an additional fund to support immigrant families. The new fund, the Refugee Assistance Fund, will allow us to directly support the immigrant families with whom we work but will not accept contributions that the donor intends to deduct on income taxes.

Earlier this year, Catholic Charities decided that it cannot administer an Iraqi Family Fund, which supports only two specific families, especially when the need in the wider refugee community is so great. (When the fund was established, many more Iraqi refugees were expected to settle in the Ithaca area.) Tax-deductible contributions can still be made to the Refugee Fund, including contributions to the Third Sunday collection, and much of this money

will still be sent to the General Fund for immigrant support administered by Catholic Charities. This fund supported the financial needs of more than 40 families from various parts of the world in 2009.

The Ad Hoc Working Group for Immigrant Support is continuing to work closely with three families in Ithaca, each with two children under the age of six: Eh Christ and Mu Mu, refugees from Burma who resided at Burt House in 2003 when they first came to Ithaca; and the two Iraqi translator families who have been living in Ithaca since 2007, Dhia Waheed and Aseel Naser, and Hayder Assad and Masar Sattar. Much of the Meeting's financial support, given directly to these families, was channeled from

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Meeting receives up to \$10,000 less than a sale on the open market might realize. The Trustees further recommend that if we are unable to find a private conservation buyer that the Trustees be authorized to sell the land on the open market. Trustees will propose a minute to this effect at the August 8 Monthly Meeting.

Please feel free to contact any member of Trustees if you have questions, suggestions, or would like to discuss these ideas. If you have difficulty reaching one Trustee, please try another. Trustees are:

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the IMM Refugee Fund to Catholic Charities' Immigrant Services Program. This enabled individuals to claim their contributions to be tax-deductible for tax-filing purposes.

In order to continue our financial support to the three refugee families we have been assisting, the Ad Hoc Working Committee for Immigrant Support proposed - and the June Business Meeting and Finance Committee have approved - the establishment of the above-mentioned second fund, the Refugee Assistance Fund (Non-tax Deductible Contributions). Through this fund, we will be able to continue to pay for phone cards, medical co-pays, moving expenses, etc., much as we have in the past through Catholic Charities.

The Ad Hoc Committee asks that contributors wishing to make donations to this newly formed non-tax deductible fund either to (1) donate cash or (2) write checks to Ithaca Monthly Meeting with "Refugee Assistance Fund (Non-tax Deductible)" on the memo line. It will be clear then that the donations will not be claimed as charitable contributions by individuals when they file their income taxes. Donors will receive thank you notes for these contributions but they will not be included on end of year contribution statements from Ithaca Monthly Meeting.

People who wish to make tax-deductible contributions in support of area refugees can either send their contributions directly to Catholic Charities' Immigrant Services Program (324 West Buffalo St, Ithaca 14850), or they can write checks to Ithaca Monthly Meeting with "Tax Deductible/Refugee Assistance Fund" on the memo line. These checks can be placed in the Third Sunday collection basket, or they can be mailed to Mike Simkin, Treasurer, 3137 Jacksonville Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886.

If there are any questions about this new fund, feel free to ask Marjorie Baines, Margaret McCasland, or Garry Thomas for more information.

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## Meetinghouse Renovation Progress: Report from the Project Management Committee

Since our last report to the Meeting on June 13, the PMC has continued to meet with Claudia Brenner, the project architect, to finalize the design of the new Meetinghouse.

At the Called Meeting for Business at Hector Meeting House on June 27, the PMC received direction from the Meeting with regard to the following:

### Windows at the New Meetinghouse

Material: all fiberglass

Style: double-hung for all openings except the north window in the Meeting Room. The decision on the style of that window has not yet been made.

### Flooring at the New Meetinghouse

Entire second floor, except future shower room: Armstrong Migrations bio-based tile.

Future shower room: ceramic tile.

Meeting room, library and stair hall: local hardwood, with existing hardwood to remain to the extent possible (and the color of that existing wood to be lightened if possible).

Kitchen, bath hall, first floor bathrooms: Armstrong Migration bio-based tile.

Storage rooms off Meeting Room: may remain plywood if budget requires. We will also price extending hardwood into that small area to see how much it would cost.

### Insulation

Exterior walls and roof: sprayed-on foam

Interior walls and between floors: cotton batt

### Bathrooms

No third bath required on the first floor.

This information was provided to Claudia. Subsequently, it was discovered that one of the flooring materials selected, Armstrong "Migrations" Bio-based Tiles, was used at the new Tompkins County Health Department building and was the source of a great deal of difficulty. It is unclear whether the problems at the Health Department were related to installation, the product, or both. The PMC asked Claudia and her sustainability consultant, Brent, to propose an alternate material which could be used in lieu of Migrations. Unfortunately, there are draw backs associated with each of the alternate materials we have been able to identify.

Marmoleum tile: colorful, but a rather soft product that would not suitable for use in the kitchen and is more expensive than the Migrations tile.

VCT [Vinyl Composition Tile]: durable, inexpensive and reliable, but not environmentally friendly in its manufacture.

Ceramic tile: durable, but hard (glasses dropped on it are likely to break) and expensive.

Stained concrete: durable and less expensive than ceramic tile, but hard and potentially too heavy for the existing floor structure.

PMC Report, continued on page 3

After lengthy discussion, the PMC has requested that Claudia include several alternates for flooring products in the project plans so that the cost and qualities of each can be considered by the Meeting in the context of the overall project.

We have suggested Marmoleum tile for the second floor, where it will not be subject to the specific type of wear that might damage it; stained concrete for the kitchen, bath hall and first floor bathrooms (pending confirmation from the structural engineer that its weight can be properly supported); a combination of VCT [vinyl composition tile] in the kitchen and bath hall with ceramic tile in the first floor bathrooms; and the Migrations tile for the kitchen and bath hall.

Regarding VCT, our thought is that we may be able to secure enough new “salvaged” VCT (from sources such as Finger Lakes Re-Use and other salvage operations, as well as from F/friends or their neighbors who may have odds and ends left over from projects in their homes) to allow us to avoid purchasing the material. This prevents us from supporting its manufac-

ture, while “reclaiming” un-used remnants. Low VOC adhesive would be specified for the reclaimed VCT, if this option were pursued.

Regarding the Migrations tile, because we have been unable to determine the cause of the failure at the Health Department, and because we have been able to determine that it has been used successfully elsewhere in the country, we thought it appropriate to continue to consider this material as a potential option given that it meets so many of the Meeting’s stated preferences.

### Schedule

Claudia is very close to finishing the plans and specifications and submitting them to the City for our Building Permit. When she submits those plans, they will also be provided to Latipac for re-pricing. Friends will recall that Latipac’s initial estimate was made without any information from the Meeting about specific products and materials, or even the configuration of the space. It was a “ballpark” estimate, based on many assumptions (for example, that we would want the cheapest finish mate-

rials no matter how they were responsibly produced and installed), and was intended to give us an idea of whether the project might be feasible. Now that we have defined the project, Latipac can give us a firm estimate for the work. If that estimate is within our financial means, we will be able to sign the construction contract as soon as the Building Permit is issued. If the revised estimate is not within our financial means, the Meeting will have to make some hard decisions about reducing the scope of work at the new Meetinghouse. We hope to receive Latipac’s pricing one week after they receive the final plans and specifications from Claudia.

Latipac is available to start construction immediately after Labor Day, which gives us some time to finalize the scope of work in the event we determine we cannot afford our complete “dream” project. Scott Smith, from Latipac, told us that even with that later start date, he should still be able to complete the project by the end of the year because the interior demolition has been done (thanks to the hard work of many, many Friends during the hottest June on record).

### Giving Tree Gives Out; Women on the Move

Friends, for the last several months (since the closing of the Smart Monkey), Women’s Fellowship has gathered at the Giving Tree restaurant on Stewart Avenue. In July, we were disappointed to find this business did not survive.

In August, Women’s Fellowship will try the Ithaca Bakery on Meadow Street as a venue. There is ample parking and they are open until 9pm.

Other suggested locations include Waffle Frolic (on the Commons where Juna’s used to be and open until midnight), and Collegetown Bagels on College Avenue (also open late).

Share your thoughts or preferences for future locations with Marin Clarkberg or Bronwyn Mohlke.

### Burt House Vacancies

The Burt House Friends Center has two vacancies, one immediately and another at the end of August. The Burt House Friends Center is a small intentional community located in a beautiful, historic stone house on the edge of Fall Creek, just below the Cornell Campus. It has five long-term resident rooms and one sojourner room. Friends have their own private room and use of the shared kitchen, bathroom and common areas. Residents meet once a week for a meal and meeting in the spirit of Friends. Chores are shared. Laundry privileges, parking on site, and wireless internet are included in the rent, which range from \$325-\$350/ month. Security deposit required. For an application, please contact the Friend-in-Residence, Mary Balfour at mbalfour123@gmail.com or 273-5421.

## Rise Up Singing Benefit Concert & Silent Auction: We Need Your Talents

The Rise Up Singing Sing Along Benefit Concert will be held on Saturday, September 18 at 7:00 pm at the St. Paul's Methodist Church. There will be many ways that Friends can be part of this event. Listed below are the areas that we are currently planning on, with the contact person listed. If you are interested in lending a hand, but are not sure what you would like to do, you are welcome to get in touch with Bronwyn Mohlke, who will know where help is needed most (277-4183 / [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu)).

Posting or handing out flyers – get full-size and quarter-size flyers at Meeting or from Marin Clarkberg,

Ticket Sales – Melissa Travis Dunham is coordinating sales; please contact her [mtravis823@yahoo.com](mailto:mtravis823@yahoo.com), 607-277-9599, for information about selling

Set Up & Clean Up – Dick Crepeau is leading this crew.

Bake Sale – Mary Balfour will be coordinating this; contact Mary for how you can help.

Child Care – We are looking for someone to organize childcare during the event. We have a space, but need to hire a sitter and provide a few materials.

Silent Auction – Please see right for more information. Gina Varrichio is the point person here.

Hospitality for out of town guests – contact Bronwyn Mohlke if you can provide hospitality or if you know of a need for hospitality.

### Silent Auction

Meeting is also actively seeking donations for a silent auction at this concert. Do you knit? Bake? Glassblow? Have construction skills? Catering talents? Childcare availability? We'd love to know about it!

Our meeting has a plethora of abilities and the auction is our chance to share them with the Ithaca community... and make a little money for the new meetinghouse to boot.

We are also soliciting donations from other businesses, artisans and organizations in the community to be auctioned off as well. If you have a suggestion about or a connection to a possible auction donor, please let us know.

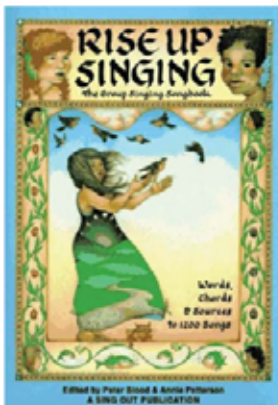
Additionally, we could use some assistance in calling the people on our existing list to find out if they would be willing to donate to the fundraiser.

Feel free to direct any offers or ideas to Gina Varrichio, [zealth\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:zealth_1@yahoo.com), 272-2512. Thanks!

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# Peter Blood & Annie Blood-Patterson

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CONCERT



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### Friends at Porchfest

The annual Fall Creek Porchfest will take place on Sunday, September 12. Our new building at 3rd and Madison Streets is in the neighborhood. We have the opportunity to provide some music, as well as sell cookies and lemonade as a fundraiser. Anyone who is interested in performing (of any age!) should contact Wendy Wolfe (273-4324 / [ww16@cornell.edu](mailto:ww16@cornell.edu)) or Susan Wolf ([quakerwolf@gmail.com](mailto:quakerwolf@gmail.com)).

We are inspired by Perry City Meeting's sale of "Quaker Cookies" at Grassroots, from which they raise thousands. What could we do?

If you are interested in coordinating the sale of cookies and/or lemonade, please contact Bronwyn Mohlke (277-4183 / [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu))

*You received Christ Jesus the Lord, so continue to live as Christ's people. Sink your roots in him and build on him. Be strengthened by the faith that you were taught, and overflow with thanksgiving.*

— Colossians 2:6-7

## Connecting the Dots between US War Policies and US Energy Policies

When writing his recent comment in the *Ithaca Journal*, Garry Thomas had not seen the review of the *Environmental Cost of Militarism* that appeared in *Befriending Creation* at nearly the same time.

The resonance between them is notable (see right). Both pieces provide an important context for public policy efforts in favor of both peace and Earthcare. Do what you can to save energy in your household, but we

can slow damage from extracting and burning fossil fuels a lot more by also working to reduce corporate influence on all three branches of government and to work harder than ever for peace.

—Margaret McCasland

### Letter to the Ithaca Journal by Garry Thomas, published June 29, 2010:

Robert Lieberman (Ithaca Journal, guest viewpoint, June 16, 2010) is not the first to have “seen the enemy” and realize it is us, but we still can appreciate his wit and thank him for applying Walt Kelly’s wisdom to the tragedy in the Gulf. His “fixes,” however are primarily technological (hire “the best and the brightest”) and behavioral (consume and drive less).

Let me suggest two systemic fixes which might make us less our own enemy.

First, we could eliminate corporate financing of our politicians and rein in the lobbyists. Admittedly, this will require overturning the Supreme Court’s recent decision that fee speech is free speech, but government regulators would probably have responded differently to the reckless drilling in the Gulf if BO had not contributed huge sums of money to the campaigns of Barack Obama, John McCain, Rep. Joe Barton and hundreds of other lawmakers in the past decade.

Secondly, we as a nation would consume less oil if we went to war less often. The Pentagon is the largest consumer of petroleum products in the world. BP sells more fuel to the Pentagon than any other corporation, and it is a major supplier of diesel and aviation fuel in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### The Environmental Cost of Militarism

Excerpted from *Befriending Creation: Newsletter of Quaker Earthcare Witness*, May-June 2010

Book review by Rich Van Dellen, Rochester (Minn.) Friends Meeting, of *The Green Zone: The Environmental Cost of Militarism*, by Barry Sanders, 2009. AK Press.

I have always perceived a disconnect between the peace movement and the environmental movement. I am hopeful that Barry Sanders’s *The Green Zone* may change this.

This is a very disturbing book (not to be confused with the recently released movie of the same title that deals with the Iraq war). His message is clear and repeated many times throughout the book: Pollution by the U.S. military alone is enough to tip us over the edge to irreversible climate change. We must stop war to save the planet.

The world’s militaries combined are responsible for two-thirds of the ozone-depleting gas CFC-113

The M-1 Abrams tank gets 0.2 mpg and during use can go through 252 gallons of jet fuel per hour. The U.S. Army has 1,838 of these tanks. One pair of Apache helicopters can consume 60,000 gallons of jet fuel in one night’s raid. An aircraft carrier can use 100,000 gallons of fuel per day. Many other examples are given.

At times this book is dense reading, with numerous facts that may overwhelm the reader. The bottom line, though, is that the U.S. military is the largest consumer of petroleum in the world and the largest polluter. [. . .]

Quaker Earthcare Witness has said, “There will be no peace without a planet.”

Sanders would reverse this: There will be no planet without peace. Can the two join?

### George Fox’s Journal

*The priest said to [a woman who had asked a question], “I permit not a woman to speak in the church!” though he had before given liberty for any to speak.*

*Whereupon I was wrapped up as in a rapture in the Lord’s power and I stepped up and asked the priest, “Doest thou call this place (the steeple-house) a church?”*

*For the woman asking a question, he ought to have answered it, having given liberty for any to speak. But instead of answering me, he asked me, What a church was?*

*I told him, “The church was the pillar and ground of truth, made up of living stones, living members, a spiritual household, which Christ was the head of. But he was not the head of an old house made up of lime, stones and wood.”*

*This set them all on a fire. The priest came down from his pulpit, and others out of their pews. [...] I maintained the true church, and the true head thereof, over their heads till they all gave out and fled away. However, there were several convinced that day; the woman that asked the question was convinced, and her family; and the Lord’s power and glory shined over all.*

### I feel free

I imagine bitterness and burning tears  
flowing out behind me  
transformed  
into love and peacefulness.  
I walk and I feel free!

—Thea Clarkberg

## Meeting Friends

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- Friends, please hold Carolyn Mallison, her daughter Melanie-Claire, and the rest of the Mallison family in the Light. Carolyn's time upon this earth is nearing its end. Let us thank God for the gift of her time among us.
- Susan Wolf will be away from Ithaca in August, visiting Ethan [her youngest], and Melissa [her oldest] and her granddaughter Naia, in California. Let us wish her safe travels.
- Rini Clarkberg is going to try to start using her legal name, Marin, consistently across all settings from now on. That's what *she* is going to do; Friends are free to do as they are led on this matter.

### Advices & Queries from NYYM Faith & Practice

*Advice 1. From the beginnings of our Society, we have considered it necessary to assemble frequently for the purpose of public worship held in expectant waiting for divine guidance, thereby manifesting our belief in and dependence upon our creator. Meeting for worship is fundamental for us, and we should be diligent and punctual in our attendance. We seek, through communion with God, the strengthening influence of the Holy Spirit to enable us to discharge with fidelity the services we owe to God, to each other, and to all people.*

*Advice 2. Friends are advised to read frequently the Scriptures and such other books as will inspire and instruct, and to encourage the practice by their families and others.*

*Query 2. Do we make opportunity in our daily lives for communion with God and the opening of our hearts to an awareness of the Christ Within? Are we thankful for each day as an opportunity for a new adventure of life with God?*

*Query 3. Are we careful that our ministry is under the leading of the Holy Spirit? Are we concerned to take time for the study of Scripture and other writings of spiritual value? Are we concerned for the spiritual growth of one another?*

## Minutes of the June 27, 2010 Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

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Steve Mohlke, Clerk

Tonia Saxon, Assistant Clerk

Marilyn Ray and Nancy Gabriel, Co-Recording Clerks

Mike Simkin, Treasurer

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### 201006.6/27.1 Gathering

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society Friends met for a Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business at Hector Meetinghouse on June 27, 2010. At 12:15 PM, 24 Friends settled into silence. We were blessed that five of the Friends at the Meeting were children. Clerk opened the Meeting with the words, "May it be words of the Spirit that are spoken and words of the Spirit that are heard." He introduced Barbara Barry and Elspeth Rhodin, who would be holding the Meeting in the Light. Clerk read a passage from the Mind of Christ by Bill Tabor. Clerk reviewed the day's agenda which consisted of different areas of the new meetinghouse needing decisions regarding materials we would use.

### 201006.6/27.2 Windows

Tonia Saxon read the section of the Project Management Committee's (PMC) report on windows. After a discussion of the options, Meeting APPROVED the following two minutes:

- A. Meeting approved using all fiberglass windows contingent on PMC exploring the expense for replacing broken windows. The PMC has approval to make the final decision. @
- B. Meeting approved the use of double-hung windows in the new Meetinghouse, including in the East side of the Meeting room. @

### 201006.6/27.3 Flooring

#### A. 2nd Floor

Meeting approved using the "Migrations" product on the 2nd floor, with the intent to consult with the children about the colors to be used in the classrooms, and using ceramic tile in the upstairs bathroom. APPROVED @

#### B. 1st Floor

Meeting agreed to use hard wood in the Meeting room, library, and stair hall; and use "Migrations" tile in the kitchen, 1st floor bathrooms, and back hall. APPROVED @

#### 201006.6/27.4 Insulation

MEETING APPROVED the use of spray in foam insulation in the exterior walls and roof. @

#### 201006.6/27.5 Bathrooms

Meeting APPROVED having two accessible bathrooms on the 1st floor and one bathroom on the 2nd floor.

#### 201006.6/27.6 Noise reduction between the floors and in the walls

After discussion of the pros and cons of cotton versus wool insulation, Meeting APPROVED the following minute:

Meeting accepts the PMC's recommendation that we use cotton insulation between the floors and in walls between rooms for noise reduction. @

#### 201006.6/27.7 Trustees Report

Meeting received the Trustees Report. @

Seventeen Friends settled into worship at 3:15 PM Friends settled into silent worship and the Called Meeting was adjourned.

Our next Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held on July 11, 2010.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Marilyn Ray, Recording Clerk*

### **Minutes of the July 11, 2010 Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

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#### 201007.1 Gathering

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society Friends met for Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in the Hector meetinghouse, July 11, 2010. At 12:01 PM, 18 Friends gathered and settled into silence. Clerk extended our appreciation to Sue Ruff, who would be holding the Meeting in the Light. He then read NYYM Faith and Practice Advice # 15, which cautions Friends against any "harshness of tone or manner" but rather to "speak truth with love" The full Advice is published in the July Newsletter. Clerk reviewed the revised agenda of the day's business.

#### 201007.2 Project Management Committee

Friends returned to an unresolved matter from the June 25 Called Meeting, namely, the offer of a stained glass panel which might be placed in the North window of the new Meeting room. Clerk noted that Tony Serviente has released Meeting from undue concern for his personal feelings. Clerk invited Tony to describe what he has in mind for the design and purpose of the panel. In particular he does not intend that the stained glass would be a focal point and perhaps it would not even be pictorial. Tony mentioned several options that had been suggested to him either by Friends or by his own experience.

Clerk then invited questions and comments, specifying that we do not expect to make a decision today, and that the notes on today's discussion will be passed along to the Project Management Committee. Friends found many ways to express the essential value of each of us bringing our gifts to lovingly create a meeting-house for the community.

Clerk tested the Sense of the Meeting to welcome the gift of a glass design for the entry foyer; this was APPROVED. Clerk asked whether we are clear to welcome the gift of a glass design for the North window of the Meeting room. Friends are not clear, and will continue to hold this question in expectant waiting. @

#### 201007.3 Trustees

Tonia Saxon brought a proposal from Trustees that Meeting sell the property we own on Route 79 and use the proceeds of sale for the new meetinghouse renovation. We learned of Power Quakers' positive thoughts about relocating our camp to the Third Street location. Friends present expressed approval for selling the land, but there is concern that such a major decision should not be rushed. It is the sense of this Meeting that the proposal to sell the land be placed on the agenda of the August business meeting for possible approval at that time. @

#### 201007.4 Treasurer's Report

Steve Mohlke presented the monthly Treasurer's report, noting that in June 2010 IMM's assets surpassed one million dollars. Otherwise our financial status is quite standard for this time of year. Friends received the report. @

#### 201007.5 Other concerns

Clerk asked whether Friends have other concerns. Tonia Saxon proposed that the discussion of the sale of the Route 79 land might include concerns for any constraints we might want to place on its future uses. We referred this to Trustees. @

Fourteen Friends settled into worship before adjourning at 2:02 PM. Our next Called Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held on July 27, 7pm at the Burt House.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Nancy Gabriel, Recording Clerk*

## In Remembrance: Hiroshima and Nagasaki

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 AM, in Hiroshima, Japan, the first nuclear bomb was dropped.

On August 9, 1945 at 11:02 AM, in Nagasaki, Japan, the second nuclear bomb was dropped.

On Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 5:00 pm, the regular time of the Quaker weekly peace vigil, at the foot of State Street, our posters and peace messages will be in solemn remembrance of Hiroshima Day. Please plan to join us. Add more voices to the message of peace. Bring peace banners, prayer flags, folded cranes to share....

On Monday, August 9, 2010 at 5:30 pm, there will be a one-hour silent vigil (rain or shine) at the Peace Pole in front of the Ithaca Friends Center/Burt House, 227 North Willard Way. This is a vigil of mindfulness and remembrance of the thousands of persons who were killed 62 years ago in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the instant of the blast, and of those who suffered and died from their injuries.

*We will not be overwhelmed. We hope that in remembering we will continue to seek global peace and justice.*

renew  
restore  
refresh  
**quaker retreat 2010**  
recharge  
reunite

## Quaker Retreat 2010 — and Dish-to-Pass!

This August 28-31 brings the ninth annual gathering of youth and others from our Meeting for four days of community, craft, singing and being outdoors. This year, our gathering is at Robert Treman State Park, where we have rented facilities, including park pavilions.

Our activities commence Saturday, August 28th at 10am. That evening, all Friends are invited for a dish-to-pass picnic at Upper Treman pavilion from 5 to 7pm.

Watch for more details on the camp on the meeting listserv and on the meeting website. Or contact Marin Clarkberg for more information, [clarkberg@cornell.edu](mailto:clarkberg@cornell.edu) or 279-4722.

## August 2010 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Please also see the on-line calendar at <http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org/calendar/>

### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, August 8, Rise of Meeting

Agenda items should be provided to Steve Mohlke, clerk, by the preceding Wednesday. (Contact information is on page 1.)

### Hiroshima Remembrance Monday, August 9, 5:30p

Gathering at the Burt House Peace Pole. See box, above.

### Women's Fellowship Friday, August 20, 7p

Please join us at 7pm at the Ithaca Bakery, 400 N. Meadow Street. All are welcome. Have dinner or tea or baked goods... or not.

### Quaker Retreat 2010 Saturday, August 28 - Tuesday, August 31

Convening at Lower Treman campground playground (near the pavilion), activities begin at 10am on Saturday.

### Dish-to-Pass Picnic Saturday, August 28, 5p

Community dish-to-pass at Upper Treman pavilion at 5pm. Please bring your own dishware to reduce waste.

### Bible Study at Beloved Community House Tuesday, August 31, 7p

Anna Obermeyer invites all to Beloved Community House (599 Trumbulls Corners Rd, Newfield) for Bible study with snacks. This month, the group is reading the First Letter of John.

### Every Sunday

- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages
- 10:45a Children are invited to enjoy the outdoors behind the Hector Meetinghouse. Adult supervision provided.

### Other Weekly IMM Events

- Wed 7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burt House
- Thurs 5-5:30p **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts