



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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with body of the message as simply:

join

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To set up or schedule a program or presentation for the meeting and/or to reserve a room at the meeting-house, please see the instructions on the website.

**Website:** [ithacamonthlymeeting.org](http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org)

## Ministry and Worship: What is Our Practice?

Our Ministry and Worship committee is charged to attend to the spiritual life of the Meeting as a body. Two issues appeared on our agenda this month that required careful consideration. We share our decisions and the reasoning behind those decisions here, and anticipate publishing them on our meeting website as part of a collection of articles called “What Is Our Practice?”

### Acknowledging individual contributions

At several points during the last year Meeting has been confronted with the question of whether or not to acknowledge extraordinary contributions to the Meeting made by individuals.

Other organizations which benefit from the work of volunteers are careful to thank by name each and every person who contributes time or money to the organization. It would seem natural for our Meeting to do so, too.

But the Quaker view of the matter is different. Friends have traditionally refrained from thanking contributors and volunteers individually. New York Yearly Meeting’s *Faith and Practice* says: “Flattery, public expressions of gratitude, and eulogies draw attention to individuals rather than to the Spirit that speaks through each of us.”

During the course of Ministry and Worship’s discussion, one member of the committee cast this advice as an affirmation rather than a prohibition:

“Everyone who’s part of meeting is presumed to be contributing to the extent of their capacity. Maybe they contribute in a subtle spiritual way that doesn’t take the form of concrete action that you can point

to—they’re not clerking a committee—but perhaps just their presence in Meeting for Worship or the way they interact with people contributes to the unity of the Meeting and the growth of the Spirit within the meeting. Even though those actions might not take center stage, or may even escape our notice entirely, they might be more important, ultimately.”

We decided that situations might arise in which we would, for example, thank a committee for its work when we minuted the laying down of the committee in Business Meeting minutes. After discussion, though, Ministry and Worship affirmed the practice of not thanking individuals by name.

### Non-meeting-specific announcements

Ministry and Worship notes the frequency of relatively long and detailed non-Meeting-specific announcements after Meeting for Worship—that is, announcements about events or discussions sponsored by organizations other than Ithaca Monthly Meeting.

These announcements typically include not only information about the time and location of the event, but background information about the organization and a description of the relevant issues. While one such announcement after Meeting is all right, three or four can make listeners start to feel conscious of the time.

Meetings across the country handle announcements like this in different ways. Some hand all announcements to the clerk, who reads them one after another. Some forbid non-Meeting-related announcements altogether.

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Committee members spoke of the centrality of social justice and peace witness work to the lives of Friends. We spoke also of the enjoyment that comes from hearing from different voices in the Meeting, and learning about the many organizations working around the region. For now, we have made the decision not to forbid these announcements, nor to give them to the clerk to read.

Ministry and Worship asks instead that people who make these announcements limit them to the title of the event, the date it is being held, and the phrase, "Please see me at the Rise of Meeting if you'd like to know more." Those who are interested in attending the events can then approach the announcement-maker afterward for additional details.

We'll try out this new policy for a period of months and see whether this helps alleviate this concern. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

— *Members of Ministry & Worship:*

*Marin Clarkberg, Barbara Ganzel, Carolyn Kenyon, Chuck Mohler, Steve Mohlke, Tonia Saxon, and Wendy Wolfe*

## Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM) and First Day School (FDS) News

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### Help CALM Provide Projects for FDS

In order to support summer programming, CALM was inspired to begin organizing "Project Bins" for use by First Day Schoolers and others in the Meeting. Each bin would contain a complete craft, game or other activity that could be used by children, parents or childcare providers for some ready-made, child-focused fun.

What kinds of projects, you say? That part is up to you! Think about what you are interested in that you might be able to share with the children in the Meeting. Beadwork, weaving, quilting, kite-flying, puppets, origami... anything that can be prepped in a storage bin to share when the need arises would be much appreciated. Project Bins should contain all items required to pursue a project to completion. If you have an idea for a Bin or if you are willing to compile a Project Bin, email Gina Varrichio at [zealth\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:zealth_1@yahoo.com) or call 272-2512. Items can be delivered in a paper or plastic bag. The bins will be provided by CALM.

### First Day School to Continue through June

This year, summer worship at the Hector Meetinghouse will begin a little later than it has traditionally (July 3). To facilitate our extended time in town, organized First Day School will continue through June at the downtown location. Meeting will have childcare available at both summer locations in July and August, but FDS will not meet. CALM is exploring the possibility of FDS beginning earlier than usual in the Fall as well, but no timeline for resuming FDS classes has been decided.

### Childcare for Meeting Events

All large Ithaca Monthly Meeting events will have childcare provided. Some examples of large or recurring Meeting events are Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business and the Rise Up Singing benefit this past Fall. IMM will organize and pay for childcare for any Meeting-related function, regardless of size, with one week's notice. Some examples of Meeting events for which childcare might be necessary but is not automatically provided are committee meetings, GRIST groups, Meeting social events, and other activities. Committees who wish to request childcare for an event or meeting or individuals who would like to request childcare for their family should contact Kathy Beissner at [beissner@ithaca.edu](mailto:beissner@ithaca.edu) to make arrangements.

### Outdoor Playspace at Third Street?

CALM has been revisiting earlier plans for an outside children's space at the new Meetinghouse. Most of these plans were envisioned before we moved into our new Meeting space and represent the visions of several different voices in Meeting as opposed to a specific plan. Thoughts of possible configuration range from having ride-on equipment available for toddlers to installing a sandbox to simply designating an area for outside free play during Meeting for Worship where low voices wouldn't disturb Meeting participants.

CALM brought this theme to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in May to request guidance on how to proceed. It was suggested that CALM voice its need for clearness in the newsletter and solicit thoughts from the broader Meeting community. There are three main questions under consideration:

- Do we still have a need for an outdoor play area at the Meetinghouse?
- If we would like an outside space available for children's use, which of the available spaces should be used for this purpose (walled patio, front patio, section of the parking lot, other)?
- What is our vision for an outside playspace and what would be needed to create it?

Thoughts on this subject can be directed to Gina Varrichio at [zealth\\_1@yahoo.com](mailto:zealth_1@yahoo.com) or 272-2512 on behalf of CALM.

### FDS writes queries after reading *Benjamin, the Meetinghouse Mouse*

How do you become a clerk?

How can we make good decisions?

Is membership bringing people closer together or not?

How do animals live?

## **Wanted: Meetinghouse Sweepers**

If you were not able to contribute to last year's meetinghouse fundraising or demolition efforts and promised yourself you'd find another way to give, now's your chance! We need friends to sweep the first and second floors of the meetinghouse once a week. We would rather not pay for janitorial services and are hoping that we can set up a round robin so that friends will take turns. (Of course you are most welcome to volunteer even if you helped with the demolition etc.) The more the merrier. Any takers?

If enough friends respond, I will set up a schedule and notify whomever is on deck each week. If you want to work as a team, let me know.

— *Melody Johnson, on behalf of the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee*

## **After the Earthquake in New Zealand...**

Peace Witness Committee plans to send a gift of \$60 from committee funds to the Friends Meeting of Christchurch, New Zealand (see minutes, page 5).

Christchurch Monthly Meeting lost their meeting house in the earthquake. They hope to rebuild with the help of insurance and funds from the Earthquake Commission. Meanwhile, they are renting space for their meetings for worship and meetings for business at a cost of \$30 each First Day and \$30 once a month for meeting for business. Additionally, many of them are struggling with serious financial burdens because their homes and livelihoods have been destroyed.

On top of it all, they are trying to be of assistance to those in the wider community who are less fortunate than themselves.

Our gift of \$60 could help pay for two weeks of meeting for worship. We hope for this to be seed money to which we and other individuals who desire to add to it. We would ask the treasurer to receive this money and to forward the final amount collected on to Christchurch Meeting by the first week of June.

If you would like to contribute to this gift, please send your donation to our treasurer, Mike Simkin, by the first week of June.

— *Wilma Brown*

## **Porchfest Planning**

Fall Creek's annual Porchfest festival will be Sunday, September 25. Last year, we used our meetinghouse courtyard for storytelling, music, and a bake sale. We were asked to be an official bathroom stop, but we were unable to offer any facilities at that time. How would we like to participate this year?

If anyone is interested in thinking more about our participation in Porchfest, please contact Wendy Wolfe, [ww16@cornell.edu](mailto:ww16@cornell.edu) or 273-4326.

## **Attention Young Adult Friends**

Gabi Savory Bailey of Chatham-Summit Monthly Meeting is the new Young Adult Field Secretary for New York Yearly Meeting. Gabi will be working with attenders and members of the Monthly Meetings ages 18-35, and is looking to build connections.

If this group appeals to you, please do connect with Gabi at [nyym.yafs@gmail.com](mailto:nyym.yafs@gmail.com), 607-749-0088, or check out the blog: [nymyafieldsecretary.blogspot.com](http://nymyafieldsecretary.blogspot.com).

## **Lillian Hall: from Ithaca to Managua**

It's a long road from Ithaca, New York, to Managua, Nicaragua, but that's the road Lillian Hall took almost three decades ago. For the first time since 1983, she will be taking the road back to Ithaca; this time to speak about her work with ProNica, a Quaker organization working with grassroots organization in that country.

As an international agriculture student at Cornell planning on heading south of the border after graduation, Lillian became involved in the student group, CUSLAR (Committee on US-Latin American Relations) in 1980. As part of CUSLAR, Lillian learned about the US government's dark history of supporting brutal regimes throughout the Americas and became more and more committed to supporting these liberation movements. In 1982, she decided to visit Nicaragua to see firsthand what the new revolutionary government was doing. After one month there, she had fallen in love with the country. Being cognizant of the fact that any education is a privilege, and especially a Cornell education, she decided to return to Ithaca to finish her last semester of undergraduate studies in order to be able to better contribute to the development of the new Nicaragua.

Lillian boarded a train at the Mexican border of Nogales, Sonora in the summer of 1984, and traveled south. On the way, she spent two weeks in conflictive El Salvador visiting internal refugee camps, orphanages, zones controlled by the guerrillas, and visiting with the mothers of the disappeared whose tenacity, in spite of the real mortal danger, led them to search for their children in morgues, jails, and clandestine dumping areas. These experiences marked her forever.

What was supposed to be a two-year stint working in revolutionary Nicaragua turned into a lifetime commitment to the Nicaraguan people.

For the last thirteen years, Lillian has been the Nicaragua Coordinator for ProNica, a small Quaker organization that has been in solidarity with the Nicaraguan people since 1985. ProNica supports women's groups with a focus on sexual and reproductive health and domestic violence, promotes Alternatives to Violence Project workshops, helps groups working with children who live at the Managua garbage dump and in the back allies of the capital, and works with small neighborhood or community libraries. They also support agricultural projects in previously war-torn areas.

Lillian will be joining Friends, and the public in general, at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 30 at the Burt House in Ithaca to talk about her work with ProNica and the situation in general in Nicaragua.

For more information on ProNica, please visit [www.pronica.org](http://www.pronica.org)

## More on Real Men and Reel Mowers...

—Margaret McCasland

In my book review of Sandra Steingraber's *Raising Elijah* last month, I commented on the use of riding lawn mowers. I imagine that many people in our Meeting own gas-powered mowers and have been afraid that section of my review sounded judgmental.

I understand "doing the best we can" when our choices are limited. The last time I owned a lawn, I ended up hiring a guy with a whole trailer full of equipment to mow it. A reel mower is not an option for many of us.

Yesterday I watched my landlord arrive in his very large pick-up, drive a riding mower down some planks, and mow over half an acre of lawn in less than half an hour—just before the rains came. I had very mixed feelings. That was a lot of oil from the embattled Midwest, a deepwater rig or the Alberta tar sands. But this lawn is used as lawns should be. I have a patchwork of flower and herb gardens and two compost bins. The kids from the other half of my duplex spend time like kids used to, outside every day: playing kickball, bike riding, playing with the dog, hanging out with friends (it's a semi-walkable neighborhood). And sometimes we sit together on my bench and enjoy the sunshine.

Is my landlord supposed to mow this lawn with a reel mower? He has a full-time day job. Should the kids be mowing it? They would never have time to play ball! (And only one of them is strong enough to use even a light-weight reel mower.) Once the grass gets ahead of you, how are you going to cut it at all? (I used to borrow my ex's power mower, which is why I finally bought the compromise electric mower).

Yes, our personal choices are often compromises, and what works for one of us is not what's most appropriate for someone else. But we have to move beyond individual actions. Public policy can use a mix of restrictions and incentives to move our lawn care in a more ecological direction. Ban those stinky two-stroke mower engines. Give tax credits for companies to *again* produce electric lawn tractors—and this time they could be charged by solar panels. Ban toxic forms of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers. Have planning that promotes small personal lawns and shared ball fields in every neighborhood, so kids can safely walk there and back.

The list of ideal public policies could go on and on, but underlying them all is the idea of the Commons: those common resources that belong to all but cannot (should not) be owned by any: clean air, clean water, living soil, lakes where fish can live, oceans where whales still sing, and an atmosphere with just the right amount of heat-holding gases. For public policies to reflect what's best for all people (and other living things), we must first agree on what values we hold in common.

Our Quaker testimonies have often become part of public policies without most people knowing that their proponents were Quakers: economist Kenneth Boulding, geographer Gilbert White, etc. Our Quaker values (Simplicity, Equality, Peace—no wars for oil!) are appropriate guides for public policies that promote the Common Good, that protect the Common Wealth. So that we all can have better options as we move forward from scary times to a more resilient, safer world.

## Upcoming at Powell House

Powell House is the Quaker retreat and conference center for New York Yearly Meeting. You can learn more about Powell House and register for conferences by going online to <http://www.powellhouse.org/>, or emailing [info@powellhouse.org](mailto:info@powellhouse.org), or calling 518-794-8811. Conference registration prices include room and board.

Powell House will turn 50 this year! Upcoming events include:

### Me as the Sea, for 4th & 5th graders

Friday, 10 June - 6:00pm to Sunday, 12 June - 2:00pm

We'll share fun ocean facts, play water games and imagine ourselves as spacious, full of surprises and important as the ocean.

### FIPSH: Healing Light, Inner Peace, & God's Love

Friday, 10 June - 6:00pm to Sunday, 12 June - 2:00pm

Calling all massage therapists, hospice nurses, Reiki or Healing Touch practitioners, occupational therapists, social workers, and F/friends who combine various practices including healing prayer. This weekend is for you.

### Contemplative Retreat

Friday, 17 June - 6:00pm to Monday, 20 June - 2:00pm

There are those who have found and those who are finding that a deep life of prayer an attentiveness to God can be genuinely compatible with an active and effective spiritual/Christian presence in the world. What canst thou say?

### AVP Level III: Training For Facilitators

Friday, 24 June - 6:00pm to Sunday, 26 June - 2:00pm

Intergenerational and open to all who have taken the Basic and the second level (Advanced) workshops, participants will learn the skills and practices for becoming an AVP facilitator.

### 3rd Annual On The Way to Silver Bay

Friday, 15 July - 6:00pm to Sunday, 17 July - 2:00pm

Is this a tradition? Well, this is our 3rd year to meet the weekend before NYYM's annual sessions began at Silver Bay. We had such a good time last year that we're doing it again—opening up Pitt Hall, the ACC, and the campground. We'd love to see you whether you're going to Silver Bay or not.

### Powell House's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

Thursday, 25 August - 6:00pm to Sunday, 28 August - 2:00pm

Can you believe it? Powell House has been NYYM's retreat & conference center for 50 years! This is our weekend to celebrate this amazing event. Not only that, but we're offering this long weekend at 1961, 1981 or 2001 prices (see more on the website).

**Minutes of the May 15, 2011 Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business  
Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends**

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*Clerk: Steve Mohlke*

*Assistant Clerk: Antonia Saxon*

*Recording Clerks: Nancy Gabriel and Marilyn Ray*

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Please note that copies of all reports referred to during this Meeting are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerks.)

201105.1 Gathering

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society Friends met in Worship with Attention to Business on May 15, 2011. At 12:20 PM, 11 Friends settled into open worship. Clerk reviewed the agenda of the day's business, and extended our appreciation to Carolyn Kenyon for holding the Meeting in the Light. Into the silence that followed, Tony Gaenslen read the Memorial Minute for Caroline Pineo. After some Friends' reflections, we turned our attention to today's business.

201105.2 Project Management Committee (PMC)

Tony Serviente gave a brief report on the status of construction work. The committee brought a recommendation that the PMC be laid down, and that the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee (TSMC) be the point of contact and the responsible committee for matters pertaining to the meetinghouse. Members of PMC remain available to consult and help with ongoing work. Lynn Truame has agreed to be a member of the TSMC for the duration of construction projects currently under consideration. Meeting APPROVED the recommendation to lay down the PMC. @

201105.3 Third Street Meetinghouse Committee (TSMC)

Tony Serviente read the report which outlines proposals for proceeding with Phase II projects, with cost estimates that have been received, and with explanations of problems being addressed, options, materials, and policy considerations. The committee recommended that Meeting proceed with the projects designated as "Group 1" of Phase II: upstairs flooring and noise abatement, repairs to fence, repairs to chimney and stucco; interior paint (materials only) and contracting for exterior painting.

In the discussion which followed, Friends acknowledged the difficulty of projecting both costs and donations precisely, and of remaining within the limits of funding while not missing timely opportunities. Support was expressed for TSMC's balanced process of listening to priorities and exploring options for the various kinds of work needed. After discussion, Friends were comfortable with adding two projects beyond those named in "Group 1"—built-in library shelving and measures to improve acoustics in the Meeting room—and APPROVED the recommendation that work go forward. @

201105.4 Ministry and Worship (M&W)

The committee brought three matters:

A. Memorial Minute for Caroline Pineo. Clerk opened discussion on the content of the proposed memorial minute, which was published in the May newsletter. Some suggestions were received, including mention of Caroline's authorship of "Candles in the Dark". Tony Gaenslen will address these suggestions, and Meeting APPROVED the Minute with those changes. The final Minute will be sent on to New York Yearly Meeting, as well as to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting where Caroline was active for many years.

B. Process Minute. The Process Minute on the Significance of Membership was read at April business meeting and published in the May newsletter. Friends APPROVED the Process Minute as a true statement of where IMM is on this issue.

C. Transfer of Membership of Daniel Allen: Clerk read the letter written to Kitchener (Ontario) Area Monthly Meeting expressing Ministry and Worship's approval of Friend Daniel's transfer. Meeting received the report. @

201105.5 Peace Witness Committee

Marjorie Baines presented the report, which reviewed the Committee's contacts with Friends in Christchurch, New Zealand, who suffered serious losses in the February 2011 earthquake. Peace Witness is sending \$60 of their funds to aid Christchurch Meeting—the cost of two month's rental of space for Worship. Our committee hopes this "seed money" will move IMM Friends to contribute individually. Friends APPROVED making announcements at Meeting for Worship to collect donations for Christchurch Meeting through the end of May. Our Treasurer will receive designated funds and then send our check to NZ in early June. @

201105.6 Treasurer's Report

Clerk reviewed the monthly report. Contributions are still outpacing expenses for the year so far. If this continues, it may reduce the need in future for maintaining a large cash flow reserve. Friends accepted the report. @

201105.7 Other Concerns

Gina Varricchio reported two concerns from Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM). First was to ask for clarity and direction on establishing outdoor play space around the Meetinghouse. Recommendations included consultation with the TSMC and a note in the newsletter soliciting input from Friends. We also clarified that the start date for summer Meeting for Worship at Hector in July 3. @

At 2 PM, eight Friends settled into worship before adjourning the Meeting. We will gather again for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on June 12, 2011.

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Nancy Gabriel, Co-Recording Clerk*

## Advices & Queries from NYYM Faith & Practice

*Advice 10. Friends are advised to observe integrity in their living and to inspect frequently the state of their temporal affairs. In their dealings with everyone they should endeavor to maintain a truly Christian character, ever bearing in mind the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."*

*Query 4. Are love and unity fostered among us? If differences arise, do we endeavor to reconcile them in a spirit of love and truth? Are we careful not to manipulate and exploit one another? Do we avoid talebearing, and are we careful of the reputation of others?*

## June 2011 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

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

### We're in the Ithaca Festival Parade!

**Thursday, June 2, 6-9p**

It would be great to have Friends of all ages walking in the parade. No costume necessary. We will have banners, peace dove signs and more. Contact Kris Altucher or Pat Sewell from the Publicity committee for more information.

### Burt House Work Day

**Saturday, June 11, 10a-2p**

Spring is upon us, summer nears, and the Burt House is ready for its yearly spring cleaning. Friends of all ages and abilities are invited to join in the effort. Come for a short time or stay all day! Food will be provided. Fellowship will be shared by all.

### Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

**Sunday, June 12, noon**

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

### Women's Fellowship

**Friday, June 17, 7p**

Enjoy fellowship with your dinner, tea and/or a pastry at the Ithaca Bakery.

### Peace Witness Committee

**Saturday, June 18, 10:45a**

All are welcome to gather at the Burt House for the Peace Witness committee meeting.

### Caroline Pineo's Memorial Service

**Saturday, June 18, 1-4p**

Please contact Carolyn Kenyon, 273-7922, for more information.

### Every Sunday

- 10:30a Meeting for Worship for all ages
- 10:45a Children and adults participating in First Day School gather upstairs. Please be mindful of the sounds!

### Meetinghouse Discussions

**Sunday, June 19, Rise of Meeting**

Changed from June 26th, this is part of a series of additional meetings to discuss issues that arise as we transition to the new Meetinghouse. We know that having more time together really helps talk through and resolve issues. Please join us at the Meetinghouse for this evening discussion

### Newsletter submissions due

**Thursday, June 23, 5p**

Please provide your newsletter contributions to Marin Clarkberg: 150 Giles St., 14850, 607-279-4722, [clarkberg@cornell.edu](mailto:clarkberg@cornell.edu).

### Open House at the Meetinghouse

**Sunday, June 26, 12:30-2:30p**

Are your friends, colleagues and neighbors curious about our new meetinghouse? Invite them to the Open House! The Open House will overlap with our brunch, so bring a little bit extra to share with our visitors. We'll also have lemonade and cookies and a festive atmosphere.

### Potluck with Lillian Hall of ProNica

**Wednesday, June 29, 5:30p**

Meet at the Burt House and chat with Cornell alumna Lillian Hall of ProNica, a Quaker organization in Nicaragua (see page 3 article). The potluck dinner will be followed by Midweek Meeting for Worship at 7:30pm. It was Lillian's desire to worship with Ithaca Friends, and she is not able to be in Ithaca on First Day.

### Lillian Hall of ProNica

**Thursday, June 30, 7:30p**

There will be a talk by Lillian Hall of ProNica, a Quaker organization in Nicaragua, at the Burt House. For more information about Lillian's journey from Ithaca to Nicaragua, please see the article on page 3.

### 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