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of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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**An Invitation to "Share the Care"**

—Bronwyn Mohlke

A few years ago, a friend of mine was diagnosed with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. She had many friends who wanted to help, and we were very fortunate that one of her friends was aware of *Share the Care*, a system that allows a group of people to work together supporting their friend, spreading out the care in such a way that no one person is overburdened nor asked to do something s/he is uncomfortable with.

*Share the Care* is the title of a book, and there is also a website with a lot of helpful information. Quoting from the book:

It's true that many people have formed support groups that haven't really worked, or they've worked for a while and then fallen apart. The difference is that the *Share the Care* approach does not result in just a support group. It's the basis for a powerful group system that provides every practical tool you need, a system that has been refined through the experiences of many groups.

The *Share the Care* system begins with a meeting where several group exercises and practical worksheets help to set everyone on the same road and create both a lasting emotional bonding and a strong group organization. It gives you something to fall back on when things get difficult, a ground of being that keeps the group going, keeps the individual member from burning out, and keeps the group together.

It is natural for individuals to run from illness. People often fear calling a person who is ill and offering help. They're afraid they'll have to do something they can't stand or aren't good at. They're afraid they'll end up being the only one to help. They're afraid of being used, afraid that people will see their weaknesses, that their husbands or wives won't support them. They're already doing too much and are afraid to add to their already overburdened lives. So they put off calling and feel terribly guilty while their sick friend concludes they just don't care about them anymore. But a group approach is different.

In the case of my friend, the two people organizing the group gathered her friends together, from many different parts of her life. We got to meet each other, and to learn how we might work together to support our friend and her husband. *Share the Care* is set up with "members," who help on a regular basis, and "free floaters," those who can be called on from time to time. During that first gathering, we filled out forms indicating not only when we were available, but also what tasks we could do well, and which ones we never wanted to be asked to do.

The members take turns being coordinators a week at a time (two do this together), making calls and arrangements such that the family's needs are fulfilled. Some members volunteer to do the same thing every week (shopping, cooking a meal, etc.), and others wait to be contacted by the coordinators. Some needs continue on a regular basis, and others, such as rides to doctor's appointments, come up some weeks and not others. The coordinators have copies of the forms that each member and free floater filled out, so that they know whom they can call on for various activities. The coordinators then pass

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their notes on to the following week's coordinators, so that the same people are not called on all of the time.

What I really valued about the way this is set up is that it enabled a group of friends to offer support in a way that each of us could help with no one person having to do it all, and it made it possible to take care of the logistics and phone calling rather than having our friend and her husband have to handle and organize all of that.

*Share the Care* was written by Cappy Capossela and Sheila Warnock. Our Meeting has a copy and the public library has some copies (try to get the updated version, printed in 2004). The website is [www.sharethecare.org](http://www.sharethecare.org)

The book gives very detailed information on how to form a *Share the Care* group. If you are interested in reading the book and discussing it in a group, please get in touch with me.

— Bronwyn Mohlke

## Meeting Events

### Faith and Practice Adult Discussion Group Sunday, May 4th, 9:30-10:45a

Join others the first First Day of each month in Anabel Taylor Hall Room 314 to read and discuss *NYYM Faith and Practice*. This month, the topic will be "Seeking the Spirit in Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business." Please read ahead if you can.

There are copies of *Faith and Practice* available for purchase in the Edwards Room and at the Burt House. You can also find copies of *Faith and Practice* online at [www.nyym.org/quakerism/fnp/](http://www.nyym.org/quakerism/fnp/).

### Quaker Stitching Circle Sunday, May 4, 7pm

Knitters, crocheters, needlepointers, sock darners, and button sewers of any age, ability, or gender are welcome to attend this wonderful gathering at the Burt House. If you've always meant to learn needlework, this is a good place to start! Contact Alexa Yesukevich for more information: 273-5421 or [apy3@cornell.edu](mailto:apy3@cornell.edu).

### Peace Witness Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 13th, 7:30p

Please join us at the Burt House as we continue our efforts to express Friends' Peace Testimony. Bring your thoughts and ideas.

### Quaker Stitching Circle Sunday, May 18th, 7pm

See May 4th, above.

### Quaker Basics Tuesday, May 27th, 7p

Quaker Basics continues in May with a discussion on Quaker traditions around birth, marriage, and death led by Bronwyn Mohlke and Carolyn Kenyon at the Burt House.

Quaker Basics is our adult education program designed to help F/friends understand a little more about Quakerism and Ithaca Monthly Meeting. All F/friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you require childcare, please let a member of Program Committee know by the Wednesday before the session.

### Social Justice Comm. Meeting Thursday, May 22nd, 5:30p

The Social Justice Committee is switching to its summer meeting schedule this month. We will be meeting at the Burt House on Thursday, May 22, at 6 pm. We will be planning an inspiring Earthcare retreat with Hollister Knowlton at the end of May and a Barn Dance during June to raise money for the Refugee Fund. We will also discuss ways to address our ongoing concern for torture. All are welcome to join us..

### Meeting for Healing Tuesday, May 27th, 7:15p

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road). If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know and you will be held in the Light. For directions or more information, call Melody, 272-8755.

### Earthcare Symposium Saturday, May 31st, 1:30-8:30p

Hollister Knowlton, a Friend from Philadelphia travelling under concern for the Earth, will lead an inspiring workshop in the Annex to the Unitarian Church (2nd floor of 208 E Buffalo St).

Hollister will share myths from North and South American so that we can see how different cultures view Earth, and then help us explore ways these myths can inspire better Earthcare by all of us. Literature about the event points out that "It has become clear that our political and commercial institutions are unable to effectively address this crisis, primarily because they don't realize that they are looking at an interconnected world through a fragmented lens. The villain here is not Big Business, the corporate media, the military-industrial complex, or even those who for personal profit seek to clearcut our forests, overfish our oceans, pollute our atmosphere or drain our aquifers. The villain is an outmoded worldview: a way of seeing the world in which such unthinkable acts appear reasonable, sensible, and even intelligent."

This event is sponsored by the Social Justice Committee. There is a \$5 - \$25 sliding scale fee for admission. Register with Carol Mohler via email: [carol\\_mohler <cmkmohler@frontiernet.net>](mailto:carol_mohler@cmkmohler@frontiernet.net).

# Announcements

## In Our Meeting

### Midweek Meeting for Worship Time Change

The start of Midweek Meeting at the Burt House has been changed from 7:15 to 7:30p. Midweek Meeting retains the previous format of 30 minutes of worship followed by 30 minutes of discussion or just good fellowship, varying from week to week. All are welcome to join us.

— Tom Brown

### Reverend Billy Was Here

Performing artist and anti-corporate activist Reverend Billy, along with his troupe, the Stop-Shopping Gospel Choir, was brought to Ithaca April 19 and 20th by Cornell Students Against Sweatshops, Cornell Organization for Labor Action and our own Ithaca Religious Society of Friends Social Justice Committee for a weekend of “exercising” our First Amendment, sermonizing, and singing.



Reverend Billy brought humor to his message of cutting consumerism in favor of protecting the Earth and the people’s lives that are taken advantage of in the press for more and ever cheaper products. He brings one up short from the sleep-walk of “Must go buy a \_\_\_\_\_” (fill in the blank) without thought of the back history and future story of the given product. His group, some Cornell students and one Quaker exercised at Starbucks with a 7 minute “shoplift:” raising products in the store in the air while telling each item’s story as it made its way back to its origins.

The troupe really appreciated the hospitality and charm of the Burt House on one of the beautiful warm days we’ve experienced lately. They especially raved over Mary Balfour’s warm scones. Hosts for the troupe (several from IMM) had a lovely time getting to know them better. We prepared for all of them a gift bag of locally-produced items such as beans, apples, honey sticks, Ithaca Soda, and maple syrup that they appreciated greatly, as they support “radical localism.” If you missed them, check out the DVD of Morgan Spurlock’s movie about the troupe, “What Would Jesus Buy?”

— Carol Mobler

### IMM Witness for Peace

The Peace Witness Committee has had several opportunities to witness for peace in the past month, in addition to the weekly vigil on Thursday afternoons.

On March 15, the Fifth Anniversary of the invasion and occupation of Iraq was observed by a large crowd of Ithacans on the Commons. Many children and adults participated in a dramatic and musical presentation that used giant puppets and featured themes of peace and justice.

At that event, our IMM Peace Witness Committee had a display with pamphlets, buttons, bumper stickers, and yard signs from FCNL and AFSC. Having arrived by overnight mail from Chicago, the new AFSC banner on the *Cost of War* made its first appearance... at seven feet tall! Mac Larsen managed to get it rigged onto a lamp post and the result was spectacular. Many people stopped to chat over the literature we had. It was a very good day of outreach for peace.

On April 15, local peace activists and war tax resisters gathered in front of the downtown post office with posters and pamphlets of concern about how our taxes are being used. A large box of chalk invited passers-by to write messages on the sidewalk about how they would *like* for their taxes to be used. By the end of the day, the amazingly artistic and beautiful and thoughtful drawings, poems, and quotations, expressed in many colors, stretched all the way from Buffalo Street to Seneca Street. They are there yet unless rain has washed them off.

Friends’ participation on that occasion was to offer pamphlets on the *Cost of War*, prepared by AFSC, to the passers-by who were rushing to get the tax envelopes into the post office. It was a wonderful opportunity for outreach because people were having strong feelings that day about their money and how it was being used. Many were already considering tax resistance in some form or another, and they were glad for the opportunity to get more information and to talk with people who were already engaged in tax resistance. It was another excellent day for outreach for peace.

An upcoming opportunity to witness for peace will be *New York State Marches for Peace!* from May 8th to 17th. People from communities across upstate New York will join together in a march to Fort Drum in Watertown to mobilize public support for our active duty soldiers and Iraq veterans who are opposing and actively resisting the ongoing war in Iraq. Marches start from Ithaca, Rochester, Utica, and Syracuse and end in Watertown on Armed Forces Day (May 17th) where all will join Iraq Veterans Against the War and local military families for a day long community festival, the Fort Drum Spring Festival. Also there will be participants from many more communities, including Albany, Buffalo, Saratoga Springs, and residents along the route joining in. Participants can choose to march for one hour, one day, one week or ten days. For more information, please visit <nysmarchesforpeace.org> or email nysmarchesforpeace@yahoo.com.

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## Words to Consider

from Meeting for Healing

*The simplest way to surrender to grief is through prayer. You don't have to be religious or believe in God to pray. You just need the intention to commune with something larger than your ego. The only requirement is the need to receive help.*

*In prayer, I don't mean reciting words by rote. Prayer is an utterance straight from the heart into the universe. Even if you are not a theist, you can pray, so long as you can let yourself open your heart and invite the spirits in. The spirits don't have to be literal entities that you believe in; this can be a metaphor for opening yourself to the universe, to what is, to being alive. Prayer helps you do this. When you pray, you get out of your own way and let something larger guide you.*

*Start with asking for help. Every grieving person needs help. No one can do this alone. The purpose of grief is to teach you this wisdom: that we are all interconnected, and in our interconnectedness is our hope and our solace. You may want help from friends, family, spouses. Sometimes these people may be there for you. And invariably they will disappoint you as well, because the need for help and solace at this time is inordinate. There is no one person who can fill this need. This is one reason prayer is so important. Pray for help, and then open your heart to receive the help you've asked for. Open your ears to hear the response.*

*Thank you seems like an impossible prayer when your heart is shattered and broken. And yet, now is a good time to remember what you are thankful for. Think of how grateful you are for those who are still alive and who help hold you up at this time. Think of your life: Are you grateful for it? Or are you in too much pain to feel gratitude? Only pray thank you for what you're authentically thankful for. Even if it's only a small, minute thing. Example: I'm thankful for this bed in which I can sleep.*

*I surrender is another prayer hard to speak at this time. "In Thy Will be my peace" is not a prayer that comes easily. Try saying: "I accept what is now and what is to come" and see what happens in your heart. Then just accept the response, whatever it is. Be mindful of your constrictions, your expansions. Give yourself permission for all of it.*

*Try also whatever creative outlets for grief you may be drawn to: writing, singing, chanting, drawing, dancing. Creativity is the great healer. Finally remember: Even when the gates of heaven are shut to prayer, they are open to tears.*

— Miriam Greenspan,  
*Healing Through the Dark Emotions*

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The Thursday vigil has persevered weekly in sunshine and rain and snow, in summer heat and winter darkness, since before the invasion of Iraq began. We continue to gather from 4:30 to 5:30 at the foot of State Street. Sometimes passers-by join us. We welcome more Friends to join us then.

The Peace Witness Committee welcomes all who would like to join us in any or all of our activities and meetings. We meet on second Tuesdays at 7:30 at the Burt House.

— Wilma Brown

## Ithaca's Iraqi Families

In the coming weeks, there will be a presentation led by Dhia Abed Waheed on "Life in Iraq" and a reception for Dhia, Aseel, and their children. Details will be announced via the Meeting's email mailing list and at Meeting for Worship.

— Margaret McCasland

## Quakers in Our Region

### Parenting Program at Growing Places

If you could use some new tools in your parenting toolkit, this is the program for you! Growing Places is hosting an Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) Mini-workshop on Parenting, Saturday, June 7, 2008 from 9:30 to noon at Growing Places Creative Learning Center, 14 Battle Street, Dansville. Childcare will be provided for those who register by Friday, May 30. The workshop is free and open to the public. To register, please call Suzanne Blackburn at (585)468-5274 or e-mail [odonata@hughes.net](mailto:odonata@hughes.net). Parents, grandparents, and others who provide care for children are encouraged to attend this workshop; participants must be at least 13 years old.

The key idea of the Alternatives to Violence Project is "Transforming Power," the power which allows a person to transform a violent or negative situation into one which is positive and constructive. Transforming power is something probably everybody has experienced, even without being aware of it. "If you have ever diffused a conflict, met anger with love, named a talent or gift in a person that they didn't see in themselves, or did the right thing even if it was not the easy thing, you have experienced Transforming Power," explains Blackburn. Alternatives to Violence workshops name that experience, and through a series of activities, games, and discussions, allow workshop participants to discover and use Transforming Power in their daily lives. A full workshop usually spans 18 to 24 hours over 3 days. The 2 ½ hour mini-workshop on parenting will introduce participants to some of the basic ideas of AVP, offering strategies to increase the peace in families.

The Alternatives to Violence Project was originally developed about 30 years ago by Quakers working with men incarcerated in the New York State prison system. It is now a private non-profit organization with leaders and participants from all walks of life. Workshops take place in communities, youth groups, church groups, and prisons around the world. AVP is entirely volunteer; all facilitators serve on a volunteer basis and all participants attend of their own free will. You can learn more about AVP on the web at [www.avpusa.org](http://www.avpusa.org).

## Friends Conference on Religion and Psychology

Friends are encouraged to attend “Collective Wisdom: Group Alchemy for a New Consciousness” Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania, May 23 through 26.

This year’s speaker Alan Briskin tells us that Collective Wisdom and Quaker worship are sister practices. Both promise access to a “timeless way of knowing” which arises from the chemistry of a group. Groups that sit in silent waiting—and creative tension—Alan tells us, can reach deeper insights and answers.

How this process unfolds is the focus of Alan’s work. He has taken the principles of Collective Wisdom beyond intimate gatherings and into the “real world,” including business settings, prisons, and schools. Here he has found that this “way of knowing” which integrates our rational, emotional, and spiritual Selves brings great strength and a feeling of wholeness to a group and its individual members. In these transformative moments, members feel more connected to each other and larger life forces, and this vibrant sense of Self makes individuals capable of extraordinary action.

Details on the conference may be found at <[fcrp.quaker.org/index.html](http://fcrp.quaker.org/index.html)>. Friends may also wish to speak with Melody Johnson, Dick Crepeau, and Peggy Walbridge.

— Dick Crepeau

## Powell House Schedule

Powell House is the conference and retreat center of New York Yearly Meeting. In general, childcare for the adult workshops is available with 3 weeks notice. For the full schedule, please speak with Melanie-Claire Mallison or visit [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org). For scholarship possibilities, speak with our treasurer, Steve Mohlke.

### May 9-11 6th & 7th graders: Water, Water Every Where

Frozen water is quiet until the low deep rumbles and sharp shot-like cracks come as it adjusts itself to the pressures within. Spring melt water is anything but quiet, bubbling gurgling, splashing. It’s joyous and deafening! Summer water is tantalizing, beckoning to you on those hot long days. This weekend we’ll explore some of Powell House’s watery ways and our own inner streams and fountains and deep still pools. Fee \$100.

### May 16-18 AVP Advanced, Level II: Intergenerational

Using skills and approaches learned in the Level I workshop, participants choose an issue or source of conflict in their lives to which they will apply creative means for peaceful resolution. This is the second of three workshops. The third level “Training of Facilitators” allows participants to continue with leadership in AVP as part of a facilitator team. Fee: \$100 adults, \$50 commuters.

### May 23-25 8th-12th graders: Earthsong XXXIV

Stars overhead, the smell of newly turned earth, the songs that gather us, the words of our friends. These we carry with us as we move on. Join us for this two-houses-full farewell to our graduating seniors. Celebrate friendships and Spirit in workshops, Ultimate Frisbee games, a dress-up (or down) dinner and the ever exciting Saturday Night Cabaret. Fee: \$100

### May 9-11: Opening To Deeper Worship, with Christopher Sammond

*Supported by the NYYM Ministry Coordinating Committee*

No matter how deep we have gone in worship, we can always go deeper. This retreat is for those who hunger for deeper worship for themselves and for their meetings. We will focus on three areas: preparation for worship; deepening individual and corporate connection to the Divine in worship; and vocal ministry. While we will move back and forth between workshop mode and unprogrammed worship, we will seek to ground the entire weekend in worship. The retreat will be experiential and immediate, and will seek to draw Friends into deeper experiences and understandings of our rich practice as Friends. Christopher has been leading retreats and workshops on different aspects of life in the Spirit for more than fifteen years. In his role as NYYM’s General Secretary, he brings a deep commitment to the releasing of the gifts of Friends in this Yearly Meeting. Cost: adults-\$200; ages 13-22 and commuters-\$100; infants-\$50

### May 30-June 1: Disassembly Weekend

So more of our friends can enjoy Powell House, the youth center is becoming physically accessible and with better air quality. We have to disassemble, dismantle and destruct the “Bugg House”—the three bedrooms on the first floor—in preparation for the contractor. So, come join our hammer and pry bar party! All levels of physical ability and experience are needed. A food donation of \$50 is suggested.

### June 6-8: Healing Ourselves, Healing The Earth

Tom Sotiridy has worked before with *Friends Involved in the Practice of Spiritual Healing*. Tom is returning this year as the workshop facilitator. Session include the Agnihotra ceremony; Field Communication using dowsing; kinesology and intuition; Sound Vitamins; and Dreamtime. Cost: adults-\$200.

### June 13-15 4th and 5th graders: Tent-Tacular

The Youth Center will be in the throes of renovation (see “Disassembly,” above). We will move to the campground and set up tents for a spectacular weekend of circus feats, friend making and maze exploring. This weekend is open to 3rd graders who will be moving onto 4th grade in the fall. Fee: \$100

### June 20-22 8th and 9th graders: Woods Workers

Gardens, trails, recycling construction material, maybe even helping out with hammers and nails will keep us busy. This weekend is open to 7th graders who will be moving onto 8th grade in the fall. Fee: \$100

*Please read more about these events at [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org):*

June 20-23: Living From The Divine Center: A Contemplative Retreat

July 10-13 10th-12th graders: Unwinding

## In Our Community

### Ithaca Community Chorus on May 3rd

Connie Thomas and Melody Johnson sing in the alto section of the Ithaca Community Chorus.

The Chorus will be performing Felix Mendelssohn's *Elijah* on Saturday, May 3rd. There is a half hour lecture about Mendelssohn before the concert, and the event begins at 8pm.

Elijah is the prophet who experienced: after the storm, earthquake and fire, where God was not, "the still small voice". Another passage: "O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help", and another: "Through Darkness riseth Light"

Mendelssohn's work is quite dramatic in places and contemplative in others. For Quakers (especially in this time of uncertainty, similar to what Elijah experienced) it will both resonate and raise significant issues. Besides, it's beautiful.

— Melody Johnson

### A New U-Pick CSA at EcoVillage

Friends may be interested in a new CSA at EcoVillage. This unique combination of the Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) and U-Pick models is now selling shares for the 2008 season. Share options for 2008 include *June/July* (strawberries, red and black raspberries, red and black currants, gooseberries). *Strawberries only*; and *Jam-Makers Special*. All fruit is you-pick.

I hope you will choose to support locally grown foods in Tompkins County. For complete information and a sign-up form, contact Katie Creeger, [creeger@ecovillage.ithaca.ny.us](mailto:creeger@ecovillage.ithaca.ny.us) or 607/275-0272.

— Melanie-Claire Mallison

## In the Light

Friends are welcome to share their joys, concerns and other personal news here.

In April, physicians found that Beth Jolles had very low blood cell counts. At the time of this publication, the reasons were unclear, but Friends are asked to hold Beth in the Light.

## Meeting Friends



Dick Crepeau and Melody Johnson were married under the care of Ithaca Monthly Meeting in 1983. Dick served as the Clerk from 1997 through 2001, and currently serves on Program Committee. Melody is serving on Trustees and Nominating Committee. Melody is the spirit behind monthly Meeting for Healing, and insures that we have beautiful flowers to look at every Sunday. Dick and Melody met contradancing, and enjoy canoeing, hiking, skiing, and being grandparents.



First Day Schoolers work on making hay rabbit treats for inhabitants of the Ithaca SPCA. Clockwise from the top: Sue Ruff, Drew Varrichio, Connie Thomas, Heather Ruff, Sawyer Tierney, Aidan Tierney.. perhaps Maisy Cadwallader?... and Indigo Wild.



Yuri, an SPCA kitty, enjoys his new, hand-crafted nook. Many thanks to Melissa Dunham for putting together this special First Day School activity.

## April 2008 Monthly Meeting

*Tom Brown, Clerk*

*Michael Simkin, Assistant Clerk*

*Marilyn Ray and Antonia Saxon, Co-Recording Clerks*

*Steve Mohlke, Treasurer*

@ signifies that the minute has been read and approved

**200804.1 Gathering.** The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) of the Religious Society of Friends met on April 13, 2008, in the Café at Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University, for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:45 p.m., eighteen F/ friends settled into worship. Tom Brown, Clerk, read a selection from NYYM Faith and Practice.

The minutes of the March monthly meeting were read and the agenda for the day reviewed. @

**200804.2 Report from Ministry & Oversight.** Marion DaGrossa reported that M&O proposed that Bruce Jones and Ken Shea be dropped from the IMM membership list as numerous attempts to contact them had been unsuccessful. APPROVED.

Marion DaGrossa also reported that Clerk had received a request from Mary Edgerton for her membership to be transferred to the Saratoga Monthly Meeting. Meeting approved the transfer. @

**200804.3 Report from the Refugee Working Group.** Elizabeth Schneider read the report from the Group (available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk). The Refugee Working Group requested IMM approve extending for another six months having a basket on the third First Day of each month at Meeting for Worship. APPROVED.

IMM also requested a full report from the Working Group in October 2008. @

## 200804.4 Reports related to the Route 79 Property.

A. Driveway onto the Property. Chuck Mohler summarized the report of the Rt. 79 Property Committee (available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk).

After extensive discussion of the report and its recommendations, further discussion and a decision regarding the driveway onto the property was laid over to the May Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. @

B. Plans for Summer Camp. Bronwyn Mohlke reported that the ad hoc Summer Camp Committee has changed the name of the June 26-29, 2008 gathering to "Summer Retreat."

The Committee has been informed by the Town of Ithaca Planning Board that IMM will need to submit a site plan with the placement of the tent and other facilities clearly indicated (copies of the Committee Report were sent out via email by Clerk prior to the MM).

The Committee requested MM's support for the Committee to move forward in creating and submitting a site plan for review by the Town of Ithaca Planning Board. They further requested permission to spend from \$200-\$400 for the necessary processing fees. APPROVED.

IMM left it to the Treasurer's discretion as to what fund or line item will be used to cover these fees. @

## 200804.5 Treasurer's Report

**200804.6 Consideration of Nadine Hoover's proposal that Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting form its own Yearly Meeting.** Having reached the end of our reserved time in the Café and with another group was waiting to use the room, these items were laid over to the May Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

At 3:00 p.m., F/friends continued in silent worship before adjourning. With Mothers Day occurring on the second Sunday in May, M&O, at its April 24 meeting, will set the date for the May Meeting for Business.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marilyn Ray, Recording Clerk, April 2008*



## Advices & Queries

This month's advices and queries from *NYYM Faith & Practice* for your contemplation:

*Advices 12. The attention of Friends is called to the propriety of conducting funerals and memorial meetings in a sincere spirit of worship. They are advised to avoid the display of floral decorations and the wearing of mourning and to adhere to our simple ceremony.*

*Advices 13. It is recommended that Friends take the opportunity, on occasions when special statements or oaths are required, to advance the cause of truth by simple affirmation, thus emphasizing that their statement is only a part of their usual integrity of speech.*

*Query 11. Do we foster reverence for life? Do we strive to find, to understand, and to remove causes of misery and suffering? Do we, in loving concern, extend assistance to those who require it?*

## May 2008 Calendar

### Every Sunday

- 10:30a Singing in the Edwards Room at Anabel Taylor Hall
- 11:00a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages in the Edwards Room
- 11:15a Children meet **First Day School** teachers outside the Edwards Room. Latecomers join Friends in the Edwards Room.
- 12:15a Children from First Day School meet back in the Edwards Room.

### Other Weekly IMM Events

#### Tuesday

9-9:20p **Worship** in your own home.

#### Wednesday

7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burtt House.

#### Thursday

4:30-5:30 **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts.

### Monthly Events of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

#### » Special Date for Monthly Meeting: May 4th «

Rise of Mtg **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.** Bring a sandwich and a half, if you're so inclined, to share with those who may have forgotten. Child care provided on request (please see left sidebar on page 1).

#### Fourth Sunday (May 25—first day at Hector)

Rise of Mtg A light **brunch** of shared snacks. Please bring finger foods to share.

### May Events (\*For more information about asterisked items, see inside.)

#### May 4, Sunday

9:30-10:45a Adult Discussion on **Faith and Practice** \*  
7p **Quaker Stitching Circle**.\*

#### May 7, Wednesday

1:15-3:00p Volunteers needed at **Kitchen Cupboard**. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-2471). Kitchen Cupboard regularly needs brown paper bags.

#### May 13, Tuesday

7:30p **Peace Witness** Committee meeting, Burtt House.\*

#### May 16-18, Friday-Sunday

**Spring Gathering** at Long Point Camp near Penn Yan. For more information, <[www.nyyim.org/rochester](http://www.nyyim.org/rochester)>; click on "Spring Gathering."

#### May 18, Sunday

9:15ish **Children and the Life of the Meeting** (CALM) committee meeting, room 314, Anabel Taylor Hall. (Check with Marilyn for start time on preceding Saturday.)  
7p **Quaker Stitching Circle**.\*

#### May 22, Thursday

5:30p **Social Justice** Committee, Burtt House.

#### May 25, Sunday

10:30a **Meeting for Worship** moves to Hector.

#### May 27, Tuesday

7p **Quaker Basics**, Burtt House.\*

#### May 31, Saturday

1:30-8:30p **Earthcare Symposium** on the 2nd floor of the Unitarian Church annex, 208 E. Buffalo Street.\*