



Newsletter of the
Ithaca Monthly Meeting
of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Quakerism 101

If you'd like to know more about the history and present-day practices of Friends, consider participating in Quakerism 101.

Quakerism 101 will meet for three Sundays in August at 9 am at the Third Street Meeting House. Introductory courses in Quakerism are usually six or seven sessions long. We're compressing ours to three. This means setting aside much important material. Depending on the reception of this compressed format, we may run these sessions again later in the fall, or else offer a second round – Quakerism 102. The intention of each session is to present the historical background of Quaker faith and practice and then to see how it is lived out today. Each session will include time for reflection and questions. Since the series is short, we urge people to try and attend all three sessions.

— *Antonia Saxon and Nancy Riffer*

August 4 The Inward Light /The Inner Light/The Light Within

- English Civil War, social upheaval, context for the appearance of George Fox
- Fox's great sermon on Firbank Fell: "Christ himself has come to teach his people"
- "That of God in every one": expressing the Inner Light in words
- Short Readings: Encounters with the Inner Light

August 11 No class

August 18 Meeting for Worship

"I found the evil in me weakening and the good raised up."

- Quieting the mind
- Opening to Spirit and to those present
- Spirit-led vocal ministry
- Short readings: Experiences of transformative worship

August 25 Quaker Life in Action: Living in Quaker Community

"May we look upon our treasures, the furniture of our houses, and our garments, and try whether the seeds of war have nourishment in these our possessions."

- Relationships among Quakers are based in the life of the Spirit
- Testing leadings – discernment and clearness committees
- Short readings: Living the Quaker testimonies

Hector Meetinghouse Camp Out 2013

Beginning at 5:30pm on Friday, August 9th and continuing until sometime after noon on Sunday August 11th, Friends will be at the Hector Meetinghouse on Perry City Road sharing meals, hanging out, playing outside, with singing and silence around the fire, blueberry picking, and more. Come for some or all. All are welcome at dish-to-pass suppers on Friday and Saturday evenings around 6pm. RSVP and questions to melissablake2010@gmail.com. But even if you decide at the last minute and don't RSVP, you should just come!!

There's a Committee for That

The work of our Meeting is done by committees comprised of volunteers. A small sampling of our committees include:

Publicity, ensuring we're represented in the newspaper when appropriate: Kris Altucher, Pat Sewell and Karen Friedeborn.

Hospitality, making coffee and running the dishwasher: Marin Clarkberg, Jody Enck, Christopher Church, Pat Pingel.

Trustees, tending to our legal affairs: Marilyn Ray, Tony Serviente, Nancy Hillegas, and Fell Cadwallader.

Third Street Meetinghouse Committee, scheduling special events and calling the plumber (again): Tony Serviente, Garry Thomas, Erica Weiss, Dick Crepeau and Marion DaGrossa.

Nominating, populating these lists: Beth Jolles, Tom Brown, Blair Jennings, Ellie Rosenberg and Elizabeth Schneider.

Friends are always invited to consider how they are led to contribute to the life of the Meeting. Members of Nominating Committee are happy to talk over the possibilities with you.

Summer Meeting for Worship at Hector Meetinghouse at 10am

We will continue the practice of last year of having Meeting for Worship at Hector Meetinghouse on all First Days in July and August, with the option of continuing through September. To facilitate Friends' participation in Meeting for Worship with Attention for Business and fellowship at the Third Street Meetinghouse, we are scheduling Hector Meeting for Worship for 10:00.

Tompkins County Judge Candidates Forum

Please join us Wednesday, July 31, 2013 at 7 pm at the Beverly J. Martin Elementary School Library (302 W Buffalo St) to listen to the four Democratic candidates for Tompkins County Judge as they think together about strategies to eliminate structural racism in Tompkins County. "What can we do now – that is different from what has been tried over the past three generations – to dismantle structural racism in our community?"

We are asking the candidates to work together collaboratively – while we listen – to address the challenge of dismantling structural racism in our community. The forum is meant to move beyond sound bites and the competing "positions" that candidates craft in order to earn our votes. Structural racism affects every aspect of our community through the policies, norms, habits, laws, procedures and guidelines of all our institutions. As leaders in our community these four candidates are in an excellent position to model the kind of collaborative work needed to address this serious problem. Join us to hear what their thoughts are and what kinds of actions they might take.

Sponsored by the White Allies Against Structural Racism. More information rgalluc1@twcny.rr.com or 607.277.4936.

—Karen Friedeborn

Burt House Has New Friend-in-Residence

The Burt House Committee asks F(f)riends to join in welcoming Shirley Way as new Friend-in-Residence (caretaker) of the Burt House Friends Center on Willard Way.

Shirley is a member of Central Finger Lakes Meeting. She currently is the Office Administrator for the New York State Alternative to Violence program and Bookkeeping Consultant for the Bolivian Quaker Fund. She has extensive experience in many areas of concern to Friends, including a residency at Pendle Hill.

Contact Shirley at shirleyway61@gmail.com or call the Burt House Friends Center at 273-5421 to arrange to use meeting space available at the Burt House, or to inquire about residency or sojourning. Welcome, Shirley!

This seems a good place to remind Friends that the Burt House has sojourner space available for short term stays for your out-of-town guests or even yourselves, if the need be.

August in Ithaca Monthly Meeting History

A look back at our history through the minutes of our monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business.

Note: IMM did not hold August Monthly Meetings in many of the five-year dates covered by this summary.

55 Years Ago (August 11, 1958)

About 18 young men and women from the AFSC Work Camp at the migrant labor camp at King Ferry were guests of the Meeting for supper. They stayed for the business meeting in order to tell us of their work at the camp. The group represented diverse backgrounds, coming from several parts of the U.S. as well as other countries. They gave an interesting description of their work, what they are doing in practical building and recreational programs, and what they are attempting in understanding and personal relationships with the laborers.

60 Years Ago (August 10, 1953)

Itemization of expenses from the Treasurer's report included funds for a CARE package to Korea.

Planning was discussed for fall Quarterly Meeting, to be held at Anabel Taylor Hall.

The clerk called attention to three COs working in Ithaca. The Peace Committee and Young Friends were asked to get in touch with them.

65 Years Ago (August 15, 1948)

The chairman of the committee for counseling conscientious objectors, Harrop Freeman, reported that he met with several people in New York to consider setting up a committee for counseling COs in New York. He also sent a letter to several ministers asking about their willingness to serve as counselors. The committee plans to issue a summary of various church statements on conscientious objection and a summary of court opinions on the rights of COs and the meaning of religious training.

—Tom Brown, Historian

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, June 9, 2013

Clerk: Antonia Saxon
Assistant Clerk: Marilyn Ray
Recording Clerks: Nancy Gabriel, Marin Clarkberg & Susan Ruff
(*The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Please note that copies of all annual reports provided during this Meeting are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk.*)

2013 7.01 Opening

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on July 14, 2013. At 12:25 PM, 17 Friends gathered in open worship. The Clerk reviewed information about the amplification system, acknowledged Lynn Podhaski, who was holding this Meeting in the Light and shared the following reading:

"I went to meetings in an awful frame of mind and endeavored to be inwardly acquainted with the language of the True Shepherd. And one day being under a strong exercise of spirit, I stood up and said some words in a meeting, but not keeping close to the divine opening. I said more than was required of me; and being soon sensible of my error, I was afflicted in mind some weeks without any light or comfort, even to that degree that I could take satisfaction in nothing. I remembered God and was troubled, and in the depth of my distress he took pity on me and sent the Comforter. I then felt forgiveness for my offense, and my mind became calm and quiet, being truly thankful to the Redeemer for his mercies. And after this, feeling the spring of divine love opened and a concern to speak, I said a few words in a meeting, in which I found peace."

— *Journal of John Woolman*

Following a period of silence, Clerk reviewed the agenda items.

2013 7.02 Ministry and Worship

- a. Transfer of Pat Pingel's membership from Reading Monthly Meeting to Ithaca Monthly Meeting
Chuck Mohler reported for Ministry and Worship. Pat had written to Reading Monthly Meeting to tell them of her wish to have her membership transferred to Ithaca Monthly Meeting, and to Ithaca Monthly Meeting to ask for approval of the transfer.

Ministry and Worship reports that her transfer was approved. Meeting receives the report. We welcome Pat Pingel to Ithaca Monthly Meeting.

- b. Safety Glass Doors for the Upstairs Classrooms (see full report, available from the recording clerk)

Nancy Gabriel read a report from Ministry and Worship. The Meeting was asked to consider whether to accept the recommendation of Ministry and Worship, Children in the Life of the Meeting, and the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee to replace the doors of the second-floor classrooms with glass-paneled doors.

Concern was expressed about the occasional need for adult confidentiality.

Friends shared their knowledge of child safety measures in place in other Quaker meetings as well as the real need for such measures.

Three committees have discussed this thoroughly. We approve purchase and installation of the glass doors. Funding needs to be approved at a future Meeting for Business. @

2013 7.03 Trustees

A report from Trustees was read re: Reimbursement Guidelines (report available from the recording clerk). A request to simplify the instructions was made. The guidelines are sent back to Trustees for clarification. As a separate issue, discussion of guidelines for handling items purchased and donated will be taken up by Trustees. @

2013 7.04 Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report (attached) was received. @

2013 7.05 Other Concerns

A concern was expressed that the committees listed on the website are not complete. This concern was referred to Nominating committee. @

Meeting entered a period of silent worship with 15 people present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Ruff, Recording Clerk

Returning Friends!

Annalisa Raymer and John Lewis are very happy to be returning to Ithaca and Ithaca Friends Meeting in August. (Daughter Anna is almost finished making the move, too; she's coming from the Quaker school, Arthur Morgan School in NC.)

I (Annalisa) am looking for a temporary place to stay, as my new job at Cornell will begin in mid-August, sooner than the folks renting our house in Ithaca will be out. I'm grateful for any ideas. Thank you and see you soon!

—Annalisa 607.229.2330 or Alewisraymer@gmail.com.

YFIR (Young Friends) Retreat

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Young Friends-in-Residence (YFIR) will be having one more retreat this summer! Kody Hersh will be facilitating the retreat. As it may be the last one for a while, everyone in or near their teenage years should come! The retreat will be August 9-11. For more information, e-mail us at yfirwg@gmail.com.

See you all there!

—Abe Kenmore, Orchard Park Quaker Meeting

August 2013 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Special Notes for August:

No First Sunday Gentle Yoga

No Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

In Remembrance: Hiroshima Monday, August 5, 6p

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

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 67 years ago in Hiroshima at the instant of the blast, and of those who suffered and died from their injuries.

In Remembrance: Nagasaki Thursday, August 8, 5p

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

At the regular time of our weekly peace vigil at the foot of State Street, our posters and peace messages will be in solemn remembrance of Nagasaki Day. Please plan to join us and add more voices to the message of peace.

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

Peace Witness Committee Saturday, July 13, 12n

Peace Witness meets at the Burt House, 227 Willard Way (not far from the Cornell campus).

Hector Meetinghouse Camp Out Friday through Sunday, August 9-11

Join Friends for any or all of this special time at the historic Hector Meetinghouse, 5066 Perry City Road (near the intersection with Jacksonville Road). Dish-to-pass dinners at 6pm Friday and Saturday. See page 1 for more information.

Every Sunday

- 10:00a Summer Meeting for Worship at **Hector Meetinghouse**
- 10:00a **Coffee and fellowship** in the library of the Third Street Meetinghouse
- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages at the Third Street Meetinghouse
- 10:45a **First Day School**-aged Friends exit the meetingroom.

Dish-to-Pass Brunch at Hector Sunday, August 11, Rise of Meeting

Bring dish-to-pass for brunch at Hector Meetinghouse (5066 Perry City Road, near the intersection with Jacksonville Road) at the rise of Meeting for Worship (around 11am).

Earthcare Committee Meeting Sunday, August 18, Rise of Meeting

Join us in the library for a discussion of NY Interfaith Power & Light (a group working to reduce the use of fossil fuels).

Fourth Sunday Brunch Sunday, August 25, Rise of Meeting

Bring a dish to share and enjoy fellowship. Also, see next item.

Cultivating Quakers Continues! Sunday, August 25, Concurrent with Brunch

Following up on our exciting Powell House-led workshop on Cultivating Quakers, the Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM) committee needs your input!

CALM will host a gathering with attention to First Day School for all those affected and/or interested in this Sunday morning ritual... especially parents with children in First Day School!

Please pile your plate with provisions and proceed to the courtyard. Once gathered, we'll present this year's plan and attempt to determine how best to meet and/or exceed your needs this year!

Welcoming Party for Baby Rebecca Christine King Sunday, August 25, 4p

Join in the welcoming baby Rebecca, daughter of Liz and Phil, at a dish-to-pass picnic at Melody & Dick's, 112 Mt Pleasant Rd. (We will go inside if it is raining or cold.) We hope to enjoy the garden and the pond, so come prepared.

Newsletter submissions due Thursday, August 29, 5p

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

Other Weekly IMM Events

- Wed 5:30-6:30p **Meeting for worship** at the Third Street Meetinghouse
- Wed 7:30p **Midweek meeting** for worship at the Burt House (227 N. Willard Way)
- Thurs 5-5:30p **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts
- Sun 1-3p **Friends Bike Clinic** on the Meetinghouse deck