



Newsletter of the

# Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

**March 2018**

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### Newsletter

Submit contributions to [clarkberg@cornell.edu](mailto:clarkberg@cornell.edu). See the IMM Calendar, back page, for the next deadline.

## State of the Meeting report

State of the Meeting reports are gathered from every monthly Meeting and worship group each year, and combined into a NYYM State of Society report that is shared at Summer Sessions and is then available to all Friends. Great care is put into summarizing where we are as Friends, and listening to it read is a very rich experience. More information and reports from previous years can be found on the Yearly Meeting website at <http://nyym.org/committee/state-of-society-committee>

Ithaca Meeting Friends will gather on two occasions to consider what we would like to share of our experience of the last year: March 18 after the rise of Meeting and March 29 (Thursday) at 7:00 pm at the Meetinghouse.

A draft will be written between those two gatherings, and will be brought to the April Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. All Friends are encouraged to take part in this process. If you are not able to be at those gatherings, you are welcome to send your thoughts/reflections to our clerk or assistant clerk, John Lewis and Bronwyn Mohlke.

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## Vital Meetings Project Launches

On March 10, about 30 Friends, young and old, gathered at the meetinghouse for the launch of the NYYM Vital Meetings project. We had a wonderful time. We learned more about each other, shared observations and hopes about our meeting, created some art, broke bread together, and met the project coordinator Melinda Wenner Bradley.

As we learned more about the Vital Meetings project, we became excited about how this can help us become a more welcoming, vital Quaker meeting. Our next step is to get everyone to fill out a questionnaire about your experience with our meeting. You can do this on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NYYMIthaca> or get a paper form from the clerk or at the meetinghouse. (There is a drop box at the Meetinghouse for completed paper surveys.) Whatever your age, whether or not you are a member, whether you come often or infrequently, we need to hear from you.

Melinda will compile the responses and submit a report to us summarizing the responses and offering suggestions about changes that might help us create a more welcoming meeting and make it easier for everyone to participate in worship and the life of our community. Individual responses will not be shared with our meeting; this is a chance to share insights without the fear of being judged or offending anyone. We need as much information and as broad a perspective as possible.

This is just the beginning. Help us continue the momentum. If you would like to help envision, plan, or coordinate future activities and events, please let the clerk, John Lewis know at [johnslewisiv@gmail.com](mailto:johnslewisiv@gmail.com).

— John Lewis

*May your heart have a sanctuary for stillness.*

— John O'Donohue

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The query is: What is the current state or condition of your Meeting (or Worship Group)?

Guiding Questions: five guiding questions are offered. These are not required but may assist us in responding to the query.

1. What is the spiritual condition of your meeting, committee, or worship group? Where is there light? Where is there darkness?
2. Are meetings for worship and business held in expectant waiting for divine guidance? How do we feel about the quality of our worship and ministry?
3. How are love and unity fostered among us? If differences arise, how do we endeavor to reconcile them in a spirit of love and truth? How well do we do?
4. How do we make ourselves available in a tender and caring way when we sense a need for assistance in time of trouble? Do our members and attenders trust each other enough to make their needs known to others in the meeting, committee, or worship group?
5. How do we acknowledge the oneness of humanity and foster a loving spirit toward all people? Do we honor Friends' traditional testimony that all people are equal? How do we work to make these ideals a reality?

## Prison Witness Workshop

The Friends Center for Racial Justice will be holding a prison witness workshop March 23-25. The weekend will focus on solitary confinement as an extreme example of the inhumanity of our prisons. We will examine what it means to address an issue and fight for humane alternatives. The presence of the NYYM replica solitary confinement cell during the weekend will give us a visceral way to connect to a condition many prisoners face. Facilitators will be Robert Martin, Clerk of NYYM Prisons Committee and Judy Meikle, NYYM Representative to the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

The workshop will convene Friday at 6pm at the Third Street Meetinghouse. Dinner will be served and the first workshop session will begin at 7 pm and continue until 9. Saturday we will begin at 9 am at the Third St. Meetinghouse. Lunch and dinner will be provided. There will be a break midday and the program, including dismantling the replica cell will end about 9 pm. On Sunday, participants are invited to join Ithaca Quakers for Meeting for Worship at 10:30 followed by brunch at noon.

Immediately preceding the workshop, all are invited to join a vigil outside the Tompkins County Public Library in support of NYS HALT Solitary Confinement Act. The vigil time is 5-5:30 on Friday, March 23.

This workshop is for anyone doing prison witness work who wants to build their capacity for engaging in social change. Prison witness work can be isolating. Join FCRJ for a weekend of connection, support and sharing of ideas. RSVP to <http://fcrj.org/prison-witness-workshop-2018/> to register

— Nancy Riffer

## Concerns about IMM electronic communication

Our email list is a very powerful tool that makes it easy for us to communicate information with each other. Because it is the easiest and most efficient way to share invitations, announcements and documents, we need to be careful with how we use it; we need to limit back-and-forth discussions for two important reasons.

First, we want our email list to be inviting as well as informative. Sometimes email lists can become annoying, aggravating, or even offensive. As our inboxes become filled with huge amounts of emails that we have to sort through, we can become frustrated, especially if a single email list contains endless appeals, or lengthy discussions about issues in which we have little interest or find hurtful. At that point, some may begin ignoring emails or unsubscribe altogether and we lose an important avenue of communication.

Second, emails are not the best way to conduct Quaker business. As Friends we try to create mindful, worship-centered sharing of ideas as we seek truth and unity in our business. The very mechanism of electronic communication often makes it easy for us to overlook that of God in the persons who will receive the email. Using email to organize or implement action based on previous clearness can be helpful, but using electronic communication to reach discernment seldom, if ever, works.

As Friends, we do need spaces where we can share different perspectives, discuss ideas, build trust and create community outside meetings for worship and threshing sessions. IMM needs to create more opportunities for this type of dialogue. My concern is that if we try to do this through the email list, it will not be successful and we will significantly damage a useful tool.

As noted in the Minutes (see page 5), we have begun an experiment to widen the scope of the listserv slightly to include announcements of events in which members and attenders are participating, such as concert performances, in addition to information specifically about IMM events. For the reasons noted above, however, I think we should continue to refrain from using the listserv for discussion or appeals to attend community events. It is not always clear where the boundaries lie, but please be careful and considerate when you are deciding. Marilyn Ray, [mlr17@cornell.edu](mailto:mlr17@cornell.edu), maintains an email list about wider community events, to which many of us also subscribe. This is sometimes the best place to share information. Thank you for your attention to this.

— John Lewis

## From the IMM Library

### Book Review: *Worlds Apart* by Kathleen Karr

Written about and for younger teens, the content in *Worlds Apart* is also of interest to older teens and adults. While it is a quick and easy read, this historical novel raises difficult questions relevant to our relationship with the natural world and with each other today.

Framed by the actual history of English settlers who arrived in the Carolinas in 1670, the author imagines the first interactions between the indigenous Sewee people and the invading settlers through the eyes of two 15 year old boys, one Sewee and one English. Karr portrays both boys as adventurous, curious, and open-minded, and Asha-po and Christopher quickly grow into

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leadership roles in their respective communities.

As Christopher learns how to hunt and farm from Asha-po, the Sewee learn how useful metal tools and utensils can be. After the new neighbors work together to fend off threats from Spanish colonies to their south and the bellicose Westo nation to their north, they also encounter fundamental differences regarding the enslavement of humans and the conservation and sharing of resources.

As the book concludes, Karr creates one possible explanation for a historical mystery: why did the Sewee and several other First Nations in the region suddenly disappear without a trace? While the final scenario is strictly speculative, the book includes many deeper truths about relationships between people from different cultures and between people and the rest of the natural world.

*Worlds Apart* was a gift from an IMM member, and is the beginning of our collection of books for young adults.

— Margaret McCasland, Library Committee

## From the Archives: A Rushed Wedding

In May, 1952, Ithaca Monthly Meeting had to consider a request for a rushed wedding, in a conversation that had already created sparks at one Quaker institution and would make national news. As minuted:

There was a called meeting held at the home of Theodore and Sarah Oliver on 5-20-1952 to consider sponsorship of the marriage of Bob McAllester and Grace Cunningham by Ithaca Monthly Meeting....

Several Friends expressed concern that the time span between now and the wedding does not allow for adequate oversight according to the usual Friendly procedure. But after a lengthy discussion it was decided that we should, in this case, speed up the usual procedure, because of the following special conditions.

1. The proposed date is the only possible one from the viewpoint of the families involved.
2. A counsel of waiting would in this case amount to rejection.
3. Because of the interracial aspect of the marriage, rejection would be construed as discrimination.

Concern was expressed over the haste involved and the committee was instructed to express this concern to the young couple.

The following committee was appointed to oversee the wedding: Edith Cope, Ruth Freeman, Ned Burt, and Ed Cranch.

Robert (Bob) McAllester and Grace Cunningham had met at Earlham College and announced their engagement after spring break their senior year.

Bob McAllester was from Ithaca, and his mother Esther attended Ithaca Meeting. As Douglas Bennett, a former President of Earlham College, wrote in *Race Matters at Earlham* (2001):

In 1952, the College had a policy against interracial dating. The two were called into the office of President Tom Jones. Jones and other College officials tried to persuade them that their proposed marriage was unwise, that they did not understand the difficulties and tribulations they would face, and that their plans would bring hard times to the College. When President Jones and the others could not persuade Grace Cunningham and Robert McAllester to change their

plans, Robert McAllester was excluded from campus for the rest of the spring semester. He returned only in June to go through Commencement ceremonies. The faculty, the Board of Trustees, and the alumni association all endorsed the President's handling of the situation.

The Ithaca Meeting had already written a minute in support of Sam Lindley, who wished to visit President Tom Jones to "labor with him" back in April. Other Friends were writing letters expressing "that such a policy [against interracial marriage] is not consistent with Friends principles."

Grace was Quaker and her father was the first black male student at Earlham. Bob, though an Earlham student, was, as the minutes put it, "not a Friend." Bob's mother and Grace's parents had written letters in support of the marriage, but June 4th was coming up quickly, and the meeting had not yet received any correspondence from Grace's Chicago meeting.

By moving forward with the marriage, IMM compressed the usual deliberative oversight process. We don't know what exactly happened in the "lengthy discussion." As expressed in IMM minutes, the concerns were about the haste, and those concerns were to be raised with the couple.

On June 2nd, 1952, the couple graduated from Earlham, and on June 4th, they were married. On June 19, *Jet* magazine ran a photo of the couple walking hand in hand in graduation robes (see inset, left).

The minutes of June 10th report that Scipio Quarterly Meeting and Syracuse Meeting both wrote Ithaca "expressing their approval of our sponsorship of the marriage of Bob and Grace Cunningham McAllester." Edith Cope "reported that the wedding was accomplished in a deeply moving and very satisfactory manner," and she thanked "Harrop Freeman for his excellent handling of the press."

Douglas Bennett reported in 2001 that the couple was still married. If anyone knows more about this marriage, please let me know!

(For more on race at Earlham generally, see <https://dougbenett-blog.files.wordpress.com/2011/09/race-matters-at-earlham.pdf>.)

— Simon St. Laurent, Meeting Historian



## Regional Meeting: Spring Gathering, May 18-20

Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting's Spring Gathering will be May 18-20 at Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY. Friends from the thirteen meetings and five worship groups from Syracuse to Fredonia gather for worship, fellowship and to do business together as a body. There will be a robust program for youth that parallels the program for adults. Ithaca and Elmira Meetings are coordinating the food for SG this year. If you have interest in helping, please contact Shirley Way (607-319-1494 or shirleyway61@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!

## Yearly Meeting: Spring Sessions, April 6-8

New York Quarterly Meeting welcomes everyone to NYQM's Spring Sessions, April 6-8, where we will discern the Yearly Meeting's business and expand the life and witness of our Society. We encourage Friends to come and share the worship and fellowship of the gathered Yearly Meeting, to bring your meeting's concerns to the Yearly Meeting's attention, and report back the decisions of the sessions. Programs will be available for our all our children, including a Youth Program for our teens. We will begin on Friday with Coffee & Community starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Brooklyn Friends School, 375 Pearl St, Brooklyn, NY 11201. The Saturday and Sunday events will also be held at Brooklyn Friends School. Spring Sessions registration will open very soon – please look online at [nym.org](http://nym.org) or <http://nym.org/session/spring-sessions-2018> for details, registration, and advance materials.

## FCNL Priority-Setting Meeting April 1 (No Foolin') and Other Non-Partisan Political Work

Several members and attenders in our Meeting have recently taken steps to increase our involvement with the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), the "Quaker Lobby in the Public Interest," headquartered in DC. An initial step is to help FCNL prioritize its goals for the 116th Congress (2019-2021). Recommendations from Meetings and other Quaker groups need to be submitted by April 13.

We have scheduled a gathering to determine our recommendations on (Easter) Sunday, April 1, from noon to 1:30 p.m., in the Meeting Room. All are invited.

Plans for the priorities-setting meeting emerged from a conversation on February 2 between several Ithaca Friends and Riley Robinson of the Washington FCNL office. Riley brought copies of many documents from the national office, including a pamphlet, *The World We Seek: Statement of Legislative Policy*, which can provide useful background for those preparing for the priorities-setting gathering. (Additional copies have been ordered.)

Riley also discussed other work that takes place in the sustainably re-designed Quaker Welcome Center near the Senate building, particularly bi-partisan discussions by members of Congress—such as those held by a House Climate Solutions Caucus, which now includes 35 Democrats and 35 Republicans (including Tom Reed). Further, Riley spoke about FCNL's internships and other programs for young people and an upcoming Spring Lobby Weekend (March 17-20).

## Authentic Movement, March 18

For almost a year now I have been practicing a style of dance known "authentic movement" or "contemplative dance" taught by local dance teacher Julie Nathanielsz. I find her class is very rewarding spiritually, and I felt led to ask Julie to bring the practice to Ithaca Monthly Meeting. Thus, on Sunday March 18th IMM is hosting a class in authentic movement for Friends and friends of Friends in the meeting room after Meeting for Worship.

Authentic movement is particularly attuned to Quaker ways: it is similar to meeting for worship except that participants are allowed to get out of their chairs and move around. Authentic movement is generally practiced in silence. And as we at IMM sometimes do for our meeting for worship and our meeting for business, when practicing authentic movement some of the group may play the role of "witnesses," who are in essence holding the "movers" in the Light. The movers may lie still at times, roll around on the floor at times, or they may be moved not to speak but "moved to move". Often after class students will debrief about their experience. I've found that often my body has been "moved to speak" in its own way and that the practice can be surprisingly emotional and insightful. It can be a wellspring for creativity, not just for dance but for other creative pursuits including writing and the visual arts. Julie sometimes incorporates elements of these other disciplines in her classes. Join us and experience a new way to be led by Spirit!

— Laurence Clarkberg

Riley has encouraged us to consider setting up a local Friends Advocacy Team with the support of FCNL. There are currently more than 1,000 members of such teams in the U.S. Each year they focus on a specific issue—currently, North Korea and the threat of nuclear war. FCNL also stands ready to help local Friends groups address any of many other issues, such as Native American rights; climate change; military spending; the threat of war with Iran; militarized law enforcement; sentencing reform; and immigration policies.

Friends may wish to interact with FCNL directly by going to its website ([www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)) to find recently posted information and learn about the most current issues. Refugees and immigrants have been getting a good deal of coverage there lately. The site is a good source of non-polarizing viewpoints on Washington politics. You can also sign up for weekly action alerts for information on specific bills about which you may wish to contact your legislators. Finally, many FCNL publications are available in the newly designated cubby (bottom left) in the Meeting House library.

The two FCNL representatives for our Meeting are Marilyn Ray and Wallace Watson. Marilyn will continue, as she has done for many years, to share messages from FCNL through email.

Besides our FCNL representatives, both the Peace Witness and Social Justice and the Earthcare Committees support and draw upon the work of FCNL. They occasionally sponsor letter-writing tables after rise of meeting. If you see an issue for which you think this should happen, please talk with a member of these committees.

— Wallace Watson and Betsy Keokosky

## Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, February 11, 2018

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Clerk: John Lewis

Assistant Clerk: Bronwyn Mohlke

Recording Clerks: Marin Clarkberg, Blair Jennings

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting. Copies of all written reports are on file with and available from the Clerk or Recording Clerk.)

**2018 2.1 Opening Worship.** Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business on February 11, 2018. At 12:25 pm, sixteen Friends gathered and settled into worship. Bronwyn Mohlke, Assistant Clerk serving as Clerk for today, read from *Answering That of God in our Children* (1994) by Harriet Heath:

*"When I succeed in responding openly to other's wonder, life gains more meaning and richness for us both. And one wonders that it is so. And the surprise that the wondering can be found in the youngest of our children!"*

Clerk recognized Melissa Blake holding the Meeting in the Light.

**2018 2.2 Peace Witness and Social Justice (PW&SJ).** Elizabeth Keokosky reported that the PW&SJ committee has been following a leading to work on prison re-entry problems. Through contact with local individuals, the PW&SJ committee has become familiar with the work of a Harlem-based group called Alliance of Families for Justice. The Alliance of Families for Justice will be holding a weekend retreat at Powell House.

Seeing this as an important opportunity, PW&SJ has taken on the responsibility of paying for two scholarships for this workshop. The committee funded one scholarship of \$175 with its discretionary funds and seeks Meeting approval to put out the basket to collect money for a second scholarship. Friends approved this request to put out the basket and approved that Meeting will cover any remaining balance to comprise the \$175. @

**2018.2.3 Joining with the Poor People's Campaign.** Barbara Barry reported that PW&SJ has received a request for Meeting to support the *Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival*. Some may be familiar with one of the co-founders of the movement, Dr. William J Barber, the leader of Moral Mondays. PW&SJ asks that Ithaca Monthly Meeting endorse the Poor People's Campaign and provide moral and financial support for Friends who are active in the campaign. The Poor People's Campaign will be setting up a local committee, and PW&SJ suggests that IMM send a representative to this group.

Friends discussed what it might mean to endorse or support the people involved in this Campaign. Friends spoke favorably of the Campaign and its work, and shared a desire to learn more about local networks.

Friends invited those with a particular concern for this work to meet and, as they are ready, return with additional information and specific proposals for the meeting. Friends are invited to contact Barbara Barry to express interest. @

**2018 2.4 Ministry and Worship Minute – Listserv Policy.** Clerk

reported that the Ministry and Worship committee has further considered an issue raised during the "other concerns" portion of a previous Meeting for worship with attention to business on the subject of our Meeting listserv. The concern was about confusion on what was acceptable content to be shared on the Meeting listserv. Ministry and Worship would like to recommend that we expand what is shared on our Meeting listserv to include

- messages pertaining to members and attenders even when they are not directly Meeting related (such as concerts and other events that Friends are participating in)
- fundraising appeals for activities associated with Ithaca Monthly Meeting or the Friends Center for Racial Justice, but not other fundraising (such as for school events)
- periodic reminders of how to receive Regional and Yearly Meeting messages

Ministry and Worship recommends trying this for a few months, and then revisiting the issue at a future Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Friends shared perspectives on the role of email in building but also sometimes undermining community. Friends approve this trial period. @

**2018 2.5 Minute in support of Shirley Way's work in El Salvador.** Shirley Way reported on her work in El Salvador. Shirley traveled to El Salvador in 2014, 2016 and 2017 to work with the Friends Peace Team, supporting the team's AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project) work. A clearness committee for Shirley Way convened in 2016 subsequently evolved into a care and accountability committee. Shirley is now planning to return to El Salvador in 2018 to facilitate up to four AVP workshops.

To support this work, Shirley has received \$1500 from NYYM Witness Coordinating Committee providing Ithaca Monthly Meeting forwards a minute supporting the work. Shirley has also received a second grant of \$1500 from FSRM.

Friends approved the following minute in support of this work:

Ithaca Monthly Meeting supports the continuing AVP work of Shirley Way in El Salvador. We hold her, Stuart Sydenstricker and the Salvadoran team in our prayers. We recommend their work for financial support from Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting and New York Yearly Meeting. @

**2018 2.6 Annual Reports from Committees.** Friends presented annual reports and answered questions on behalf of committees as follows: Lenora Schneller for Young Friends; Gina Varrichio for the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee; Ellie Rosenberg for CALM; Elizabeth Keokosky for Earthcare; Tom Brown for Finance; Bronwyn Mohlke for Hospitality; Kathleen Gale for AVP Elmira; and Barbara Barry for Peace Witness and Social Justice. Friends received these reports. @

**2018 2.7 Other Concerns.** Several Friends spoke to the issue of committee membership. It is wonderful for committees to be composed of those who are strongly led to be on them, but sometimes Meeting's standing committees labor with "unfilled" positions. This

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can be an invitation to let things go, and to choose to operate from a place of abundance rather than scarcity. Ministry & Worship and Nominating committees will take up these questions. @

**2018 2.8 Treasurer's Report.** Mike Simkin, Treasurer, reminded Friends to contact him directly if they are interested in receiving emailed copies of the treasurer's report. Mike gave a brief overview of our finances and reported that a bank account for the Friends'

Center for Racial Justice has been opened at Alternatives Federal Credit Union. Friends received the report. @

**2018 2.9 Closing Worship.** Twenty-one Friends settled into silent worship at 2:35 before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on March 11, 2018.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Marin Clarkberg*

## March 2018 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

### **Men's Fellowship Lunch Thursday, March 1, noon**

Join us for lunch at Ten-Forward, the cafe above Autumn Leaves. For more information, contact Lynn at [lynnpodhaski@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnpodhaski@yahoo.com) or Liam at [liamgbmurphy@verizon.net](mailto:liamgbmurphy@verizon.net).

### **Earthcare Committee Sunday, March 4, Rise of Meeting**

Earthcare is meeting upstairs on first Sundays. All are welcome.

### **Quakers Talking Community Racism Tuesday, March 6, 7:15p**

Steve Mohlke will facilitate a discussion of community events in which some students assert that racism was at play in the casting of the high school musical. Let us listen to one another.

### **Women's Fellowship Friday, March 9, 7p**

Join for casual conversation, no agenda, with or without knitting. We are returning to Ithaca Bakery on Meadow Street this month.

### **Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, March 11, Rise of Meeting**

Join the Quaker decision-making process. Proposed agenda items should be sent to our clerk, John Lewis, by the preceding Monday.

### **Authentic Movement Workshop Sunday, March 18, 12:30**

A two-hour workshop on "authentic movement" taught by local dance teacher Julie Nathanielsz. See page 4 for more information.

### **State of the Meeting Discussion Sunday, March 18, Rise of Meeting**

See page 1 for more information.

### **Prison Witness Workshop Friday, March 23 through Sunday, March 25**

See page 2 for more information or contact Nancy Riffer.

### **On Sundays**

- 9:45a **First Day School** for all, upstairs
- 10:30a **Childcare** upstairs, **Meeting for Worship** downstairs
- 11:15a Children enter, **all ages worship together** downstairs

### **Dish-to-Pass Brunch Sunday, March 25, Rise of Meeting**

Bring something tasty to share if you can. All are welcome.

### **Hodinösoni Women from the Time of Creation Sunday, March 25, Following brunch**

Presentation from G. Peter Jemison, a Seneca Elder, artist, and Historic Site Manager at Ganondagan, a Seneca Historic Site and State Park. There are connections between Hodinösoni women and the Women's Suffrage movement, and between the Seneca Nation and Quakers. Join us to learn from this fascinating speaker.

### **Newsletter submissions due Thursday, March 29, 5p**

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

### **State of the Meeting Discussion Thursday, March 29, 7p**

See page 1 for more information.

### **Last Friday Soup Supper Friday, March 30, 6p**

We look forward to evenings of fellowship together. If you would like to make the soup one month, please get in touch with Bronwyn.

### **Easter Sunrise Meeting for Worship, Brunch Sunday, April 1, 6a**

All are invited to settle for an early morning Meeting for Worship from 6 to 7am. This gathering will be followed by an extended brunch with fellowship, beginning soon after 7 and running until 9:45 or so. Please bring brunch items to share, as you are led.

### **FCNL Priorities Sunday, April 1, from noon to 1:30 p.m.**

Friends' Committee on National Legislation seeks to prioritize its goals and welcomes recommendations from Meetings. See page 4 for more information.

### **Other Weekly IMM Events**

Mid-week Meeting at the Burt House  
Wednesdays at 7:30p  
The Burt House is at 227 North Willard Way, Ithaca.