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of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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## Living Simply: Quaker Camp 2006

—by Rini Clarkberg

*To watch the spirit of children,  
to nurture them in Gospel Love,  
and labour to help them against  
that which would mar the beauty  
of their minds, is a debt we owe  
them, and a faithful performance  
of our duty not only tends to their  
lasting benefit and our own peace,  
but also to render their company  
agreeable to us.*

—John Woolman, 1758

For the fifth time, it has been my great joy to participate in the development and execution of a short but intense week of loving community in the form of a summer camp for the youth of Ithaca Monthly Meeting.

Our theme this year was “Living Simply.” I laughed over that a number of times, as in the service of camp I stuffed my pockets with “to do” lists and shopping lists, hauled in gallons and gallons of water each day, tracked down lost items, counted and recounted the t-shirt orders, helped Friends with vehicles stuck in the mud, worried about snakes and bees and poison ivy and lightning, applied sunscreen and bug repellent, and struggled to remember to keep my cell phone charged.

Ironically, “simplicity” seems to be the most difficult of Quaker testimonies to grasp. Sometimes, it seems we interpret simplicity as living a “Little House on the Prairie” lifestyle, as if all 20th century technology is somehow un-simple. Other times, simplicity as a rejection of materialism or consumerism slips into the idea that sim-

plicity is frugality. Does simplicity mean being old-fashioned, shunning buttons on clothing, or clipping coupons?

As I began to meditate over those questions this year, those answers didn’t feel completely right. After lots of reflection and discussion, it became increasingly clear to me that simple living was living in such a way that makes space for the truly important things in life, including our relationship with God.

Because camp feels to me like it is in direct service of something I truly believe in—in the sense that John Woolman describes in the quote above—the work that needs to be accomplished to create camp seems to provide little distraction to my sense of service. I welcome the opportunity to have a clear goal that I believe in and to have my work go in the most direct way in

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Sam performs “Follow the Butterfly” at the Quaker Camp Circus.

# August 2006 Calendar of Events

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## Weekly Events

**Every Sunday 10:30 to 11:30 am:** Meeting for Worship in the Hector Meeting house

**Every Tuesday 9-9:20 pm:** Worship in your own home

**Every Thursday 4:30 to 5:30 pm:** Peace vigil at the bottom of East State Street

## Events This Month

**Aug 1 Tues 7:30 pm** Peace Witness committee meeting at the Burt House. All interested are very welcome to attend

**Aug 2 Wed 1:15 – 3pm** Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471). Please remember - Kitchen Cupboard desperately needs brown paper bags.

**Aug 5 Sat 5:30 pm** Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion. This month's topic is "Between Denial and Despair." \*\*\*

**Aug 6 Sun 10:00 am** Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

**10:30 am** Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

**10:45 am** Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities  
Power Quakers meet outside

**Aug 9 Wed 7:00 pm** REMEMBER....NEVER AGAIN:  
Calling For An End to Nuclear Proliferation and War  
A Vigil and March on the Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki, Japan in 1945  
Held on the Commons. \*\*\*

**Aug 12 Sat 11:00 am** Frank Pineo's Memorial Meeting will at the Burt House followed by a picnic from noon to 3pm

**Aug 13 Sun 10:00 am** Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

**10:30 am** Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

**10:45 am** Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities

**12:30 pm** 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 (see above.)

**7:00 pm** Celebration Circle / An interfaith worship service led by Jody Kessler. This month's them is "Your One Wild and Precious Life" \*\*\*

**Aug 18 Fri** September newsletter due date. Please contact Bronwyn Mohlke if you have anything to be included in the September newsletter (see contact information listed below).

**Aug 20 Sun 10:00 am** Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

**10:30 am** Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

**10:45 am** Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities  
Power Quakers meet outside

**Aug 27 Sun 10:00 am** Singing at the Hector meetinghouse

**10:30 am** Meeting for Worship for all ages, Hector meetinghouse

**10:45 am** Children are welcome to go out back for kids' activities

**Rise of Mtg** Light brunch. Please bring finger foods to share. This will be a time to welcome two new members to our Meeting: Margaret McCasland and Bruce Berggren-Thomas.

**Aug 29 Tues 1:15 – 3pm** Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471)

\*\*\* = more details will be found in the announcement section of the newsletter

## Do you have something for the September newsletter?

Please get all information you'd like to have included in the September newsletter to Bronwyn Mohlke, by the method of your choice, no later than Friday, August 18. (Bronwyn: 277-4183 / [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu) / 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850)

## Singing before Meeting for Worship

Friends, although Melody will be away at times this summer, all interested in singing before meeting for worship are encouraged to gather starting at 10:00. The Hector meetinghouse has wonderful acoustics, and it's a great way to prepare for meeting for worship. Many copies of Worship in Song - A Friends Hymnal are kept in the foyer of the meetinghouse.

## Peace Witness Committee Meeting / Tuesday, August 1

The Peace Witness Committee will meet on Tuesday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Burt House. All interested are very welcomed to attend.

## Kitchen Cupboard / Wednesday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 29

Friends, we have two opportunities to volunteer at the Kitchen Cupboard from 1:15 to 3:00 this month, both on the first Wednesday of the month, August 2, as usual, as well as on the fifth Tuesday when that occurs, which it does this month, on August 29. Please contact Ginny Gartlein for more information on how to be part of this effort.

# Announcements

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## Peace Potluck at Perry City Meetinghouse / Saturday, August 5

The Perry City Friends (Quakers) invite you to a "peace potluck" on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to share thoughts, feelings, and actions in a safe haven as we explore paths to peace together. The next meeting will be Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Perry City Meeting House on Route 227 in Perry City. Dish to pass at 5:30; discussion at 7:00. This month's topic is "Between Denial and Despair." Sometimes we avoid facing big problems because when we think about them we become overwhelmed. Learn how to slow down the journey from denial to despair and remain in a frame of mind that allows us to take effective action. For more information, call Mary Graham - 387-9046.

## Calling for an End to Nuclear Proliferation and War / Wednesday, August 9

REMEMBER....NEVER AGAIN: Calling For An End to Nuclear Proliferation and War, Wednesday August 9, 2006 7 p.m. on the Commons in Ithaca: A Vigil and March on the Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Nagasaki, Japan in 1945. There will be a day-long Art Installation on the Commons before the Vigil.

This event is sponsored by the Ithaca Chapter of the Global Call to Action, Voices for Peace, The Ithaca Catholic Worker and Living Hope Fellowship.

Join us in remembering the victims of nuclear weapons and in calling for the withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq and an end to war and nuclear proliferation.

We invite area faith and activist communities, especially youth groups, to participate by carrying banners or other portable art forms with messages of peace and remembrance. Visitors to the art installation are invited to bring a peace crane, a flower, a stone, a photo, a poem, anything they would like to leave as a remembrance of the victims of nuclear weapons.

To sponsor this event or for more information contact: Laurie at [LaurieTodd@aol.com](mailto:LaurieTodd@aol.com)

## Frank Pineo / Meeting for worship memorial / Saturday, August 12

Frank Pineo died Thursday, June 22, on the summer solstice, at the Reconstruction Home. He was a dearly beloved member of our Meeting for many years. He served ably as our clerk and was a light to all of us. We will miss Frank; his courage, his gentle sense of humor and the twinkle in his eye.

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of J. Franklin Pineo. It is with joy, that we invite you to a celebration of his life on:

August 12, 2006  
11 a.m.  
The Burt House  
227 Willard Way  
Ithaca, NY 14850

Following a Quaker Memorial Service we invite you to stay for a picnic lunch from Noon to 3 p.m. hosted by the Ithaca Friends Meeting, Doug Cole, John and Mary Balliett, Mary Balfour, Natalie Smith, the Schantz Family and Tony Gaenslen.

Please RSVP by August 5 either by Snail Mail to: Caroline Pineo, 307 Bella Vista Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850 or by email to: Helen Schantz, [Schantz6@lightlink.com](mailto:Schantz6@lightlink.com), Subject line: Frank.

## Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business / Sunday, August 13

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held after the rise of Meeting for Worship on August 13<sup>th</sup>. All are encouraged to attend. Please come with an open mind and a listening heart, mindful of our Meeting as a loving community and business conducted under a spirit of worship. Our next meeting will be September 10.

## Second Sunday Celebration Circle / Sunday, August 13

**Second Sunday Celebration Circle:** An engaging and uplifting Interfaith celebration that weaves together prayer, meditation, singing, and simple participatory ritual from many traditions. This month's will be held on August 13 from 7:00 - 8:30 PM, at the Santosha Yoga Center (directions below), 120 Brindley Street. For more Information, call 227-5683 or visit [www.commonheart.org](http://www.commonheart.org)

This month's theme is: "Your One Wild and Precious Life" Poet Mary Oliver asks us "Tell, me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?" In exploring this question, we will examine what is truly precious about our lives, and how we can live with more authenticity, aliveness, and love. We'll share song, meditation, creative drawing, and deep listening to one another as we speak from the heart. Some art materials will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own markers or colored pencils if you have them.

Because of the meditative nature of this service, we ask that you arrive on time, and that you do not bring small children. Stay tuned for upcoming information on Family Interfaith Celebrations, created especially for children and their caregivers, that will be starting in the Fall of 2006.

\* The Santosha Yoga Center is located in the Aeroplane Factory Building on Brindley Street. If you're coming from the Commons, take West State all the way to the end, past the bus station. Just before the route 79 bridge, you will see Ithaca Tire and the Ithaca Grain & Pet Supply on your left. Pete's will be on your right. Take a left there, onto that little street between Ithaca Tire and the Pet Supply. That is Brindley. You will immediately go over a little one lane bridge, and just after the bridge is the Aeroplane Factory Building. Turn right into the parking lot. The Yoga Center is on the ground floor, to the left as you enter the building.

## Welcoming Two Members to our Meeting / Sunday, August 27

We will welcome new members Margaret McCasland and Bruce Berggren-Thomas at this month's brunch on August 27, after the rise of Meeting. Please bring finger food to share. We hope that many Friends will be there to enjoy this time of fellowship, and to welcome Margaret and Bruce.

## Floating Meeting

Floating Meeting is an intergenerational gathering and a great time to get to know each other better. It became known as Floating Meeting because it takes place in a different home each time. As of the time that this newsletter was printed, there was no August Floating Meeting planned, nor any of the upcoming months. Are you interested in hosting a Floating Meeting at your home or just finding out more about them? Get in touch with Wendy Wolfe (273-4324 / ww16@cornell.edu).

## Annual Auburn Prison Quaker Event / September 2

Auburn Correctional Facility  
135 State St., Auburn (enter by Wall St. gate)

Please join us for a day of worship, fellowship, food and entertainment to celebrate 32 years for the Quaker Meeting inside Auburn and the longstanding connection with AVP (Alternatives to Violence Project). Hours are from 8:30 to 2:30 PM. Guests must arrive before 10 AM to gain entry. Make sure you bring ID. Hope to see you there...

To be on the guest list:

Names MUST be in by August 2.

You must be at least 18 years old,

be a registered volunteer at Auburn or another NY facility

or be a Quaker representative from a local meeting, willing to complete and return a form.

Contact Jill McLellan 585.526.5202 or [mclellan@globalcrossing.net](mailto:mclellan@globalcrossing.net) to be placed on the guest list.

Thanks.

If you wish to donate toward food:

Send donations to Daniel Haynes, treasurer of Farmington Scipio Regional Meeting (to FSRM Regional Meeting but clearly designated for Auburn Meeting account)

31 Maple Street, Lyons, NY 14489

## Fall Gathering of Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting / Saturday, September 16

Friends, Our Meeting will host this year's Fall Gathering of the Farmington-Scipio Regional Meeting on Saturday, September 16. The ad-hoc committee formed to plan the event consists of Rini Clarkberg, Ginny Gartlein, Bronwyn Mohlke, and Marilyn Ray. We are currently looking for Friends who would like to coordinate childcare and food for that Saturday, as well as housing for Friends from other Meetings who may wish to stay in Ithaca on Friday and/or Saturday nights. If you are interested in either coordinating or helping in one of those areas, please contact one of us that is on the committee.

## Annual Meeting Picnic / Sunday, September 24

Friends – save the date of Sunday, September 24 for our Meeting annual end-of-summer picnic, to be held at Taughannock State Park. We've reserved the large pavilion so the picnic can happen rain or shine! Bring a dish-to-share and table service (extras will be available), and a favorite outside game if you have one. Program Committee will provide parking passes (or use your Empire Passport). Check the September newsletter for more information and directions.

## Meeting for Healing will next take place on September 26

*When we observe our unfinished business with ourselves, the painful encrustations of the heart, we come to sense the pain that is present in every heart. And forgiveness turns to compassion.*

*When we have compassion, pain dissolves into love. All that seems so separate merges into the One. All are ourselves. No unfinished business.*

---Kathleen Slattery

Please note: The next Meeting for Healing will be held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of September, the 26<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Dick Crepeau and Melody Johnson, 112 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca. For more information, please call Melody at 272-8755.

## CROP Walk / Sunday, October 22

This year's CROP Walk will take place on Sunday, October 22, starting from the DeWitt Park at 1:00 pm. Across the U.S. some 2,000 communities sponsor CROP WALKS to support hunger-fighting development efforts locally and globally. "We Walk Because They Walk"

A large group from Meeting has often started on the CROP walk together. It is an enjoyable time! If you are interested in handing out and later collecting the sponsor forms of Friends in our Meeting, please contact Bronwyn Mohlke, 277-4183 / [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu).

## Directory Changes

Please send any corrections or additions to the 2005 directory to Steve and Bronwyn Mohlke, 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850 / 277-4183 / [bjm9@cornell.edu](mailto:bjm9@cornell.edu)

### Corrections:

Melissa Hamilton has moved to Trumansburg: 5 Falls Street, Trumansburg, NY 14886

### Additions:

Bruce Berggren-Thomas / 3042 East River Road, Cortland, NY 13045 / 758-7034 / [bb66@cornell.edu](mailto:bb66@cornell.edu)

## Rini Clarkberg will participate in Women Swimmin' to benefit Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Tompkins County

Friends,

I am planning to once again participate in Women Swimmin' -- a fundraiser for benefit Hospicare and Palliative Care Services of Tompkins County.

This will be my third time to do it, and the third annual Women Swimmin' event. The first year there were 127 swimmers aged 18-82 who swam the 1.2 miles across the lake and the event raised \$54,000. The second year, there 188 swimmers, and we raised \$125,000 for Hospicare. This year, there are something like 230 women who have submitted registration forms. This has become a truly significant source of income for Hospicare.

Money raised through Women Swimmin' goes directly to help provide patients with comfort measures that are not fully covered by insurance, as well as to provide services to patients' families. Hospicare never refuses services due to a person's inability to pay-



security on a cold, dark night. Or a radiator filling a room with warmth from a source elsewhere. Or some friends sharing cool drinks on a shady porch on a summer's day, talking about nothing in particular, if they're talking at all.

In this workshop, we'll consider comforting (without fixing), radiating from that source elsewhere (without using words), and stopping by—in this case, stopping by Friends meetings with no other desire than to worship and be with them.

Carol Holmes, an editor and actor, is a member of Brooklyn Meeting. She is a graduate of the School of the Spirit with a focus on the spiritual nurture of groups and is a Visiting Friend traveling under appointment of NYYM's Ministry & Counsel to support small meetings and worship groups.

Ann Davidson, a member of Farmington Friends, is a recorded Friends minister. She's been employed by Friends for over 30 years in a variety of jobs from cook to pastor. Currently she's the Executive Director of Powell House, leading workshops and retreats on spiritual nurture and healing.

\*A Series, Drawing Out Gifts, sponsored by NYYM's Coordinating Committee on Ministry & Counsel

Cost: \$180 adults, \$90 for 13-22, \$45 infants-12, \$90 commuters  
Childcare with 3 weeks notice

### **September 22-24**

#### **ALTERNATIVES TO VIOLENCE PROJECT - ADVANCED - 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. The Advanced workshop allows for an intense look at specific roots of violence and how these can be overcome.

On occasion called the quintessential Quaker mission/outreach program, the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) has touched hearts, souls and minds around the world leading to effective and positive personal change. The program has been used with impressive results in prisons, war zones and locations where violence is too often taken as a way of life. Based on the recognition that there exists a Transforming Power which we have all experienced and to which we all have access, AVP incorporates values of respect, self-worth, and recognition that there is goodness in everyone, as well as the teaching of important interpersonal skills in a fun yet challenging workshop experience. Advanced workshops do not shirk profoundly difficult topics related to violence, understanding that honest examination of hard issues can be painful yet necessary for resolution to occur.

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.

### **4<sup>TH</sup>-6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVENTS**

#### **August 18-20**

#### **CAMPING IN THE MAZE.....4TH, 5TH, & 6TH GRADE W/ ADULT**

Reunite an adult friend or parent with the natural world. Invite them to come participate in this weekend camping trip in the PoHo Maze. We'll pitch our tents, cook our food, and play large and small group games surrounded by leaves and birds and crawly things. There will be time to swim in Lea Pond and hike up to the bluffs known as Dorson's Rock. We'll finish our days with stories around the campfire. The weekend will start after lunch on Friday and end after lunch on Sunday. Space limited, register early. Fee: \$100 / person

#### **September 29 – October 1**

#### **GOOD GAMES, BAD GAMES.....4TH, 5TH & 6TH 9/29/2006-10/1/2006**

Games can be fun. Games can be frustrating. Games can bring a group together or tear a group apart. This weekend we will play LOTS of games. We will look at what makes them good and why they are important. We'll share how they make us happy or hurt our feelings. Then, with a little magic, we will pull some life lessons out of the games that we've played. Fee: \$100.

### **7<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE EVENTS**

#### **PUTNAM POND CAMPING TRIP - 7TH – 12TH GRADE 8/6/2006-8/11/2006**

Hike, canoe and sleep among the mountains in this beautiful State Park in the Adirondacks. We will deepen our bonds with one another and experience our community in a different setting. We will meet at PoHo after lunch on Sunday and head for the hills that afternoon. We will return to PoHo on Friday for an afternoon pick up. Space will be limited to 15. Demonstrated commitment to our community is necessary. You must have attended at least one conference with Mike and Chris to participate in this event. Fee: \$300

#### **PLANNING 2006 7TH - 12TH GRADE 9/15/2006- 9/17/2006**

We LOVE this weekend. We love to hear your ideas for conferences. We love hearing what makes programs work and what doesn't. We like imagining what future conferences could look like. Please come and share about the PoHo youth program you've experienced and the conferences you dream about. First-time attendees are welcome! Share your visions, ideas and hopes too. Fee: \$100

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## Minutes of the July 2006 Meeting for Business of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Incorporated.

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*Beth Jolles, Clerk*

*Tom Brown, Assistant Clerk*

*Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk*

*Steve Mohlke, Treasurer*

(The @ signifies that the minute has been read and approved during Meeting.)

### **200607.1 Gathering**

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) of the Religious Society of Friends met on July 9, 2006, at Hector Meetinghouse, for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:10 p.m., 21 F/friends settled into worship. Our Clerk suggested that during meeting for business, we listen with our hearts, share from our hearts, take with us what we needed and leave behind that which is unnecessary.

The recording clerk read the minutes from the June 2006 meeting for business.

Our clerk reviewed the day's agenda items and talked about today's planned topic of discussion. She noted that the trustees have not yet handed out the report on 415 Elm Street from Ernie Bayles, so she asked, should we go forward with today's topic-discussing old building vs. new building? Friends suggested we have the discussion as long as we understand that we are not working towards a decision today. @

### **200607.2 Planned Topic of Discussion**

Where are we regarding the meetinghouse in terms of wanting to continue looking at existing buildings (old) or focusing only on building brand new? Over the next hour, we offered through worship-sharing our thoughts on old vs. new. We came to no conclusions but felt closer to one another in this journey towards a meetinghouse. @

### **200607.3 Frank Pineo's Memorial Meeting**

The meeting will be held on August 12th, here at Hector Meetinghouse, possibly at 10:30am. @

### **200607.4 Consent Agenda**

1] Ministry and Oversight reports that the Clearness Committee for Membership recommends Margaret McCasland for membership.

2] Nominating Committee recommends the name of Marilyn Ray for the vacant position of the Board of Trustees, Class of 2007.

3] Bruce Berggren-Thomas has requested moving his membership from Blacksburg Monthly Meeting, Virginia, Baltimore Yearly Meeting, to Ithaca Monthly Meeting. The clerk has received a letter from Blacksburg releasing Bruce into our care.

Ithaca Monthly Meeting approves these recommendations and requests. @

### **200607.5 Welcome Brunch**

The clerk announced that we will welcome Bruce and Margaret to our Meeting at the August 27th brunch. @

### **200607.6 Financial Planning**

Rini Clarkberg reported that Financial Planning Committee would like to design and conduct a survey of members and attenders to ascertain the level of giving that we might attain for a Meetinghouse. The survey should reflect that giving levels may be influenced by 1] the costs of the project, 2] the time window for giving, 3] personal enthusiasm for the project, 4] the sense of unity or divisiveness in the Meeting community, and 5] the status of the Burt House. The Committee will develop the survey and plans for implementation and will report their progress at the August Monthly Meeting for Business.

Ithaca Monthly Meeting accepts this report. @

### **200607.7 FSRM Fall Gathering**

Bronwyn Mohlke reported on the plans thus far for Fall Gathering, and noted that IMM is in charge of Spring Gathering 2007. For the Fall Gathering, on Saturday, September 16th, we need to provide hospitality, food, morning program, and childcare. The Meeting asks the committee to go forward with reserving the 4-H facility for the Gathering, with the understanding that the cost (along with others) may put us over the \$200 earmarked by Farmington-Scipio. Should total costs go over that \$200, Ithaca Monthly Meeting will cover those extra costs.

Bronwyn has talked to Friend Tom Martin about being our morning facilitator on the topic of money. He has agreed and has offered to pay his own way. Bronwyn suggests that since he is traveling such a long way for the Fall Gathering program, perhaps it would be a good idea to take advantage of his presence and also have an IMM discussion time with Tom. The Meeting asks Bronwyn to pursue this suggestion with Tom. @

### **200607.8 IMM Camp**

The clerk asked about our Quaker camp and Rini reported that about 40 kids attended, not all at once, but over the week. They got poured on, on Monday, but spirits were not damped. It was a great, fearless week. @

### **200607.9 Treasurer's Report**

Steve Mohlke reports that while there is nothing unusual happening in the budget, we are over \$8,000 behind income over expenses. He noted that the payment of Eh Christ and Mu Mu's security deposit is still on the books. The Meeting recommends considering that \$600 a donation, and Steve and the Budget Committee will look into how best to do that. @

At 2:30 p.m., F/friends gathered back into gathered worship before adjourning.

We will meet again for Worship with Attention to Business on August 13, 2006, at Hector Meetinghouse, at the rise of Meeting for Worship.

Respectfully submitted,

*Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk*

(Please note that if you would like a copy of any report mentioned above, you can receive one from the reporting committee or the Recording Clerk.)

support of that goal. I deliver water so that campers can drink. No problem. By living in a way that links my purposes to my actions with short, direct connections, I am living simply.

And so we had forty campers from about age 1 to 12 supported by literally dozens of joyful volunteers. (Indeed, it is amazing to see how many among us are willing to make time in our calendars for our Quaker camp.) On a patch of land on the brink of a gorge, something beautiful and loving and meaningful was created for a few very special days. We were visited by sheep, who were in turn sheared carefully with a knife, and whose wool we washed and carded and dyed and turned into pouches and other creations. We found worms and centipedes and snakes and beetles. We fed the birds. We were silly.

But the most beautiful thing created over our time together was the free and fearless community of kids who were, in the words of John Woolman, "company agreeable to us."



You'll find more photos of Quaker Camp 2006 at [ithacamonthlymeeting.org](http://ithacamonthlymeeting.org).

