

Newsletter of the

Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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Spiritual and Community Growth

— Steve Mohlke

I'd like to tell the story of our Meeting from my perspective as your outgoing clerk. The communal and spiritual story of our Meeting is wrapped up in our quest for a meetinghouse. I can't tell the whole story because some of it predates my birth and because most of it predates what I now refer to as my spiritual awakening in 2006. My understanding is that most of the story is marked by frustration and anger and meetinghouse committees that eventually petered out because we had such a hard time working together with the wider Meeting. Indeed, I can remember passing meetinghouse-quest related minutes when someone, who we knew would object, was not able to attend the meeting. I remember rushing decisions out of fear that if we left it too long, objections would rise up and thwart an idea. It was hard. Sometimes we tried not talking as a group about the Meetinghouse at all. But we still talked privately. The quest wouldn't go away. We often speak of leadings for individuals, but I think this is one way a leading manifests in a group. It keeps coming back.

At the dawn of my spiritual awakening we didn't openly admit that there was conflict in our Meeting. Circa 2004, NYYM's new General Secretary, Christopher Sammond, came to visit with us and listen to what was important in our Meeting. I remember the gathering of about 30 people in the Cafe at Anabel Taylor Hall. It was a polite gathering which seemed to dance around the unspoken until near the end when one Friend, in her

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How We Use Our Meetinghouse: 2012

Early in January, in a threshing session on long-term rental of the Third Street Meetinghouse, a number of issues were raised about meetinghouse use. Several people expressed their concern that the meetinghouse is under-utilized. The subject of whether we should be charging "outside groups" for meetinghouse use also came up, especially when the users are non-profits or groups which include large numbers of our Northside neighbors.

On the one hand, there is the sentiment that higher overheads—whether utilities or snow plowing or increased maintenance due to wear and tear—need to be covered even if we do not see the need to generate income. On the other hand, there is agreement that the Meeting chose the Third Street property with the hope that we would become "knit into the neighborhood," that in offering our space the benefit is mutual, and that we should not be charging the very groups which we want to reach out to.

The Third Street Meetinghouse Committee (TSMC) is pleased that the Meeting is threshing these concerns. While it is true that the meetinghouse is underutilized, especially during the day, we were also happy to find when we totaled up the figures that during 2013, approximately 25 different non-Quaker groups used the Third Street meetinghouse a total of 85 times during the year. Some of these "outside groups" included significant participation by Meeting members and attenders, such as the Joy of Singing group (which

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Clothe Yourself in Righteousness with Jon Watts



Following Meeting for Worship recently, Gina Varrichio reminded us that Jon Watts will be singing and leading a discussion on Saturday, February 2, at 7pm at the Third Street Meeting House.

The most important thing about Gina's announcement was her joy and enthusiasm at inviting members of the Meeting to join in this gathering. With equal vitality, Antonia seconded Gina's encouragement to attend.

I want to "third" Gina and Antonia's excitement. Jon Watts is a young adult Quaker who has been traveling in the ministry for 4 years. He uses music, metaphor, preaching, and clear writing to invite Friends of all ages to join in his explorations.

Jon's goal is to awaken Friends to the need for us to change our ways, to do things that are uncomfortable or embarrassing, to take risks, and to let the "Inward Light" sear our souls so we may drop our pretenses and stand naked (undefended) before each other. He observes that without Transformation, the Boomer generation may have no one to pass the Society on to. In his travels, he has sensed a readiness for change among the Meetings.

Jon's understanding and approach keeps changing. He grew up as an FGC friend and recognized the limits and comfyness of that approach. Later he made a video at Guilford College in which students in Meeting rise to "get naked" to symbolize their willingness to stand undefended before God. More recently, Jon has been part of a Revival Meeting that shared as a Christ-centered group.

Jon is a young man whom I know will challenge us. He will bring an awareness of many perspectives in Quakerism and a sense of humor.

— Nancy Riffer

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met 16 times during the year), the Talking Circles and Undoing Racism meetings (12 times), the Family Math Club (4 times), and the Paul Schreurs dinner group (3 times). None of these groups was asked to pay a rental fee.

Two fee-paying, non-Quaker groups have used the Third Street Meetinghouse more than any others. One is now a short-term tenant, and the other a group that holds its workshops in our space on a regular basis. The Greater Bethlehem Tabernacle, a small African American congregation, has used our meetinghouse for their Sunday afternoon worship services since August, while they seek a more permanent home. They now are one month into a three-month "informal verbal agreement," during which time they are paying a monthly fee. This arrangement will be reviewed in February.

The other fee-paying group using our meetinghouse on a regular basis is the Natural Leaders Initiative. This is a group coordinated by a staff member at the Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE), in collaboration with the Greater Ithaca Activities Center and the Multi-Cultural Resource Center. Beginning this February, the Natural Leaders Initiative will be holding two workshops every other Tuesday afternoon and evening, for a diverse group of people drawn largely from downtown, who want to develop skills in community organizing, networking, writing grant proposals and basically become familiar with resources available to them in Tompkins County.

Other outside groups that have paid a fee for using the meetinghouse during the past year include: a women's lawyers group, a collaborative law group, Phoebe Brown's Human Services Group, Phoebe Brown's Women's Healing Circle Dinner, CCE's Robert S. Smith Community Progress and Innovation Awards dinner, CCE's Whole Community Project, a Divorce Workshop for Women, and one of the diversity offices at Cornell.

Increasingly the meetinghouse is "on the map" as groups look for venues to hold events. If you are aware of other compatible groups that might consider using our space, please have them contact Marion DaGrossa, TSMC clerk and events coordinator, at 273-4020.

What is Prayer?

At our Fall Retreat with Christopher Sammond, several questions arose concerning what we mean by "faith" and "prayer." Holly White will help us look at what prayer is and how we do it. (A workshop on "faith" will be scheduled for a later date).

This workshop on prayer will consider the variety of prayers in both Christian and non-Christian traditions and will invite participants to share their experiences with prayer. We will touch on the effects of prayer and what may keep us from having a regular prayer practice or praying at all. Though our time will be brief, we are planning a mix of activity and reflection. We imagine many more questions than answers to arise!

Queries for consideration:

What activities are central to your spiritual life? Is prayer a part of these activities? If so, how would describe your kind(s) of prayer?

What are your positive experiences of prayer?

Do you have any negative experiences of prayer? What are these?

Please join Holly White and others on February 10, before Meeting at 9:00 am. We look forward to sharing this time in active reflection and exploration!

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belligerent way, spoke of the conflict. I remember being grateful to her because she named a truth about our Meeting and I hadn't yet found a voice to speak it. Within a couple years we were talking about conflict. Christopher has been walking with us and providing guidance ever since.

Soon, we really needed a rest from talking about conflict and the Meetinghouse issue and we agreed to do so for a year. One stretched into two. Meanwhile things were starting to happen. We started talking with each other about what a healthy congregation looks like and what we would have to do so we could go about making weighty decisions without getting angry or frustrated with each other. We didn't specifically mention the Meetinghouse issue during these discussions but I believe most of us had it in the back of our minds that we were building our capacity for making meetinghouse-related decisions. Though some of the ideas that we worked on during these discussions have yet to be implemented, I believe that the intention of a couple dozen people working in this way started to shape our community and spiritual existence.

During these discussions, I could only identify one good example of a weighty decision that we had made well. In which our unity at the end was so complete that the issue didn't resurface in the ensuing years. Some felt passionate that we should move the Hector Meetinghouse onto our newly purchased land on Rt. 79 with the idea that we could build around it to create a meetinghouse complex. In preparing for that decision, we collected all the views that had been expressed on the matter and included them in a balanced report. The report also included relevant research about costs and constraint with moving a building. With our views already presented and information in hand, we were free to express our feelings and listen to each other without rushing to make our own view heard.

Indeed, when we had the opportunity to consider a church for sale way out on West Dryden Road, we drove, we looked, we cleaned, we dreamed, we arranged the benches amidst the rubble, we held Meeting for Worship on a Saturday afternoon. Then we went back again and held a called meeting for business. These were the first meetings in which we had somebody specifically charged with holding us in the Light. We shared. There were tears. In the end, we said "no" to that building but something was different. This wasn't the angry frustrated "no" which we had heard a dozen other times. It was a tender "no." The tenor of the discussion is nicely characterized by the words of a member of our Earthcare committee who said "This would be a really poor environmental choice for all of us to be regularly driving our cars out here but if this is what the Meeting wants, I could live with it." We were setting aside our individual concerns for the sake of something bigger than ourselves.

When I became clerk, it was clear to me that we needed to spend more time together if we were going to progress on the Meetinghouse issue. I proposed, and you agreed, that we have an extra Meeting for Business every month for the following six

months so we could begin a slow and careful process. At that same meeting, we authorized a few people to go look at a run-down restaurant downtown. For a group that had wrestled for more than five decades, things moved at a dizzying rate. We moved our first "extra" meeting a week earlier to consider making a purchase offer. We said yes with only one meaningful contingency...that an informed estimate of the renovation costs not exceed our rough estimate by more than \$100,000.

Five weeks later, we met again to consider whether we wanted to go ahead even though the informed renovation estimate was in fact more than \$100,000 more than our rough estimate and we could be released from our original offer. We had made impetuous decisions before and the lack of true unity tore at our community fabric. While disappointing financially, this was a great communal and spiritual opportunity. We were being invited to decide again. More than 50 people gathered. Early in the discussion, someone mentioned another building for sale. This was the kind of distraction that would have completely unglued us in previous years. Nobody in the room gave it a second mention. We were focused. We were clear. We were in unity and we all knew it. Nobody had to say it. But I did anyway just for the sheer delight of it.

It isn't like we lived happily ever after from that point on. We had to wrestle with our attitudes about money and debt. We had to sort out what was essential and what wasn't. How environmentally responsible should we be? Can we sell our piece of land and ensure it remains undeveloped? Do we accept the offer of one of our beloved members to make a stained glass window for the Meeting Room? But by then we understood our process better. We had the dedicated service of our own construction manager, who helped sift through the information layer of our process so that we knew what our real-world parameters were. Without that, our meetings from years past readily devolved into a great deal of speculation. We learned to separate times of sharing our feelings and personal responses to the information into separate meetings in which we would clearly not be making any decisions. This gave us space to listen. Time for that still small voice in us to find expression. To prepare ourselves for the next layer of our process, the discernment layer, we devoted a great deal of attention to writing out the information and responses. We didn't just write the opinion of the committee, we wrote out every opinion we could identify. As with the proposed Hector Meetinghouse move, this allowed us to begin our discernment with open hearts and minds. We also knew enough to talk about how we were going to make the decision about paint color before trying to make the decision about paint color.

We learned to be a community. We learned to trust in something greater than ourselves. Though we might not agree on the name or nature of that something greater, we have learned to trust it better. Where will this trust lead us next?

Giving to IMM

Some Friends manage their giving by providing a single donation, such as at the end of the year. Others prefer to manage their giving by donating a set among on a regular basis.

Meeting Treasurer Mike Simkin has set up a way for you to make donations to Meeting easily and regularly using electronic funds transfer from your bank to the Meeting's. To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form to the right and return it to the Treasurer: Mike Simkin, 3137 Jacksonville Rd, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Donations can be debited automatically from either a checking or savings account. If you have any question feel free to email or call Mike Simkin at mes13@cornell.edu or 607-387-5174.

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Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Inc.	
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News from the Burt House

The Burt House Committee and Working Group are pleased to announce our new Caretaker/Friend-in-Residence is Megan Mills-Novoa! Megan came to Ithaca last year and has been a regular at Young Friends gatherings as well as attending Meeting for Worship. Megan was raised Quaker in Minnesota. Locally she is the Hunger Education Coordinator for the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Megan assumed her Caretaker responsibilities January 23. She can be reached via email megnovoa@gmail.com or at the

Burt House, 273-5421. You should contact Megan if you are interested in using the Burt House for a meeting or other gathering, sojourning there, or seeking residence in an intentional Quaker community.

We also extend much appreciation to Violet Goncarovs for filling in as our interim Caretaker and send best wishes to her as she pursues new endeavors in Palestine.

The Burt House serves our Meeting with space for committee, Meeting, or wider Quaker gatherings. It can also provide

sojourning space for Friends or “Friendly” visitors who would like to stay for a few nights. The House also provides residential accommodations for those who are seeking to live in an intentional Quaker community. We currently have 1 resident room available. Interested individuals should contact Megan for a resident application.

Thanks!

— Melissa Travis Dunham

February in Ithaca Monthly Meeting History

Compiled by Meeting Historian, Tom Brown.

10 Years Ago (February 9, 2003)

A welcoming brunch was scheduled for February 23 for new members Ollie O and Nathan Mallison.

15 Years Ago (February 9, 1998)

Ministry and Oversight reported that requests for membership had been received from Lee-Ellen Marvin, Tony Serviente, and DK Serviente. Clearness committees for each were approved. Marriage under the care of the Meeting was also requested by Lenora Brown and Tom Schneller. Approval for a clearness committee will be sought next month.

Ken Gardner, appraiser hired by Trustees for IMM, reported an appraised value of the Point below the Burr House, which the City of Ithaca wished to purchase, of \$87,000, which took into account its scenic value. The City had appraised it at \$51,000. [In late 1999, IMM and the City agreed upon a negotiated sale price of \$71,000.]

25 Years Ago (February 9, 1988)

IMM decided to undertake substantial repairs to the substructure of the Hector Meeting House. Chris Gartlein was approved to oversee the work, to be done by himself and others he would hire. Funds for the project were available through a combination of building fund moneys and surplus funds.

Upcoming AVP Workshops

There will be two Alternative to Violence Program (AVP) workshops offered in Ithaca the weekend of February 15th-17th at Southside Community Center. We will be offering both a Basic workshop and an Advanced workshop.

The contribution for the workshop is \$20 to cover the cost. (AVP is an all-volunteer organization, so those costs include food and the use of Southside's space.)

Please consider joining us--it will be a weekend of fun and discovery! If you would like to take this workshop, please contact Susan Wolf for a registration form and more information: QuakerWolf@gmail.com, (607) 272-1618. You can also email AVPIthaca@gmail.com.

— Susan Wolf

60 Years Ago (February 9, 1953)

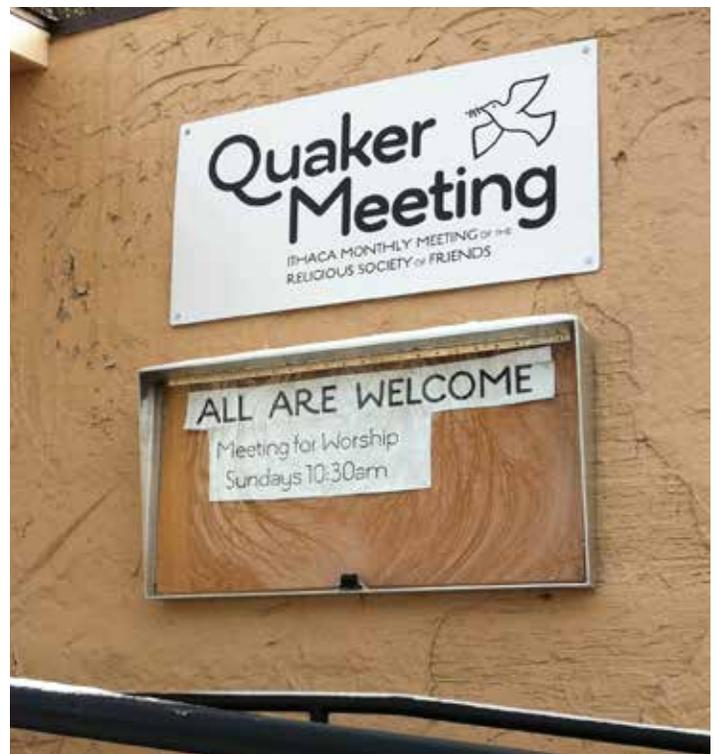
Edith Edgerton requested that Meeting attempt to supplement the monthly CARE package to Korea with additional funds to go toward the needs of children there. The Treasurer will write to AFSC to see if more direct contacts can be made concerning Korean relief work.

65 Years Ago (February 9, 1948)

The Service Committee indicated it had sent about 140 pounds of food and clothing to European relief efforts. Young Friends indicated they were continuing to send two packages each month to a family in Germany, and they collected over 100 pounds of clothing from graduating seniors, for which they requested some washing and mending help from others in Meeting.

75 Years Ago (February 26, 1938)

A committee of four from the American Friends Fellowship Council came to Ithaca to meet with Ithaca Friends and consider our application for membership as a monthly meeting. This meeting was held at the home of Loren and Nellie Petry on Saturday, Feb. 26. The next day, at the close of Meeting for Worship, this committee reported that they were pleased to grant our request and welcome us as a monthly meeting. [The Fellowship Council was affiliated with the AFSC.]



All Are Welcome to consider how best to use the new bulletin board on the exterior of the meetinghouse. Crafted by Larry Clarkberg, this display protects regular paper print-outs under weather-safe plexiglass.

Ad Hoc Piano Committee Report to be presented at February Monthly Meeting

The Ad Hoc Piano Committee has been charged to further explore the possibility of having a piano at the Third Street Meetinghouse. At this point, the meeting has not made a decision about whether or not to have a piano. To help facilitate the decision we were asked research several aspects: possible placement, costs, portability, expense, tuning

For the meeting to make an informed decision concerning the piano, we knew that the more specifics we can address, the better informed our decision will be. In that light, we proceeded to look at a specific piano that Jan Kelly has offered to donate to the meeting, feeling that this particular piano would best fit our current needs.

It is a Mendelssohn Studio piano: 56" wide, 31 1/2" tall and 24" deep. This is a small sized piano with an oak casing and a matching bench. Jan bought this piano new several years ago and has had it in her home ever since. It can be easily moved by members of meeting (who have already volunteered to do so).

We had Paul Simkin of Poplar Ridge Meeting, who is a professional piano tuner, evaluate the piano. He felt that this piano is in good shape and agreed that it would be a appropriate choice for the meeting. His price for tuning it for us is \$55. He added that it would probably not have to be tuned very often, since the MH is well insulated and a relatively constant temperature.

After consulting with Claudia Brenner and Lynn Truame, it was concluded that our proposed lift, while being large enough, because of the door configuration, could not accommodate the piano unless it was on its side, which, while possible, is not desirable. Therefore, its placement will be limited to one floor, with the option of moving it very occasionally.

There was a concern raised about children playing the piano inappropriately. This piano has a very heavy cover for the keys, that requires an adult to use two hands to lift. Children under 10 would not find it easy. If limiting the piano's use becomes an issue, a lock on the cover could easily be installed. It is also possible to purchase a cloth cover if deemed desirable.

Given space considerations, downstairs, the committee has concluded that the best placement would be in our Meeting for Worship space. We would suggest that it be on the interior wall next to the large closet. Since we very rarely need to open both closet doors, it could be placed in that corner, an alternative would be the exterior wall next to the closet. It is possible to purchase casters for the piano. These would be modern 2 inch rubberized casters that should not damage the floor and make it possible to store the piano in the large closet for the few times a year that the meeting room is filled to capacity. If the meeting decided it would be best to place a piano upstairs, several places would work. One

suggestion would be in the carpeted community room on the wall that currently has a large bulletin board, or on the wall to the immediate left at the top of the stairs.

A piano located in the meetinghouse would have, at the least, several potential uses. It would be readily available to provide music and accompaniment for: regular hymn singing before meeting for worship (a number of people have expressed interest in this); longer singings to be organized at other times; and other celebrations, such as the Christmas pageant. Some Meeting members and attenders can and do play the piano, and are willing to provide this music, as appropriate. It could also be available for use by outside groups using the Meetinghouse and for whom a piano is a desirable feature.

The Ad Hoc Piano Committee would say in conclusion, that if the meeting decides that, at this point, a piano is possibly a desirable addition to the Third Street Meetinghouse, we could always decide at a later date that it does not serve our purposes. At that point it could be donated to a family or non-profit.

Costs:

Piano Tuning: \$55 as needed

Casters installed: \$100-\$150

—Melody Johnson, Pat Pingel,
and Steven Paisley

Committee Assignments

Near the close of each calendar year, appointments—new and renewed—are put forth for the next year. Nominating Committee keeps the master list of all committee assignments.

Some of the appointments for 2013 are listed here for your reference:

Clerk: Tonia Saxon

Assistant Clerk: Marilyn Ray

Recording Clerks: Nancy Gabriel, Sue Ruff, Marin Clarkberg

Ministry & Worship: Barbara Ganzel, Nancy Gabriel, Chuck Mohler, Wendy Wolfe (with the clerk and assistant clerk)

Pastoral Care: Emily Williams, Marion DaGrossa, Bronwyn Mohlke, Melissa Travis Dunham, Kathy Beissner

Children & the Life of the Meeting: Steingraber/deCastro, Fred Horan, Gina Varrichio, Heather Ruff, Blair Jennings

Program: Carolyn Kenyon, Lynn Truame, Nancy Riffer

Third St. Meetinghouse: Tony Serviente Garry Thomas, Erica Weiss, Dick Crepeau, Marion DaGrossa

Burt House: Tom Brown, Chris Dunham, Mary Balfour, Melissa Travis Dunham, Fell Cadwallader

Trustees: Marilyn Ray, Tony Serviente, Nancy Hillegas, Fell Cadwallader (with the clerk and the treasurer)

Liaison to Hospital: Bronwyn Mohlke

Young Friends Advisor: Lenora Schneller

Library: Wilma Brown

This is just a partial list, and it evolves frequently. Questions about other committees or how you might serve? Contact Nominating!

Nominating: Tom Brown, Blair Jennings, Beth Jolles, Ellie Rosenberg

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends
Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, December 9, 2012

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.*)

2201301.1 Gathering

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society Friends met in Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, and for the Annual Meeting of IMMRSF Inc., on January 13, 2013. At 12:15 PM, 35 Friends gathered and settled into silence.

Clerk reviewed the day's agenda. Copies of annual reports and the treasurer's annual report were distributed. A sign-in sheet was circulated.

201301.2 2012 Annual Meeting of Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Incorporated.

Present: Barbara Barry, Katherine Beissner, Tom Brown, Marin Clarkberg, Richard Crepeau, Marion DaGrossa, James Finlay, Nancy Gabriel, Kathleen Gale, Chris Gartlein, Ginny Gartlein, Nancy Hillegas, Melody Johnson, James Keach, Carolyn Kenyon, Elizabeth Keokosky, Margaret McCasland, Charles Mohler, Alma Mohlke, Bronwyn Molhke, Steve Mohlke, Liam Murphy, Marilyn Ray, Elspeth Rhodin, Patricia Pingel, Nancy Riffer, Heather Ruff, Susan Ruff, Antonia Saxon, Lenora Schneller, Michael Simkin, Joanne Sturgeon, Connie Thomas, Garry Thomas, Melissa Travis Dunham, Lynn Truame, Wallace Watson, Erica Weiss, William White, and Emily Williams.

- 1) Marilyn Ray, Clerk of Trustees and President of the Corporation, opened the Annual Meeting of IMMRSF, Inc., and gave the Trustees' annual report for 2012.
- 2) Tom Brown, Recording Clerk of Trustees and Secretary of the Corporation, gave the Secretary's annual report for 2012.
- 3) Mike Simkin, Treasurer of the Meeting and of the Corporation, gave the end of the fiscal year budget report, including a financial overview of the meetinghouse project to date.

Meeting received the reports.

This ended the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. @

201301.3 Clerk's Report

Our outgoing clerk read a report reflecting on our Meeting's journey in relation to the many-year quest for a meetinghouse. @

201301.4 Incoming Clerk

Antonia Saxon assumed the role of the clerk of Ithaca Monthly Meeting of Religious Society of Friends for a three-year term. Our new clerk read the queries on the state of the meeting provided to us by New York Yearly Meeting. She invited Friends to listen to the annual reports to see if they are called to serve the meeting in ways they may not have anticipated. @

201301.5 Annual Reports

Friends presented the annual reports for the following committees: Ad Hoc Working Group for Immigrant Support, Burt House, Children and the Life of the Meeting (CALM), Earthcare, Finance, Hector Meeting House, Hospitality, Library, Ministry and Worship, Newsletter, Nominating, Pastoral Care, Peace Witness, Program, Social Justice, Third Street Meetinghouse, and Young Friends.

Friends received the annual reports. @

Clerk called Friends into silent worship to reflect on the passing of Marjorie Baines and Carol Mohler, who were both mentioned in the annual reports. @

201301.6 Nominating Committee

Nominating brought forth two additional nominations for committees: Nominating proposes Nancy Gabriel be appointed to a two-year term on Ministry & Worship and that Fell Cadwallader be appointed to a two-year term on Trustees. Friends approved the nominations. @

201301.7 Other concerns

A Friend spoke about efforts to coordinate AVP programming and raised the possibility of there being a board to provide support to AVP. @

Thirty Friends settled into worship at 2:15pm before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on February 10, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marin Clarkberg, Recording Clerk

February 2013 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

First Sunday Gentle Yoga Sunday, February 3, 9:45a

Join us upstairs every first Sunday of the month for a gentle yoga class led by Nick Boyar. Gentle stretching, relaxation, and breathing exercises. Appropriate for all ages and levels of experience and flexibility. No mat required.

Meeting with [some] Attention to Football: the Dunhams' Annual Superbowl Party Sunday, February 3, 6 pm

Join the Dunham's at their home (105 Dunmore Place, Ithaca) for a fun time to socialize with F/friends and watch the "Big Game"... or completely *ignore the game* and just socialize. Pizza will be provided. Please bring other finger food or drinks to share. An RSVP by Jan 31 is helpful but not strictly required. Call 277-9599 or email Mtravis823@yahoo.com or C_J_dunham@yahoo.com.

What is Prayer? Workshop with Holly White Sunday, February 10, 9a

This workshop on prayer will consider the variety of prayers in both Christian and non-Christian traditions and will invite participants to share their experiences with prayer. See page 2 for further description.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Sunday, February 10, Rise of Meeting

Please provide agenda items to Tonia by the preceding Wednesday. See contact info on page 1, left column.

Quakers Studying the Bible Sunday, February 17, 9a

Bible study is held each third Sunday at the Meeting House. The format includes analysis, commentary, and critical discussion of a selected passage one month, followed by personal and experiential reflection on the same passage the next month.

Newsletter submissions due Thursday, February 27, 5p

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

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Every Sunday

- 9:45a **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. Please be mindful of footfalls while upstairs, and consider removing your shoes.

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