



Newsletter of the

Ithaca Monthly Meeting

of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)

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To email Friends and others about events in the Ithaca community, broader social causes or other non-specifically Quaker messages that may be of interest to Friends, consider sending your message through Marilyn Ray. To join or contribute, email:
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Jesusians Gather at the Meetinghouse

Jesusians of Ithaca (pronounced “Je - SOOZ - i - ans”) is a new discussion group for the greater Ithaca/Tompkins County community for those who are interested in learning about and following the teachings of Jesus (compassion, charity, forgiveness, non-violence, welcoming the marginalized of society, etc.), but who don't necessarily believe he was the messiah, performed miracles, died for our sins, rose from the dead, etc. Programs will include viewing and discussion of brief videos, magazine articles, columns, and blogs, and perhaps a book. No charge, but free-will donations for use of the space will be welcome. Open to adults of all ages, sexual orientations, and religions (or lack thereof). Not affiliated with any church or religious institution. Meetings will be held 7:00-8:30 Tuesday evenings beginning February 4 in our Meeting House, which is renting space to the group but is not a sponsor.

Further information: Stu Fegely, stufeg@hotmail.com], <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JesusiansOfIthaca/>

— Wallace Watson

Interfaith “Inquiry to Action” Group on Climate Change

Members of several local faith-based organizations have come together to create “Climate Justice Inquiry-to-Action” to explore how to respond to climate change in hope and thoughtful action. This 5-week series is aimed at empowering individuals and congregations with knowledge, skills and connections. The series will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30PM in the First Presbyterian Church on the corner of Court and Cayuga Streets. No registration is required.

Organized by members of Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga, First Presbyterian Church of Ithaca, First Baptist Church of Ithaca, Ithaca Quaker Meeting, Protestant Cooperative Ministry at Cornell, First Unitarian Society of Ithaca, and Interfaith Action for Healing Earth, the series is aimed at educating and activating participants from all faith perspectives.

The sessions will include presentations by local experts, discussions of optional readings, and specific “take-home” action activities. A dish to pass supper at First Presbyterian begins at 6:00 PM prior to each event and is open to the public. A joint worship service to be held Sunday March 2nd at First Presbyterian will include “lessons learned” from the presentations.

For information and optional (but encouraged!) readings, please contact Margaret McCasland, 607-216-1091, margaret@mccaslands.com

— Margaret McCasland

February in IMM History

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

5 Years Ago (February 8, 2009)

Meeting approved the membership transfer of the Cadwallader-Jennings family from the Horsham, PA Monthly Meeting to IMM.

IMM approved the nomination of Mike Simkin to be Treasurer, starting in 2009, working initially with past treasurer Steve Mohlke. [Mike has been Treasurer since 2009 and also served previously as Treasurer.]

20 Years Ago (February 14, 1994)

At the request of Peace and Social Action (P&SA), IMM approved collecting funds after Meeting the following Sunday for Cuban relief and supplementing those funds if necessary to raise at least \$100. P&SA had been working with Pastors for Peace to channel the funds through a contact in Mexico to Cuba.

25 Years Ago (February 23, 1989)

At the monthly Ministry and Oversight meeting, M&O approved the transfer of Beth and Martin Jolles and children from the West Branch (Conservative) Iowa Monthly Meeting to IMM.

45 Years Ago (February 10, 1969)

Ned Burt and several other Friends unnamed in the minutes raised the concern of the 10% surcharge that was being added to the federal income tax of individuals to finance the Vietnam War. Friends who felt similarly were advised to include a note with their regular tax payment indicating the reason for refusing to pay the surcharge.

65 Years Ago (February 14, 1949)

The IMM Service Committee indicated it had sent 245 pounds of clothing and shoes this month to Oldenburg, Germany to aid in post-WWII relief efforts there.

— Tom Brown, IMM historian

Giving to IMM

To set up electronic donations, simply complete the authorization form below 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.

AUTHORIZATION FORM	
Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends Inc. ES14909	
Your name:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Email address:	
I would like to make the following contribution(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> General Operating Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Building Fund	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen Cupboard _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	\$ _____
Total	
Date of first contribution: ___/___/___	
Frequency of contribution (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly – Mondays	
<input type="checkbox"/> Bi-Weekly (every other week)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Semi-monthly – 1 st and 15 th	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 1 st	
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly on the 15 th	
CHECKING / SAVINGS Complete this section if using your checking or savings account	
Please debit my (check one):	
<input type="checkbox"/> Checking account—attach voided check	<input type="checkbox"/> Savings account—attach voided deposit slip
Routing #:	Account #:
Valid routing # must start with 0,1,2 or 3	
I authorize the above organization to process debit entries to the above account. I understand that this authority will remain in effect until I provide reasonable notification to terminate the authorization.	
Authorized signature: _____	Date: / /

Donations: Is it for the Meetinghouse?

Our meetinghouse has been blessed by so many wonderful donations. If you are interested in donating an object to the meeting, please contact the relevant committee to see if your contribution would be appreciated. For example, proposals for new furnishings for the meetinghouse should be taken to the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee. Games and craft materials that children might enjoy should be offered to CALM, not simply dropped off upstairs. And finally, kitchen items, including coffee mugs, cans of vegetables and fancy serving dishes should be offered to the Hospitality Committee, not just left in the kitchen. (Food items, in particular, are better donated to a food pantry rather than the Meetinghouse.)

Thank you, Friends, for your thoughtful cooperation.

— Marin Clarkberg

Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Monthly Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business, December January 12, 2014

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.)

2014 01.1 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 12, 2014. Copies of annual reports and the treasurer's annual report were distributed. A sign-in sheet was circulated. At 12:25 pm, 43 Friends gathered and settled into silent worship.

Clerk read from Thomas R Kelly's pamphlet, Reality of the Spiritual World and the Gathered Meeting.

*And now I must speak of the internal prayer of carrying...
Within the fellowship there is an experience of relatedness with one another, a relation of upholding one another by internal bonds of prayer, that I can only call the prayer of carrying. Between those of the fellowship there is not merely a sense of unity when we are together physically; with some this awareness of being bonded through a common life continues almost as vividly when separated as when together. This awareness of our life as in their lives, and their lives as in our life, is a strange experience. It is as if the barriers of individuality were let down, and we shared a common life and love. A subterranean, internal relation of supporting those who are near to us in the fellowship takes place. We know that they, too, hold us up by the strength of their bondedness. Have you had the experience of being carried and upheld and supported? I do not mean the sense that God is upholding you, alone. It is the sense that some people you know are lifting you, and offering you, and upholding you in your inner life.*

After a period of silent worship, the Clerk introduced Marilyn Ray, Clerk of Trustees and President of the Corporation.

2014 01.2 Annual Meeting of Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Incorporated.

Present: Molly Ames, Mary Balfour, Barbara Barry, Tommy Brown, Maisy Cadwallader, Christopher Church, Marin Clarkberg, Richard Crepeau, Marion Craig DaGrossa, Esther Darlington, James Finlay, Karen Friedeborn, Janet Frieswyk, Nancy Gabriel, Kathleen Gale, Ginny Gartlein, Nancy Hillegas, Blair Jennings, Melody Johnson, Janis Kelly, Carolyn Kenyon, Elizabeth Keokosky, John Lewis, Ed Lisbe, Charles Mohler, Bronwyn Mohlke, Steve Mohlke, Stephen Paisley, Marilyn Ray, Nancy Riffer, Ellie Rosenberg, Heather Ruff, Susan Ruff, Tom Ruscitti, Antonia Saxon, Elizabeth Schneider, Lenora Schneller, Mike Simkin, Andre/ia Spies, Joanne Sturgeon, Melissa Travis Dunham, Lynn Truame, Gina Varrichio, Wallace Watson, Shirley Way, William White, and Wendy Wolfe.

- 1) Marilyn Ray, Clerk of Trustees and President of the Corporation, opened the Annual Meeting of IMMRSF, Inc., and gave the President's Annual Report for 2013.
- 2) Nancy Hillegas, Recording Clerk of Trustees and Secretary of the Corporation, gave the Secretary's annual report for 2013.
- 3) Mike Simkin, Treasurer of the Meeting and of the Corporation, gave the end of the fiscal year budget report. Although the Meeting received only 87% of the requested amount of \$59,773 in donations, our income still exceeded our expenses in 2013 by just \$226. The report also included the final detailed analysis of income and expenses related to the Third Street Meetinghouse project.

Meeting received the reports. This ended the Annual Meeting of the Corporation. @

The Clerk recognized Fell Cadwallader and Blair Jennings for holding the gathering in the Light and explained the practice of reading annual reports aloud so that all may focus together on what is shared.

2014 01.3 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, Greeters, Hector Meeting House, Hospitality, Library, Ministry and Worship, Newsletter, Pastoral Care, Peace Witness, Program, Publicity, Social Justice, Third Street Meetinghouse, and Young Friends. Friends received the annual reports. @

2014 01.4 Other concerns.

A Friend expressed a concern that there is a lack of clarity about November Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business's minuted decision regarding the meetinghouse rental policy. The annual report from the Third Street Meetinghouse Committee seemed to vary from the representation in the December newsletter. Friends asked TSMC to meet with the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Outreach Committee to increase our shared understanding of this minute. The issue may return to the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business early in 2014. @

Friends expressed a lack of familiarity with the Ad Hoc Neighborhood Outreach Committee and asked why there was no annual report from this group. The committee is quite new and has only met once; the clerk advised that an annual report was not necessary for 2013. @

A Friend expressed joy at partaking in the banquet that is our annual meeting. @

Twenty-seven Friends settled into worship at 2:15 pm before adjourning. Our next regular Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business will be held at the rise of Meeting on February 9, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marin Clarkberg, Recording Clerk

Women's Chair Yoga, Monday and Friday

Consider joining us Mondays and Fridays at Third St Meetinghouse, 11a.m. to noon. For more information, please contact Nancy Gabriel at 277-8930 or ntg2@cornell.edu.

Alternatives to Solitary Confinement, Feb 1

Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC) will discuss their work to end solitary confinement and local groups will share their efforts to resist mass incarceration on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. Meeting followed by potluck dinner.

February 2014 Calendar of Ithaca Monthly Meeting

Superbowl with Quakers

Sunday, February 2, 6p

No one does it like we do. Meeting with attention to football: the Dunhams' annual Superbowl party at 105 Dunmore Place, Ithaca. This is a fun time to socialize with F/friends and watch the "Big Game" ... or 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: 277-9599, Mtravis823@yahoo.com or C_J_dunham@yahoo.com.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business

Sunday, February 9, Rise of Meeting

Join in the Quaker decision-making process. Agenda items should be sent to our clerk, Antonia Saxon, by the preceding Wednesday.

Witness: Earthcare, Peace, Social Justice

Saturday, February 16, Rise of Meeting

There will be a joint meeting of the Earthcare, Peace Witness and Social Justice Committees at the Rise of Meeting..

Experiment with Light

Sunday, February 23, 9a

"Experiment With Light" is a guided meditation that tries to reproduce the transformative experiences of early Quakers in their Meetings for Worship, by bringing the light to bear on issues of concern to us. This guided meditation takes about 45 minutes, and is usually followed by silent reflection or journaling, and then by worship sharing. Join us upstairs before Meeting for Worship.

Brunch

Sunday, February 23, Rise of Meeting

All are invited to stay for fellowship and a bite to eat after the rise of meeting. Friends are invited to bring a dish to share with others.

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.

Every Sunday

- 9:30a **Coffee and fellowship** in the library of the Third Street Meetinghouse; entering silence by 10:15.
- 10:30a **Meeting for Worship** for all ages at the Third Street Meetinghouse
- 10:45a **First Day School:** attenders exit the meetingroom.

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 Burtt House (227 N. Willard Way)
- Thurs 4-4:30p **Peace Vigil** at the bottom of East State Street near the Community School for Music and Arts