

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

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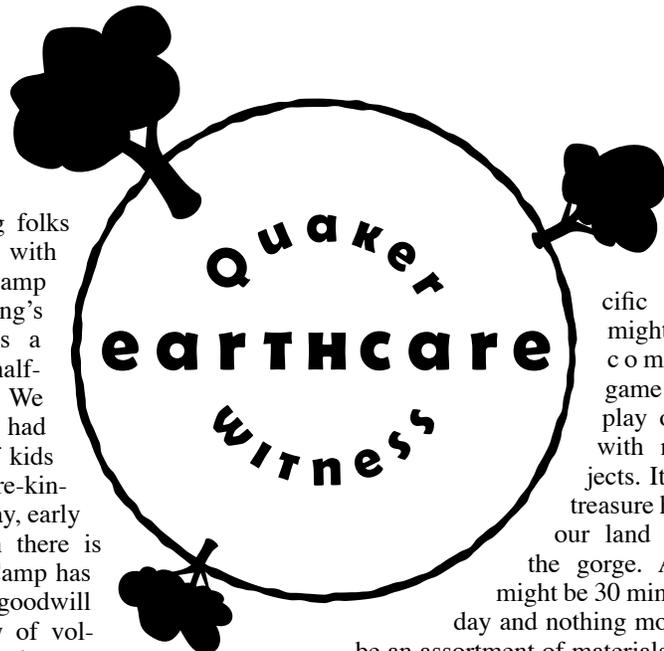
Ithaca Monthly Meeting Camp for Youth

Monday through Thursday, June 25-28; registration due June 10th

I am very eagerly looking for willing folks to pitch in with our summer camp for the Meeting's youth. This is a four day long half-day program. We have typically had four groups of kids ranging from pre-kindergarten to, say, early teen (although there is no age cap). Camp has relied on the goodwill and generosity of volunteers for its existence.

Planning has been slow this year, in part because Bronwyn and I are both heavily committed to Spring Gathering planning.

We need help. In particular, I search for people willing to be with kids, outdoors, during camp hours (9-1). Activities might include hiking, wading, digging, and various amateur craft type things. I would also embrace any volunteers to lead some sort of brief activity. Our theme this year is "earthcare." An activity might be a story you could share with a mixed-age group or



a smaller age-specific group. It might be a non-competitive game we could play outdoors or with natural objects. It could be a treasure hunt around our land or through the gorge. An activity might be 30 minutes on one

day and nothing more. It could be an assortment of materials left out on a table for a longer period.

Camp is a whole lot of fun. It's great to build community with the kids, to see the kids built community with one another, and in general to be surrounded by a loving community of other Quakers. I invite you to be a part of it.

With love,
—Rini Clarkberg
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(See note inside about the dish-to-pass supper and camp out on Friday evening, June 29.)

registration forms are available at:
http://www.ithacamonthlymeeting.org/documents/2007_summer_camp_registration.pdf

Announcements

Annual Burt House workday / Saturday, June 2

Saturday, June 2: Annual Burt House workday, 10-2 pm. 227 North Willard Way, Ithaca. All are welcome and needed! Come help with storm windows, spring cleaning, and spruce-up projects. A simple lunch will be served, and of course, some fabulous baked goods. Drop in for part or all of the work day. Many hands needed to complete our work.

Ned and Marjorie Burt lovingly left the Burt House to our meeting as a place to gather for fellowship, community, and the work of Friends. Come gather on June 2 to honor their gift by helping provide stewardship of this beautiful home. In the last year, we have hosted two memorial services for long-time meeting members, dinners and programs of Young Friends, visitors from as far away as Vietnam and Chechnya, peace groups, and many, many committee meetings; and provided a home for two families and several other grateful residents. Come help create community by working side-by-side in the tradition of Friends. Our workday is from 10-2 pm. Gloves and willingness to help are the only tools needed. Scones and tea/coffee available by 10! A simple lunch to be shared.

Missed your chance to participate on June 2? That's not a problem! There are still ways that you can help, at a time that is convenient to you. Bonnie Tyler (273-6084) will have a list of the tasks yet to be done. Please get in touch with Mary Balfour to set up a time 273-5421, mbalfour123@gmail.com.

Peace Potluck at Perry City Meetinghouse / Saturday, June 2

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.

This month we have invited dads to discuss how fatherhood has formed and led their peacemaking.

Please join us on Saturday, June 2nd at the Perry City Meeting House on Route 227 in Perry City. Dish to pass at 5:30; discussion 7:00 - 9:00. Come to either or both.

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.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business / next held on Sunday, July 8

Friends, meeting for worship with attention to business will not be held in June. It will next be held after the rise of meeting for worship on Sunday, July 8. The clerk asks to receive all agenda items no later than Monday, July 2.

Second Sunday Celebration Circle / Sunday, June 10

Jody Kessler leads the Second Sunday Celebration Circle on the second Sunday of every month at 7:00 pm in the Henry St. John Building. Share in a deep, devotional, participatory experience that weaves together various elements of worship from many traditions: uplifting songs and sacred chants, prayers, poetry and

inspirational readings, guided meditation and silent reflection, a short talk exploring a spiritual topic, simple, participatory ritual designed to integrate the teaching, an opportunity to share from the heart, in supportive spiritual fellowship. The theme of our next celebration circle (June 10th) will be "Keeping the Channel Open: Creativity as Spiritual Practice." Adults and teens welcome.

Our celebrations take place at the Henry St. John Building, 301 S. Geneva St., Ithaca, suite 103. Enter the building through the playground side ramp entrance. We are downstairs, first door on the left. The building is wheelchair accessible, and there is plenty of free parking.

Peace Witness Committee Meeting / Tuesday, June 12

The Peace Witness Committee will meet at its regular time on the second Tuesday of the month, June 12, 7:30 PM at the Burt House. All are welcome to bring ideas and thoughts on how to bring the Quaker Peace Testimony into our own lives and into the world.

From the Social Justice Committee: A Moral Economy for Spaceship Earth / Thursday, June 14

Quakers Robert Howell of New Zealand and David Millar of Montreal, who are with the Quaker Institute for the Future, will be coming to the Burt House in Ithaca on Thursday, June 14 for a presentation on "A Moral Economy for Spaceship Earth" and a discussion on "how needed changes could happen". They, along with Peter Brown of Montreal have been working for some time on a book concerning the future of the economic order with particular reference to issues of ecology and poverty. There will be a dish to pass dinner at 6 pm followed by the presentation and discussion at 7 pm. They are making a tour with the presentation across the northeast, including Montreal, Toronto, Buffalo, Philadelphia, NYC, and Boston. They requested to come to Ithaca as well. They want to reach a wide audience. SJC hopes that many Friends will join us for this event.

Building the Conscience Movement / June 15-17

The New York Yearly Meeting Committee on Conscientious Objection to Military Taxation is sponsoring a weekend conference in Rochester, June 15-17, 2007, designed for Building a Conscience Movement. The weekend is for anyone--Quaker or nonQuaker--who wants to think more deeply about living conscientiously, not just in terms of taxes.

Does your conscience object to paying for war?

Please join us in building a conscience movement. All are invited.

We will practice using the language of conscience and active pacifism and ways to share these ideas with others.

We will discuss public action, legislative work and judicial challenges to military taxation.

We will share stories about our fears, our sufferings and how following our conscience changes our way of life.

Share the joy of moving toward a life of wholeness and non-violence.

Will include a two part session on Finding Our Voices: Panel on the failure of violence and movement from conscience to action, and A look at our stops and fears about participating in conscience work and how others have overcome these.

The weekend will be held at Rochester Friends Meeting, 41 Scio Street, Rochester, NY.

For more information, contact Jens Braun, clerk of COMT, sjbraun@taconic.net, 518-392-0891 or for registration materials, contact Karen Reixach, kreixach@gmail.com, 585-261-8334. If you need hospitality or child care, early registration would be helpful.

Farewell to Julie Popenoe, Dan Brainard, Sarah and Silas / Sunday, June 24

Julie Popenoe, Dan Brainard, Sarah and Silas will soon be moving to Michigan (see Directory Changes for their new address). Our brunch on Sunday, June 24, will be a time to wish them well. Please bring finger foods to share.

Next Steps towards a Meetinghouse / Sunday, June 24

Our Clerk suggested the following query for moving forward through worship sharing:

Given the information that we have from Design Committee and Financial Planning Committee reports, and the process minute summarizing our collective experience over the past several years in seeking a new meetinghouse, what is the next topic of discussion, broadly related to seeking a new meetinghouse, that you believe would be constructive for our Meeting to address?

Our Clerk asks us to consider this query over the next month and perhaps we can find time to devote to worship sharing. Friends felt that Sunday, June 24th, after our brunch would be a good time for such a gathering. Please join us!!

Meeting for Healing / Tuesday, June 26

The individual whose commitment to the community is based on a sense that these community members are somehow special human beings, who have the right concerns and values and live the right lives, will find great difficulty when members of the community fail to live up to these standards and expectations.

In contrast, the individual whose commitment is based on an acceptance of a covenant relationship with God, has a different reaction to these inevitable pains and disappointments. The covenant relationship says that we are given in relationship to each other precisely in order to help one another through these painful times into a fuller relationship with God and one another. What is a centrifugal force in one case is a bonding experience among a covenant people. Our individual sins and failures become opportunities for the community to practice true loving forgiveness, to offer spiritual counsel and guidance, and to offer spiritual and emotional healing.

—Patricia McBee, *Grounded in God*

A Meeting for Healing is held at 7:15 on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Melody Johnson and Dick Crepeau's house (112 Mount Pleasant Road, Ithaca). This month it will be on June 26. All are welcome to attend. If you have a concern but cannot attend, let Melody know, and you will be held in the Light. For directions, or more information, please call Melody at 272-8755.

Quaker Writers / Thursday, June 28

Quaker Writers are meeting on Thursday, June 28 at 7:00 pm at the home of Melody and Dick, 112 Mt. Pleasant. All are welcome to join us. Call Melody 272-8755 for more info.

Floating Meeting and camp out / Friday, June 29

Floating Meeting will take place on our Route 79 property as a culmination of our four days of Earthcare Camp. You are welcome to arrive any time in the afternoon. A dish-to-pass supper will start at 6:00, followed by an evening of fellowship around the fire, performances by the kids, singing, etc. Those who would like to be welcome to camp that night on the land. For more information, please contact Rini Clarkberg, 277-9364, mec30@cornell.edu.

Announcement about the Program at Hector for Children this Summer

CALM is concerned that attendance of families with children at Hector Meetinghouse over the summer has been dwindling for the past few years. CALM is concerned about this and has reorganized the summer program for children so that the time will be a different type of First Day School where children will be encouraged to play respectfully. The area behind the Meetinghouse will be set up with a screened room with a picnic table with attached benches where older children can play quiet games or read. The pavilion will be for arts, crafts, and snacks. There will also be a marked area where children can play other types of more active games, and of course the swing area.

We hope families who do not generally attend Worship at Hector with their children will be encouraged to attend and will give members of CALM their feedback about the new organization and any issues they or their children may have with Hector.

CALM is seeking adults who would be willing to supervise the children from 10:45 when they leave worship until the end of worship. Corrine will be there to keep the littlest ones occupied, and often parents stay outside with the children, but we need to have one adult each week who will be in charge of supervising the children.

CALM is also seeking someone with a background in child development to plan some activities for the children during this period each week, but so far has not found anyone. Even if we do find someone we will still need an adult Supervisor. There will be a list circulating at Meeting for Worship, but you can also get in touch with Marilyn Ray. Someone from CALM will call you during the week before your volunteer day to remind you.

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I Ain't Marching Anymore: Iraq Veterans Against the War Share Their Views on War / June 9

On Saturday June 9, from 7pm - 9pm in the Unitarian Church Annex (208 E. Buffalo), Tompkins County War Resistance and the Ithaca Unitarian Social Justice Council will present the event, "I Ain't Marching Anymore: Members of the Iraq Veterans Against the War share their experiences and strategize with the Ithaca community." Active duty soldiers and veterans are coming to Ithaca. They will speak and then there will be opportunity to talk in small groups about how we can work with our troops to end the war. According to many recent polls, at least 72% of American soldiers are against this war and want to come home. The group Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW) is leading the way in organizing to support both veterans and active duty soldiers who have doubts or who are even choosing to resist the war. The IVAW is working toward three goals: immediate withdrawal of all occupying forces in Iraq; reparations for Iraqis; and full benefits, adequate health-care (including mental health) and other supports for returning servicemen and women. In a tradition begun by the GI Resistance Movement during the Vietnam War, this war's first soldier's cafe has opened near Fort Drum in Watertown, NY. In this spirit of resistance and hopes for peace, sponsoring groups have created an Ithaca GI resistance coffeehouse for the night. Coffee, treats and IVAW merchandise to be sold in support of the IVAW. For more info contact: "Bryn Roshong" <blr35@cornell.edu>

Summer Sessions of New York Yearly Meeting / Silver Bay, July 22 – 28, 2007

Friends from all over New York Yearly Meeting gather together for the week of July 22 – 28 at Silver Bay, on the west shore of Lake George. It is a beautiful setting, and wonderful time for meeting for worship, committee meetings, time to get to know Friends from around Yearly Meeting, and time for recreation. Friends from our Meeting who have attended in the past include the Mallison family, Elspeth Rhodin, Nancy Gabriel, Marion DaGrossa, Mac Larsen, Dick and Melody, Graham O, Bruce Berggren-Thomas, and the Mohlkes. Please feel free to ask more about this event. For more information, you may also visit: www.nyym.org/silverbay07/

Here is a letter from Ernie Buscemi, the clerk of New York Yearly Meeting:

Dear Friends:

As we enter our 312th Session of New York Yearly Meeting, we continue our journey with God at our center. Our epistle last year noted the Kenyan call and response, "God is good— All the time; All the time—God is good." We affirmed, "The Blessed Community is here—All the time; All the time—the Blessed Community is here." As we engage in communal conversation and discernment this week, I hold a vision of wholeness with love and prayer. That vision will be made manifested by the engagement of all our yearly meeting, so I offer a heartfelt and grateful welcome for your presence and participation as a blessed community.

Our theme and focus for all to explore is "Stewardship... Our Earth, Our Mind, Our Soul."

We are a faith community who, in worship, listens and discerns leadings, ministry, and the call to witness. Out of worship comes our willingness to articulate our vision

of service to God. Sessions Committee, in prayerful discernment, planned our time together so that we might be nurtured, sustained, opened, amazed, and continually blessed as we move through the week with God as our Guide. We trust that in faithfulness, as we worship with a concern for business, we will be challenged and moved to act by the words of our three invited speakers looking through their lens at stewardship of the Earth, Mind, and Soul. As we live together in community, opportunities for fellowship abound. Throughout the day we will meet and greet one another with love, truthfulness, and tender care. The participation, excitement and energy of our youth, teens and young adult Friends in this blessed community remind us of what it means to be whole. Our time together during the week is invaluable and precious. Our desire and intention is to build a supportive community which respects and upholds us all.

The challenge today is to speak what God is calling us to do, and discern how we can bring all our resources into alignment. As we concern ourselves with the very real issues of bricks, mortar, programming and money, we hold firm to the realization that we are discerning a call to mission and ministry; how we will continue to grow as we serve God. It's all about mission and ministry. So, thanks for coming, for prayers and welcome to New York Yearly Meeting Sessions; where the intent is serious and opportunity to experience communal living with faithfulness, integrity, love and communal understandings. Let's live our faith and practice. Until we meet may our hearts carry love, truth, tenderness....

—Ernestine Buscemi, clerk, New York Yearly Meeting

Powell House / Upcoming Events

Powell House is the conference and retreat center of New York Yearly Meeting - Religious Society of Friends. Their mission is to foster the spiritual growth of Friends and others and to strengthen the application of Friends' testimonies in the world.

It is a quiet, peaceful place conducive to reflection and spiritual growth. Programs and facilities are structured to foster community development and strengthen group identity.

Please contact Powell House at 518-794-8811 or go on the web at <http://www.powellhouse.org> for more information or to register for any conference. Child care is available with three weeks advance notice.

Descriptions of the June weekends can be found in the May newsletter.

What's It Matter Anyway June 8 - 10 (4th to 6th Grade)

Living From The Divine Center: A Contemplative

Retreat June 15 - 18

Led by Linda Chidsey

Don't Box Me In June 22-24 (7th to 9th grade)

A note from Melanie-Claire Mallison on the following workshop: I will be attending the following conference at Powell House and would dearly love for other Ithacans to attend with me. It is not necessary to have been a part of the series, this is a stand-alone workshop on supporting and enriching our Monthly Meeting. Let me know if you'd like to carpool!

June 23-25, 2007, Nurture III
Nurturing Our Monthly Meeting or Worship Group
Jane Berger, Carol Holmes and Denise Sherman, facilitators
Through the Nurture Series, we have discussed the core beliefs of NYYM Friends and the foundations of our Quaker testimonies. This weekend we will "bring it home" to our Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups, which are the spiritual basis of Quakerism in the world. We will cover:

- * The history of the creation of Monthly Meetings,
- * how we support and are supported by our Meeting,
- * the ways our spiritual life is enriched and deepened by active membership,
- * and how our core beliefs and testimonies are best lived out through a strong community.

Join us for this conference focused on nurturing our Monthly Meeting or Worship Group.

Unwinding 2007 June 28 – July 1 (10th – 12th grade)

EASTERN COOPERATIVE RECREATION SCHOOL
8/7/2007-8/11/2007

This is a great opportunity to learn and practice lots of experiential techniques and games that have been a main stay of the PoHo youth program for generations. Sign up at the Eastern Cooperative Recreation School web site: www.ecrs.org

ECRS Summer School is a joyous parade of opportunities for play and rejuvenation through creativity. Join us for a fun-filled experience. Whether you've come to learn how to lead recreation activities, or just want to spend time with an inter-generational, diverse group of people who know the value of play, ECRS Summer School is the place for you. Enjoy a variety of classes for learning a new skill or polishing an old one. There is something for everyone. Choose from singing, games, dance, drama and other classes to create a program that is tailored just for you. Everyone gathers for meals and evening activities. Bring your musical instruments (even if you haven't played in years) and your enthusiasm.

The Eastern Cooperative Recreation School regards recreation for all as one orientation to life and as a way to aid human development. Recreation rests and refreshes, not only because it sometimes provides an "escape" but also because it adds richness, gaiety, and depth to living and to relationships. In addition, for more than sixty years, ECRS has offered recreation leadership training based on the belief that recreation is important for its own sake and as a tool for teachers, social workers, and others who work with people, either on a paid or volunteer basis.

Our unique approach offers an opportunity to learn recreation leadership by participation rather than formal discussion. Attendance at the school is open to members and non-members, to those interested in recreation leadership training and to those who just wish to participate and have fun.

Classes include: Informal Dramatics, Folk Dancing, Small Scenes, Games, Storytelling, Song Leadership, Children's Program, Informal Art, Creative Writing, and Line Dancing.

Newcomer Discount \$50 discount for 2007! Bring your friends! You receive a \$50 tuition discount for each newcomer you bring. Each newcomer also receives a \$50 tuition discount. A great way to support Summer School! Discount applies to full-tuition paying adults only. For more information on this workshop, visit: www.ecrs.org/ss2007.html

Minutes of the May 2007 Meeting for Business of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Tom Brown, Clerk

Nancy Gabriel, Assistant Clerk

Melanie-Claire Mallison, Recording Clerk

Steve Mohlke, Treasurer

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

200705.1 Gathering:

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting (IMM) met on May 20, 2007, in the Cul de Snack, Anabel Taylor Hall, Cornell University campus for Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. At 12:40 PM, nineteen F/friends settled into worship. Our Clerk read selections from the NYYM Faith and Practice, "Quaker Community and Fellowship" section, pages 36 & 37. @

200705.2 Spring Gathering Update:

Marilyn Ray reported for the Planning Committee. Registrations are coming in and the committee is now looking for volunteers from Ithaca Monthly Meeting to assist with a variety of jobs during Spring Gathering; i.e., helping with the registration table, some organization is needed around meals, and making sure spaces are ready for their intended use. @

200705.3 Social Justice Committee:

Sue Ruff reviewed the committees work together forming a minute against torture. The committee asks the Meeting to recognize this minute and have it included in the minutes of this meeting for business. In addition, the committee suggests that a gathering could be coordinated to discuss the minute and its implications to the Meeting.

"The Social Justice Committee of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends find torture immoral, illegal and abhorrent. Torture steals the humanity of the tortured, the torturer, and those who have knowledge of it. We believe in the sanctity of life, a faith that arises from our experience that there is that of God in everyone. This Light helps us to see our face in the stranger's face. Fear and denial cause us to forget our deep connections with one another. Only when we are willing to surrender to the Light, individually and corporately, can we eliminate the roots of torture."

Friends spoke to their concern that sometimes the Meeting approves or hears a minute and then behaves as though that takes care of the concern. Instead some items we minute require of us appropriate focus and action beyond the Meeting for Business. In this case, further action and concern should be brought to the Social Justice Committee for consideration. @

200705.4 Children & The Life of the Meeting:

Ellie Rosenberg reported for the Committee on their concern for the activities of the older children while we are out at Hector Meeting House for the summer. CALM would like to add another covered enclosure to the yard space, a large picnic table inside a screened tent. CALM would pay for the screened tent out of its own budget, but is asking the Meeting for supplemental funds to cover the cost of the table or other appropriate surface. The Meeting APPROVED this request. Friends are also encouraged to make contributions to CALM, through our treasurer, to help cover such unexpected expenses. @

200705.5 Trustees Report:

The Clerk presented for the trustees, the following item. The Burt House Committee was been contacted by the fraternity house above on Stewart Ave, Alpha Sigma Phi (ASP). The fraternity is planning an addition to their property and as part of that process would like to permanently close off the path from Stewart Ave through the Burt House property to Willard Way. They are suggesting erecting a six foot cedar fence well into their own property. ASP wanted to be sure that we agree with and are comfortable with their proposal. The Burt House Committee and trustees looked into various possible 'stops' to the closing of the access path, and found that there are no legal or safety reason to keep the path available. Friends agreed this proposal solves many problems the path has always presented, and heartily APPROVE the closing off of the access by Alpha Sigma Phi. @

200705.6 Ministry and Oversight:

Ellie Rosenberg reported for the Committee regarding the June Meeting for Business. After consideration of last month's discussion, the committee again recommends that there be no Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in June. Friends APPROVE.

Considering the closing of the doors for Meeting for Worship from 11:05 to 11:15a, M&O prayerfully considered the concerns expressed by Friends, and continue to recommend that the Meeting be gathered and closed for that time. They will place a sign on the door requesting that Friends honor this request, but Hospitality Committee members will no longer be responsible for 'guarding' the door.

Ellie also reported on the successful wedding of Angelika and Simon, this past Saturday.

Nancy Gabriel read a memorial minute for Franklin Pineo who passed away June 22, 2006. Friends APPROVE this minute, included below, and direct the Clerk to send a copy to NYYM Office, Ernestine Buscemi, clerk. @

200705.7 IMM Minute of Process:

Tonia Saxon distributed and presented the latest draft of the Minute of Process. With the suggested changes in bold and one slight word change of "Meeting members" to "the Meeting"-Friends APPROVE this Minute of Process and APPROVE including the statement in these minutes. The Minute of Process is below. @

200705.8 Next Steps

Our Clerk suggested the following query for moving forward through worship sharing:

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Our Clerk asks us to consider this query over the next month and perhaps we can find time to devote to worship sharing. Friends felt that Sunday, June 24th, after our brunch would be a good time for such a gathering. @

At 2:40 PM, twelve F/friends gathered into worship before adjourning.

We will meet again for Worship with Attention to Business on July 8, 2007, in the Cul de Snack at Anabel Taylor Hall after 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.)

Memorial Minute for Franklin Pineo

Franklin Pineo, a long-time member of Ithaca NY and Southampton PA Friends Meetings, was born in 1917 in Butler, PA. He died on June 22, 2006 in Ithaca NY. Throughout his life he was vibrant, full of life and always had a fun-loving sparkle in his eye. He attended Mount Herman High School and Colby College.

Frank developed a brain tumor that was removed when he was eighteen years old. While he was in the hospital he overheard the doctors giving him only three years to live. This affected him tremendously: thinking he might only live until he was twenty one, he began living his life to the fullest and taking risks. "Riding the rails" was part of this fresh passion for life. He also loved to be out of doors, to camp, canoe, bicycle, and hike.

He married Caroline Cole in Massachusetts in 1945. At the end of World War II they served with AFSC in a devastated coastal city in France, where they assessed the needs, obtained supplies from AFSC and helped people whose families had suffered from the war to develop their community. They helped set up a sewing center where women used donated fabrics and sewing machines to make much needed new clothing, and a children's activity center where a "get acquainted" party invitation brought many more people than expected, certainly more than there were chairs for. So Frank and Caroline asked the children to sit on the floor, which they did, and the party proceeded in an orderly way. After they completed their assignment they biked all over Europe for six weeks.

When they returned to Philadelphia they lived in Conshohocken, then moved to Concord Park, which was an intentionally integrated community in Trevoise, PA. Frank taught special education classes and Caroline worked in the PYM Religious Education office. Frank kept busy in his workshop and later helped form the Wonderland Puppet Theater with neighbors. They took their message of goodwill and understanding to area schools in performances that were both inspirational and fun.

In the summers he and Caroline directed summer camps at Camp Rocky Hill in Warwick, RI and at Quaker Camp Onas in Rushland, PA. During camp they taught outdoor skills and, through example, how to be Friends in word and deed, all suffused with joy and gentle humor.

In 1979 Frank and Caroline and their close friends, Helen and Karl Schantz and their family from Concord Park, moved to a farm in rural Odessa NY, where they developed a small cooperative community. In Odessa Frank worked in his wood shop, tapped maples and boiled maple syrup, cut wood for the winter, reconditioned a pond, and did some exploring. Karl retired early from teaching and developed his pottery works, selling pottery at a coop in Ithaca. They had a large garden, and both families extended warm hospitality to visitors.

Frank transferred his membership to Ithaca Friends Meeting and became active in New York Yearly Meeting, Powell House and Friends General Conference. Frank served as Clerk of Ithaca Meeting from 1982-1984. He and Karl attended Reverend Jack Lewis' Thursday Morning Pancake Breakfast, gathering Cornell students, faculty and neighbors who shared ideas about disarmament and world peace. After the hearty breakfast and good talk, they stayed to do the cleanup. Frank continued his long history of participation in Quaker peace actions and disarmament demon-

strations. He inspired many during this time, some of whom joined Ithaca Friends and continue their work for peace today.

Frank still loved to travel on trains, though now he bought a ticket. He took overnight hikes on the Finger Lakes Trails and participated in Walks for Peace. During this time Frank and Caroline became close friends with their chiropractor, Mary Balliett, and her husband John. Mary and John provided healing and help of every kind, and they continue their care for Caroline since Frank's death.

In 1996 Frank and Caroline moved to Friends Village in Newtown. There they were able to reconnect with F/friends from Southampton Meeting, Concord Park and PYM. Frank continued to take long walks and camped out overnight in the community gardens at the top of the ridge behind the village.

In 2001 they moved back to Ithaca to live in a retirement center which had assisted living available. Many F/friends provided an active support community. When Frank needed more care, he moved to a nursing facility, where his cheerfulness warmed everyone around him. Throughout their lives together, Frank and Caroline had a warm loving relationship, even when at the end, things grew very difficult.

Frank was a gifted storyteller, and he always gave his undivided attention to whomever he was with. He was willing to try something new even as he entered his seventies, when he attempted cross-country skiing. He lived his life with courage and an abiding faith in that of God in everyone.

—*Helen Schantz and Melody Johnson*

Ithaca Monthly Meeting Minute of Process **5/19/07**

This Minute of Process was written by Steve Mohlke and Tonia Saxon. It combines the writers' rendering of comments from members and attenders during meetings in which Meetinghouse business was taken up, together with written comments by members and attenders of the Ithaca Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends.

The Ithaca Monthly Meeting has sought a godly outcome to our search for a meeting home, but we are not yet in unity about what that might be. As we have tried to search for Light in recent years, we have found ourselves at odds, even in open conflict with those whose feelings and ideas differ from our own. Many feel a sense of exhaustion; there is talk of being "burned out." Others remain hopeful that a way will open.

Some of us feel more urgently the need to leave Anabel Taylor Hall and to find a space that will allow all of us to gather in one place, a building from which to carry forth our ministry more efficiently and effectively. Others worry that work on a new Meetinghouse was started before proper groundwork was laid. Some feel that our Called Meeting in February of 2001 was a gathered meeting during which we decided to purchase the Rt. 79 land and build a new Meetinghouse. Others felt that was not a gathered meeting and that the enthusiasm of the majority prevented minority voices from speaking up. Some have felt a loyalty to that 2001 decision we made as a group. Others have felt ready to question or even reverse that decision as new information emerged.

Once the Design Committee's work began, some felt that the design process kept rolling forward with no way to stop it or even question it. Others felt there was a persistent undermining of the process all the way along; that those in the Meeting who were unhappy with the process did not share their concerns openly, but withdrew.

Conflicting attitudes about money have contributed to the tension. Some have expressed a concern that building a new

Meetinghouse is, in itself, contrary to right use of resources. Many feel that as problems with the site on Rt. 79 have been revealed, the cost of the project has climbed past a price the Meeting can afford. Others feel it is within reach. Some feel that we are not accepting our financial limits, while others have faith that when we reach unity, we will be able to raise the money.

During development of plans for a new building, Meeting reinstated an Alternate Sites Committee to search for existing buildings for sale that might meet our needs. Some felt this was an unnecessary or even unwelcome division of our energies. Others felt great relief that new options would be considered. One month later, the Alternate Sites Committee returned to the Meeting with an enthusiastic recommendation of a house and outbuildings that could be converted to a Meetinghouse. Their enthusiasm was overwhelmed by multiple objections to the proposal. Conversations that needed to occur and that might have led to reconciliation never took place. While some were relieved that the Meeting finally made a clear decision about something, others felt shut down—silenced. For some, this meeting was the lowest point of an already fraught process—a failure of gospel order.

The Burt House is the source of some of the most deeply felt opinions held by our Meeting Community. Many feel that while it is valuable now, we won't need it once we have a meetinghouse. Others feel that it could have significant value to us even after we have a meetinghouse. Some feel that it would be a tremendous loss to let it go, while others wonder how we could possibly manage the property in addition to a meetinghouse.

The language of the foregoing paragraphs, with the phrases "Some feel. . ." and "Others feel. . ." may lead to the belief the Meeting is divided into two distinct parties. Yet in meetings and threshing sessions, many have found that while they disagree with their neighbor about one dimension of the Meetinghouse issue, they agree on other issues. Differences of opinion exist on different levels and do not make themselves felt in predictable ways.

Tension and conflict are not necessarily alien to the spiritual process of answering a higher call. It is the way we handle the tension and conflict that is crucial to our lives together as a worshipping community. We have sometimes mistaken feelings of momentum and excitement for a quiet, gathered sense of certainty about the way forward. We in Ithaca Meeting have failed to love and cherish one another enough as we labor to come to unity. We have not always asked the right questions. We have sometimes fallen into the error of letting our desire to come to some suitable resolution outrun our willingness to see the Light in one another. Some feel that this has come to dilute the tender regard for each other which lies at the heart of our worship. A few have chosen not to worship with us, a development of grave sorrow to us.

We know more than we did at the beginning. The patient work of the Design Committee has brought us much information about our options for a new building on the Rt. 79 property. We have a design and an estimate. We have an estimate to adapt a building on Elm Street. We have a better understanding of where our differences lie. In that sense, we have made real progress.

But the cost of our process has been high. We acknowledge the failures and disappointments our meeting has undergone. We are examining ways to deepen our understanding of meeting for worship with attention to business. And we anticipate prayerful consideration of a home for our meeting—a search that knits us closer together and strengthens our shared ministry.

June 2007 Calendar

Weekly Events:

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

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

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June 2 Sat 10:00am-2:00pm Burt House work day***

5:30 pm Peace potluck at the Perry City Meetinghouse, followed by a discussion. This month we have invited dads to discuss how fatherhood has formed and led their peacemaking. ***

June 3 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

June 6 Wed 1:15 – 3pm Kitchen Cupboard. Call Ginny Gartlein for information (272-3471). Please remember - Kitchen Cupboard desperately needs brown paper bags.

June 10 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

7:00 pm Celebration Circle / An interfaith worship service led by Jody Kessler. This month's theme is "Keeping the Channel Open: Creativity as Spiritual Practice" ***

June 12 Tues 7:30 pm Peace Witness committee meeting at the Burt House. All interested are very welcome to attend

June 14 Thurs 6:00 pm Dish-to-pass supper at the Burt House, to be followed by

7:00 pm Presentation by Quakers Robert Howell and David Millar on "A Moral Economy for Spaceship Earth" and a discussion on "how needed changes could happen" ***

June 15-17 Building the Conscience Movement / Rochester Meetinghouse ***

June 17 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

June 24 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 bid farewell to Julie Popenoe, Dan Brainard, Sarah and Silas, just before they move to Michigan

Rise of Brunch Next steps towards a Meetinghouse / worship sharing ***

June 25 Mon July newsletter due date. Please contact Bronwyn Mohlke if you have anything to be included in the July newsletter (see contact information listed below).

June 25 – June 28 Earthcare: Ithaca Monthly Meeting camp ***

June 26 Tues 7:15 pm Meeting for Healing at the home of Melody and Dick ***

June 28 Sat 7:00 pm Quaker Writers' Group / at the home of Melody and Dick ***

June 29 Fri 6:00 pm Dish-to-pass supper, camp fire, and camp out on our Route 79 property ***

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

Do you have something for the July newsletter?

Please get all information you'd like to have included in the July newsletter to Bronwyn Mohlke, by the method of your choice, no later than Monday, June 25. (Bronwyn: 277-4183 / bjm9@cornell.edu / 52 Gray Road, Ithaca, NY 14850)