“We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world
   We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere
   We call each other to more truth and love
   We have the right to start some place and continue to grow
   We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know”

- from An Invitation to Brave Space by Mickey Scottbey Jones

Warm and Joyful Greetings Friends!

This excerpt is from a reading given at the opening of the Undoing Racism from the Inside workshop hosted by Western Quarter on September 16th. I loved the reading and the idea of “brave space” when growth is sought and truly “safe spaces” are rare.

The workshop was a welcome and welcoming experience. I’d like to thank and congratulate the organizers and facilitators for a job well done! To read more about it, please see the article in this newsletter which includes feedback from other participants.

The concept of creating brave spaces applies to more than a one day workshop. Isn’t that what we are called to do as Friends? I wonder if some of the conflict we have seen in the world, in our Yearly Meeting, and even in some meetings might yield growth and healing if we could establish brave spaces in lieu of pretending we have safe spaces?

The theme for October Quarterly Meeting is “ Radical Peacemaking.” I was asked to serve on a panel of speakers, and agreed to do so before I heard the exact theme. The most radical thing I have ever done is put a sticker on my car that states, “Women who behave rarely make history.”

Still, I am intrigued by the query. The other panelists are also Quaker rock stars — you will not be disappointed!

I invite you to join our conversation, to consider a deepening commitment to peacemaking— Not the fake kind that suppresses or ignores discord. Let us seek greater love and truth. Let us give each person the right to start somewhere, to make mistakes and grow. Let us continue to heal together.

Come Friends, let us build brave space together.

Yours in the Light,

Ariana Langford, Co-clerk
OLD Query
Meeting: How does our Meeting act to advance peace, to oppose violence, and to support the constructive use of authority in our community, our nation, and the world? What are we doing as a Meeting:
• to free our nation from militarization, so evident in our society and in its economy?
• to understand the causes of war and violence and to work for the development of the attitudes and institutions of peace?
• to recognize and correct the causes of violence within our communities, and to work toward overcoming separations and restoring wholeness?
• to increase the understanding and use of nonviolent approaches for the resolution of conflicts?

Individual: Do I live in the power of that Life and Spirit that takes away the occasion of all wars?

How do I maintain Friends’ testimony that military training and all participation in war and its preparation are inconsistent with the teaching and the spirit of Christ?

Do I work for the establishment of alternative ways of settling disputes? Am I aware that to build a world community requires that we all face our differences honestly, openly, and in trust?

Do I treat conflict as an opportunity for growth, and address it with careful attention? Do I seek to recognize and respect the Divine in those with whom I have a basic disagreement? Do I look for ways to reaffirm in action and attitude my love for the one with whom I am in conflict?

NEW Query
Grounding for Transformed Lives:
Integrity and Simplicity
a. What is the interplay between simplicity and integrity in the life of our meeting?
b. How does our meeting embody simplicity and integrity in its structures and practices?
c. How has our meeting considered humanity’s impact on the earth’s ecological integrity and the ways in which violence and injustice exacerbate this impact?
d. How do I strive to achieve harmony between my inner and outer commitments in my spiritual journey, my work, my family and my other responsibilities?
e. Am I temperate in all things?
f. Am I open to counsel regarding addictive behavior?
g. Am I involved only with those organizations and activities whose purposes and methods complement my integrity?
h. Am I careful to speak truth as I know it and am I open to truth spoken to me?
i. Am I mindful that judicial oaths imply a double standard of truth?

QUIET SHELTER: A 2018 Calendar Fundraiser
In support of Hockessin Friends Meeting’s First Day School renovations, Anne Cleary and Beth Parker Miller have created a 2018 wall calendar that features selected historic images of Friends Meetinghouses taken by Charles S. Philips in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.
COST: $20 (plus shipping)
CONTACT: Anne Cleary, clearyak@verizon.net to order.
HFM also has started a Go-Fund-Me Campaign! Check out their fundraiser page using the link below, and make a donation to the renovation project via PayPal or credit card (it’s safe and easy!). https://www.gofundme.com/nurturing-light-renovating-for-kids
Western Quarterly Meeting

Radical Peacemaking: Non-Violence & Friends

October 15, 2017

All Friends in the Quarter are invited to join Fallowfield Friends in Worship & fellowship. The morning program on non-violence we challenge us to apply our testimonies to our real, “messy” lives, and deliberately form community around non-violent witness and testimony. Author Audre Lorde said, "there is no such thing as a single-issue struggle because we do not live single-issue lives." We will hear a panel of Friends discuss their experiences using non-violent responses to conflict. We will all have the opportunity to reflect on how we each honor this testimony in different ways. Invited panelists include: Ariana Langford, Sally Milbury-Steen, Jessie Cocks, Gail Newbold and Grayfred Gray.

Fallowfield Friends will provide a main dish of soup for lunch, and welcome your potluck contributions of sides, snacks or desserts.

Schedule:
9 am sign in
9:30-11 am program
11 am Worship
noon - lunch
1-3 pm Meeting for Business

Children will be engaged in their own morning program on non-violence, tools and tactics. All ages welcome!

Fallowfield Friends Meeting is located at 800 Doe Run Road, Coatesville, PA 19320.
Upcoming Events ..... 

Hockessin Meeting’s Fall Festival: Saturday, October 7, 7:00 am—2:00 pm. Yard sale, live music & entertainment, bake sale, children’s games. Proceeds benefit HFM classroom renovations. (see flyer pg 9)

October 8, 5 pm BUCKS QUARTER PRESENTS THE FILM QUAKER OATHS
Suggested donation: $5.00. Newtown Theatre, 120 S. State Street in Newtown, PA
What if everyone who came to your wedding had to sign off on your divorce? This romantic road trip comedy is written and directed by Louisiana "Lucy" Kreutz, who will be with us for the film. Refreshments and Q&A following. View the trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxyqFdwd07I

October 15 (Sunday) Quarterly Meeting at Fallowfield Friends Meeting 9 am – 3 pm (see pg 3)

October 21 (Saturday) Principles and Beliefs of Early Friends, 3 pm, Marlborough MM. Speech and Language Pathologist Henry Jackson shares insights on the meanings of biblical words that support Quaker interpretations of authentic Christianity. (see flyer pg 10)

October 28 YARD SALE 8 am – 2 pm Kennett Friends Meeting
Newark Friends Meeting will be a supporting congregation for a March for Racial Justice and Compassion on Saturday, October 28 in Newark. Step off will be from the George Wilson Community Center at 9:00 a.m. This silent march commemorates the Silent Protest Parade held in New York City in 1917. That march was organized by the NAACP, church, and community leaders to protest violence directed towards African Americans in that year.

POWER Metro visit to Downingtown MM OCTOBER 29, 1:30 - 3:30
Coordinator Will Fuller will be answering questions and speaking to the issue of interfaith social justice work. www.powerinterfaith.org is a Philadelphia based non-partisan coalition working on various social justice issues in PA. Several Friends Meetings are already part of this coalition. (see flyer pg 12)

November 11, Friends Historical Association Annual Meeting on Saturday, Arch Street Meeting House. Presentation on Lucretia Mott is free; reservation & fee required for lunch. Please see visit http://www.quakerhistory.org/events/ for more information. (see flyer pg 11)

November 11 (Saturday) Movie Night, Hockessin MM. 4:30 pm Zootopia (PG); 6:30 pm Pizza & Salad; 7:15 pm Hidden Figures (PG)

November 18 Friendship Evening, Hockessin MM. Potluck at 6:00 pm and program at 7:00 pm. Guest speaker, Pamela Powell, Photo Archivist at the Chester County Historical Society, will present a slide show of images in the CCHS Charles S. Philips photography collection.

Haddonfield Quarter is sponsoring a "We Can Do It Day" on Saturday, November 11, from 10 AM-3 PM, at Burlington Meetinghouse. Presentation & workshops focused on “Spiritual growth through teaching, service and mentoring.” Registration required, $10 donation. (see flyer pg 13)

Kennett Monthly Meeting has approved the mission of a working group, Friends for Immigrant Support, and will be accepting donated funds immediately and into the future to support the efforts of the group.

Mission Statement - As Friends we are called to seek the Light in everyone. It is our mission to gather and share resources that will allow families facing discrimination and hardship because of their immigrant status to maintain their dignity and remain together. We disperse needed funds directly to the individuals in need, affirming that giving without expectations of specific outcomes is a practice in unconditional love. We are particularly sensitive to the need for aid that other agencies can’t or won’t provide, and to make funds available to those who may have barriers to accessing other aid.

Donations to this Kennett Friends Meeting fund are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to Kennett Friends Meeting, with the notation “Immigrant Support” on the memo line. Mail checks to: Treasurer, Kennett Friends Meeting, PO Box 122, Kennett Square, PA 19348

Thank you for your continuing support of our neighbors and friends.
Workshop Reflections: Speaking from the Heart – The Real Work of Undoing Racism from the Inside

After nearly two years of discussion and planning, the Western Quarterly Meeting-sponsored workshop addressing racism was finally held on Saturday, September 16. This workshop was designed with our membership in mind – a predominately (but not exclusively!) white, middle-class, social-justice minded demographic. Nearly 30 people expressed interest in the workshop, and in the end we were close to capacity with 21 participants. Our coordinator worked together with the co-facilitators Joyce Bembry and Linda Lucero to craft a full-day workshop that aimed to open Friends to an awareness of their own internalized racism and how to progress with the hard work of changing "from within" so that we can affect change "without." Reading materials were sent in advance, and all agreed this was very helpful. (Links to the recommended readings are available online here). The day was a success, with much heartfelt sharing, listening and learning. Participant feedback was so positive, we may need to host another one! Here are some of the comments:

“Thank you so much for making the undoing racism workshop actually turn into reality. It was helpful in directions I hadn't expected. The articles amplified today’s messages and exercises. Everything was very well done.”

“It was a wonderful workshop today and I thank you for all that you did to make it so fine. It really was a deeply meaningful and significant experience for each of us and helped each of us recognize how far we need to go. At the same time, it gave us the courage and curiosity to recognize that it is only by shaking off our fears and walking through our vulnerabilities, that we will get to our strengths. May we daily work to increase our listening, understanding, compassion, and good will, so that our hearts will grow larger as we free ourselves love and humility from the narrowness of white privilege.”

One Friend mentioned a particular exercise, "in which groups of about four discussed intricate and pointed questions was the highlight for me. The questions challenged us, and opened layered reflections, so that even the most valid remarks were not the last word. They gave firmer shape to our discussion than the more open discussions about memories or personal reflections." She continues, "This [was] a protected

Friends connect over lunch; Joyce and Linda talk -- and listen in large and small group conversations.

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Evolution of WQM Staff - and Where We Are Now  -- by WQM Coordinator, Sarah Kastriner

My earliest memories of "Western Quarter" mostly involve paint, mud, and making messes; swing-sets and sunny days and other children I knew but didn't see often, which didn't matter much, as we always had fun together. I remember the moment I realized that adults conspired to make these gatherings happen: I was walking with my grandfather in our Meeting House (Kennett), and he stepped into that mysterious room near our FDS classrooms that we children were forbidden to enter — it was the Western Quarter office, and he was one of the adults involved at the time. Though I can't imagine he organized the children's programs, I was finally able to connect "that room" and the work he did there with the Quaker gatherings that were bigger than our tiny FDS, but not quite PYM.

That was a long time ago, and you know what they say, the more things change....

From what I've learned, long ago many Quarterly Meetings had a staff person, funded (partially or in full) by PYM. These QM staff were considered as an extension of Yearly Meeting staff, and were included in various lists, discussions, and discernment. These Quarterly employees acted as conduits for information, as well as provided support directly to the Meetings and members in the Quarter. When PYM eliminated funding for the QM positions, many of the smaller Quarters laid the positions down.

As with our Monthly Meetings, the governance and activities of the Quarters have always been volunteer-led. The work done "for" the Quarter was done "by" us as well. Committees were created to serve the needs of Friends and Meetings in our Quarter, and these have changed over time. We have had whole committees of volunteers who "made things happen" within the Quarter. For many years our Youth Activities Committee had active volunteers, and Friends showed their commitment to youth programs with money in the budget, including a part-time staff person to support the work generated by the committee — through helping steer & implement the programs. Sometimes committee work was inspired by individual leadings — Sally Rickerman was famously our Outreach "committee of one" for many years.

There has been a marked decline in committee involvement and volunteer participation throughout the RSOF over the past 10-15 years, and a decline has...
been notable in Western Quarter as well. As more Friends have more demands on their time in general, less is given in volunteer hours and energy. Fewer volunteers means either 1) less gets "done" (less work is generated, fewer events planned, etc.) or 2) staff is relied on to fulfill more of these roles. The evolution of Western Quarter's coordinator position would suggest that both are happening in tandem. Western Quarter’s primary staff position has changed from a "secretary" — essentially an office manager who provided support for the activities being planned and implemented by Friends in the MMs — into a "coordinator" who is the planner and/or implementer of many of the activities & events of the Quarter.

In these past two years as Western Quarter Coordinator I've been trying to balance supporting the core needs of the Quarter (Quarterly Meetings, newsletters & communications, operational support/office management, and youth program support) with an articulated desire from some for increased programming. WQM Friends have great ideas, and are often willing to help, but it can be hard to find enough time and energy to get even the best idea off the ground. Here are two examples - one that worked, and one that didn't. Rising out of an early Quarterly Meeting program reflecting on PYM's query on racism came the idea that Friends in the Quarter desired a workshop addressing racism in a deeper way. It took a while, but through discussions and my own work with local anti-racism groups I found facilitators willing to put together a workshop for WQM. (Held this September. See article on page 4.) This was an idea that I was able to implement without much volunteer support, and thus it came to fruition.

In another arena an idea rose up around how to better care for elderly members in our Quaker communities. A plan to start a program modeled on NYYM's ARCH program was proposed, and Concord and Western Quarter Friends were both invited to learn more. One person from Western Quarter was able to attend. In contrast, Concord Quarter had a representative from almost every MM at the initial meeting -- and a planning committee has since formed to carry the idea further. There is no way to make such a program work without the volunteers interested in dedicating time and energy to it -- so for now it moves on without Western Quarter Friends. I try not to see this as a failure, though it plagues me that somehow I should have been able to identify at least a few key folks who are led on these issues. As a result, one of my goals for the coming year is to develop closer relationships with Friends throughout the Quarter in order to have more people to reach out to for guidance in such instances.

The importance of staying connected is key to staying in relationship with one another, and so my other goals relate to improving channels of communication around the Quarter - both from the office out to Meetings, groups and individuals, as well as stimulating communication in from Meetings to the office. I have forged some strong relationships that result in back & forth communication. There are a few folks who regularly let me know when their MM has planned something so that I can include it online and in the newsletters. I would like this to happen even more. This goal also includes updating the website as well as the primary email distribution lists.

Finally, it is also in my job description to supervise the Youth Coordinator. The responsibilities of the Youth Coordinator have changed quite a bit over the past two years, and the work I do in regards to the youth programs has shifted as well. What used to be a 40% position is now budgeted at 30 hours per quarter. Our Youth Coordinator (Christian Garber) spends the majority of this time planning, promoting, and implementing the children's programs at each Quarterly Meeting. Christian has also worked at the various other youth activities we planned -many in conjunction with Concord Quarter. Because of my regular communication with the Concord QM coordinator, I am the point person for the planning of these additional events, and Christian handles the follow-through, publicity, implementation and support. He is preparing an annual report for October QM, and we will meet afterwards to review his first year.
Western Quarterly Meeting July 16, 2017 — Minutes DRAFT

Representatives from Newark, Centre, Hockessin, London Grove, Kendal, Mill Creek, West Grove and Kennett MMs were present.

Meeting began at 1:58 with silence

20.42 Updates from Monthly Meetings

Mill Creek - Grace Matoy will be the new clerk and representative to WQM Support Committee.

Newark - New clerk of MM will be Wayne Thompson, and new treasurer will be Richard Ladd. There will be worship at London Britain on Wednesdays at 7 pm beginning next week - all are welcome.

London Grove - Held their annual Children’s Day celebration, and have added fellowship after MM to keep people around longer. The FDS class just finished a unit on American Quakers - people loved it. The committee is happy to share lesson plans with other Meetings.

Pennsgrove - Will be holding worship this coming First Day. Not many come. Would folks be more likely to come if it were open on a week-day evening? Friends respond that being aware of the event is what is most helpful.

Centre - will be holding Quakerism 101 starting in Sept. Blaise Glowiak extends his gratitude to WQM for financial assistance going to FGC.

20.43 Minutes from May 21 Support Committee Meeting

Minutes approved with one correction - Newark’s yard sale netted "over $350".

20.44 Year end finance report

Treasurer shared a 4-page report detailing income & expenses for the 16-17 FY. Three MM final covenants were outstanding as of June 30, but all have been received now. There were some changes in covenant amounts, but all 10 Monthly Meetings completed their covenants to the Quarter and to PYM. Thank you all.

We spent a lot more money this year on youth programs - mostly for the April program at Westtown. All agree that it was well worth it.

The approved Friends Fiduciary account was opened June 22; our first distribution should be received in December. This report was received with gratitude.

20.45 Proposed Budget for FY 17-18

The proposed budget was distributed and reviewed. One Friend noted that there is no money budgeted for health care/insurance. This raised a concern that as Friends we should take it under consideration that our employees are covered. Ensuing discussion led to a more general concern about how Friends might help make sure those in our community have access to health care.

The proposed budget has been adjusted to better reflect actual expenses - increasing some areas (such as newsletter and postage), and decreasing others (such as bookkeeping). The proposed budget was approved with gratitude.

Another concern was brought from one MM - How much money do we want the Quarter to hold in reserve? If the reserve gets “too big”, the Quarter is essentially holding our (MMs) money, which is not in our best interest.

Response: In addition to our regular expenses, the Quarter is responsible for many of the laid down Meeting Houses, which could cost quite a bit if not able to be funded by a property fund (where available).

Proposed: We could have two types of reserve accounts - an operating reserve (which would hold 50% of annual expenses), and a capital reserve (which would hold a certain amount - needs discussion and discernment among Friends in the Quarter to determine our level of commitment to these old structures). The funds in FFC could also be considered a reserve of some kind, since that money is unrestricted.

Action item: Finance Committee should convene to thresh a proposal around reserve funds to bring to the quarter.

Every effort should be made to have the treasurer (or other representative) from each MM in the Quarter participate in this discussion.

20.46 Announcements  The Coordinator is aware of the ongoing issues with Friends not able to receive her emails, particularly the newsletters. We hope this will be resolved as we move our website and email to new hosts.

Undoing racism workshop - will be held on Saturday, September 16, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Registration is required, as there is a 24 person limit.

Much appreciation to Shelley Hastings for hosting this July Social for Western Quarter Friends.

Meeting ended at 2:56 with a period of silence.

Respectfully submitted, Sarah Kastriner, coordinator
Hockessin Friends Meeting
Fall Festival

SATURDAY October 7th, 2017
7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Yard Sale - Antiques, Books, Clothes, Collectibles, Toys and more!
- Live Music and Entertainment
- Bake Sale
- Woodside Farm Creamery Ice Cream
- Children’s Games, weather permitting

Proceeds benefit HFM Education Classroom Renovations

Hockessin Friends Meeting
1501 Old Wilmington Road
Hockessin, Delaware 19707
302.239.2223
Principles and Beliefs of Early Friends

A Look at Some Core Understandings

Henry Jason will be speaking at the Marlborough Meetinghouse on Saturday 10/21 at 3:00 PM.

Catholics say...

Scriptura et Traditio

Protestants say...

Sola scriptura

Come and find out why Quakers say...

Primus est spiritus Christi

Henry is a retired Speech and Language Pathologist with a longtime interest in early Christianity and early Quakerism. He also has a background in linguistics, Slavic languages and the classical languages of Greek and Latin. Henry’s piercing insights into the meanings of various biblical Greek and 17th century English words and concepts validate traditional Quaker interpretations of authentic Christianity. Please join us for a lively talk.

The Marlborough Meetinghouse is at 361 Marlborough Road, Kennett Square PA 19348. For directions, go to www.marlboroughmeeting.org and click on Location.

Questions? Email charles.c.thomas.jr@gmail.com or call 610-347-0843.
OCTOBER 29Th 1:30—3:30 PM

POWER METRO
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SUBURBAN PHILADELPHIA

Peoples of Faith and Conscience
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How can we better address issues of social justice and mercy?
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As an INTER FAITH community, We Build Power for Justice
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There will be music and a light lunch. Come to meet like minded friends from local communities. RSVP’s highly appreciated.

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WE CAN DO IT DAY!

Spiritual Growth through Teaching, Service, and Mentoring

Calling all parents, grandparents, and children’s caregivers, those responsible for religious education, and those who want to celebrate and nurture the children in our community!

Saturday, November 11, 2017    10 AM – 3 PM
Burlington Meetinghouse, 340 High St. Burlington, NJ

▶ Keynote presentation:  Nurturing the Spirit in Children and Adults
▶ Educational and fun activities for children.

Hosted by the Welcoming Families & Children Committee, Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting, with support from the PYM Membership Granting Group

For Info, email: haddonfieldquarterly@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION: Mail this slip and $10 for each adult to: WCDI Day, c/o Moorestown Monthly Meeting, 118 E. Main Street, Moorestown, NJ 08057

Adult(s) attending __________________________ Email to confirm res._

Child/Children attending + age ________________________________

First preference for workshops: ___Service/___Teaching/___Mentoring/___Growth
Second preference for workshops: ___Service/___Teaching/___Mentoring/___Growth

Monthly Meeting: __________________________ Request scholarship info: ___
FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, November 11, 2017, 11:30 am

Arch Street Meeting House
4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia

Lucretia Mott: Taking a Stand

Panel Presentation with

Chris Densmore,
Nancy A. Hewitt, and
Beverly Wilson Palmer

(Co-editors with Carol Faulkner of Lucretia Mott
Speaks: The Essential Speeches and Sermons)
and
National History Day participants
Abigail Herrlin, Grayce Berk, and
Kaylen Leiby

New Publications Display, Luncheon, Business Meeting, Program

Chris Densmore is the curator of Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College and serves on the FHA Board. His writings include Red Jacket: Iroquois Diplomat and Orator. Nancy Hewitt is Distinguished Professor Emerita of History and Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University and the author of Women's Activism and Social Change: Rochester, New York, 1822–1872, among other writings. Beverly Wilson Palmer is a research associate at Pomona College who has edited or coedited several documentary editions, including Selected Letters of Lucretia Coffin Mott. Abigail Herrlin, Grayce Berk, and Kaylen Leiby are students at Kutztown Senior High School who created a display for National History Day titled “Why should we be cowards? Lucretia Mott and Her Religious Work to gain rights for women and slaves.”

The presentation is free and open to the public. It follows a brief business meeting at 1:00 pm.

Reservations are required for those who would like lunch at 12:00 noon.
A reservation form is enclosed, or visit: http://www.quakerhistory.org/events/

LUNCHEON RESERVATION/CANCELLATION DEADLINE IS OCTOBER 26, 2017
Free parking is available on Meeting House grounds. Questions? fha@haverford.edu