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To Friends Everywhere:

Friends gathered on the campus of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia, for the 330th annual sessions of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, July 24–29, 2001. We were blessed with attenders from thirty-four Monthly Meetings within Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Friends from six North American Yearly Meetings, two Friends from Bolivia, and six visitors from Torreón/StarLake Chapter of the Navajo Nation.

Our new location challenged all attendees to reinvent the Yearly Meeting experience. Coping with a compressed schedule required us to forego some accustomed activities and to deepen the worship in our business sessions. By the end of the sessions most Friends felt at home, although finding gathering spots for the informal contacts which so often lubricate the more formal business remained a challenge.

A one-day retreat led by Ed and Fran Norton preceded the Yearly Meeting. Its theme, ‘Articulating Your Faith: A Gateway to Peace’, encouraged Friends to reflect on their spiritual journeys and set the tone for the Yearly Meeting’s theme of Peace, which was also reflected in the Junior Yearly Meeting theme of “Let It Begin With Me.” The opening address was given by Donald S. Gann, Clerk of the American Friends Service Committee. Speaking to “Issues of Peace in the World Today,” he shared how his life had been led from a search for inner peace into the search for peace in the world, related how Friends had achieved the reputation of providing significant efforts in creating a peaceful world, and challenged each of us to examine how we are called to respond in the world today.

Business sessions were full and lively. Excerpts read from Monthly Meeting State of the Meeting reports revealed the diverse ways in which Truth prospers among us. Religious Education programs are flourishing throughout the Yearly Meeting. Many Meetings report that increased growth in membership has necessitated expansion or renovations of meeting houses. Concerns over conflicts in the Middle East and Africa, efforts to abolish the death penalty, and our continuing struggle with same-gender relationships engaged Friends’ thoughts and prayers. We rejoiced in the presence of our young Friends and were heartened by reports of another successful camping season. A Youth Development Workcamp provided an exchange experience for young people from the Torreón/StarLake Chapter of the Navajo Nation and Baltimore Yearly Meeting youth. Friends continue to wrestle with the question of how best to support those Friends whose ministry we embrace. The natural tension between oversight and prophetic ministry continues to challenge us to find creative responses to Friends’ ministry. After lengthy and careful consideration, Friends extended their embrace of the work of Patricia Kutzner at the Torreón/StarLake Chapter of the Navajo Nation for a final two years. Embraced Friend Mary Lord reported that her work with Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness and Friends Peace Teams has reached the point where she can retire to the role of a volunteer. A document providing guidelines for the embrace of Friends has now been seasoned for several years and is nearing completion.

The Yearly Meeting is undertaking a review of our committee structure, occasioned by the observation that many of our committees are functioning poorly, if at all. Initial proposals focused on consolidation of committees with greater reliance on co-opted members and subcommittees. A willingness to lay down committees and subcommittees whose task is complete provides encouragement.

In the Carey Memorial Lecture, Retha McCutchen, General Secretary of Friends United Meeting and former director of Friends School in Ramallah, Palestine, shared with Friends her calling to speak peace and justice to a broken world. She challenged us to begin here, within family, home and Meeting, to lay down our prejudices and build bridges. God is calling us to journey inward, lead lives of integrity, and from the strength of our inward journey to speak peace and justice to our world.

Lamar Matthew, Clerk of Yearly Meeting

SPIRITUAL STATE OF BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epic of belief, it was the epic of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair...
Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*

Paraphrasing Dickens, but no way as dramatic, The Spiritual State of the Meeting's reports are a mixture of contrasting conditions, evolvments and situations.

MEETINGS REPORT THAT:

- Attendance at Meeting for business is poor. *Few reports mention Meeting for Business.*
There is a welcome diversity of members.
- *Diversity and its acceptability can keep us from really becoming more intimate or trusting.*
Loss or lack of children.
- *Increase in children, need more space.*
Increase in attendance...Growth is a plus but not a goal.
- *No movement in membership... Meeting is a static and stable group. Not attracting new members and attenders.*
Many messages during worship.
- *Meeting is sterile from lack of vocal ministry. Friends and attenders are intimidated to speak at Meeting. There is a lack of seasoned and weighty Friends.*
Many friends are involved with social service.
- *Our works are never perfect; it is part of a process.*
Meeting is a place to worship with fellow Friends where all are accepted and valued.
- *Focus in Meeting for Worship is inward looking, not outer world and injustice. Not preparing for Meeting in mind and heart.*

The following Friendly advices were given: Meeting for Worship, sharing joys and sorrows at the end of Meeting for Worship and pot luck meals bring Friends and attenders together. Passing on our culture warrants a more concentrated and creative response. Establish a hearing assistance program. Encourage vocal ministry to be loud and clear.

The reports are reminiscent of the three bears. Some Meetings are too big, some are too small and then there are those that are "just right." There is growth happening in many Meetings and Friends are optimistic about the future. There seems to be a greater need for spiritual direction and guidance as new Friends and attenders become associated with Meetings.

It has been the best of times, and ok times, and could be better times. The Spiritual State of Baltimore Yearly Meeting is dynamic, exciting and challenging. As George Fox said, "The Good Lord looks over all." This is certainly true for Baltimore Yearly Meeting.



At the Clerks' Table during a business session of Yearly Meeting: Dellie James, Reading Clerk, Ronald Mattson, Recording Clerk; Lamar Matthew, Clerk of Yearly Meeting, Rachel Stacy, Co-clerk of Young Friends

Photo: M. Boardman

YEARLY MEETING COMMITTEE REPORTS

CAMP PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

CATOCTIN PERSPECTIVES

I have participated in the caretaking responsibilities at Catoctin Quaker Camp for over 13 years. During that time there have been many changes to the camp buildings and property and in the vicinity along Mink Farm Road. The structure and management of Catoctin have also changed, as have many of the faces of those who use the facilities for summer camp, school overnights and weekend retreats. Still, there is continuity in that this place still serves the same important purposes for which it was initially purchased in 1957. Many who now come to summer camp have parents or grandparents who attended as campers and may have worked on staff in the past. Life at Catoctin has provided a unique opportunity to participate in caretaking a facility which has enriched the lives of so many people over a span of generations. During my tenure I have tried to address various needs for repair of the physical plant as well as to make improvements to the grounds through landscaping and visioning the broader and long term property management concerns.

I came here following graduation from Earlham College in 1988. That Spring a new cabin had been constructed by Eric Trueblood and caretaker Fred Hetzel which, because of its relatively generous size and newness, Barry Morley jokingly dubbed the Palace. The name stuck and the palace is still a coveted sleeping space for many visitors to camp. The property was at that time owned by the Trustees of Catoctin Quaker Camp, Inc. Peter Bugler, Patrick Summar and I spent the subsequent winter at camp helping Fred with forestry work in order to comply with the terms of the new Timber Stand Improvement Plan the Trustees had signed with Maryland's Department of Natural Resources. By 1990 Fred moved on to other things and Peter Bugler assumed the primary responsibility of caretaking. I remained in residence helping Peter with work on the grounds, and when he moved on in 1994, became the sole caretaker. In the same year we built the caretaker residence. Property ownership subsequently passed to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

As I have watched the various groups which use camp it has become apparent to me how much the pond is a focal point for their activities, including recreation, nature watching and study, spiritual and creative reflection, and wildlife habitat. The lagoon serves all of these purposes and I have worked hard in recent years for its improvement. First was the major work of replacing

the decayed old piping structure, excavating an estimated 300 tons of accumulated sediments from the bottom, and rebuilding the dam and dock. Pond water quality greatly improved upon completion of this work, making "pond scum" a bygone expression. It now supports rainbow trout, and there is a sandy wading beach.

Rebuilding the pond also enabled the creation of a more contoured shoreline to support greater plant habitat, and care was taken to rescue and later replant the rare flowers which grow along the north and west banks. I avoid frequent mowing these to allow perennial wildflowers to continue to grow there. Next time you are up, please take a moment to read the new bulletin board in the lodge which documents some of Catoctin's wildflowers and describes the ecological significance of its wetlands in greater detail.

Catoctin Quaker Camp is a property endowed with a remarkable wealth of natural beauty. In the mid 1990's I began working with naturalists from the state of Maryland to document the rare plant species which inhabit its wetlands. This effort led to discussing means of habitat protection and has now resulted in drafting a perpetual conservation easement plan which protects the majority of camp's 380 acres as a biological preserve and forest conservation area.

The conservation easement plan purchased by the state of Maryland will enable Catoctin to continue as a summer camp and retreat center for the Baltimore Yearly Meeting while providing a remarkable opportunity for responsible land stewardship during a time when Frederick County is undergoing such rapid change due to development. It restricts the property from further subdivision while allowing for maintenance and expansion of the buildings within the existing facilities area. It also provides much needed funds which can provide a measure of financial security for the camp and which may go a long way towards addressing current and future maintenance project needs.

During recent years Catoctin has seen increased usage through much of the year. While it is good to see so many enjoying camp, there is a corresponding increase in wear on facilities. Under these circumstances maintenance costs inevitably rise as well. Of particular concern is the antiquated septic system which is probably undersized for the volume of use it receives today and is nearing the end of its functional life-span. The Catoctin Site Committee has given preliminary approval to phasing out the bath house flush toilets and replacing them with more environmentally friendly composting

toilets manufactured by *Clivus Multrum*. Composting toilets have multiple benefits which include water saving, prevention of groundwater contamination, and educating camp users about the efficacy of composting as a more sustainable approach to waste management. They will also prolong the life-span of our existing septic system.

As an additional means of preserving the natural heritage of Catoctin Quaker Camp I am currently working with county government and neighbors along Mink Farm Road to prevent further widening and paving activities on the road where it passes through property. This will have the benefit of reducing fast moving traffic that poses a danger to our community and is disruptive to silent worship in the fire circle near the road. It also will minimize soil disturbances which create openings for invasive, nonnative plant species to become established. Currently the Frederick County government is considering designating Mink Farm Road as a pilot study for permanent gravel surfacing. The commissioners and the roads board must continue to hear from our community about the need to preserve scenic rural areas in the county for the value they hold not just to our community but to all recreationists who make use of the area. If you are one of the many people who expressed your concern in writing to the county commissioners about the planned stabilization of Mink Farm Road, your words have helped to bring the issue to the attention of county planners and policy makers and may help to preserve Catoctin Quaker Camp as the unique and beautiful setting that for over forty years has nurtured the personal, physical and spiritual growth of our community of Friends. May it continue to do so for generations to come. Thanks.

Robert Strasser

CAMPING PROGRAM COMMITTEE



The 2001 summer season was a success. Look for a more complete report in the next issue of the *Interchange*.

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CAMP RENTAL

If you are interested in renting one of the camps, please call Josh Riley at the BYM office at 301/774-7663. Catoctin, Shiloh and Opequon are all available for use. Renovation of the log cabin at Shiloh has been completed (see article below), the new infirmary at Shiloh offers a cozier place to sleep as well as a convenient bathroom. At Opequon a large meeting room has been added onto the kitchen. See pictures below. For information about available dates, go to the camp rental calendar online at: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/camping/camprental.html>

WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN AN ORAL HISTORY OF THE CAMPING PROGRAM?

Keewadin – Catoctin – Opequon – Shiloh
– Teen Adventure – Inward Bound

If you've ever been involved in any way, you should participate! Andrea Seabrook and I are embarking on an exciting journey and we need all of you to make it happen. We are still in the planning stages of what this effort could become; at this point we imagine a written work with an audio component as well (like a CD with additional interviews). Most importantly however, we are excited about interviewing anyone and everyone about their involvement with the camping program in an effort to celebrate and preserve its rich history.

If you'd like to be interviewed (don't be shy/overly humble!) or if you know someone who should be interviewed, please send us an e-mail. Please feel free to contact us if you are interested in helping in some way or have any other suggestions or contributions. This will be a long process but we are excited about the possibilities! Do you have any recordings of camp songs? Do you have a great set of pictures? We'll borrow whatever you'd like to share. Who knows what we'll come up with. Please send us an e-mail at: cporalhistory@yahoo.com or call Josh at 301-774-7663 (w) or 410-323-3687 (h).

SHILOH RENOVATION OF "RUBY'S CABIN" COMPLETED



Ruby's Cabin, an ideal place for a personal retreat.

A generous contribution to Shiloh started the process of renovating the log cabin which stands in the field south of the dining hall. The cabin has been the summer home of camp director, Dana Foster, who was delighted to move back into the completed cabin this year.



The interior of Ruby's Cabin

McRaven Restoration completed the project. In addition to removing the old wooden siding that covered the original structure, the chimney was reinforced and repointed, the foundation repaired and stabilized, the cabin was reinked inside and out, the interior of the cabin was powerwashed, the windows and doors were replaced, the stairs to the second floor were repaired, and electricity was installed. The "new" cabin is beautiful and was christened "Ruby's Cabin" in honor of the donor's mother.

According to an article from the *Madison County Eagle* from October 18, 1973, the cabin was thought to be quarters for slaves owned by the Jarrell family. The remains of the Jarrell homestead can be seen across from the two camper cabins just east of the main driveway. Both homes were built in the mid-1800's.

Ruby's cabin is available for use at Shiloh and I encourage monthly meetings, committees or any other groups to take advantage of this beautifully restored pre-civil war cabin at Shiloh. Call 301/774-7663 for more details on renting the camps.

Josh Riley

MINISTRY & COUNSEL

Yearly Meeting was a real challenge for everyone this year as we worked to learn where to find our dorm rooms as well as where all the activities were held. Each new thing we did presented an adventure. The Ministry and Counsel Committee found itself knee deep in the search of locating just where to go next and then to help Friends find their way.

More than twenty Friends found their way to the Duncan Chapel for the wonderful pre-Yearly Meeting retreat led by Ed and Fran Norton of York Monthly Meeting. Using the worship-sharing format we thought through our life journeys. Many are on a quest for spiri-

tual growth and understanding. Being able to talk openly about our religious and spiritual journeys, our experiences, our doubts, our insecurities, our fears, our discoveries and our disappointments is a step in achieving personal peace and understanding. We were enriched by a presentation by Mary Lord as she shared with us the spiritual journey that led her to be involved with working towards peace in the world. We also enjoyed her beautiful voice as she led us in singing. Our thanks to Margaret Stambaugh and Ann Heaton who arranged the delicious refreshments we shared.

The six morning worship-sharing groups were held in Haley Hall. The groups were modest size but grew each day as Friends arrived during the week. A special thanks to the leaders: Riley Robinson, Steve Elkinton, Pat Schenck, Geni Elliot, Trudy Rogers and Jean Christianson.

The Meetings for Worship with a Concern for Business were held in Blackwell Auditorium. This setting presented a new experience for Friends for it is truly an auditorium with very comfortable fixed seats. Ministry and Counsel's role in this setting was to encourage Friends to come in before sessions started, have Friends wait during the first worship period and then to help late comers be seated. Lee Foster, Kristina Gilbertson, Margaret Stambaugh and Miriam Green served as ushers.

Meeting for worship on Sunday morning presented the last challenge of the week, for the room arrangement did not lend itself to the usual format. That did not keep it from being a deep and worshipful time.

We have learned from our first year at Randolph-Macon College. Minor changes will be made as Ministry and Counsel works with the Program Committee to make appropriate adjustments. Next year will be easier for we will know our way around the campus. We hope that more of you will join us in 2002.

Miriam Green

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE TO HOST 3RD NORTH EAST REGIONAL GATHERING OF FRIENDS OF NATIVE AMERICANS.

The IAC of Baltimore Yearly Meeting is organizing the third gathering in 2001 of the newly formed group-NE regional gathering of Friends of Native Americans. The third gathering will be at William Penn House in Washington, DC on November 16-18 with a focus on Native American Youth. Local Friends are especially welcome on Saturday, November 17. Look for more information coming to your local Meeting.

Flossie Fullerton

UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE MINUTE ON GLOBAL WARMING

During business session of Annual Session on First-day morning of eighth month 2000, the Yearly Meeting approved the following minute:

Minute to address global climate change.

Protecting God's Earth and its fullness of life is of fundamental religious concern to the Society of Friends. The links between human activity, the dramatic rise in atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations, and the rise of average global temperature are now of sufficient concern to lead us to action. Climate change is apt to affect everyone and everything: food, water, air quality, bio-diversity, forests, public health, social order and world peace. It is therefore an issue of great importance for ecological sustainability, social and economic justice, and international diplomacy.

Because the United States uses much more energy per capita than any other nation, our policies to curtail greenhouse gas emissions will be crucial. We must consider not only the kind of fuels used directly but also the energy embodied in all material goods we use. Our nation has long set a standard for others with its high levels of consumption; we must now provide an example by taking responsibility for the consequences of past and current behavior.

Involvement by religious communities in education and advocacy will be needed if policies to address global warming are to succeed in politics or in practice in the US. We unite in urging individual Friends, monthly meetings, and other Friends Organizations to seek Divine Guidance in understanding how to:

- *reduce our own use of energy and material resources;*
- *support strong international agreements for reducing greenhouse gas emissions;*
- *promote national policies for assuring energy and resource conservation;*
- *participate in a transition to less damaging technologies in our industries, agriculture, buildings and transportation.*

These are essential steps to protect life on Earth as God creates and sustains it.

Approved at the June 2000 session of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Approved Baltimore Yearly Meeting, August 2000

Even though this minute was approved by BYM in its annual sessions in August 2000, the BYM Unity with Nature Committee would like each Monthly Meeting to consider this minute. Then the next step could be for that Monthly Meeting to send the approved minute to the Unity With Nature Committee.

Janney Wilson

PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS

Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. In March 2001, the P&SC Committee developed a Minute Concerning Conditions in the West Bank and Gaza. This was approved by the Representative Meeting and a copy sent to Friends Journal. The news item in the June 2001 issue of Friends Journal quoting the Minute did not include the part where we urged Palestinians to adhere to principles of nonviolence in their struggle, which we considered an unfortunate omission. This may cause Friends to think that we condemn only Israeli violence but somehow condone Palestinian violence. By way of example, that was the stated view of at least one Monthly Meeting's Co-clerk after reading the article about the Minute (but not the full Minute itself) in the June 2001 Friends Journal. We therefore developed and sent, over our Clerk's signature, a letter to the Editor of the Journal pointing out the omission. The Journal responded promptly with a sincere letter of apology. Our letter, along with their apology, will be published in a forthcoming issue.

We also had an excellent Interest Group with Kathy Bergen of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) sharing her knowledge and understanding of the situation. She lived in Jerusalem for many years and is an excellent resource for information and speaking engagements on the Middle East. Kathy was well received when she spoke at the Annual Session's Peace and Social Concerns Interest Group.

COLOMBIA. The drug and civil war continues in Colombia, causing great suffering, disruption, and displacement of people. U.S. policy of providing hundreds of millions of dollars for weapons (for the Colombian government) and for eradicating drug supplies only exacer-

bates the violence, poisons the soil, and seemingly does nothing to eliminate drug supplies.

Both AFSC and Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) are working on the problem of Colombia. Peace Brigades and Christian Peace Makers are involved. Mennonites in Colombia are trying to provide sanctuaries for refugees—a very dangerous activity. The Committee suggests that someone from BYM be sent to Colombia and report back on how our Yearly Meeting might best contribute to peacemaking in this troubled country. The civil war in Colombia and the broader issues of the drug trade and related U.S. involvement will be taken up by the Committee in the near future.

For in-depth information download the AFSC Colombia Case Study “Fueling the Flames—Militarism, Human Rights and U.S. Policy in Colombia” from the AFSC web site at www.afsc.org/lac/strings/col.html or from the Peace Building Unit in Latin America, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia, PA 19102-1479; phone: 215/241-7180; e-mail <Aberryman@afsc.org>

FRIENDS PEACE TEAMS AND VOLUNTARY SERVICE. Mary Lord reported at the BYM Annual Session (July 28, 2001) on Voluntary Service and Peace Teams. She had reported to this Yearly Meeting that she has finished her released/embraced Friends Voluntary Service mission. She said that Washington Quaker Workcamps and Quaker Workcamps International may soon merge into a single program under BYM with a relationship with William Penn House and Pendle Hill. She told us an agreement has been reached to house the Quaker Volunteer Service and Witness Network at the Earlham College Institute for Quaker Studies. She stressed the importance of volunteer experience. The Committee minuted its appreciation for Mary Lord’s excellent work as a released Friend. She continues involvement in the Voluntary Services Network and Friends Peace Teams as an advisor and member of committees.

MISSILE DEFENSE SYSTEM. Efforts to create a Missile Defense System continue full steam ahead with one successful intercept. Friends need to continue protesting the futility and expense of the system.

Friends World Committee for Consultation call for study of the Peace Testimony. Mary Lord is working on responding to this call through her FCNL “culture of peace” activity. She will keep the Committee informed of developments. We can call attention to FWCC’s work

on getting all Friends worldwide to review and consider the implications of the Peace Testimony.

DEATH PENALTY. BYM Monthly Meetings have received the letter and statement on the death penalty from the Friends Meeting of Washington. This effort has the support of the P&SC Committee. AFSC: The annual meeting will be held Saturday, November 6, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. at the Friends Center in Philadelphia, 1501 Cherry St. This is a good time to get caught up to date on AFSC programs.

FCNL: The annual meeting will be November 8-11, 2001, at the Wyndham Washington, DC Hotel. For details, visit the FCNL web site at <http://www.fcnl.org/announce.htm>, or contact Lauren Bladen-White at 1-800-631-1330, ext. 122; e-mail lauren@fcnl.org.

John Rich

QUAKER INSTITUTE FOR SERVANT LEADERSHIP

Quaker Institute for Servant Leadership if being offered to Meetings in a three day session of Call Discernment & Servant Leadership. I’m sorry if this information is disappointing. Perhaps at a future time, we will again have a program for individuals from various Meetings. Please get in touch with me at ptrobin@aol.com if you want more information. Peace in Christ.

Tricia Robinson

YOUTH PROGRAM COMMITTEE TEEN PROGRAMS

There are now two active programs for teens in Baltimore Yearly Meeting. High School aged Young Friends will continue to inspire us throughout the year with their energy and strong sense of Quaker process. The Middle School aged Junior Young Friends program will work to build a strong community for a second year. The Young Friends meet five times per year; the Junior Young Friends meet three times. Look for dates in the *Interchange*. Newsletters are typically mailed 3-4 weeks before scheduled conferences. To be placed on the mailing lists or for more information call Michele Levasseur at the Yearly Meeting office.

Friendly Adult Presences and workshop leaders are needed for both programs. Get Involved! Contact Michele Levasseur for more information.

NEWS FROM OTHER FRIENDS

FWCC SECTION OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL MEETING

The Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas held its annual meeting in Greensboro, N.C. March 15-18, where we were the guests of two yearly meetings, North Carolina Yearly Meeting—Conservative, and North Carolina Yearly Meeting (FUM). Over 180 Friends attended from yearly meetings in North, South, and Central America, including four representing Baltimore Yearly Meeting: Kathy Wright, Rebecca Rawls, Nancy McIntyre, and Flossie Fullerton.

FWCC's goals are to facilitate loving understanding of diversities among Friends while we discover, with God's help, our common spiritual ground; and to facilitate full expression of Friends' testimonies in the world.

In a full day of committee meetings, followed by two and a half days of shared worship, business sessions, workshops, regional gatherings, and plenary sessions, Friends sought to renew old friendships and get to know one another better across differences of culture, language, and traditions of Quaker practice and worship.

Each day began in worship, conducted in the manner of a different part of the Quaker community represented in the Section—programmed, unprogrammed, conservative, and evangelical (the latter conducted in Spanish). Words spoken during worship, as in all other sessions of the gathering, were translated into both Spanish and English, thanks to the efforts of a dedicated group of interpreters who worked to help us communicate with one another.

The practice of waiting for translation very significantly changes the pace of business proceedings. It's a practice that quickly comes to feel normal, and it has unexpected benefits. It forces speakers to choose their words carefully and consider how much they need to say, and it provides listeners with space around spoken messages in which to reflect on what has been said.

The annual meeting's theme, "Dwelling Together in Harmony", was addressed in many ways, perhaps most particularly in the keynote address given by Eden Grace of New England Yearly Meeting, who serves on the Governing Board of the World Council of Churches. Speaking from her experience in the ecumenical Christian movement, Eden brought us a set of advices and queries designed to foster the spiritual disciplines needed by those who seek to answer that of God and dwell in harmony with people from other spiritual traditions.

For the past several years, FWCC Section of the Americas has been working to redefine itself as an or-

ganization with a smaller budget and fewer staff, following a substantial decline in financial support that it and other Quaker "umbrella" organizations experienced in the 1990s. Last year, the Section approved a new mission statement, focusing on bringing Friends together face-to-face and heart-to-heart across traditions and national borders. In keeping with that mission, the section this year approved a plan to restructure its committees that is intended to involve more representatives directly in the work of the Section and to lessen the responsibilities of staff.

The Section's financial condition is better than it has been in recent years, although both grant income and income from individuals declined in the past year. A major reason is a bequest of approximately \$455,000 from the estate of Bob and Sally Cory of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Part of the bequest has been used to eliminate the Section's deficits, the remainder will be invested so that earnings from it can support the Section's future activities. Friends in the Midwest have also been successful in raising funds needed to re-establish an FWCC Field Secretary for that region.

Among the programs of the Section, several affect Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends particularly. The Quaker Youth Pilgrimage brings together about two dozen young Friends (ages 16 to 18)—half from our Section and the rest from the Europe and Middle East Section every other year for a month-long experience of travel to historic Quaker sites and shared work and fellowship. In 2002, the pilgrimage will be in the Southeastern U.S., beginning in Baltimore, traveling to North Carolina, and ending in Washington, D.C. We can look forward to opportunities to host and meet with these young pilgrims as they travel in our region.

The Visitation Committee has arranged for Patricia Thomas, a recorded Quaker minister from Leesburg, Ohio (Wilmington Yearly Meeting), to visit us for our yearly meeting sessions this summer at Randolph Macon College.

The Section's next annual meeting will be in Philadelphia, March 14-17, 2002. All members of Baltimore Yearly Meeting are also members of FWCC and welcome at the annual meetings. Philadelphia is not far away, and this meeting will provide an opportunity to be cherished and to meet Friends face-to-face across our different traditions and experience directly what unites us as Friends.

Rebecca Rawls

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE

Dear Friends,

I write here as a supporter of the Friends General Conference “Nurturing Quakerism” Campaign.

During my “new Quaker on the block” years at Baltimore Stony Run Meeting, George Webb and Harry Scott both taught me the importance of giving cheerfully, and also learning to ask others for financial support for our many Friendly programs and projects. The first steps come when we contribute regularly to our Monthly Meetings.

Beyond these important contributions close to home, here I ask us to each consider financial support for FGC’s Nurturing Quakerism Campaign.

Can we first include a special gift to FGC’s Campaign from each Monthly Meeting’s budget and reserves?

Can we next consider our own resources, our income and our assets, and decide, after considering the article below, how much we can ourselves commit to this FGC campaign within the next two years?

The Nurturing Quakerism campaign is about Friends Serving Friends; about outreach to isolated meetings, worship groups, and meetings in spiritual difficulty; about serving Young Friends; about working towards greater diversity and inclusiveness; and about discerning the quickening of the spirit that draws us together as Friends General Conference.

Here within Baltimore Yearly Meeting, we have helped host the annual FGC Gathering of Friends twice in recent years. Special as these gatherings can be, we should be well aware that “FGC Is More Than The Gathering.”

The Nurturing Quakerism Campaign is about the face of Quakers across North America worshipping in the unprogrammed tradition. FGC’s services reach beyond those meetings who are formally affiliated with this important Friends organization.

One important strength I have experienced is the way in which FGC’s programs and efforts engage so many committed volunteers. At a deeper level, the Nurturing Quakerism campaign is about ourselves as we accept and nurture the Inner Light, wherever there are Friends and Attenders and Seekers who are our companions along the pilgrimage pathways.

Thank thee, Friend, for considering thy next steps.
Blessings, In Peace,
Bob Fetter, Roanoke Meeting, Member of the FGC “Nurturing Quakerism” Campaign Steering Committee

FGC’s “NURTURING QUAKERISM” CAMPAIGN

Friends General Conference (FGC) is in the midst of its “Nurturing Quakerism” campaign to help sustain the work of renewal and recommitment to the future of Quakerism as practiced in the unprogrammed tradition.

In the spirit of Friends seeking God’s leadings, this “Nurturing Quakerism” campaign grew out of a time for discernment and planning. That process led the FGC Central Committee to initiate some important new programs and services for Meetings and Friends:

- FGC’s Traveling Ministries Program connects Meetings with seasoned Friends who can provide support, lead workshops and retreats, and offer other ministries as requested.
- The addition of smaller and less expensive regional conferences provides opportunities for Friends from many parts of the country to come together for worship, fellowship, and learning -- in addition to the large annual Gatherings of Friends.
- Young Quakes Conferences provide opportunities for high school age Young Friends to learn more about their Christian and universalist roots.
- FGC’s expanded Religious Education Program offers more workshops, retreats, and travel by both staff and committee members to help with meetings’ religious education needs.
- Publications Committee produces FGConnections, and provides a strong FGC presence on the Internet.
- Our two web sites, www.fgcquaker.org and www.quakerbooks.org, offer resources such as those for Fostering Vital Friends Meetings, extensive information on FGC programs and services, plus online ordering from the FGC Bookstore.

Through this campaign, FGC seeks to raise \$2 million to support services that help meetings and Friends respond to the important challenges and opportunities clearly present within unprogrammed Quakerism today.

About one half of the \$2 million was raised through the “quiet phase” of the campaign, before Nurturing Campaign “went public” at the FGC Rochester Gathering in July 2000. Another quarter of the \$2 million has been raised since then, with many individual Friends coming forward to contribute to the campaign. These totals--\$1.7 million as this BYM Interchange went to press--speak well of the support provided by many Friends who recognize the importance of FGC programs

and services to Friends, according to Campaign Clerk Cathy Garra of Illinois Yearly Meeting who says: "Many Friends have recognized the breadth and depth of FGC services to Friends and the importance of FGC's contributions to the future vitality of the Society of Friends."

Contributions to both the capital campaign and the FGC Annual Fund are needed to sustain this new work. \$500,000 is being used to cover the "start-up" costs of the new and expanded work. \$700,000 will be used as limited term endowments; the interest income will sustain FGC's expanded services and help cover the travel costs of volunteers and staff. The income from the new endowments alone, however, will not sustain the higher costs of the new services. Monthly Meetings and Friends served are asked to consider increasing their Annual Fund support. FGC seeks to raise \$800,000 in Annual Fund gifts.

The first ever FGC campaign is now reaching out to Baltimore Yearly Meeting, as well as to FGC's 13 other affiliated yearly meetings. Solicitations are taking place this year and next as FGC seeks your support, Friends.

Like all FGC work, the Nurturing Quakerism Campaign is being accomplished mainly through the efforts of volunteers. For more information about this Campaign -- including your offers to help--please contact Michael Wajda, FGC's Development Manager, at 215-561-1700 or e-mail <michaelw@fgcquaker.org>

Your generous support is now needed for this work of renewal and recommitment to the future of Quakerism. Donations made by mail can be sent to FGC, 1216 Arch Street, 2B, Philadelphia, PA 19107, or go to the FGC web site to make an online donation.

FRIENDS HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

November 12, 2001. Friends Historical Association annual meeting will be in Philadelphia, PA. The speaker is J. William Frost, Howard M. and Charles F. Jenkins Professor of Quaker History and Research, and Director of the Friends Historical Library, Swarthmore College, on "Sex is Not a Shortcut to Spirituality: Liberal Quakers Confront the 20th Century Sexual Revolution." For more information or to RSVP, see the web site at www.haverford.edu/library/fha/fha.html; e-mail: fha@haverford.edu, or phone: (610) 896-1161.

Elisabeth Potts Brown, Secretary

QUAKER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

Friends World Committee for Consultation Section of the Americas is seeking two adult facilitators and

fourteen young Friends, ages sixteen to eighteen, for the Quaker Youth Pilgrimage, July 12-August 10, 2002. The pilgrimage, both physical and spiritual, will trace some of George Fox's journey through Virginia and North Carolina. A diverse group of Friends will come together to explore their common roots, experience different forms of worship, visit important Quaker historical sites and undertake a work project while traveling, living and working together. Co-sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, and the Europe and Middle East Section, this is a biennial, international event for Quaker youth from different branches of Quakerism.

For information, including cost and application materials contact: FWCC, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102, USA. Phone: 215/241-7250; Fax: 215/241-7285; <americas@fwcc.quaker.org> Deadlines: Adult Facilitator-- Dec. 15, 2001; Pilgrims--Jan. 15, 2002.

WASHINGTON QUAKER WORKCAMP, INC.

The schedule below has been expanded with the addition of 3 workcamps reserved for Norwood School and one reserved for Young Friends. Strong and consistent leadership is critical for the success of the program. WQW is the only Quaker service organization within the bounds of Baltimore Yearly Meeting which offers service opportunities on a regular basis. Please consider sharing your gifts one or two weekends per year with Quaker and area youth. Compensation, training, and a good time are guaranteed!! Please call today to find out how you can become a Washington Quaker Workcamp leader.

FALL 2001 - SPRING 2002 SCHEDULE

Sept. 29	Board Retreat
Nov. 2-3	(Norwood School)
Nov. 9-10	Housing
Dec. 22-23	(Martha's Table)
Jan. 18-20	(Young Friends)
Feb. 22-23	Hunger
March 8-9	Hunger
April 12-13	Housing
April 19-20	(Norwood School)
April 26-27	Housing
May 3-4	(Norwood School)
May 10-11:	Housing
May 24-25:	Housing

**FALL YEARLY MEETING DAY
SANDY SPRING MEETING HOUSE
OCTOBER 20, 2001**

SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Committees Meet
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. Lunch
1:45 p.m.-2:45 p.m. Small Group Discussion on YM Committee Structure
3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Interim Meeting

COMMITTEE SCHEDULED TO MEET

Advancement and Outreach, Criminal and Restorative Justice, Indian Affairs, Manual of Procedure, Ministry and Counsel, Nominating (closed), Nurture and Recognition of Ministry, Peace and Social Concerns, Publications, Religious Education, Right Sharing of World Resources, Search (closed), Unity with Nature, Youth Programs, Trustees

Directions: Sandy Spring Meeting House is located on Meeting House Road (turn beside the fire house), off Route 108 between Ashton (New Hampshire Ave.) and Olney (Georgia Ave.)

Hospitality: Meeting members and attenders are providing overnight hospitality for those traveling from a distance, and lunch and dinner. To request a place to spend either Friday and/or Saturday night, or reserve a meal for lunch or dinner, contact Flossie Fullerton at <fmyful@worldnet.att.net>

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Need to contact a BYM staff member? Need to gather information on BYM programs and activities? Here are some suggestions on how to keep in touch.

BYM Web Site: **www.bym-rsf.org**

Need to find out about the camping programs? Go to the camping Web Site: **www.bym-rsf.org/camping**

Need to find a date and place to hold a retreat at one of the camps? Go to the camp rentals web site: **www.bym-rsf.org/camping/camprental.html**

Would you like to contact BYM staff via e-mail? Here are their e-mail addresses:

Frank Massey: <bymrsf@igc.org>

Josh Riley: <bymcamps@igc.org>

Michele Levasseur: <bymyf@igc.org>

Pam Tyng: <pamtyng@juno.com>

If you want to call the staff, here are some important numbers. Yearly Meeting phone number: 301/774-7663 or for those who have to make a long distance call: 800/962-4766, the fax number: 301/774-7087. We all have an extension so if you are calling when the office is closed and wish to leave a message here are our extensions: Frank-11; Josh-14; Michele-16; Pam-12.

ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE INTERCHANGE

Printing and postage continue to rise in the production of the *Interchange*. Committee members and staff continue to search for ways to communicate with the membership of Baltimore Yearly Meeting. Communication is very important as we seek to carry out the work of the Monthly Meetings and the Yearly Meeting. The *Interchange* plays a vital role in keeping the Meetings connected.

Currently the *Interchange* is posted on the BYM web site (www.bym-rsf.org) in both HTML and PDF formats. If you would like to receive notice of the posting of the *Interchange* so that you may download it as opposed cluttering your mailbox with a paper copy, please send an e-mail message to <bymrsf@igc.org> requesting that your name be placed on the list to receive notice of the posting of the *Interchange*, and that the Yearly Meeting save on postage and printing costs. Thank you.

And all friends everywhere this I charge you...live in peace...and therein seek the peace of [all] and no [one's] hurt...And so...it is love that overcomes and not hatred with hatred, nor strife with strife. Therefore live in the peaceable life, doing good to [all], and seeking the good and welfare of [all]. George Fox, 1659

MONTHLY MEETING NEWS

ALEXANDRIA

Death: Len Ward, 3/31/2001

ANNAPOLIS

Annapolis Friends Meeting has spent the summer renewing and refreshing in many ways. Our Care of the Meeting House Committee has our gardens flowering and is creating a stone wall and nature path through the new Memorial Garden. A small group has been sharing peace through "Devotional Classics" once a month. Several social events have brought Friends to the Meeting House for games, food, and conversation and to a fresh water pool for a swim in the rain. Many enriched spiritual lives and community by attending FGC, BYM, and Catoctin Summer Camp. Quaker Market raised nearly a thousand dollars for Quaker causes. And, the Adult Spiritual Education program has launched "Spiritual Focus Groups" which will use the interests and talents of Annapolis Friends to lead small groups on spiritual journeys through paths including prayer, meditation, living our faith, Pendle Hill Pamphlets, racism, using our gifts, and enneagrams.

We hosted Quarterly Meeting on September 9, with Ria Hawkins leading the educational on: "James Naylor: the Skeleton in the Quaker Closet." As the Meeting grows, we extended our twice monthly, summertime, early Meeting for Worship to continue on the second and fourth First Days at 8:15 a.m. through December.

Death: Elsa Mattila 5/26/01

BALTIMORE, HOMEWOOD

A memorial for Vera Shank, a dear and active long-time member of our Meeting, was held in June. There were thirty people in attendance. Vera was the founder the Vera Shank Day Care Center in East Baltimore, Maryland. We miss her very much.

At the June Quarterly Meeting, a revision of the *Faith and Practice* under queries for those considering marriage under the care of Meeting was approved. The revision was initiated by Homewood Meeting.

On August 19th, eight friends took a chance on the weather and went on a tubing adventure in Rocks State Park. After meeting for worship and a potluck picnic, we each sat down for a gentle, sometimes bumpy half hour ride along the creek. Sandy, one family's canine, was towed in her own tube down the water without complaint. We intend to resume this enjoyable annual event in the future years to come.

We will host the Pre-Central FGC's Traveling Min-

istries Oversight Committee for the fall meeting on October 24-25, 2001.

Death: Vera Shank, 5/10/2001

BALTIMORE, STONY RUN

Executive Secretary needed for large, unprogrammed, dynamic, urban Meeting. Areas of work include administrative support, outreach, newsletter editing, use of computer and liaison with nearby Friends School and wider Quaker community. Must be a Friend with spiritual depth and commitment; and with strong communication and interpersonal skills and ability to work with multiple committees of the Meeting. Attractive compensation package. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, disability, sexual orientation or race. Send resume no later than January 31, 2002 to: Search Committee, Stony Run Friends Meeting, 5116 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210

CHARLOTTESVILLE

Charlottesville Friends have been very active in the wider Quaker community this summer. More than twenty of us attended the Gathering in Blacksburg. We went to learn, play, and lead workshops and Bible study. The children were active in the camping program and went to all three camps in the area. A project from Quaker Arts Camp won a ribbon in the county fair. A smaller number of us attended Yearly Meeting.

We are delighted to have a growing number of families and young children in our midst. We were blessed with the addition of several new babies this summer.

The building committee has been very active. They are getting us ready for multiple projects in the next few months. There are indoor and outdoor workdays planned, as well as some regrading and landscaping in the hopes of a drier basement.

FREDERICK

For some time now, Frederick Friends Meeting has been wrestling with the issue of Same-Sex Marriage. We have approved a minute in support of Same-Sex Marriages and are now deciding whether or not we want to make a public announcement of our commitment.

Due to our rising attendance, we have been looking at various solutions to increase our space and enlarge our meeting room. We are considering putting on an

addition and locating additional parking, buying an adjacent property, or finding a larger building in the area.

The Meeting continues to offer space to other community groups. Our space is used for music lessons and auditions, a pick-up and drop off point for the Teen Serve community service group, an overnight spot for Bikers for Social Justice, a worship facility for Secular Humanists, and headquarters and meeting space for the community mediation group, CALM.

Over 15 younger Frederick Friends enjoyed the BYM camping experience this summer at Shiloh, Catoclin, Opequon, Teen Adventure, and Torreon/StarLake. We had a great time meeting cool people, hanging out with old friends, and enjoying the outdoors.

GUNPOWDER

Quakerism 101 continues with the study of The Journal of George Fox while the Bible Study group is turning to the book of Acts. The younger First Day School class participated in a service project, "Adopt-a-Student for Back-to-School," organized by the Volunteer Office of the Baltimore County Department of Social Services.

Death: David Hartley, 4/20/2001

HERNDON

October 14, 2001 2-4 p.m. Open House to celebrate the first five years in our "new" Meeting House in the historic district of Herndon, at 660 Spring Street. Refreshments and tours.

Herndon Friends held another successful used bicycle collection for Pedals for Progress on July 22. Over 200 bicycles were collected and prepared for shipping, making us one of the largest single points of collection for PFP. Donations of over \$2,000 were collected to help cover the costs of shipping, most likely to South Africa.

The Blue Ridge Regional Gathering Fall Retreat was held at Camp Catoclin on September 7-9. A few Friends from Goose Creek joined Herndon Friends for outdoor fun and fellowship on a glorious weekend. As food for thought on Saturday, Ria Hawkins from Bethesda led workshops on the life and thought of James Naylor.

Births/Adoptions: Lani Yulin O'Foran born 1/12/2000; adopted 12/17/2000, Norm & Shelly O'Foran; Braden Riley Huebsch, 7/17/2001, Susan & William Huebsch

HOPEWELL

Birth: Andrew Robare, 5/11/2001; **Marriage:** Laura Nell Obaugh Morris and Felix Wedgwood-Oppenheim, 8/4/2001, under the care of Hopewell-Centre Monthly Meeting. The bride will return to the use of her unmarried name, Laura Nell Obaugh. **Death:** Anson Hight Laukaran, 1979-2001

OXFORD

We look forward to First Day School starting again.

We had a Ceremony of Commitment on May 5 with Debbie Fetzer and Janice Johnson joining a large gathering in a moving ceremony followed by a reception at the Meeting House.

We have gathered at Little Elk Meeting House for worship this summer. Some of our members have devoted many hours to keep it a lovely place to be. Some of our members have been working toward the Sept 29th and 30th Tercentenary Celebration of Brick Meeting which is under our care. It is located near Rising Sun, Md. Once a year we have Quarterly Meeting there. It promises to be a fine weekend with speakers, historical groups participating and things to make it memorable.

The Meeting House in Oxford has been used by a folk music group and a community group for concerts. The acoustics are perfect but we get complaints about our pews which were made for Friends who sat up straight in their day.

PATAPSCO PREPARATIVE

Patapsco Preparative Meeting hosted Quarterly meeting on June 10th. All preparations went smoothly; we even had enough chairs! The weather cooperated, and after meeting for worship we had picnic tables set up outside for a simple meal. The afternoon's threshing session on Charity was an experience of deep listening. Each visitor took away a bound copy of our first four issues of the Quaker Heron, our newsletter. The children were active for a month making covers and binding the issues.

Jim Rose was welcomed as a new member, and Nicole Mananara was welcomed as a new associate member. The welcomed and welcomers enjoyed paddling on Centennial Lake. Continuing the trend of new members, Bob Rhudy has applied for membership.

While we welcomed Henry Wilhelm, Phyllis Keenan and Scott Wilhelm's newest Quaker to the meeting, we had to say goodbye to the whole family on their move to the Boston area. We heard recently from the Allens who had moved to Colorado.

The Meeting held four Seeker's Sessions in the spring, all of which were well attended. Bible Study continues with a discussion of the First Letter of John. Monthly meetings for business began discussions on becoming a Monthly Meeting.

PATUXENT

Patuxent Friends completed the purchase of our new Meeting House on H.G. Trueman Road in Lusby, MD

on 2 July. Our early meetings for worship have been rich in a sense of community and history. Moving in to our new quarters has been reminiscent of the story of "Stone Soup". Friends have come through the door with tables, dishes, toys, books, chairs, energy, skill and love. We have each brought a piece of ourselves to transform a humble frame building to a sacred space—our new spiritual home. Members are currently working on renovation projects to make the building accessible before we can officially open it for public worship. An access ramp has already been completed. We look forward to hosting a Meeting retreat at the end of September.

Efforts on behalf of the St. Mary's County Community Mediation Center continue to progress. Since Patuxent Friends Monthly Meeting accepted sponsorship of this organization, the SMCCMC has been approved for a MACRO fiscal year 2002 Community Mediation Start-up Grant and the Advisory Board has selected Mr. Irvin Foster to be the first Center Director. Mr. Foster is retired from a Washington, D.C. law practice and has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the field of community mediation. We are pleased to find him and look forward to his leadership.

Patuxent Friends recently sent a letter to the local Southern Maryland newspapers in support of Maryland's Anti-Discrimination Act of 2001. The letter said, in part "It's time for us to stop looking at one another as issues and start seeing one another as brothers and sisters. It's time for us to let go of intolerance and fear and offer one another the gift of acceptance and love." Friends may read the entire text of the letter at www.patuxentfriends.org

RICHMOND

We continue to seek guidance about expansion and reconstruction of our meeting facilities as well as our relationship with the Clearing, our retreat property in Amelia County. These are both spiritual and financial decisions, which we are considering carefully and prayerfully. At the Meeting for Worship for Business this next Tenth Month, October 21, 2001, the community of Richmond Friends Meeting will meet to consider the proposals made by the Building Planning Committee. The committee was asked to investigate ways to solve some of the basic problems we face with the building behind the worship room. This building has some structural damage, lacks handicap access, and is considered by many inadequate for our religious education needs.

Death: Milton Gertsch April 22, 2001

WASHINGTON

New First Day Schedule: At its September 9, 2001 Monthly Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business, Friends Meeting of Washington approved the following First Day schedule changes to become effective January 1, 2002:

The Sunday "10:00" and "11:00" Meetings will both take place at 10:30 a.m. There will no longer be a special worship schedule for Monthly Meeting Day. Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business will be held at 11:45 AM. The new schedule will be as follows:

Sunday

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Capitol Hill Worship Group—William Penn House, 515 East Capitol St. SE
- 9:00 a.m. ~ Meeting House Parlor
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Meeting House Meeting Room
- 10:30 a.m. ~ Quaker House Living Room, with special welcome to gay men and lesbians
- 11:00 a.m. ~ Friendship Preparative Meeting at Sidwell Friends Upper School, 3825 Wisconsin Ave. NW, Kogod Arts Building
- 6:00 p.m. ~ Meeting House Decatur Place Room

Daily

- 7:30 a.m. ~ Capitol Hill Worship Group—William Penn House, 515 East Capitol St. SE

Wednesday

- 7:00 PM ~ Meeting House Parlor

Monthly Meeting Day

Meeting for Worship with Concern for Business is held at 11:45 AM on the second Sunday from September through June and on the third Sunday in July.

The Meeting hopes that the simplified schedule will be easier for everyone, but especially for newcomers and for any Friends who like to visit other Meetings.

Birth: Lily Kleymeyer, 3/24/2001 to Chuck Kleymeyer & Anne DeLorey **Marriages/Ceremonies of Commitment:** Patricia Anne Murphy & Lewis Levi Pearson, 6/9/2001; Amy Martha Southwick & Thomas Million King, 7/8/2001 **Deaths:** Bernice Bell Just, 5/1/2001; Terry Morgan, 5/2001; Gloria Neustadt Biggs, 6/12/2001; Richard Danforth Stimson, Jr., 3/14/2001; Margaret Susan Kitzinger, 3/22/2000

ADDITIONAL WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Broadmead Retirement Center: Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Contact: Herbert Hoopes, 410/785-5766
Sheppard Pratt Hospital: Tuesday at 11:45 a.m. Contact: John Sexton, 410/785-3105

YOUNG FRIENDS ANNOUNCE NEW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE !!!

The Baltimore Yearly Meeting Young Friends are gathered by a dedicated and hard working group of peers. These folks are known as executive members. Should you have any questions or concerns about programs, look for one of these teens in your Monthly Meeting. The names, position, and Monthly Meeting are listed below. Other Young Friends not listed below can also be contacted, but that list is over 100 names and just plain too long to print!!

Brian Massey	Co-clerk	Sandy Spring
Rachel Stacy	Co-clerk	Gunpowder
Emily Buniva	Assistant Clerk	Richmond (and Midlothian!)
Stephanie Virgo	Treasurer	Frederick
Chloe Tucker	Assistant Treasurer	Charlottesville
Alicia Henzi	Co-Recording Clerk	Takoma Park
Woody Schaeffer	Co-Recording Clerk	Sandy Spring
Lizzy Withers	Co-BYFN editor	Adelphi
Julia Williams	Co-BYFN Editor	Dunnings Creek
Margaret Krome-Lukens	Co-BYM planner	Williamsburg
Jessie Vanderhoff	Co-BYM planner	Baltimore, Stony Run
Mali Royer	YPC Representaive	Baltimore, Homewood
Sandy Robson	YPC Representative	Baltimore, Stony Run
Sam Horne	Member at Large	Takoma Park
Carolina McCandless	Member at Large	
Andrew Fox	Member at Large	Alexandria
Laurel Johnson	Workcamp planner	Sandy Spring
Lydia Hanson	<i>Interchange</i> Correspondent	Frederick
David Arginteanu	Floater	State College

YEARLY MEETING OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CLERKS

Lamar Matthew	Clerk of Yearly Meeting	York
Ronald Mattson	Recording Clerk of Yearly Meeting	Baltimore, Stony Run
Marjorie Scott	Clerk of Interim Meeting	Baltimore, Stony Run
Arthur David Olson	Recording Clerk of Interim Meeting	Takoma Park
Edward Hawkins	Clerk of Trustees	Bethesda
Marcy Seitel	Advancement & Outreach Co-clerk	Adelphi
Jeanne Tabscott	Advancement & Outreach Co-clerk	Valley
Joan Anderson	Criminal & Restortative Justice	Carlisle
Jonathon Glass	Educational Funding Resources	Sandy Spring
Bob Fetter	Epistle	Roanoke
Flossie Fullerton	Indian Affairs	Sandy Spring
Trudy Rogers	Manual of Procedure	Seneca Valley
Miriam Green	Ministry & Counsel	Baltimore, Homewood
John Mason	Nurture & Recognition of Ministry	Alexandria
Betty Hutchinson	Peace & Social Concerns Co-clerk	Sandy Spring
JohnRich	Peace & Social Concerns Co-clerk	Bethesda
David Hines	Program Committee	Richmond
Howard Fullerton	Publications	Sandy Spring
Chuck Fager	Religious Education	State College
Tim Yeane	Right Sharing of World Resources	Langley Hill
Marion Ballard	Stewardship & Finance	Bethesda
Janney Wilson	Unity With Nature Co-clerk	Goose Creek
Steve Elkington	Unity With Nature Co-clerk	Langley Hill
Tom Fox	Youth Program	Langley Hill

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September

- 14-15 Young Friends Executive Committee Retreat, Gunpowder Meeting, Brian Massey
- 22 Camping Program Committee, Opequon Quaker Camp
- 29 Washington Quaker Workcamps Board Retreat

October

- 5-7 BYM Young Friends Conference, Goose Creek Meeting House, Rachel Stacy
- 5-8 Young Quakes, Burlington Meeting House, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and Friends
General Conference
- 13 Camping Program Committee, Location TBA
- 20 Fall Yearly Meeting Day and Interim Meeting, Sandy Spring Meeting,
Marjorie Scott, Clerk of Interim Meeting**
- 21 Centre Quarter Meeting, West Branch Meeting, Walt Fry
- 26-27 Junior Young Friends Conference, Michele Levasseur

November

- 9-1 Washington Quaker Workcamp, openings, Michele Levasseur
- 19 Warrington Quarter, York Meeting, Margaret Stambaugh, Clerk
- 23-25 Young Friends Conference, Adelphi Meeting House, Sam Horne