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	first-time attenders (Bello Center) 5:00 Registration closes	4:15 Intergenerational Singing & Kenyan Tea (Rotunda)	4:15 Moses Brown School, Lemonade & Cookies (Rotunda)	4:15 Jubilee Time (Sun-Wed); For red, rereation, intergenerational activities, special small groups (worship sharing, interest groups), committee activities, daily Open Meeting to Hear Concernation.	15 Jubilee Time (Sun-Wed): For rest, revention, intergenerational activities, special small groups (worship sharing, interest groups), committee activities, daily Open Meding to Hear Concerns.	Youth Programs Childcare: Su-W: 9-11:45am, &
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00:6-00:9	6:45 Opening Celebration (all ages) (Bello Canter) 7:30 (approx) Children & youth staff leave 7:45 Welcome & Anchor Groups (Bello Center)	6:15 Vespers: Singing for all ages (Outside Bello Canter) 6:15 Orientation for first-time attenders (See YM News* for locations) News* for locations ToO Meeting to Hear God's Call (Bello Canter)	6:15 Vespers: Singing for all ages (Outside Bello Canter) 7:00 Meeting to Hear God's Call (Bello Canter) 8:30 Contra Dance (Sulnurson Dining Hall)	6:15 Vespers: Singing for all ages (Outside Belto Center) 7:00 Jubilee Colebration an intergenerational music event with Annie & Peter Blood-Patterson. (Belto Center)	6.13 Vespers: Singing for all ages (Outside Belto Center) 7:00 Meeting to Hear God's Call (Belto Center) 8:00 Coffee House (Submason Dining Hall)	Hi: 9-11:00am Junior Yearly Meeting & Junior Highers: Sa: 7:30-9pm; Sa: 9-35- H: 5sam, & 7-9pm; M-W; 9-11:15am, & 7-9pm; Tr: 9-11:00am Junior YM only,
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2010 New England Yearly Meeting Sessions Schedule

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Letter from the Presiding Clerk, Prior to Sessions

Our Quaker tradition arose in the recognition that God, the unknowable, calls us always. Isaiah (in 6:8, for example) is one who hears God's ever-present call: "Who shall I send? Who will go for us?" Early Quakers lived their lives in answer to this call. Like Isaiah, they responded, saying: "Send me." And they went, succeeding in bringing about religious freedom and other social justice reforms because they were clear in their hearts, about their beliefs, and committed to preach those beliefs with their lives, going to jail and suffering persecutions of all manner.

There is a sense among many of us that we may not be living our lives in this way and that we want to do better. Like early Friends, do we know and expect that as the Spirit can permeate the dark, disordered places in our individual hearts and lives, as well as in our communities? Do we believe that we are freed by opening to the Spirit? And can we act in accordance with that Spirit? Do we put enough weight on our belief that the core of our practice is to hear Spirit's voice and obey it? Do we believe that then justice flows, through and by us?

These teachings are part of what George Fox and other early Friends knew by the name of Gospel Order. Gospel order is the right-ordering that was prophesied in the practice of Jubilee (Leviticus 25). Both are about hearing God's voice and acting in obedience to that voice. This is a life-work that we embrace this year. To help us, the Yearly Meeting has sent to each monthly meeting a copy of the Pendle Hill Pamphlet by Sandra Cronk called *Gospel Order: A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community*.

Many people have been planning Sessions 2010 and, in this process, have been seeking to help each other practice the teachings of Jubilee and Gospel Order. The beginning was in not assuming God wants us to do things the way we have done them in years past. There is the hope that the result may be six days unlike anything we have experienced before.

An expanded version of the Speakers and Agenda Subcommittee of Sessions Committee, including the clerks of Young Friends and Young Adult Friends, met approximately once a month since December to discern this year's business. This discernment working group finds this year's business is the discernment of what God calls us to. What is the state of our religious society? What activities and behaviors are we called to lay down? What does God want us to do with the time and resources in our care?

Instead of having meetings for worship for the conduct of business, we have meetings to hear and answer God's call. All our usual business will appear for consideration on a Unity Agenda. The recurring vision has been that these blocks of time are to be open, waiting worship. Some of them include Young Friends and Young Adult Friends in new, more active roles. Instead of workshops and worship sharing groups, there are Jubilee Seminars and daily anchor groups. In the anchor groups, one thing we may do together is contemplate and explore the opening we experience in the meetings to hear and answer God's call.

Instead of Bible Half Hours, we have intergenerational worship each morning. In the afternoons, there are open blocks of Jubilee Time for rest and re-creation, as well as for self-organized meetings and activities. Tuesday evening we will celebrate our community in singing together.

Indeed, there are so many changes this year that we might all get first-timer stickers on our nametags!

I ask for your prayers, patience and good humor as we continue to explore our faith together experimentally. And please fill out the evaluation forms to record your experiences and suggestions.

-LINDA JENKINS, PRESIDING CLERK

Minutes of the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

Saturday Evening, August 7, 2010

1. The New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends gathered on Saturday evening, August 7, 2010, for its 350th Annual Sessions at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI, singing as we entered. Out of gathered worship the clerk, Linda Jenkins, welcomed all to our second year observing Jubilee. Her news was of change, based on Leviticus 25 and Luke 4:16–20, in the ways that we will be together in community and lay down old ways and activities, in order to focus on the state of our religious society in today's world and corporately to seek to know Gospel Order. These are the queries before us as we clear the decks of our usual business, using the Unity Agenda, in order to focus on deeper listening and sustained seeking to understand what God wants of us. This week together, we will hold meetings to hear God's call—periods of waiting open worship out of which minutes of exercise may be discerned.

See Unity Agenda description, page 19

See Gospel Order: A Quaker Understanding of Faithful Church Community by Sandra Cronk, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #297. The Yearly Meeting office had sent a copy to each meeting in preparation for Sessions.

- 2. Members of the clerks' table were introduced: Linda Jenkins (NSan), presiding clerk; Rebecca Leuchak (Prov) and Brian Drayton (Weare), recording clerks; Beth Bussiere-Nichols (Port), and Greg Williams (NBed), reading clerks; Ben Guaraldi (BHill), clerk of Young Adult Friends; Mike Wood (Stor), clerk of Young Friends; and Kate Bonner Jackson (Camb), recording clerk of Young Adult Friends. See the Young Friends Minute on a Joint Meeting and Segmented Togetherness, page 19, which approved their participation in this joint gathering.
- 3. The clerk recognized the work of Kimberly Allen, outgoing Young Friends/Young Adult Friends coordinator, and Katharine Clark, outgoing communications director, and asked our current and incoming year-round NEYM staff to rise: Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary; Alison Hersey, accounts manager; Beth Collea, Christian education coordinator; Jeffrey Hipp, incoming communications director/office manager, Nat Shed, Friends Camp director, Delia Windwalker, interim office manager, Aimee Belanger, interim Young Friends Sessions coordinator; Kevin Lee, Junior Yearly Meeting retreat coordinator; Gretchen Baker Smith, Junior High Yearly Meeting retreat coordinator; Marnie Miller-Gutsell, New England Yearly Meeting archivist; NiaDwynwen Koch, Young Friends/Young Adult Friends coordinator; and Barbie Rugg, New England Friends Home director.
- 4. The reading clerks called the roll by Quarter, and Friends rose and raised hands as their monthly meeting was named. We welcomed Friends from China, Fairfield, Gonic, Martha's Vineyard, and Narramissic Valley Monthly Meetings, represented at Yearly Meeting Sessions for the first time in a few years.
- 5. The clerk took a census of modes of transport to Sessions, asking how many Friends came to the gathering: by horse, by bicycle, by foot, by public transportation, and in cars by number of passengers.

- 6. The clerk introduced visitors and representatives from Friends' organizations: Listone Ayodi of East Africa YM, representing the Rural Service Baumann Philadelphia Programme; Lauren of YM, Earlham School of Religion; Jocelyn Burnell of Britain YM, representing Friends World Committee for Consultation; Letticia Salcines and Marilyn Escalona of Cuba YM; Suzanne and Richard Frechette of Southeast YM; Newton Garver of New York YM, representing the Bolivia Quaker Education Fund; Eden, Jim, Isaiah, and Jesse Grace of NEYM, representing Friends United Meeting; Keith Harvey of the American Friends Service Committee and Viv Hawkins of Philadelphia YM, Jubilee Seminar speakers; Kody Hersh of Southeastern YM; Ian McEwen of Intermountain YM; Laura Melly of Philadelphia YM; Juliet Smith of New York YM; and Thomas Swain, presiding clerk of Philadelphia YM.
- 7. We appointed the following adult visitors to the youth yearly meetings: Childcare, Martha Penzer (Camb) & Skip Schiel (Camb); Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) κ –2, Patricia Shotwell (Well) & Debbie Humphries (Hart); JYM 3–4, Tom Libby (Well) & Katie Green (Worc); 5–6, Bonnie Norton (Well) & Suzy Klein-Berndt (Nham); Junior High Yearly Meeting, Martha McManamy (Ames) & Carol Raines (NSho); Young Friends, Sheila Garrett (Mon) & Charlotte Fardelmann (Dov); Young Adult Friends, Leslie Manning (Dur).
- 8. Betty Ann Lee (Wport), coordinator of JYM, introduced the youth programs coordinators: Kimberly Walker-Goncalves (Nham), Child Care; Aliza Correia (Wport), Kindergarten; Paula Rosvall (Han), 1st & 2nd grade; Margie Carpenter (BHill), 3rd & 4th grade; Carol Baker (West), 5th and 6th grades; and Kara Price Bachand (Stor), JHYM; as they and their staff led the children out to their evening programs. Young Friends and Young Adult Friends continued in worship with the adult Friends.
- 9. Jean McCandless (Bur), clerk of Sessions Committee, introduced the daily anchor groups, a place for us to know one another better. She detailed some of the opportunities that this Jubilee year has given us: a half-hour of intergenerational worship each morning and new ways to be with each other, such as games, handiwork sharing, encouragement of relaxation, and other forms of informal gathering. We adjourned to the anchor groups.

See Anchor Groups Report, page 49

Sunday Evening, August 8, 2010

- 10. The clerk introduced the following visitors to Yearly Meeting who have arrived since yesterday: Elaine Emily of Pacific YM; Christine Greenland of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; LaVerne Shelton of Northern YM, representing Friends General Conference; Darlene Walker, representing Pendle Hill; Elizabeth Yeats of South Central YM, YM News editor; and Stephanie Powers from Belgium.
- 11. In a joint plenary session with Young Friends, their clerk, Michael Wood, and their recording clerk, Evan McManamy, brought forward the Young Friends Unity Agenda, which comprised the Young Friends Nominations for their Ministry and Counsel and their proposed retreat themes for the year. Young Friends approved these items.

See Young Friends Minutes, page 18

- 12. The clerk then turned our attention to the adult YM unity agenda. We:
 - accepted all staff reports, See Staff Reports, page 53
 - accepted all committee reports, See Committee Reports, page 63
 - approved the slate of appointments presented by Nominating Committee, See Directory of Committees, page 88
 - approved the Bank Resolutions, See Bank Resolutions, page 21
 - accepted the Memorial Minutes forwarded by Permanent Board (to be read on Tuesday morning), See Memorial Minutes, page 22
 - accepted the recommendations from Permanent Board to approve re-hiring Nathaniel Shed as Director for Friends Camp, and Jonathan Vogel-Borne as YM Secretary.
 - accepted the minute on FUM Financial Implications, extended by a sentence that clarifies our intent to continue last year's decision through Sept. 30, 2011, to wit, "This process is to be in force until September 30, 2011, unless explicitly extended by the YM in its Sessions next year." See the Minute on FUM Financial Implications, page 20

Regarding the proposed FY-2011 deficit budget, Edward Mair (Ames), treasurer, Travis Belcher (Mon), clerk of Finance Committee, and Jonathan Vogel-Borne (Camb), YM secretary, explained the recommended budget, which was based on the development and analysis of the Priorities Budget process. The working reserves would easily cover the projected shortfall, if it should appear, but the treasurer believes that it is very likely that we will be able to reduce costs, and increase income from a Development Committee effort currently under way. We noted that the proportions of giving to the three main Friends organizations (FUM, FGC, FWCC) has not been recomputed annually as required, rather than simply continuing a fixed proportion year after year, and the Finance Committee is asked to resume this practice. It is acknowledged that in this unique year, not enough information was made available in advance, and there will be more thorough preparation in advance of next year's Sessions. Sensitive that some questions remain, and that Friends wish more time to consider this, we will return for a final decision on the budget as a unity agenda item at our session on Monday evening. See minutes 18 & 19 for additional Unity Agenda items.

- 13. We are grateful for the dedicated work of many Friends that has enabled us to hold more time open to the Spirit's promptings towards more faithful practice and witness, and the better ordering of our beloved community. We also are grateful for the hard work that the Young Friends undertook to prepare for their participation in this meeting, and the sensitivity and care of their contributions. We also appreciate their endurance in staying present for a part of this evening's deliberations, and for their faithfulness in returning to this business session after having left for their own concerns, to join us in the evening's final deliberations.
- 14. The clerk opened the first of our Meetings to Hear (and Perhaps Answer) God's Call. She offered a brief definition of a Minute of Exercise, and described how these minutes will be used to help maintain the continuity of our deliberations—and perhaps discoveries—over the course of the week.

A minute of exercise expresses the clerk's sense of the condition of the meeting after some time spent in corporate discernment. It seeks to identify how the spirit seems to have moved through the body in an emerging concern, to point towards work that the meeting feels it should take up again, or on which we wish to seek

further clarity. It is not a record of each message voiced or of a debate, nor does it seek to reflect the whole process by which the meeting has arrived at the point when the minute is taken. It may be a kind of log book, a milestone, and a signpost: Thus far we have been led, as we seek to know God's will; we have a sense of where we might seek for the opening way, and we may note certain issues, openings, gifts, or blessings that we wish to bear in mind as we fare forward.

The clerk then posed the following queries for Friends' consideration with which we will begin at our next Meeting to Hear (and Perhaps Answer) God's Call:

- What is the state of our religious society?
- What is our spiritual condition?
- What is God calling us to?

Monday Morning, August 9, 2010: Meeting for Worship to Hear God's Call

15. Friends gathered Monday, August 9, 2010, at 9:15 a.m. to consider the state of our Religious Society, to hear and to answer God's call. Friends welcomed visitor Theresa Kirby of the American Friends Service Committee. The clerk offered the following queries as we settled into worship:

- What is the state of our religious society?
- What is our spiritual condition?
- What is God calling us to?

16. We approved the following minute:

Minute of Exercise, Monday morning

Arise, shine, we are bathed in the light, seeking, waiting for revelation. Friends give thanks to God for being with us for 350 years and bringing us to this place where we meet together. We too have been faithful. Young Friends have often shown the way. God has been with us. God was with us in George Fox's time when thousands of Friends gathered in Newport, RI, and felt such love that they took two days to part with each other. God was with us when John Woolman brought his witness against slavery to New England Friends; and God was with the slave-owning Friends who sat beside him in worship. God was with us through the schism in 1845, during the First and Second World Wars, and when the Wilburite and Gurneyite yearly meetings reunited. We give thanks for those generations who came before us, in their faithfulness and unfaithfulness. God is with us now as we continue their rhythm, in faithfulness and unfaithfulness, in our openings and closings, and we are confident that there is a love great enough to hold us all. If we are faithful God will be with us in continuing revelation.

We seek our right balance as individuals with leadings and as a corporate community which supports its members' callings, and embraces and bears witness to our discerned conviction of what God calls us to do. How do we live that balance? That balance and tension is exhilarating, challenging and filled with love. We are, in this Jubilee year, engaged in a process that for some is not easy. Living afresh and anew our faith, we ask for God's help and the connection among us that is the vital strength of our community.

Before we come to the place of grace, we may not be able to let go of our fear, but we may need to let go of those ways we hide ourselves from recognizing our

fears: the illusion of financial security, the false security of self-righteousness, or the addiction to being liked and loved that keeps us from speaking truth. There is no safety but accepting God and releasing our substitutes. Then we might be free to be faithful. God calls, though our hearts be filled with our own concerns, God calls.

Among many things we may be called to do, we may stand up and work in our own ways to foster justice in the world. Grieving for the conflicts around the world, where is our corporate witness for peace? In this week are we called to convene a public witness in Washington, inviting all yearly meetings in the U.S. to a public demonstration against this war in Afghanistan and all wars? In our struggles to reach across differences, how shall we bring our truth to a world in fear? Have we asked forgiveness for the harms we have done, and have we forgiven those who have harmed us? Are we afraid to be washed free through God's mercy and forgiveness? Are we being patient in discernment or are we just afraid to act? What are the ways that we, individually and corporately, may be hiding from our fears? If we can let go, forgive and be forgiven, then we will be prepared to be faithful.

Monday Evening, August 9, 2010

- 17. We welcomed Linda Coates, visiting for the Baltimore YM visitation committee.
- 18. The Clerk presented the YM treasurer's report and proposed FY11 budget for a second time as a Unity Agenda item. Friends approved. We take note that some feel continued unease with the lack of information and analysis available, as recorded in minute 12.
- 19. We approved one final item of the Unity Agenda: the report and recommendation of the Permanent Board's Clerks Nominating Committee. The committee recommends the following slate of clerks for 2011: Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk; Rebecca Leuchak and Brian Drayton, recording clerks; Greg Williams and Beth Bussiere-Nichols, reading clerks. Friends approved.
- 20. We heard the minute of exercise from our Monday morning session, and continued our listening in the Spirit.
- 21. We approved the following minute as a record of our labors:

Minute of exercise, Monday evening

This morning, as we began our exploration, we began to see how we must be opened by living past our fears, and living in forgiveness, to grow into a prepared people. We were reassured by the felt presence of God's love and strength, and accepted that God is present in our stumbling as well as our walking strongly.

This evening, we were led to see further. We were challenged in our exercise to recognize how deeply enculturated we are, and how the spiritual weaknesses and blindness of our culture are interwoven in many of our patterns of thought, even here in this beloved community. Our leadership is failing us by staying in well-worn ruts.

If we are to arise in the Light as we told ourselves this morning, and bear a witness in this world, we must take seriously the things we say about God the present teacher, leader, healer, and giver of power. Gifts of vision, of ministry and service are poured out among us, all around, for the upbuilding of the body. We need to accept them, and demand that they be exercised in fresh life. If we cultivate these gifts—nourishing, cherishing, pruning, guiding—we will all be fed, we will increasingly be able to take spirit-led action, and the body will discover its witness. If we do not nurture the multitude of gifts among us, and nurture also our ability to follow, our spirits and our community will starve away. To those who have, more will be given, but those who hold a treasure, and do not employ it, will have it taken away.

We are this evening mourning our shortcomings, but we know that God mourns with us. We know we are accompanied, and not yet abandoned by the Shepherd of Israel, who is working with light, joy, and mysterious power yet, and waiting for our embrace.

Tuesday Morning, August 10, 2010

22. We gave thanks for the work of God in the lives of 12 beloved Friends, in a morning session devoted to the memorial minutes forwarded by Permanent Board.

We heard the memorial minutes for John Sutton Barlow, Arthur Howland Brinton, Gordon Mervin Browne, Eloise Houghton, William How, Heather Moir, Eleanor Butler Perry, Finley Perry, Ilse Ollendorff Reich, Katharine Wolcott Toll, Rosly Walter, and Jane Weaver Westover.

See Memorial Minutes, page 22

Wednesday Morning, August 11, 2010

- 23. We remembered with delight and gratitude the Jubilee journey and celebration in song and story, led for Friends of all ages Tuesday evening by Peter and Annie Blood-Patterson.
- 24. We heard the minute of exercise from our Monday evening session, and continued our listening in the Spirit.
- 25. We approved the following minute:

Minute of Exercise, Wednesday Morning: Meeting for Wandering in the Desert

We have traveled together, circling over familiar territory, we have remembered our ancestors, and begun to feel each others' pain, and despair. We have heard calls that we do know the way. We have begun to call the spirit into the world through each other and hold space for the spirit to come. While we have been struggling to love each other we hurt each other too. Our next steps are available to us and perhaps have been named already. Meeting for Wandering in the Desert.

Wednesday Evening, August 11, 2010

26. We heard the minute of exercise from our Wednesday morning session, and continued our listening in the Spirit.

27. We approved the following minute:

Minute of Exercise, Wednesday evening

How we struggle and yearn in our human limits to arrive at the joyous moment of embarkation—the momentous launch to action we so long for! Here we are, Lord, wrestling with our so fallible desires for action, for setting the course! We struggle to meet that imperative to go forth! Many feel we are on a vessel that is not fully ready, prepared for a charted course. Grant us wisdom to relinquish our expectations, to hand over the helm and to wait for the spirit to lead. We are together for such a brief time, but can we wait? It's time to go, to go forth.

When we allow ourselves to look into the darkness of our times we cannot deny the outward evils that confront us—environmental disaster impending, wars, and social and economic collapse at many levels. We are all torn and oppressed by these evils, and long to bring both hope and help. And we are reminded that right before us in our neighborhoods and in our communities is the opportunity to speak truth to power, to work for justice, to tend to the needs of neighbors, to build the community we say we want. We need to wake up, open our eyes, to see and understand what is before us. We need God's grace to acknowledge that there are openings and gifts present within our monthly meetings enough for every friend. We need the courage to work in our own homes and in our own communities, with and for our neighbors.

But our exercises have not only been in the Meetings to Hear God's Call. Our work here has been accompanied by the work in the anchor groups where we have experienced support and expectations of accountability for our leadings. Many of us report the rich experience of group support and mutual seeking experienced in anchor groups. And many have made personal commitments to take back to their monthly meetings for seasoning.

Together, we may have come a long way, but we have still a long way to go on the path God has given us, instead of our stubborn, arrogant resistance to where God is leading us. We need to be holy. We need to wake up to openings for the ways we must let our lives speak. There is revelation; there is the peaceable kingdom but to get there we need to be cracked open. We have no doubt in our minds that You can do this in us. We yearn with our hearts that You will.

Thursday Morning, August 12 2010

28. The meeting upheld the Young Adult Friends as they heard and approved their 2010 epistle.

See YAF Epistle, page 51

29. We heard and approved the 2010 General Epistle. See the General Epistle, page 50

30. We approved the following minute:

Minute of Sending Forth

Sing and rejoice, ye children of the day and of the light; for the Lord is at work in this thick night of darkness that may be felt. And truth doth flourish as the rose, and the lilies do grow among the thorns, and the plants atop of the hills. And upon them the lambs do skip and play. And never heed the tempests nor the storms, floods nor rains, for in the seed Christ is over all, and doth reign. And so be of good faith and valiant for the truth. —GEORGE FOX 1663

During this 350th gathering of our beloved yearly meeting, our exercise has gone forward in several ways. In our Meetings to Hear God's Call, we identified some specific areas that will require sustained and disciplined attention if we are to be prepared to witness as faithfully as we want to. These include:

- the call to forgiveness;
- the call to strengthen our ability to love and to build our community;
- the call to name, cultivate, and exercise gifts of ministry, eldership, and leadership;
- the call to undertake clear leadings for witness.

These priorities are reflected in our minutes of exercise, and we have returned to them repeatedly. They have emerged so clearly in our sessions that we direct Friends to bear these priorities in mind, and address them explicitly as they are doing their work at every level of our community. We cannot now dictate specific courses of action, but we ask all committees and meetings to seriously reflect on these priorities, starting within the next two months of 2010. We also encourage Friends to discover ways in which meetings and committees can help each other in this work. It may be that quarterly meetings and the Yearly Meeting can help constituent meetings, but it may also be that monthly meetings or committees can find ways to collaborate directly.

Furthermore, because we know that we have much work to do, and we are always tempted to avoid hard work, we desire to hold ourselves accountable. So we ask Friends, as they report to each other and to the Yearly Meeting, to speak in concrete terms about whether and how their work has taken account of each of these priorities. Clerks of meetings and committees at all levels must be responsible to ensure that Friends undertake this in a substantive fashion. But this call is laid on all of us.

During our sessions, the anchor groups have been deep in exploration, discernment, and community building. They have been working with concrete individual gifts and leadings, and begun to develop structures of accountability necessary for these to bear fruit. That work will encourage monthly meetings, quarterly meetings, and committees within the Yearly Meeting to take up the work of supporting and eldering these leadings, holding each other accountable in love within our communities.

We note that we are not finished with the work of listening for God's call, and for God's guidance in preparation and faithful response. We have learned during our Jubilee years that there is no substitute for frequent extended times of worship, in groups of all sizes within and between meetings, and this is a lesson that we must not lose. Therefore, we encourage meetings and other groups to continue to create opportunities for such worship.

We are not discouraged that we have so much to do, and that so much of it is long overdue. We are not discouraged by the realization that this work will take time. It has begun, and we all, for the honor of Truth, are called to proclaim what we found during our jubilee exercises here in Smithfield, and in the months leading up to it, and be persistent, creative, and joyful in bringing the work home with us.

We would like to close by sharing some of the words of one of our anchor groups, which expresses much of our exercise, our hope, and our resolve, noting that we as a body cannot claim all these words as our own:

There is only one testimony, and it is the testimony to the transforming power of God. There is only one witness and it is the witness of the body of Christ. There are many pieces of work, which will require the particular gifts, ministries, and passions of all of us, because the desire of God for healing and redemption of this blessed creation requires profound change.

We refute the lies of the present situation: the lie that causes movements for transformation to see each other as competitors; the lie that says that social action is spiritually shallow and spirituality is socially passive; the lie that says that war and destruction are inevitable and efforts for change are hopeless; the lie that says we can't change the world until we have perfected ourselves.

We declare that with God's help, we stand ready to be agents of transformatory witness to God's promise. We pray for the wisdom to perceive the patterns of thought and behavior within ourselves, which conform to the present darkness. We pray for the strength to take bold, prophetic and concrete action in the world. Some of that action will be local, some global, some individual, some corporate, some immediate, some long-term. For action which is rightly guided, we can trust that we have already the resources required for faithfulness. Use us Lord!

It is with pain and regret and gratitude for their faithfulness that we record that the following Friends wish to stand aside from this minute: Clifford Harrison, Allan Kohrman, Elizabeth Dyer, Connie Kinkaid-Brown, John Wilmerding, Jerry Carson.

- 31. We heard reports from the visitors to the youth yearly meetings. Friends enthusiastically recounted the joy and life in the young peoples' sessions, and commended the skill and dedication of the youth staff.
- 32. Jonathan Vogel-Borne, YM Secretary, reported some statistics about this YM session. Although the number of attenders is down by comparison with last year, (680 this year, last year 740), more Friends stayed full time, and this provided a consistency of attendance that was valuable to our seeking work.
- 33. We have become aware that Ralph Greene (China) is celebrating a personal jubilee, as 2010 is the 50th consecutive YM session which he has attended in whole or part. We are glad to celebrate this record of faithfulness, by giving him a gift of a large-print Bible. Are there similar stories of which we should hear? We thank God for everyone's attendance as they are able, but at this moment are particularly aware of the blessings that our community receives from those who attend year after year.
- 34. Closing worship, with all ages gathered, included hearing and joining Jim Grace in singing the song he composed describing the 350-year history of NEYM:

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NEYM Pie

(to the tune of American Pie), Jim Grace, 2010

A long, long time ago,

Friends can still remember how the Spirit came to these here shores.

Young George Fox heard a voice within him, saying there is one to speak to his condition.

And then his heart did leap for joy.

But Mary Fisher and Ann Austin walked cheerfully in Puritan Boston.

To thank them for their trying, they were banished on pain of dying.

And William Leddra, and William Robinson, and Mary Dyer and Marmaduke Stevenson,

Were all hanged on Boston Common, as Friends can testify.

Chorus:

So mind, mind, mind the light that thou hast,
Not the preacher nor the steeple nor the book from the past.
But gather in love and hold the Spirit so fast,
Asking "What is it now thou canst say? What is it now thou canst say?"

Did you read the book of Love, and do you have faith in God above? Did the Spirit tell you so?

Well, do you believe in Inner Light? Did Jesus tell you not to fight?

And, can you teach me how Friends decide, real slow?

Well I know that you're in unity when I see you sit so quietly.

You might drop off to sleep, but I know that worship is deep.

Ooh, I was a young urban professional, and I'd seen my last confessional, But I knew I was impressional the day I came to Friends. I started singing:

Chorus

Did you hear the Newport news, what with George Fox sitting in the pews, And the Spirit of the Lord was over all?

Well, for three hundred and fifty years we've been meeting there and meeting here,

Always seeking to discern our corporate call.

But we've not always heard it clearly, and those enslaved have suffered dearly. As we discerned intensely, John Woolman helped immensely.

So slavery's days have seen their ends, but did we fully make amends? And were those freed as fit for Friends? We still have work to do.

Chorus

"To scripture" cried the Gurneyite, as Wilburs followed Inner Light, A split was underway.

And when Eli and Sybil departed, a Friends school in Ramallah started. We were going global all the way.

But when independent meetings came and Rufus Jones had made his name, We found that reuniting was better far than fighting.

And though we were in unity, we still had much diversity,

And when we talked theology, we had to find the way.

Chorus

To Jubilee we came this year, God's quiet voice for us to hear, The Spirit over us to sway.

We needed to discover fear and do a different thing this year,

Never easy when the Spirit has its day.

But as we sat in stillness there, community for us to bear,

And not a word was spoken. The boundaries all were broken.

I can't remember if I cried when that sense of separation died,

But something touched me deep inside, the day I found my guide. We were singing:

Chorus

35. The clerk closed this meeting for worship, noting that there be no further business before us at this time, sending us forth, to meet the sixth day of eighth month 2011, if not sooner, God willing.

Minutes of the Young Adult Friends of New England Yearly Meeting

- 1. YAFs gathered in song and silence with the wider Yearly Meeting.
- 2. Friends heard and approved the YAF Epistle.
- 3. YAFs joined the wider Yearly Meeting's worship with a concern for business and closed with silence and a song.

Minutes of the Young Friends of New England Yearly Meeting

- I. The nominating committee of Young Friends was established at our Midwinter retreat this past year. They have worked hard to ensure that this slate was ready for approval at the beginning of Sessions. Usually, we appoint a nominating committee at the beginning of Sessions and they have the slate ready by the end of our time together. The proposed slate for Young Friends Ministry and Counsel for the coming year is as follows:
 - Clerk: Shani Hines (Hart)
 - Recording Clerk: Anna Schonwald (Dov)
 - Other members: Katie Wood (Stor), Zachary Kay (Stor), Juliet Smith, Diana Kelly (NSho), Phoebe Hogue-Rodley (Camb), Briana Halliwell (Vass), Christine Hamilton (Fram), Beckie Sprague (Smith)
- 2. Retreat themes are usually decided by committee at Sessions. In the spirit of Jubilee, this committee was not created this year. Instead, RPs and Young Friends Ministry and

Counsel worked together to come up with this list of retreat themes. The order of these retreats is yet to be determined, with the exception of the Quakerism and Spirituality retreat, which has been established as the theme for our Midwinter retreat.

- To Create: Music, Art, Breadmaking
- · Mind, Body, Renewal
- · Quakerism and Spirituality
- · Gender Retreats
- · Relationships and Sexuality
- Sustainability and Nature

Addendum to Yearly Meeting Minutes

The Unity Agenda

The items listed on the Unity Agenda were introduced Saturday evening and proposed for consideration on Sunday evening. Friends were encouraged to familiarize themselves with the Unity Agenda, read the written information pertaining to each item in the Advance Documents, and consult with the Friends listed as resource people about any questions or concerns, in order to be ready to act on the items without discussion on Sunday evening.

This process is a continuation of the experiment begun last year, in consideration of the Yearly Meeting theme, Jubilee. Its purpose is to help us free additional time for corporate worship and discernment. The following items were included on the Unity Agenda:

- Accept all staff reports
- · Accept all committee reports
- Approve Nominating slate
- Accept treasurer's reports & budget
- · Accept Minute on FUM Financial Implications
- Approve bank resolutions
- · Accept memorial minutes
- Approve recommendations to approve re-hiring Nathaniel Shed, director for Friends Camp; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, YM secretary

Young Friends Minute on a Joint Meeting and Segmented Togetherness:

Young Friends approved the following minute on January 16, 2010, at their mid-winter retreat, approving the joint meeting of YFs with the adult Yearly Meeting and YAFs:

In the spirit of the year of Jubilee, Friends approved Young Friends' participation in a joint meeting for business of Young Friends, Young Adult Friends, and the Adult business meeting. As envisioned by Young Friends, the clerks of the three meetings would facilitate this joint meeting for business. Friends recognized that some Young Friends business is not relevant to the tri-meeting community; therefore, Friends endorsed the notion of segmented togetherness,

in which the business of the joint meeting would be segmented according to the originating group. In segmented togetherness, the clerks of the tri-meeting community would preside over the duration of the meeting for business, but Friends could choose not to participate in business pertinent to only Young Friends or Young Adult Friends. Many Young Friends look forward to taking part in the business of the larger New England Yearly Meeting, especially as it drafts our mission statement; many Friends also believe that the presence of Young Friends, Young Adult Friends, and Adult Friends will spiritually enrich our joint meetings.

NEYM Minute 2009-54

With regard to financial contributions to FUM, in the light of the FUM Personnel Policy, we approved the following minute.

Minute for Finance to FUM

If a monthly meeting minutes the intention of some of its members to exclude FUM from their contribution to NEYM, the MM treasurer will notify the NEYM treasurer of that decision, including a copy of the MM minute with the communication. The monthly meeting will then decrease their intended contribution by the appropriate amount, and the NEYM treasurer will decrease our contribution to FUM by the same amount. The MM treasurer is responsible for calculating the percentage of their budget that goes to NEYM. For FY-09, the percentage of the NEYM budget that goes to FUM is 1.5 percent.

A fund will be established to which individuals can donate to add to the Yearly Meeting's contribution to FUM. Individuals may donate to this fund if they wish to help ensure that the full budgeted amount goes to FUM.

The NEYM treasurer will exercise care in communicating with FUM about the potential variability in NEYM's contribution to FUM.

Friends find themselves painfully stretched between apparently conflicting imperatives, in both of which the honor of Truth is involved, in the context of our continued committed relationship with FUM. We understand that it will place a burden on Permanent Board, Finance Committee, treasurer and the accounts manager to elaborate the implementation. We further recognize that we must develop a more permanent response, in right ordering, and taking care that Friends are kept well informed as the work proceeds. Therefore, this process is to be in force until September 30, 2010, unless explicitly extended by the YM in its Sessions next year.

We are struggling with this decision, even though it is taken in tenderness to conscience. Several Friends told us that they are not in unity with this decision, but are willing to stand aside.

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Bank Resolutions Minute

The following resolutions are brought by the Finance Committee:

- That Edward Mair be appointed New England Yearly Meeting treasurer for the ensuing year.
- 2. That Sandra Moyer be appointed New England Yearly Meeting assistant treasurer for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- 3. That Elizabeth Muench be appointed Friends Camp treasurer for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified. The Friends Camp treasurer will work under the oversight of the NEYM treasurer and the Friends Camp director.
- 4. That the NEYM treasurer be authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of New England Yearly Meeting as needed.
- 5. That the Camp treasurer be authorized to open and close bank accounts in the name of Friends Camp as needed.
- 6. That the assistant treasurer, the communications director/office manager, the Yearly Meeting secretary, and a named member of the Permanent Board be designated as alternate signers, individually, of all bank accounts of NEYM of the Religious Society of Friends, except those separately defined in #7, for the ensuing year or until a successor is appointed and qualified.
- 7. That the Friends Camp director, the Friends Camp treasurer, and a designated member of the Friends Camp Committee be authorized, individually, as signers of the Friends Camp bank accounts.

Memorial Minutes

John Sutton Barlow, 1925–2008

John Sutton Barlow was born June 10, 1925 in North Carolina, where he was raised as a Presbyterian. Upon graduation with degrees in mathematics and physics from the University of North Carolina in 1944, he served in the US Navy until 1946. John then returned to UNC for an M.S. in physics. In 1948, he resigned from the Naval Reserves because he had become a conscientious objector to war. He decided to seek a medical degree, which he received from Harvard Medical School in 1953. He then began his career of over fifty years at Massachusetts General Hospital, working mainly in the analysis of electroencephalograms and designing electronic models of brain function.

During a year at Johns Hopkins before medical school, John would occasionally attend Homewood Friends Meeting in Baltimore and work in the clothing room. At meetings of the Fellowship of Reconciliation he met Sibylle, and they were married at Stony Run Meeting in 1950.

John began attending Cambridge Meeting in 1951 and became a member in 1955. He attended meeting in Acton when the Barlows moved there in 1957. When it became a monthly meeting, he transferred his membership to Acton, where he was active into the 1980s, serving at times as clerk and on committees. In New England Yearly Meeting, he served on Ministry and Counsel and Permanent Board and helped in the Yearly Meeting office.

John's discovery of his bisexuality led to a process of acknowledgment, growth, and acceptance within Acton Meeting, and was a major contributor to the Meeting's 1982 minute on relationships which laid the foundation for its later minute on gay marriage.

Besides his professional work, John's active interests included train travel, world affairs (particularly the UN), music, bicycling and unicycling, and reading biographies of scientists. He had a special love for the music of J. S. Bach (whose initials he proudly shared), which he played on the pipe organ he built at home, in a series of open rehearsals at Yearly Meeting Sessions at Wheaton College in 1975, and on his trips abroad. Acton Meeting fondly remembers the yearly carol sings at the Barlow home with John's accompaniment on his organ. His punning is also widely and fondly remembered.

In his last years, John's connection with Acton Meeting was through Sibylle, who took care of him at home. In 2006, he celebrated Bach's birthday with a party to release the CD of his 1975 Wheaton College organ performances. He died February 15, 2008.

—ACTON MONTHLY MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Arthur Howland Brinton, 1906–2009

Arthur Brinton was born on December 9, 1906 at Glenrose, Pennsylvania, a farming community about 35 miles west of Philadelphia. His parents were Quakers Eleanor (Fisher) Brinton, who had immigrated from Ireland via Argentina, and David Brinton, descended from generations of Quaker landowners and farmers in that area. Arthur was the third of four children. He spent his young years at Glenrose

where his father was an agricultural entrepreneur, miller, and postman, with other jobs and duties normal to a rural setting. Arthur was home-schooled through the elementary curriculum and then attended Westtown School, a Quaker boarding school near Philadelphia.

Arthur remembered having no further educational plans after leaving Westtown, but a family friend suggested to him that he might attend college to become a teacher. And so between the ages of 19 and 24 he attended Haverford College, graduating with a B.A. in English literature.

Upon graduation in 1932, he secured a position teaching English at George School, a Quaker boarding school in Bucks County north of Philadelphia. He taught at George School until retiring in 1971. He took time away from George School to obtain his M.A. at Yale in the 1930s and during World War II for Alternative Service in Ohio.

At the school, he was in charge of the Orton (freshman) dormitory and the boys who lived there nicknamed him "The Baron." During his bachelor years at George School, Arthur had a reputation as a spiffy dresser and drove a sporty Ford convertible. Arthur coached the junior varsity soccer team for decades. In 1939 he met Kate Keith Durfee, a newly hired mathematics teacher from upstate New York, and a year later they were married. Living on the George School campus for his entire career, he and Kate raised five children, including a foster daughter.

In 1943 and 1944 Arthur and Kate lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, for his Alternative Service. They were managers of a halfway house for Japanese-American families who had been released from internment camps. Since the Japanese-Americans had been uprooted from their old homes, one of Arthur and Kate's jobs was to help them find housing and to survive until they were ready to move on.

In the summer of 1949 Arthur accompanied the first George School Summer Work Camp group to (West) Germany, part of a Quaker-inspired effort to heal the wounds of war. The American students lived and worked in a small reconstruction project together with students from the Jacobi Gymnasium school in Düsseldorf. George School also participated in the post-war student exchange program in which young Americans had a chance to change places with students from Germany or France for one year.

In 1940, Arthur and Kate bought Wenlock Edge, a farm property outside of Ludlow, Vermont, where they spent every summer enjoying life without the benefits of running water, electricity or telephone, and cooking on a wood stove. After retirement in 1971, they had the house renovated to include plumbing, electricity, telephone and central heat, and moved there permanently. However, they retained and used their wood cookstove for some 35 more years.

During the 1970s Arthur and Kate participated in peace activities in Vermont. They were founding members of Wilderness Friends Meeting and later the Black River Coop. Arthur also served as president of the Black River Historical Society in Ludlow for a few years.

In the year 2001, with health failing, Arthur moved to a small local nursing home where he lived, with only two interruptions, until his death on August 19, 2009.

—WILDERNESS MONTHLY MEETING, NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

Gordon Mervin Browne, 1923-2009

Gordon's greeting was legendary. A wide smile lit up his face and spread to a sparkling welcome in his eyes. The warmth and openness of his reception radiated

at once acceptance and expectation, engaging friends across the spectrum of the Quaker family. "I had the distinct intuition," wrote a former colleague of Gordon's, "that he served as sort of pastor to the entire Quaker western hemisphere."

The faith that fairly shone from Gordon was central to his being. After youthful years of restless seeking, he found his spiritual home among Friends. His life attested to the love, labor, joy and grace that can flow from a life grounded in the power of the Spirit. From his home meetings in Evanston, Illinois; Cape Cod, Massachusetts; Plainfield and Peacham, Vermont and throughout New England Yearly Meeting to the global arena of Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO) and Friends World Committee on Consultation (FWCC), Gordon companioned and challenged Friends in witnessing to the Light Within. Typical of Gordon's exuberant faith was his advice to Plainfield Friends as they struggled with the question of whether or not to proceed with the construction of a meetinghouse. "Don't build it too small!" he declared.

Even as Gordon found resonance and affirmation in Friends' traditions, he sought to learn from others' experiences. "As long as the love of God and humanity are central, differences should lead us to search for inclusive truth, not to conflict," he advised in a letter to his granddaughter. It was in this spirit that he strove to achieve full partnership of Latin American Friends in the FWCC Section of the Americas. His encouragement and support were also a valued catalyst in promoting leadership roles for women, within the Religious Society of Friends and beyond, in their chosen professions.

Gordon's plumb line for peace and justice, which had in part drawn him to Friends, led him, with his wife Edith, to take part in many pioneering initiatives not always popular and at times costly. Concerns such as race relations, draft counseling, refusal to pay taxes for war, and suing the federal government when they sought to collect undue penalties were all outward signs of Gordon's inward experience of the Divine. In these matters, as in meetings for business, Gordon followed his moral compass, expressing his views plainly, eloquently, perhaps with a touch of humor, while, in tone and discourse, demonstrating his friendly regard for those of differing views, treating them with exquisite cordiality. He and Edith would report with relish the amiable relationships that developed at times through their exchanges with tax collectors.

Gordon liked to say that he had four careers: secondary school teacher and coach; freelance writer; college professor of literature; and Quaker work. His service among Friends included two years on the staff of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO), eight years as Executive Secretary of FWCC Section of the Americas, clerk of New England Yearly Meeting and board member for numerous Quaker organizations. Gordon's pamphlet, *Introduction to Quakers*, is a mainstay in many meetings and, among other writings, will carry on his legacy in continuing to welcome and challenge Friends and inquirers.

Gordon was a recorded minister in Friends' tradition, and his public ministry was treasured as it arose in meetings for worship and in speaking at Friends' gatherings. Grounded in his deep personal faith, Gordon often drew on poignant personal stories of those he encountered to illuminate glimpses of the Divine principle in action. In a quieter ministry, he was mentor to many. Gordon worked on meeting committees and projects with the same exuberance with which he traveled the globe. He and Edith were instrumental in the renewal of Friends' meetings on Cape Cod. When the Browne family joined together as neighbors on "the Hill" in Peacham, the worship group and Plainfield Meeting were witness to the deep regard and love

the Browne family held for each other and for their multi-layered understanding of Friends' culture and process. Gordon's legacy is a river both deep and wide.

Gordon was born in St. Louis, Missouri, graduated from the St. Louis Country Day School and Harvard College, and did graduate work at Washington and Northwestern Universities. He and Edith Carlton were married from 1945 until her death in November 2001. They had six children, fourteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. In his last years, he and Patricia Ballou became devoted companions. Before he and Edith moved to Kendal at Hanover, Gordon served on Kendal's Board. From the time they took up residence at Kendal, he was an active member of the community, serving for a time as president of the Residents' Council.

At the end, Gordon offered an inspiring addendum to a lifetime of witness. As Alzheimer's disease began to take its toll, he accepted the difficulties with grace, responding positively to the sense of the family and staff when it came time to move from his apartment to the Health Center. He remained serene in his new surroundings. No longer able to recall friends' names or to follow a train of thought, his habitual warm regard for others, touch of humor, appreciation and captivating smile continued to give joy to others.

-PLAINFIELD MONTHLY MEETING, NORTHWEST QUARTERLY MEETING

Eloise Houghton, 1920-2008

Eloise Houghton's life was dedicated to her husband, her family, and the pursuit of a more equitable, compassionate society. The energy and character which she focused on these activities were remarkable. With fierce dedication and eloquence, she pursued these commitments with a vibrant passion that never wavered; her life was extraordinary.

She was born November 24, 1920. As a child, her family moved frequently. Her parents, immigrants from Hungary and Czechoslovakia, cared for the needs of various Baptist ministries throughout Texas and the Northeast United States. These years nurtured a deep concern with social injustice and anchored a strong religious and moral foundation.

While teaching at Syracuse University, she met Proctor, and a love affair began that lasted over 63 years. This love was so wide and deep that it inspired many of those who knew her. Her dedication to her children Bruce, Glen, Laurel, and Mark was no less intense. As a lover of nature, she led her family into numerous outdoor activities, from exploring the tidal pools of Cape Cod, to Audubon Society Field trips and Museum of Science classes.

While strongly aware of the difference between right and wrong, an open-minded thread of mystical and philosophical inquiry ran through her life, leading her and Proctor to the Quaker faith. She appreciated that it honored the seeker. Eloise realized that in a complex world full of ambiguity, there was a need to question oneself and one's conclusions in an ongoing quest for wisdom. She believed with all her heart that there was the light of God within every human being, and that we could find it in one another through love and compassion.

In Cambridge Meeting her light shone through in many ways. She is remembered as a cheerful, enthusiastic, and thoroughly committed member whose infectious smile and sense of fun touched us all. Faithfully concerned about children and their religious education, she made special efforts to offer vocal ministry for the children's benefit when they were present. Her intellect, energy, and sensitivity inspired admiration and gratitude in those who worked with her.

Those who encountered her as a community leader and lifelong activist were often inspired by her example. Passionately opposed to bigotry and war, and with a powerful gift for honest, persuasive public speaking, she spoke from her heart, determined to contribute whatever she could to make her community and the world a better place. Her efforts to improve the human condition led to her involvement with a variety of organizations, including Church Women United, the American Friends Service Committee, for which she served as fundraiser, the Boy Scouts of America, the League of Women Voters, and Newton Community Development Foundation for low-income housing projects. For New England Yearly Meeting, she served on the Moses Brown School Board of Overseers and was for many years the clerk of New England Friends Home Committee. During the 1960s and 1970s she directed the Committee on Responsibility, bringing war-injured Vietnamese children to the United States for treatment, one of whom lived with her family for two years.

Those who came in contact with Eloise, whether the dry cleaner, the grocer, or the mayor, felt a vitality and caring concern that were completely genuine. Her character had little room for cynicism, and in her service to humanity she was a stranger to fatigue. Her passion, vision, humor, generosity, and exemplary leadership will be sorely missed.

-FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE, SALEM OUARTERLY MEETING

William How, 1950-2009

We give thanks for the life of William How, and for the ways in which the Divine Life worked in and through him, for joy, for encouragement, for healing, for wonder, for truth, and for the building of community—the community of his Friends and friends, but also in his neighborhood, and more widely still through his clinical social work. Friendship and community were among Bill's great gifts.

Bill was born on May 23, 1950 to Archibald B. How and the late Jean Porter How. His father was an officer in the US Coast Guard. As a result, the family moved often but they had an extended posting at the US Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut, while Bill was in high school. He developed a love for the ocean, mountains and nature, becoming an avid backpacker who hiked, kayaked and canoed throughout New England on solo journeys and with his friends and family. The outdoors was an early and consistent source of spiritual connection for him. He found peace and solace there and in later life often used experiences above timber line to describe his experience of God.

Bill attended Wesleyan University, and for several years after college worked at Eastern Mountain Sports, becoming a store manager. His commitment to the emotional and physical well-being of others, perhaps first visible in his work at Connecticut Valley Hospital during college, developed into a calling which drew on and challenged his intellectual, emotional, and spiritual gifts. Bill became a child-care worker at Saint Ann's Home in Methuen, Mass. This work engaged him deeply and resulted in his return to school for his Masters in Social Work at Simmons. Bill was known for the clinical depth of his work and his perceptive and extensive record keeping. In his eighteen years with the Department of Children and Families in Framingham, Mass., he helped build an office characterized by teamwork and deep commitment to ongoing growth of service. He was a perceptive, reliable, and effective mentor to many colleagues over the years, and at his memorial service, some of them testified to his impact on the quality of social work for families across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

As his spiritual life grew and deepened over the years, Bill characteristically drew on it in his work in a practical yet courageous way. He always tried to ground his work in the Spirit. Even in the midst of removing children from an unsafe home he would continually ask himself, "What does God want me to do, right now?" He was open with his co-workers about his search for guidance and a sense of Divine presence in the midst of demanding case work. By the same token, he used his knowledge of trauma and healing to guide individuals, meetings and New England Yearly Meeting in dealing with a number of difficult issues and conflicts, and gave so fully of his gifts and wisdom that his friends sometimes felt the need to protect him from his own generosity of spirit.

Bill met Nancy Shippen in 1979. She introduced him to Quakers and he joined Friends Meeting at Cambridge, where they were married in 1982. Their marriage was a great source of joy and companionship, and built on such mutual respect and understanding that it was a source of encouragement for their friends and meeting. They took intelligent care of each other's spiritual growth as well as other aspects of their relationship, and their friends felt them grow in their knowledge of each other "in that which is eternal," and to take delight in it.

In 1987 Bill and Nancy adopted Bharat from India. Two years later they traveled to India and adopted Pauravi. Bill and Nancy created a warm, lively, and welcoming home for their children and friends, "a place of friendliness, refreshment, and peace, where God became more real to those who lived there and those who visited there."

In 1989, a desire for a more intimate spiritual community led Bill and Nancy to begin attending the fledgling Fresh Pond Allowed Meeting and they were among the original members when Fresh Pond was set off as an independent monthly meeting in 1991. Bill served variously as clerk of the meeting, clerk of the Meeting for Ministry and Counsel, and clerk of the Child Care Committee. He served on countless support and clearness committees as well as several committees dealing with conflicts in the meeting. In every meeting he attended, he would take a notebook out of his black backpack and take detailed notes, whether or not he was the official recorder for the meeting. He understood how time and stress can change memory and how many details only become important upon later reflection.

Bill had a growing patience with, and appreciation for, the place of "not knowing." He was willing to sit in that place where the questions have been asked but the answers have not yet emerged. This could be trying to others, but he was committed to the idea that in difficult and complicated situations, all should be heard in their own voice, and he knew that some of what must be heard may be felt before people are able to put it into words. The combination of deep listening, trust in God's guidance, intense observation, and reflective recording, together with his many other gifts, equipped him to serve widely within the local and yearly meetings, seeking to help people work through conflicts in a prayerful, honest, and loving fashion. This included working for many years with New England Yearly Meeting on issues of child safety from sexual abuse.

Bill had a long-standing concern for the acceptance and celebration of gay and lesbian people. He exercised creative, loving, patient, and persistent leadership within Fresh Pond Meeting as Friends explored the many issues raised by the question of same-sex marriage. When the acceptance of gay men and lesbian women arose as an issue in connection with the Yearly Meeting's relationship with Friends United Meeting, Bill led Ministry and Counsel in taking up the issue and worked tirelessly to help Friends stay honest and keep step with our Guide.

Bill served for four years as clerk of Ministry and Counsel for NEYM. When his term ended, Bill bought a kayak, looking forward to having time once again to spend in the peacefulness of nature. He also enrolled in the Way of Ministry program of the School of the Spirit, wanting to explore how he might be called to new ways of traveling in the ministry himself and not as a companion. He was, instead, called on to make a different journey. In January of 2009, he was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. The calmness and resignation with which he accepted this unexpected blow was a powerful witness to those who knew him. He set about putting his affairs in order and was not afraid to talk about his own death—and so enabled others to explore their feelings. Even so, he might also say, "I don't want to talk about my condition, I want to discuss the prophets." He especially wanted to be with his children and with Nancy.

As his disease progressed, he and his family were supported by an extensive network of people from Fresh Pond Meeting, New England Yearly Meeting, his colleagues, and his neighbors in Acton—all of the communities where he was beloved and where he had made such an impact. He died at home on June 9, 2009, in the presence of family and friends, as he had wanted.

In closing, we must record that when we remember Bill, we remember his infectious laugh — sometimes even infecting himself, to the point that he couldn't get to the punch line of a joke for laughing so hard. He loved to play, with children, with adults, and with joyful groups of all ages. He played with words. He played with wild images and crazy combinations of foods like mustard on ice cream. He loved music and dancing. He relished life in all its forms and knew that behind it all moved the love of a mysterious, present, reliable God. How much we miss him!

-FRESH POND MONTHLY MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Heather Moir, 1928-2009

Heather was born in Welwyn Garden City, England to "Jack" Edgerton St. John Catchpool and Ruth Allason (Wilson) Catchpool. In 1957 she married John A. Moir and together they had five sons, two of whom predeceased Heather. Her ashes were buried in the North Sandwich Friends Meeting North Sandwich Burial Ground, June 27, 2009.

Heather was a birthright member of the Religious Society of Friends. For thirty years she was a member of Miami Friends Meeting (Florida) and active in Southeastern Yearly Meeting, including a stint as Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. When she and John moved permanently to Chocorua, New Hampshire she transferred her energies to serving New England Yearly Meeting, in particular the North Sandwich Friends Meeting, where she became our resident elder, acting as clerk for three terms and mediating many difficult situations. While she never put herself forward, she always stepped up.

Her primary Friends outreach organization was the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) and she ably served as clerk of the worldwide body as well as the Section of the Americas. She attended many worldwide meetings of the FWCC and enabled others to do so through generous anonymous donations. Widely sharing her resources, Heather subsidized the ministries and spiritual journeys of many people and supported many charities. Locally she gave generously of her time and money to the Tamworth Community Nurse Association and the Community Food Center.

First Day after First Day Heather arrived early to open our meetinghouse, sitting in silence if she were alone, or joining in conversation when others were present. If she wasn't in Meeting for Worship it was generally because she was at a gathering of another Friends group on the quarterly, yearly or international level. She knew everyone, remembering names of seldom seen colleagues, greeting everyone with affection and a gentle joy. Child attenders were cherished, and she was known to say, "The sounds children make during meeting for worship are sacred." During social time Heather was often to be found in quiet serious conversation with members, attenders, and visitors alike, her advice sought after and prized.

Heather had an earthy sense of humor, joyously sharing risqué limericks and many of the lists of malapropisms and funny sayings that circulate on the Internet. Trained as a science teacher, she was always eager to learn and to share what she learned. She marveled at nature, relishing the time a bear and two cubs circumnavigated the meetinghouse.

A deeply spiritual woman who radiated a calm and peaceful goodness, Heather taught by example and by calling out the best from everyone. Making allowances for our weaknesses, she patiently nurtured our nascent strengths. She resisted getting mired in negative emotions and she eschewed gossip even when it seemed innocuous. Slow to take offense, Heather was able to forgive the most personal attacks, graciously proffering and accepting apologies and helping everyone involved to use the roiling circumstances for spiritual growth. While her death has deprived us of her constant presence, she left behind a spirit of conciliation and love that will not be easily set aside, lost or forgotten.

Heather's mother, Ruth, had a saying that spoke to Heather: "Hard as I may try, my practice may not always match my precepts, but I will not water down my precepts to match my practice." In Heather Moir we had the privilege of knowing someone whose practice was in line with her precepts, though her sense of humility would never have allowed her to make that claim.

-NORTH SANDWICH (NH) MONTHLY MEETING, DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING

Eleanor Butler Perry, 1916-2010

Westerly Friend Eleanor Butler Perry was born on March 18, 1916, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She lived a mindful and purposeful life and died peacefully on Monday, February 15, 2010, at the age of 93. Eleanor is survived by her husband of 67 years, Charles Perry, three sons, their spouses, five grandchildren, one stepgrandson, and three great-grandchildren.

One neighbor of thirty years, speaking at her memorial service, noted Chuck and Eleanor's strong love for each other. In the last year of her life a local newspaper featured Chuck and Eleanor in an article about their "Everlasting Love." The reporter noted that after 67 years they could still be found singing "Let me Call You Sweetheart" to each other. The two were eager to share their secrets for a lasting relationship, and for several years they worked together leading marriage enrichment workshops in Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

At the memorial meeting, daughter-in-law Rachel spoke to Eleanor's love of reading and intellectual pursuits, as well as her many spiritual leadings. Eleanor was a librarian for Butler Hospital in Providence and later was the head librarian at the Friends Center in Philadelphia for many years. When the new Friends Center was first opened, she built a substantial resource library almost from scratch. She delighted in finding books that people wanted to read. Eleanor was always ready

to engage in intellectual discourse; she pursued a deep and abiding interest in the relationship between religion and psychology. She was devoted to her work on the Friends General Conference journal *Inward Light*, which she and Chuck edited for several years, helping many to realize the hidden parts of themselves.

Eleanor was clear and rooted in her beliefs for justice, and, in the 1960s, she and Chuck participated in the Civil Rights movement, assisting African American families in their efforts to move into Philadelphia neighborhoods where they faced discrimination. In 1989, Chuck and Eleanor retired from Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, to Westerly, Rhode Island. It was then that Eleanor transferred membership to Westerly Monthly Meeting, where Chuck's family had worshipped for generations. For many Westerly Friends, Eleanor was a model of forthright concern for the world and loving acceptance for all.

We will all remember her welcoming smile and, when grandson Ethan spoke of his last image of Eleanor, it was fitting that he described her reaching out from her wheelchair to dance with her great-granddaughter Charlotte.

-WESTERLY MONTHLY MEETING, RI-SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING

Finley Perry, 1917-2009

Finley Perry, a beloved founder and elder of Wellesley Friends Meeting and a lifelong member of New England Yearly Meeting, died on August 17, 2009 at the age of 92. A devoted husband and father, a hardworking and diligent attorney, a man who led by example rather than rhetoric, he was a role model for us, the kind of Quaker we aspire to be.

Finley was born on July 15, 1917, the son of Arthur and Rebecca Perry, both of whose families had been Quakers for generations. He grew up in the New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, the Wilburite branch of New England Friends, also known as the smaller body, which his grandfather and then his uncle, Henry Perry, clerked. Finley's father and paternal grandfather were investment bankers, as were two of his uncles, but Finley knew as a boy that he wanted to attend law school. He graduated from Harvard College in 1938 and entered Harvard Law School.

When the United States entered World War II, Finley journeyed to Philadelphia, hoping to work for the American Friends Service Committee. While there he met a Quaker soliciting workers for the Office of Price Administration, which controlled prices and rationing. He served there until the war ended, thus participating in the war effort in a way that could satisfy his conscience.

Meanwhile Finley met Sylvia Stokes at a party. Actually, he had known her for a long time, for his uncle and her aunt were married. They courted while she was a student at Vassar College and married upon her graduation in 1944. What a marvelous couple they made! Sylvia loved to talk (and people loved to talk with her), while Finley was more reserved. Despite their different personal styles, their friendly presence was a blessing to all who knew them. They had four children: Finley Jr., Sandy, Faith, and Tom.

Finley joined the law firm of Johnson and Clapp and practiced there for forty-two years. He worked in probate law, trusts, wills and estates, and personal income tax law

Finley and Sylvia attended Friends Meeting at Cambridge for a few years after the war, but, living in Dover, found it a long commute. Meanwhile some Friends in the Wellesley area had not been attending Cambridge Meeting during the war due to gas rationing. After some fits and starts, in 1951 they began to build a meeting in Wellesley. They were encouraged to do so by George Selleck, the executive secretary of Cambridge Meeting, and Seal Thompson, the spiritual leader of Wellesley Friends. In 1958, Wellesley became a monthly meeting. Finley and Sylvia were enthusiastic participants in these activities and offered leadership whenever asked.

Wellesley Meeting purchased the property on Benvenue Street in 1965 and in the 1990s raised funds for a new meetinghouse. Finley helped lead the effort to raise funds for these endeavors and helped plan the new building. Meanwhile he served the meeting as presiding clerk, treasurer, and member of Ministry and Counsel. Finley and Sylvia moved into their rambling house in Dover in 1959 and were pleased to offer it as the site of Wellesley's annual party welcoming the end of the school year. Sylvia and Finley believed they should attend every event at Wellesley Meeting, thus serving as something of an anchor for us.

Finley's role in New England Yearly Meeting was central. He attended every session but one after 1945 until he was no longer able to do so. He served as clerk of Permanent Board and the old Executive Council. In the 1950s he served five years as treasurer at a time when the treasurer was expected to handle all the bookkeeping. He served on the following committees for Yearly Meeting: Finance, New England Friends Home, Friends United Meeting Board of Stewardship and Finance, Moses Brown School and Lincoln School committees, Executive Council, Ad-Hoc Friends Retirement Needs, Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Council of Churches, Friends Camp, Permanent Board, Aging, and Ministry and Counsel. He also served for many years on the board of the Obadiah Brown Benevolent Fund.

When Finley completed his many tasks for us, we knew he had been thorough and meticulous and had done it right the first time. He was very pleased when Sylvia accepted the position of presiding clerk of New England Yearly Meeting in 1979 and offered her a good deal of support.

Sylvia died suddenly a few days after the dawn of the millennium. Finley soon moved to North Hill in Needham. Finley assured people that nobody ever met a mate there. He had to eat his words when he was discovered walking across the expanse of North Hill to court Mildred Patterson. In 2002, they joyfully married. Mil died in 2005

Kind, generous, thoughtful, Finley could in a few words cut to the nub of a problem and offer a solution. For many younger Friends he epitomized the ideal Quaker and served as a role model. Yet he never called attention to himself and never seemed to need recognition for his substantial achievements. A memorial meeting was held at the Wellesley Friends Meeting house on September 12, 2009. We hope that our lives will honor his memory.

-WELLESLEY FRIENDS MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

llse Ollendorff Reich, 1909–2008

Ilse Ollendorff Reich was born March 13, 1909, in Breslau, Germany, daughter to Georg Ollendorff and Margarete Muhr. She first knew of Quakers at age eleven when she saw the label "Quakerspeisung" on the bags of food provided by the American Friends Service Committee and served to German children after World War I. She remembers the cup and spoon she took to school each day to receive a meal "which saved me from being severely undernourished."

She had been active among Friends for about thirty years when she moved to Amherst in 1989 to be near her son Peter, transferring her membership from North Easton, Massachusetts Meeting to Mt. Toby. Her particular gifts were those of the elder: openness, focused attention, non-judgmental listening, and discernment. Ilse's grounded presence in worship was something we could count on every week; her contained vitality quickened the meeting. Her constancy was also evident in her commitment to swimming daily, learning to weave, and mastering email in order to communicate with the rising generation—perhaps her most difficult challenge!

She inspired us not only by her presence, but by the stories she told of her life. Stories were her way of communicating what she knew experimentally. Hers was a down-to-earth spirituality. Her strong sense of facing reality brought out in her an instinct to move toward what was life-giving, always looking for the positive and immersing herself in it. "There's always something you can learn" conveys her attitude toward life. She did not dwell in nostalgia, and never conveyed bitterness in stories of her escapes during World War II. Living through a hundred years of turbulent history, she brought us a feeling sense of that history; she seemed to be always at the edge of political and cultural movements. In 1933 she fled Germany with her first husband when they discovered he was on a Nazi death list. She fled to New York from Paris in 1939, where she met and married Wilhelm Reich, excited by his focus on the energetic component of psychoanalysis. After her divorce from Reich in 1954, she forged her own path but published Wilhelm Reich: A Personal Biography in 1969 to give her perspective on this influential twentieth century psychologist.

With their son Peter in tow, she began her studies for a career in education in 1954, earning a B.S. from the University of Hartford in 1960, an M.A. in Childhood Education from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1962, and a Professional Diploma in Teaching Foreign Languages from the same institution in 1965. She taught both French and German in elementary, junior high and high school in Connecticut for seventeen years before retiring in 1974. Her finding Friends in Wilton (Connecticut) Meeting led her to become a member and to take up activities teaching and visiting in Connecticut prisons. Also during this period she was a representative to Connecticut Friends Council and served on the Prisons Committee of New York Yearly Meeting.

We have felt this same deep sense of commitment in her, both in the life of our meeting and beyond. While at Mt. Toby she served on Ministry and Worship, on many oversight committees for marriage and clearness, and on the Board of Woolman Hill. In her years in New England, she served on the China Camp Committee, on the New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Aging, and on Ministry and Counsel. She was also active in Friends General Conference, serving on Central Committee and the Publications Committee, and attending FGC Gatherings for twenty years.

In a life of a variety of leadings, she felt one very specific call in 1991, at the age of 82—to attend German Yearly Meeting. Her gifts and her call are described in her travel minute, approved by Mt. Toby and endorsed by Connecticut Valley Quarter:

On hearing of the reunification of German Yearly Meeting, she felt a leading to share in the joy of this reunification and to learn about German Quakers by attending your yearly meeting sessions. She hopes to come among you as a loving presence, desiring only to listen and learn how the Spirit moves among you.

As she aged, her gift was accepting necessary changes, such as giving up her loom and driving. She showed us how to receive help gracefully and encouraged others to do the same.

Ilse died on December 19, 2008 in her son Peter and daughter-in-law Susan's home, with them and her grandchildren Nick and Celia gathered around.

-MT. TOBY MONTHLY MEETING, CONNECTICUT VALLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

Katharine Wolcott Toll, 1913–2007

We give thanks for the life of Katharine Wolcott Toll.

Kay grew up in Amherst, Massachusetts, graduated from Wellesley College, attended Katherine Gibbs School, and worked as a staff writer for The Boston Post for three years. She then graduated with the first class of Midshipman's School at Smith College and served with the WAVES from 1942-1946. After the war she was recruited by the United Council of Churches to interview refugees displaced by the war. Her findings were used by churches and synagogues to help those refugees find suitable places to live.

Returning to journalism, Kay wrote and researched extensively, developing expertise in several areas, including military history, oceanographic environmental issues, and solar energy. She published a book about the WAVES and earned her Masters in Social Work from Boston University in 1957.

Her experience with refugees after the war impressed upon her the importance of a central body of accurate information for social service organizations. She also learned methods for obtaining such statistics and was led to found the Boston Social Services Exchange. For a time she worked as a liaison between the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and the office of Governor Francis W. Sargent.

Kay joined Cambridge Meeting in 1953. She was active on many committees and frequently took leadership roles. In the 1960s Kay served as the interim director of the Hingham Friends Home, which is now called New England Friends Home. She served New England Yearly Meeting as the first clerk of the Ad-hoc Friends Retirement Needs Committee, on the board of Friends Development Corporation, and was a member of Permanent Board and the Committee on Aging. She was active in starting the worship group that became North Shore Meeting.

In retirement she became a member of Acton Friends Meeting, while also starting a worship group at the Carleton-Willard Village, a retirement community in Bedford, Massachusetts. Kay gave two exhibits at Carleton-Willard from her life. One was a selection of her artwork. The other was a display of some of her work as skiing editor for the *Boston Post*, a position she talked the editor into giving her in 1939.

Kay was a strong presence at Acton Friends Meeting until the very last years of her life. Her joyous, inquisitive, and kind spirit brought delight to those who knew her. She was an enthusiastic participant in Second Sunday spiritual sharing, which started in 2000. Her curiosity about others and willingness to share about herself made the time meaningful for all who participated.

After going through an initial period of frustration when she began having difficulty keeping up with conversations, Kay decided she was just "getting slow." As her memory loss increased and ability for rational thought decreased, she remained mostly cheerful and interested in those around her to the end. We miss having Kay present at meeting along with her niece Rita Toll, who faithfully traveled many miles to accompany Kay at meeting nearly every week for the last years of Kay's life.

-ACTON MONTHLY MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Rosly Walter, 1923-2009

Rosly Walter, dedicated and faithful member of Friends Meeting at Cambridge and New England Yearly Meeting, was born on May 9, 1923 to Rosa and Fred Rosskopf. She grew up in Altoona, Pennsylvania, and Luray, Virginia, where her father managed textile factories. She was graduated from Temple University in 1944 with a

degree in Chemistry and in 1958 she earned a Masters degree in Education from Radcliffe.

After graduating from college, Rosly worked as a chemist in Cincinnati, New York City, and Cambridge. She met Charlton Walter in fourth grade; in 1947 they were married in a simple ceremony. Their daughters Rosalind and Pamela were born in 1955 and 1956. After receiving her MAT, Rosly taught mathematics in Wayland schools. She subsequently worked at the Education Development Center on such project as designing elementary science curricula, training Peace Corps volunteers headed to the Philippines and Gambia, as well as advocating for bilingual education and equal access to education resources for Boston's minority community. In the early 1970s she moved to the textbook industry, retiring from Silver-Burdett & Ginn in 1992.

Their children remember a happy marriage. They enjoyed their rural Lincoln home, built for them in 1963, next to a brook, where her beloved dogs could roam. In 1991 Pamela and her new husband moved home—the house was remodeled so each group could have separate quarters—Rosly was able to help raise two of her grandchildren.

Rosly asked for very little and never complained. Instead she threw herself into everything, even though she worked full time while raising a family. One friend reports that she always seemed to have the answer to everything. She had a placid disposition and never lost her temper. Always optimistic, she was able to speak to that of God in all those she met.

Friends Meeting at Cambridge knew Rosly as a hard worker who was willing to work on a number of different tasks. She completed them promptly whenever possible and seemed never to make a mistake. She was Martha epitomized.

Rosly joined Friends Meeting at Cambridge in 1961. She served many years on Ministry and Counsel and even more on Finance Committee, of which she was clerk. In addition she served on Support and Hospitality Committee and the Resident Friend's Advisory Committee, where she clerked the search committees that brought Jonathan Vogel-Borne and Elizabeth Clagett-Borne, and later Hugh and Sirkka Barbour to us as Resident Friends.

Rosly served New England Yearly Meeting perhaps as much as anyone has, always choosing positions that kept her out of the spotlight. She knew who she was and did not need to be the center of attention. She served as recording clerk, registrar, two terms on Permanent Board and Moses Brown Board of Overseers, Personnel Committee, Board of Managers of Permanent Funds, Finance Committee, and Ministry and Counsel. When an elder, she served for many years on the staff of Junior Yearly Meeting, bringing, one old JYMer reports, as much joy and exuberance as staffers thirty years her junior. Finally, she enjoyed driving elders to committee meetings; she and Louisa Alger would solve all the problems of the Yearly Meeting as they traveled together. Later she would accept rides from others, who were able to get to know her in deeper ways than they had.

What a knitter Rosly was! As a girl she spent time in Switzerland and learned the faster continental style. We gaped in amazement as we watched her knit in business meeting.

She knit countless sweaters for the American Friends Service Committee Clothing Room and served there for decades repairing old clothes. She knit for meeting members as well; she was particularly pleased that, having knit a baby sweater with a big A on it for a couple whose child had that first initial, she could see it passed on to another A baby a few years later.

In addition to her knitting and repair work, she served the AFSC on its Executive and Personnel Committees. She had a gift of bringing a committee to unity without imposing her own position. She also had the rare skill of making people feel good about themselves as she told them that AFSC was letting them go.

Rosly lived her last few years in a nursing home, where she welcomed visitors. She died on May 17, 2009. We remember her as a warm, loving, strongly centered person who cared deeply about helping others.

-FRIENDS MEETING AT CAMBRIDGE, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

Jane Weaver Westover, 1913-2006

Jane Weaver Westover, a member of Acton Monthly Meeting, died in Concord, Massachusetts on October 29, 2006 at the age of 93. Jane was born in Morgantown, West Virginia. After receiving a college degree in French with a minor in music, she trained as a professional soprano in Austria. In the 1950s she sang as a principal soprano soloist at Riverside Church in New York City.

While living in New York, Jane met Huston Westover. They both became interested in the Religious Society of Friends because of its testimonies, especially the peace testimony. They each joined Friends in the late 1930s and were married in 1941. Jane and Huston attended a meeting held at Riverside Church and, occasionally, meetings downtown.

Jane was active in Acton Preparatory Meeting and an initial member of Acton Monthly Meeting when it became independent from Friends Meeting at Cambridge in 1965. Jane was involved in many aspects of Acton Monthly Meeting during the periods she and Huston lived in Acton and Concord: clerk in 1989-90, member of the Religious Education Committee, member of Ministry and Counsel, and Librarian, in which role she confidently reorganized the Acton Meeting library. During their time in New England, Jane and Huston helped found and participated in the New England Yearly Meeting Committee on Aging.

Jane is remembered for her service as librarian at the West Concord Public Library. She played piano for the Christmas pageants when Acton Meeting met at the Acton Woman's Club, and autoharp at carol sings, including at a nearby prison. Jane had both a feistiness and an elegant presence.

During meeting for worship or afterwards, Jane often shared topics and questions she found in the course of her reading. She was always reading and engaging in the world of ideas, especially on peace and social justice, from her own questioning Quaker perspective.

-ACTON FRIENDS MEETING, SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING

New England Yearly Meeting Financial Statements

The following financial reports are provided by the organizations themselves. These accounts are reviewed annually, generally after the Minute Book has gone to press. Reviewed copies will be available upon request from the NEYM office. Any substantial changes will be noted in next year's Minute Book.

Statement of Activities FY10 and Budget FY11

	Total FY10		FY11
Income	Actual	Budget	Budget
4010 Individual Contributions	\$108,431.79	\$130,000.00	\$117,000.00
4020 Monthly Meeting Contributions	278,775.01	300,000.00	300,000.00*
4030 Organizations Contributions	225.00	2,200.00	2,200.00
4050 Interest and Dividend Income	10,638.72	10,000.00	11,000.00
4070 Books and other Items	23,661.91	27,500.00	20,000.00
4080 Retreat Program Fees	36,262.71	47,000.00	48,500.00
4085 Sessions Program Fees	157,264.80	171,500.00	173,500.00
Total Income	\$615,259.94	\$688,200.00	\$672,200.00
Expenses			
5000 Staff	\$265,825.94	\$270,021.00	\$285,582.00
5100 General & Administration	44,551.98	57,995.00	53,750.00
5300 Travel & Conferences	21,600.11	25,650.00	29,000.00
6000 Programs	213,838.19	258,575.00	257,525.00
6140 Books and Other	17,702.80	25,500.00	17,500.00
6200 Benevolence			
6310 FGC	13,245.00	13,245.00	16,635.00
6320 FUM	13,245.00	13,245.00	16,635.00
6325 FWCC	4,769.00	4,769.00	5,990.00
6328 Ramallah Friends School	100.00	100.00	100.00
6330 Friends' Organizations	2,150.00	2,150.00	2,150.00
6575 Other Organizations	100.00	650.00	650.00
6590 Ecumenical Organizations	4,625.00	4,850.00	4,850.00
6200 TotalBenevolence	38,234.00	39,009.00	47,010.00
6600 Publications	13,506.92	11,450.00	12,500.00
Total Expenses	\$615,259.94	\$688,200.00	\$702,867.00
NET INCOME-EXPENSES	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$30,667.00)
Non-Operating Expenses			
4090 Change in Fair Market Value	\$22,884.10		

Tuesday, Nov 16, 2010—Cash Basis

^{*} To meet this number, monthly meetings will need to contribute, on average, \$104 per resident member. (\$300,000/2,876 members, see Meeting Statistics pgs 137–139)

Statement of Financial Position as of Sept. 30, 2010

	FY10	FY09	01
Assets	Total	Total	Change
Bank Accounts	(47(250 00)	(#110 465 16)	#9C 90C 1C
1000 Checking Accounts	(\$76,259.00)	(\$112,465.16)	\$36,206.16
1020 Money Market Accounts	122,943.48	215,135.94	(92,192.46)
1050 Certificates of Deposits	167,384.11	116,152.25	51,231.86
Total Bank Accounts	214,068.59	218,823.03	(4,754.44)
Accounts Receivable			
1200 Accounts Receivable	97,579.38	113,512.95	(15,933.57)
Total Accounts Receivable	97,579.38	113,512.95	(15,933.57)
Other Current Assets			
1075 Pooled Funds	591,928.15	533,395.61	58,532.54
1100 Accrued Receivable	(193.96)	(148.96)	(45.00)
1110 Due to/from Friends Camp	43,251.71	0.00	43,251.71
1150 Prepaid Expenses	1,150.00	2,055.00	(905.00)
1190 Misc due to/from	(3,891.59)	0.00	(3,891.59)
1499 Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Current Assets	\$640,027.49	\$535,301.65	\$96,942.66
Total Assets	\$951,675.46	\$867,637.63	\$76,254.65
Liabilities and Equity			
Liabilities			
2010 Accrued Liabilities	\$8,301.04	\$8,624.65	(\$323.61)
2150 Health Insurance Premium	927.11	321.91	605.20
2155 Sect 125 Employee Withholding	181.73	(288.66)	470.39
Total Liabilities	9,409.88	8,657.90	751.98
Equity			
3500 Working Capital	149,064.16	149,064.16	0.00
3600 Board Designated Funds	121,492.99	81,297.60	40,195.39
3700 Revolving Accounts	156,695.50	153,226.65	3,468.85
3800 Permanently Restricted Funds	474,908.68	458,163.67	16,745.01
3900 Retained Earnings	\$17,220.15	0.00	\$17,220.15
Net Income	\$22,884.10	\$17,227.65	\$5,656.45
Total Equity	\$942,265.58	\$858,979.73	\$83,285.85
Total Equity Total Liabilities and Equity	\$942,265.58 \$951,675.46	\$858,979.73 \$867,637.63	\$83,285.85 \$84,037.83

Friday, Nov 26, 2010—Cash Basis

Report A: Monthly	Meeting Suppor	t (incl. support for Puente de	e Amigos)
Connecticut Valley Q	uarter	Westerly	5,175
Hartford	\$16,677	Worcester	4,675
Litchfield Hills	0	Quarter Total	\$28,250
Middletown	1,900	_	
Mount Toby	18,713	Salem Quarter	
New Haven	3,835	Acton	\$3,874
New London	0	Amesbury	2,200
Northampton	4,600	Beacon Hill	8,300
South Berkshire	3,450	Cambridge	60,305
Storrs	8,700	Framingham	9,400
Quarter Total	\$57,875	Fresh Pond	6,600
		Lawrence	200
Dover Quarter		North Shore	2,600
Concord	\$3,240	South Shore	0
Dover	6,171	Wellesley	15,630
Gonic	100	Quarter Total	\$109,109
North Sandwich	500		
Weare	1,200	Sandwich Quarter	
West Epping Prep	0	Barnstable FM (WG)	\$600
Quarter Total	\$11,211	Allen's Neck	2,460
		Dartmouth at Smith Ne	ck 1,000
Falmouth Quarter		East Sandwich	0
Brunswick	\$1,100	Martha's Vineyard	400
Durham	5,480	Mattapoisett	1,100
Lewiston	1,285	Nantucket	550
Oxford Hills	0	New Bedford	643
Portland	5,500	Sandwich	500
Southern Maine	425	Swansea	0
Windham	390	West Falmouth	5,200
Quarter Total	\$14,180	Westport	4,550
		Yarmouth	2,075
Northwest Quarter		Quarter Total	\$19,078
Barton-Glover	\$350		
Bennington	425	Vassalboro Quarter	
Burlington	5,070	Acadia	\$1,800
Hanover	5,417	Belfast	0
Keene	0	China	400
Middlebury	2,000	Cobscook	375
Monadnock	4,695	Eggemoggin Reach	63
Plainfield	1,750	Farmington	700
Putney	3,000	Midcoast	4,000
Quaker City-Unity	900	Narramissic Valley	350
South Starksboro	350	North Fairfield	0
Wilderness	400	Orono	550
Quarter Total	\$24,357	Vassalboro	6,075
-1 1 -1 10		Winthrop	0
Rhode Island-Smithf		Quarter Total	\$14,313
Providence	\$18,400		
Smithfield	0	TOTALS	<u>\$278,373</u>

These figures do not include contributions received after the close of the fiscal year.

Report B: FY10 NEYM Retreats & Workshops

	FY2010 Income	FY2010 Expense	FY2010 Net Income
405 JYM Retreats	\$ 7,940.00	\$ 9,858.34	(\$1,918.34)
410 Jr High Retreats	7,320.00	9,454.30	(2,134.30)
415 Young Friends Retreats	12,874.60	13,572.69	(698.09)
420 YAF Retreats	1,843.71	1,661.50	182.21
425 Ministry and Counsel Retreats	3,175.00	3,145.00	30.00
430 Pastors Retreats	3,390.00	4,480.62	(1,090.62)
Workshops	11.73	0.00	11.73
Total	\$36,555.04	\$42,172.45	(\$5,617.41)

Tuesday, Nov 16, 2010—Cash Basis

Report C: FY10 Committee Expenses and FY11 Budgets

NEYM Committees	FY2010 Actual	FY2010 Budget	FY2010 Difference	FY2011 Budget
305 Aging	\$0.00	\$100.00	(\$100.00)	\$100.00
308 Archives	0.00	125.00	(125.00)	125.00
310 Christian Education	1,682.82	3,000.00	(1,317.18)	2,050.00
315 Coordinating & Advisory	815.00	1,000.00	(185.00)	1,000.00
320 Faith & Practice	607.77	1,750.00	(1,142.23)	1,750.00
325 FGC	0.00	800.00	(800.00)	800.00
330 FUM	327.40	125.00	202.40	125.00
335 FWCC	5.35	1,450.00	(1,444.65)	1,450.00
340 Ministry & Counsel	0.00	400.00	(400.00)	400.00
345 Peace & Social Concerns	308.15	900.00	(591.85)	900.00
350 Puente de Amigos	1,906.00	956.00	950.00	1,000.00
355 Racial, Social, and Economic Justice	1,445.00	1,500.00	(55.00)	1,500.00
360 Youth Programs	0.00	1,175.00	(1,175.00)	1,175.00
370 Earthcare Ministry	0.00	250.00	(250.00)	250.00
Total	\$7,097.49	\$13,531.00	(\$6,433.51)	\$12,625.00

Prepared by Ed Mair Treasurer Nov 14, 2010

Report D— Board Designated Funds

	FY10	FY09			
	Closing	Closing	Interest	FMV	Other
3600 Board Designated Fnds	Balance	Balance	Earned	Change	Income
3620 Faith & Practice Revision	\$33,453	\$30,748	\$611	\$2,094	_
3630 World Conference 2012 Travel	4,000	0.00	0.00	0	4,000
3650 Quasi Endowment	84,040	50,550	1,005	3,443	29,043*
Total Board Designated Fnds	\$121,493	\$81,298	\$1,616	\$5,537	\$33,043

^{*}The Quasi Endowment Fund received this as the balance from a single individual gift to NEYM

Report E— Revolving Accounts

	FY10 Closing		Interest	FMV		Expended
3700 Revolving Accts	Balance	Balance	Earned	Change	Income	Funds
3705 Archives	\$4,346	\$4,346	_	_	_	_
3712 FUM Intervisitation	1,654	1,991	_	_	_	336
3715 Peaceworker	1,784	1,784	_	_	_	_
3720 Prejudice & Poverty	1,412	1,412	_	_	_	_
3725 Puente de Amigos	4,271	2,298	_	_	1,973	_
3730 Suffering	4,939	4,939	_	_	_	_
3750 M&C Publications	21	0	_	_	20	_
3755 Student Loan	135,298	133,486	397	1,360	55	_
3760 Young Friends Travel	2,971	2,971	_	_	_	_
3780 FCNL Pass through	0	0	_	_	_	
Total Revolving Accts	\$156,696	\$153,227	\$397	\$1.360	\$2.027	\$336

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Friends Camp Comparative Statements of Revenues & Expenses for FY10 and FY09

I. Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets	FY10	FY09
Unrestricted Revenues & Additional Support		
Unrestricted Revenues		
Donations - Unrestricted	\$24,273	\$17,749
Conferences & Merchandise Sales	12,178	13,049
Camper Fees	259,340	230,553
Interest income	67	52
Total Unrestricted Revenues	295,859	261,403
Net Assets Released from Restrictions = Additional	Support	
Satisfaction Of Program Restrictions	2,208	2,671
Satisfaction Of Purchase Restrictions	67,726	2,670
Total Assets Released from Restrictions	69,934	5,341
Total Unrestricted Revenues & Additional Support	365,793	266,744
Expenses		
Staffing Expenses	143,728	136,863
Phone, Postage, Supplies & Accounting	32,559	29,289
Camperships	14,228	12,020
Fund Raising	1,865	1,073
Food	37,346	38,011
Buildings & Grounds	13,131	10,912
Occupancy & Utilities	7,571	6,922
Travel & Conferences	10,512	14,784
Depreciation	5,672	5,786
Insurance	10,603	7,836
Misc. Other Expense, Net	3,094	_
Total Expense	280,309	263,497
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets	\$85,484	\$3,247
II. Changes in Restricted Net Assets		
Donations - Restricted	\$60,949	\$2,484
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(69,934)	(5,341)
Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Net Assets	(\$8,985)	(\$2,857)
III. Changes in Total Net Assets		
Net Assets at Beginning Of Year	\$632,027	\$189,445
Increase in Unrestricted Net Assets	469,059	445,439
Increase (Decrease) in Restricted Net Assets	(8,985)	(2,857)
Total Net Assets at End Of Year	\$1,092,101	\$632,027

Friends Camp Statements of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets

Assets	Sept. 30, 2010	Sept. 30, 2009
Current Assets		
Available Cash	\$32,338	\$19,980
Cash Account: Cardinal Hall	6,321	20,464
Petty Cash	(16)	(0)
Total Cash	38,643	40,443
Accounts Receivable	(2,029)	4,342
Inventories & Misc. Current Assets	201	201
Total Current Assets	36,815	44,986
Fixed Assets		
Buildings, Equipment & Land at Cost		
Theater Land	34,999	34,999
Buildings—Misc. Operating	71,930	71,930
Cardinal Hall	40,639	40,639
Cardinal Hall Renovations	20,178	3,693
Waterfront Land & Cottage	210,000	_
Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment	53,428	48,764
Total Buildings, Equipment & Land at Cost	431,174	200,025
Accum. Depreciation- Buildings	(16,063)	(12,975)
Accum. Depre Furn, Fix, & Equip.	(46,599)	(44,015)
Build.& Equip.& Land,at Cost, Net of Depre.	368,512	143,034
Land & Buildings (Tax Valuation Allowance)	686,775	444,006
Total Fixed Assets, Net	1,055,287	587,040
Total Assets	\$1,092,102	\$632,026
Liabilities		
Current- Short Term Loan from NEYM	43,000	_
Long Term: Note from D. Lopez	60,000	_
Total Liabilities	103,000	0
Net Assets		
Unrestricted (Analyzed)		
Current Assets - Cash	38,659	40,443
Restricted Cash (Cardinal Hall)	(3,979)	(20,464)
Cash Available For Operations	\$34,680	\$19,979
Accounts Receivable	(2,029)	4,342
Other Assets + Equity	952,487	587,241
Total Unrestricted Assets	985,138	611,563
Temporarily Restricted	3,964	20,463
Total Net Assets	989,101	632,026
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,092,101	\$632,026

New England Friends Home Statements of Assets, Liabilities & Net Assets

ssets	2009	2008
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10,528	\$50,533
Investments at market	100,068	119,383
Deposit	6,649	6,649
Total Current Assets	117,245	176,565
Property, Plant & Equipment		
Land	10,000	10,000
Buildings & Improvements	1,869,154	1,797,708
Furniture & Fixtures	96,014	86,857
Motor Vehicle	33,355	33,355
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(785,286)	(733,659)
Net Property, Plant & Equipment	1,223,237	1,194,261
Other Assets		
Loan fees net of accumulated amortizati	on of	
\$914 and \$183 for 2009 and 2008, resp	ectively 2,742	3,473
Total Assets	\$1,343,224	\$1,374,299
abilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Current Installments of Long-Term	Debt \$5,015	\$4,711
Health Premiums Payable	8,836	_
Payroll Taxes Withheld	1,275	4,175
Total Current Liabilities	15,126	8,886
Long-Term Debt	241,392	246,588
Total Liabilities	256,518	255,474
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	1,086,706	1,088,845
Temporarily restricted	· · · —	29,980
Total Net Assets	1,086,706	1,118,825
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$1,374,299	\$1,375,605

The financial accounts for The New England Friends Home were reviewed by Joseph P. Costello CPA, & found to be in satisfactory order. A complete copy of the review is on file at the New England Friends Home Office.

New England Friends Home Statements of Changes in Net Assets

Changes in Net Assets	2009	2008
Unrestricted Net Assets		
Support & Revenue		
Room and board	\$619,660	\$634,078
Investment income	3,938	4,506
Other income	9,236	2,550
Gain on sale of investments	8,974	_
Decrease in unrealized appreciation		
on investments	(17,960)	(11,693)
Contributions	7,788	33,806
Net assets released from donor restr	rictions 46,180	_
Total Support & Revenue	677,816	663,247
Program Services		
Payroll	286,341	279,634
Repairs and maintenance	66,129	92,497
Provision and supplies	65,974	67,045
Depreciation	51,627	51,147
Utilities	45,453	46,931
Employee benefits	39,049	38,441
Insurance expense	32,083	29,882
Payroll taxes,	23,401	22,701
Interest expense	15,507	16,629
Retirement	12,473	10,131
Advertising and marketing	9,205	8,530
Activities	7,003	7,713
Purchased services	5,675	4,824
Administration	8,021	4,620
Automobile and travel	1,842	2,737
Staff training	2,158	2,438
Telephone	2,187	2,209
Professional fees		2,135
Miscellaneous	1,001	930
Fundraising	4,095	846
Amortization	731	488
Total Program Services	679,955	692,508
Inc./Dec. in Unrestricted Net Assets	(2,139)	(29,261)
Increase in Temporarily Restricted Net		(27,201)
Contributions	16,200	29,980
Net assets released from donor restricti	,	29,900
Increase (Decrease) In Temporarily	(70,100)	_
Restricted Net Assets	(29,980)	20.000
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	(\$32,119)	29,980 \$719
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$1,118,825	\$1,118,106
Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,086,706	\$1,118,825

Moses Brown School Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

Assets	June 30, 2010	June 30, 2009
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$31,128	\$ 56,038
Accounts Receivable, Net	134,675	130,542
Contributions Receivable, Net	2,427,710	2,927,155
Prepaid Expenses	230,986	228,626
Inventory	55,412	53,978
Other Assets	164,588	158,952
Long-Term Investments	21,266,486	19,148,527
Assets Held for Sale, Net	417,928	436,667
Plant Facilities, Net	38,859,246	39,545,035
Total Assets	\$63,588,159	\$62,685,520

Liabil	ities	and	Net	Assets

Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$63,588,159	\$62,685,520
Total Net Assets	49,089,086	46,819,105
Permanently Restricted	5,466,037	5,117,471
Temporarily Restricted	4,040,205	3,559,181
Total Unrestricted Net Assets	39,582,844	38,142,453
Designated for Long-Term Investment	9,128,350	8,248,712
Designated for Plant Facilities	29,689,071	30,390,655
Designated for Operations	765,423	(496,914)
Unrestricted:		
Net Assets:		
Total Liabilities	14,499,073	15,866,415
Agency Funds	108,538	101,768
Obligation Under Interest Rate Swap Contracts	980,175	679,380
Bond Payable	8,190,000	8,475,000
Line of Credit	1,580,894	2,831,208
Registration Deposits	682,100	684,250
Deferred Revenue	756,125	746,630
Accrued Expenses	1,843,581	2,008,082
Accounts Payable	\$357,660	\$340,097
Liabilities:		

Moses Brown School Consolidated Statement of Activities (Year Ended June 30, 2010)

Operating Revenue and Support:	Unrestricted	Temp. Restricted	Perm. Restricted	Total
Tuition and Fees (Net of Financial Aid of \$2,087,777)	17,124,270	_	_	17,124,270
Contributions	842,833	_	_	842,833
Long-Term Investment Earnings	496,724	_	_	496,724
Auxiliary Activities	1,153,144	_	_	1,153,144
Other Income	771,072	_	_	771,072
Net Assets Released from	,.			, .
Restrictions	892,644	(871,509)	(21,135)	
Total Operating Revenue & Support	21,280,687	(871,509)	(21,135)	20,388,043
Operating Expenses:			-	
Program Services:				
Instruction	13,338,582	_	_	13,338,582
Auxiliary Activities	1,371,385	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	1,371,385
Total Program Services	14,709,967	_	_	14,709,967
Support Services:				
General and				
Administrative	5,709,172			5,709,172
Total Op. Expenses	20,419,139	_	_	20,419,139
Change in Net Assets from Operations	861,548	(871,509)	(21,135)	(31,096)
Non-Operating Activities:				
Contributions	_	707,723	34,092	741,815
Long-Term Investment Earnings	879,638	878,957	101,462	1,860,057
Reclassifications of Net Assets	_	(234,147)	234,147	_
Change in Fair Value of Interest Rate Swap Contracts	(300,795)	_	_	(300,795)
Change in Net Assets from Non-Operating Activities	578,843	1,352,533	369,701	2,301,077
Total Change in Net Assets	1,440,391	481,024	348,566	2,269,981
Net Assets, Beginning	\$38,142,453	\$3,559,181	\$5,117,471	\$46,819,105
Net Assets, Ending	\$39,582,844	\$4,040,205	\$5,466,037	\$49,089,086

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Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Advocate Subscription Fees	\$140
Blueprints Subscriptions	5
Children & Youth- Undes.	500
Christian Service- Undes.	150
Cuba Reps Travel	1,221
Four Funds Love	100
Four Funds-Undes.	150
General Fund -NE	303
Interest NEYM Pooled Funds	267
Keys to Kingdom-Undes.	150
Membership Dues	360
Peace & Christ. Soc. Conc. Und.	150
Spec. App NE Travel to Kenya	125
Total Income	3,620
Expense	
Advocate Subscriptions	140
Exp. Children & Youth	500
Exp. Christian Service	150
Exp. Four Funds	250
Exp. Keys Kingdom	150
Exp. Peace & Christ. Soc. Conc.	150
Exp. United Thank Offering	100
Miscellaneous	120
Postage and Delivery	208
Printing and Reproduction	362
Travel & Ent	
Travel	400
Total Travel & Ent	400
USFW-I Dues	200
Total Expense	2,731
Net Ordinary Income	\$889

Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Other Income (Lugulu Hosp.)	\$200
Total Other Income	200
Other Expense	
Other Expenses (Lugulu Hosp.)	200
Total Other Expense	200
Net Other Income	\$0
NET INCOME	\$889

Checking Acct	
Opening Bal 1/1/09	\$740
Checking Acct	
Closing Bal 12/31/09	\$1,628

Sarah S. Marter, Treasurer

^{*} The high balance reflects funds saved for travel to the USFW Triennial in July. (\$950 as well as a surplus in the General Fund.)

About Anchor Groups

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand, if there has been any slip or fall; and waiting till the Lord gives sense and repentance, if sense and repentance in any be wanting. —ISAAC PENINGTON, 1667

Friends gathered at Sessions this Jubilee year eager for opportunities for deep spiritual sharing and connection. As their name implies, anchor groups acted as important part of individuals' Yearly Meeting experience, providing a place to return to each day for grounding and to reflect on the Meetings to Hear God's Call. In a year of Jubilee celebration and change, these small groups gathered us together to exchange ideas, share activities, and worship. For many, they formed the bedrock of the Yearly Meeting experience. After many years of Sessions having the same structure and format, Friends embraced the anchor groups with great joy and enthusiasm, welcoming the opportunity for more intimate sharing and discussion.

There were 27 anchor groups, with six groups having two facilitators. Each of 26 groups had 15–20 members assigned to them with an effort made to have a diverse mix in age, local meetings, interests, and full- or part-time attendance at Sessions. The 27th group was a Spanish-speaking group set up to provide a home base for our visiting Cuban Friends and other Spanish-speaking Friends. There was also a group of Friends that supported and conferred with the facilitators during the week.

Facilitators were recruited from amongst seasoned Yearly Meeting Friends, with a special effort made to include Young Adult Friends. A comprehensive Facilitator's Guide was developed by a special Sessions Committee working group and given to leaders as a tool to use in leading their individual groups.

The guide's suggested daily themes reflected aspects of the overall Jubilee concept and provided an optional and useful framework for discussion and sharing:

- We help one another up with a tender hand.
- We seek justice and forgiveness.
- We seek the repair of the world.
- We long for Love overflowing.

- JEAN MCCANDLESS, SESSIONS CLERK

• We will be patterns and examples.

Reflecting on the experience of anchor groups, participants shared the sense that through daily group meetings Friends were able to process their experiences in the Meetings to Hear God's Call and to built a community that was spiritually connected and accountable. On the whole, people felt affirmed and safe to open up and create connection. They looked forward to each meeting with positive expectations. They shared deeply. In some of the anchor groups, Friends embraced the role of nurturing each other's spiritual life, calling out gifts, and supporting and testifying to individual witnesses as an important part of corporate witness. Some Friends were led to a commitment of minuting their personal leadings for action, and these personal minutes were carried home after Sessions to the home monthly meetings of the Friend. All came away with a sense that our community was and will continue to be strengthened through such face-to-face connections.

Friends were overwhelmingly in favor of continuing the daily anchor groups, in some form, at next year's Sessions; several groups even wanted to meet in their entirety again next August or to continue to meet during the year between Sessions.

The Epistles

NOTE: Most of the youth programs chose to forgo epistles this year, as they put aside most of their usual business in the spirit of Jubilee.

Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

God has showed you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?
— MICAH 6:8

Dear Friends Everywhere,

The New England Yearly Meeting of Friends gathered August 7–12, 2010, in Smithfield, Rhode Island, for our 350th annual session. To observe this Jubilee year, our session was substantially simplified. We met for open-ended Meetings to Hear God's Call. We traveled together. We remembered our ancestors and those Friends who have recently died. We felt each others' pain and despair. Struggling to hear each other, we hurt each other, too. We heard the tension of seeking a right balance between our corporate community and our leadings as individuals. We heard calls to grieve for the ongoing war, injustice, abuse of the planet, greed, and callousness which afflict our world. We heard tender expressions of our love for one another and the strength of our spiritual community.

This year we were richly blessed by the support, clarity, and ministry of our Young Friends and Young Adult Friends. We affirm that our commitment and work with our youth is strong and rewarding. They fill our hearts with gratitude and hope.

We were blessed by the ministry of music. We heard calls to cultivate the gifts of vision, ministry, and service which are poured out among us and to accept our community responsibility to see that they be exercised in fresh life.

We are challenged to break free from fear and old habits, from the arrogance and materialism of our culture. Our patient, forgiving, ever-present Guide will show us the way.

Though we may stumble, though our hearts be distracted by our own notions, though at times our trust fails and our strength falters, the Holy One never abandons us, but still and always works among us with light, joy, and mysterious power, waiting for us to turn and embrace our Shepherd.

Our life is love and peace and tenderness, and bearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand, if there has been any slip or fall; and waiting till the Lord gives sense and repentance, if sense and repentance in any be wanting. — ISAAC PENINGTON ¿Se te ha dicho, oh hombre, qué es bueno y qué requiere de ti el Eterno: sólo hacer justicia, amar la misericordia y andar humildemente con tu Dios?

— Miqueas 6:8

Queridos Amigos en Todas Partes,

La Junta Anual de Amigos de Nueva Inglaterra se reunió del 7 al 12 agosto de 2010 en Smithfield, Rhode Island para nuestra tricentésima quincuagésima sesión anual. Para observar este año de Jubileo nuestra sesión se simplificó mucho. Nos reunimos sin agenda en Reuniones para Escuchar el Llamado de Dios. Viajamos juntos: Nos acordamos de nuestros antepasados y de los Amigos recién fallecidos. Sentimos el dolor y la desesperación de cada cual. Esforzándonos para escucharnos los unos a los otros, también nos herimos los unos a los otros. Oímos la tensión de buscar el equilibrio recto entre nuestra comunidad corporativa y la dirección recibida por individuos. Se nos llamó a llorar por la guerra continuada, la injusticia, el abuso del planeta, la avaricia y la dureza de corazón que afligen a nuestro mundo. Se expresó tiernamente nuestro mutuo amor y la fortaleza de nuestra comunidad espiritual.

Este año recibimos ricas bendiciones a través del apoyo, la clara visión, y el ministerio de nuestros Jóvenes Amigos y Amigos Jóvenes Adultos. Afirmamos que nuestro compromiso y nuestra obra con los jóvenes son firmes y fructuosos. Ellos llenan nuestros corazones con agradecimiento y esperanza.

El ministerio de la música nos bendijo. Oímos llamados a nutrir los dones de visión, ministerio, y servicio que se derraman sobre nosotros, y a aceptar nuestra responsabilidad como comunidad para asegurar que se ejercen en vida nueva.

Se nos desafía a librarnos del miedo y de costumbres caducas, de la arrogancia y el materialismo de nuestra cultura. Nuestro Guía, siempre presente, paciente, y perdonador, nos enseñará el camino.

Aunque tropecemos, aunque nuestros corazones se distraigan por nuestras propias nociones, aunque a veces nuestra confianza falle y nuestras fuerzas mengüen, el Santísimo nunca nos abandona, sino que ahora y siempre obra entre nosotros con luz, con gozo, y con poder misterioso, esperando que nos volvamos y abracemos a nuestro Pastor.

Nuestra vida es amor, y paz, y ternura; soportándonos con paciencia los unos a los otros, perdonándonos los unos a los otros, y no almacenando acusaciones los unos contra los otros, sino orando los unos por los otros, y levantándonos los unos a los otros con mano tierna si ha habido un resbalón o caída; y esperando hasta que el Señor dé arrepentimiento y sano juicio si alguien careciera de arrepentimiento y sano juicio. — ISAAC PENINGTON

— LA JUNTA ANUAL DE AMIGOS DE NUEVA INGLATERRA

Epistle from the Young Adult Friends

To All Friends Everywhere,

From August 7–12 of 2010, the Young Adult Friends of New England Yearly Meeting gathered for our 350th annual sessions in Smithfield, Rhode Island. In keeping with this year's theme of Jubilee, we laid aside our business as usual, so as to listen more closely for God's call. We spent time with each other experimenting in worship, meeting in affinity groups, and singing with Peter and Annie Blood-Patterson. We took part in an informative discussion with Letticia Salcines and Marilyn Escalona

from Cuba Yearly Meeting, talking about the differences and similarities in our worship services, meetings, and also the challenges that young people in our respective countries face. We enjoyed each other's company and gifts in more informal settings outside of programmed activities.

With the wider Yearly Meeting, we attended intergenerational worship, Kenyan tea, singing, vespers, contra dancing, interest groups, and the Jubilee Seminars. As has been the case in years past, many of us offered ministry to our wider community through childcare and youth programming. In honor of Jubilee, normal business sessions were not held for either the Young Adult Friends community or for the wider Yearly Meeting. Instead, together with the older adult Friends, we listened in expectant silence, waiting to hear God's call. Many Young Adult Friends felt called to speak at these meetings, and continued discussions of our leadings with each other outside of meeting. Several Young Adult Friends facilitated anchor groups, which gave Friends a place to give messages that had not quite risen to the meeting, and to hold each other in the light as the week went by.

We are saddened at the resignation of Kimberly Allen from her position as Young Friends/Young Adult Friend (YF/YAF) coordinator. We wish her well in her future endeavors and thank her deeply for her commitment to our community. We welcome Nia Koch as the new YF/YAF coordinator. We also thank Kate Clark for her service to New England Yearly Meeting as the communications director, and wish her well in her future endeavors.

The time that we spent together at this Jubilee allowed us to listen in community for that still small voice. As we move back into the world to answer it, let us hold each other in the light and practice forgiveness, patience, and love with each other.

Thank you, Friends.

— THE YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS OF NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

NEYM Childcare Epistle

This week at New England Yearly Meeting the children and staff in the childcare program spent the week sharing our gifts and joining with each other in playful fellowship. We enjoyed creating artwork with each other, including drawing and stories. Some of us also taught other Friends new songs. We loved our sensory experiences like play-dough and especially oobleck! We enjoyed playing in the water outside, running through the hose like it was a sprinkler and dressing up in firefighter helmets and pretending to put out fires. We even got to put a slide in the pool and slide down it!

We also learned lots of things. Some things we learned were surprising. Did you know that Johanna's name is spelled with a "J" even though it sounds like it should be spelled with a "Y"? We learned yoga to help us be restful during nap time. We especially loved the part where we got to wag our butts in the air like puppies.

This week would not have been possible, or even nearly as much fun, without our special gifts. Thank you to Peter Blood and Annie Patterson for sharing your musical gifts with us. And thank you to all our excellent volunteers for your patience, kindness, gifts, and love. We hope to share more fun times in the future.

With love.

- THE CHILDREN AND STAFF OF NEYM CHILDCARE

Staff Reports

Yearly Meeting Secretary

Change is inevitable. This year, as I took on my new role as Yearly Meeting secretary, change is accelerating. Four milestone decisions were made at the 2009 Annual Sessions:

- 1. the incorporation of Moses Brown School as a separate entity,
- 2. the approval of a new structure for NEYM staff,
- 3. the endorsement of same-sex marriage, and
- 4. a minute allowing monthly meetings to withhold their portion of their NEYM pass-through contribution to Friends United Meeting out of concern over FUM's discriminatory personnel policy.

While all of these decisions have cleared the way for this year's Jubilee Sessions, the irony for me and others on the Sessions Committee is that the Sabbath rest part of Jubilee has been sorely missing. Instead of our usual three Sessions Committee meetings, we had four. Instead of our usual sub-committee structure, we invented several new sub-committees who have met (and as of this writing continue to meet) to deal with the changes in this year's Sessions. On top of all that, we haven't always seen eye-to-eye on how and where God's promptings are leading us. Wow! The stripping away, the harrowing part of Jubilee, is shaping us. Given all that, as we approach Sessions this year, I feel a spiritual turning among us, a sense of goodness and rightness about how we are being led, in spite of and because of who we are. I am excited about how the Yearly Meeting is willing to risk change and to risk a certain amount of non-structure for the sake of being faithful to God's call in our individual lives and in our life together.

Other changes this year have included staff turnover. We said goodbye to Katharine Clark, communications director, and Kimberly Allen, Young Friends/Young Adult Friends coordinator. I hired two people in interim positions to carry us through Sessions: Delia Windwalker as interim office manager, and Aimee Belanger as interim Young Friends Sessions coordinator. NiaDwynwen Koch, who grew up in the Young Friends program, began her work as the new Young Friends/Young Adult Friends coordinator on July 1, 2010. I hope to hire a communications director/office manager (could be two part-time positions) by September 1, 2010.

Some of the biggest changes for our yearly meeting are probably still ahead of us. If we are to continue to offer relevant, vital religious witness for peace and justice to the world, we need to go deeper in our experience and our understanding of the living Spirit out of which our Quaker testimonies emerge. As I look around the local meetings, I see glimmers, sparks, and the kindling of new spiritual fire. Though our silent-waiting form of worship is evidence that the Word of God can never be fully spoken, I see many of us looking to articulate a new Quaker message that can speak more clearly to our modern world. The work on our new *Faith and Practice*, the experiments with extended worship, Ministry & Counsel's new intervisitation initiative, Finance and Development Committees' visitation to monthly meetings, the staff work plan process, and the Quaker Quest outreach program are all evidence of this desire to be more relevant, more clear, and more faithful to what God would have us do.

In this age, where the Quaker vision of God's peaceable world, breaking into all life, is so needed, I pray that Friends and all people of faith will risk the kind of change that leads to lives transformed and indeed a whole world transformed by the Holy Spirit.

—JONATHAN VOGEL-BORNE

Administrative Staff

Seven year cycles have resonated in my life along with annual cycles of work, family life, and gardening. I've had my own sort of Jubilee during the seven years since my last role as a staff person for Yearly Meeting.

My connections with the Yearly Meeting office and with Jonathan Vogel-Borne go back to 1991–1994 when we served as colleagues along with Christel Jorgensen. Later we managed covering Katharine Clark's first sabbatical together and continued while I supported her as an office assistant in 2001–02, and again later in 2003 when I served as registrar.

With this history I have an institutional knowledge that, I believe, supports the currents of change in the Yearly Meeting's administrative structure. I am pleased to reconnect and to serve following Katharine's resignation.

A blessing for me is the powerful peace I've felt in rejoining the core worship that occurs in our office on Tuesdays. Recently a clerk asked Jonathan if some folks think of him as their pastor; in reflection I personally realized that the collegial spiritual relationships built in our Tuesday meetings have inspired and guided me with a quality of spiritual direction. The Quaker identity that I carry foremost has been formed by the pastoral care built in these working relationships.

As the constellation of staff and administrative tools evolves, I optimistically await the new unfolding in spiritual journeys that will support these services. Many blessings as you gather in worship to hear God's call.

—DELIA WINDWALKER, INTERIM OFFICE STAFF

Archivist

Welcome to the archives! Our shelves hold both our present—our current meeting minutes, newsletters, staff reports, etc.—and our past. And we don't always realize how much that past influences our present action.

We have valuable historical resources for family history research and also for broader topics, both for Friends and for the wider community. When I first took on the archivist's job, nearly all the requests we received were for help with family history. We still get these, although their number has gone down due to the growing availability of such information on the web. However, some researchers still run into dead ends or confusing information there, and send us such questions as "Why was my great-great-uncle disowned?" We can tell them that not only did Uncle Jack enlist in the Union Army; when he got back he failed to continue attending meeting and started hanging out with "idle and vicious company." (Old Civil War buddies, perhaps?) And some researchers still come directly to the archives, since they have discovered that not all the information on the web is reliable.

However, now the vast majority of inquiries come from researchers looking for in-depth information on much broader topics. This year we had requests from a Quaker in Virginia who was looking into the early history of the Ramallah School in preparation for a visit there. There were also the usual multiple requests for information on various pieces of Moses Brown School history, ranging from the education of

antislavery activists Elizabeth Buffum and Abby Kelley, to the records of a substantial gift to the school from Abraham Redwood—after he had been disowned (!?).

The largest single project I have assisted with this year has involved working with a researcher who is writing a history of New England Quakers involved in the abolitionist movement, with a focus on Arnold Buffum. In this particular project, I was able to call on some earlier research of my own on the old Uxbridge Meeting, and some of its notable abolitionists, such as Abby Kelley Foster.

I've also been assisting with another ongoing project involving the long vanished Douglas, Mass., Preparative Meeting. This began with a property question: we usually have several questions a year involving property, and we have a fair number of deeds, wills, and other information on our shelves. Many property researchers come—as this one did—worried about the possible destruction of an old Quaker burial ground. This particular question came from a Worcester Friend and some others in a local historical society. Evidence of an old cemetery had surfaced in Douglas when a would-be homebuilder began the permitting process for a site near where it is believed the old meeting house once stood. The historical society wants to identify and protect the site. The state has an interest in protecting old burials. But where had the meeting house stood? And where was its burial ground? We have records of the sad decline of the meeting itself, but the building is long gone, and unfortunately we don't have the deed. This is becoming a case of historical detective work in which both the archives and the researchers can benefit. The archives has the meeting's history and can share our expertise about where to hunt for other information. And the local folks do the fieldwork, which is fun, and share their results. Joining in such research partnerships is one of the very rewarding parts of archives work.

On the other hand, there are the less exciting parts—all the usual struggles we have had over the years: the continually present backlog of accessions, the diminishing shelf space, This year a new problem surfaced: breaking microfilms. This is probably not surprising, since some of them are nearly thirty years old. However, on the much brighter side: this year the archives has been blessed with a summer intern. Sarah Lindblom is a Moses Brown graduate and currently a student at Smith. She has made some inroads on the backlog, and has taken on some short research projects: I assigned her to pursue the mystery of the Redwood donation. She didn't find it, but had a great time going through boxes of "miscellaneous papers," some of the oldest documents of her alma mater.

So history can be fun. And the records Friends send in today are tomorrow's valuable historic documents; keep them coming!

---MARNIE MILLER-GUTSELL

Christian Education Coordinator

This year got off to a slow start with the care of my mother at the end of her life in October. Momentum quickly picked up in November and December with visits to monthly meetings and preparations for the CE Committee's Family Weekend at Woolman Hill. Overall, my work seemed to evolve and advance this year in important ways.

Field work shaped some of my most fruitful efforts whether I directly nurtured teachers with a new First Day school class (Middle School at South Berkshire), visited the whole meeting (Dartmouth MM's Vacation Bible School), or just initiated conversations with meetings (Northwest Quarterly Meeting in December) that are relatively loosely affiliated with the Yearly Meeting. For them, in those moments, I

am the face of the Yearly Meeting. On the one hand, I come filled with the joy of the Quaker message and practical support for their children's program. On the other, I embody an explicit invitation to live more fully in their wider circle of Friends, New England Yearly Meeting.

The CE Committee's third Family Weekend at Woolman Hill, "Birds, Bees, and Quakerism, Please" was a great success. It occasioned a new chapter in my relationship with the committee. This time I played a different role, actively facilitating the bringing forth of gifts of others by quietly handling logistical issues and overseeing the children's program. Our co-clerks, Rachel Walker Cogbill and Stephanie Richards, set the stage for this by encouraging Friends to concentrate their engagement on projects where they really felt a leading and releasing them from other pieces of our committee work. The result was a celebration of team spirit among individuals comfortable playing any position on the team. The NEYM Nominating Committee joined in this creative reconsideration of service to the Yearly Meeting. The evolution of our work and mutuality of relationships can also be seen as a fruit of Nominating's good labors.

Two weeks before our Woolman Hill event, I had the inspiration to stay on in residence and pursue more meeting visits while I was already out on the western edge of the Yearly Meeting. Even with very little lead time, I was able to set up some visits and use the occasion to reconnect and check-in with various Friends. The experience was so positive I hope to explore this further. Perhaps next year I will be able to move around to other localities on similar extended visits.

The CE Committee reinstituted its curriculum workshops this year. Friends School of Portland graciously hosted our day which raised up the question, "How do we engage children in the life of our meetings?" Our plan to draw out success stories from First Day schools around the Yearly Meeting worked beautifully. I presented a case study on children and worship, worked on publicity, and identified Friends with captivating success stories.

Our First Day School Share-Fair at Sessions will build on these offerings and invite more Friends to join the celebration of creative, faithful work in our children's programs. Again, this year, we carry the concern for more effectively welcoming and integrating families with young children into the Yearly Meeting. We endeavor to create a Family Neighborhood at Sessions for these families by building community and enhancing social and spiritual opportunities for parents who may be isolated while supervising early bedtimes. New this year is a Sessions Service Project. As a group several hundred strong, we will gather food for two schools in Haiti, one with an orphanage. While news of the earthquake is no longer a front page story, suffering and privation cast a long shadow imperiling the young and the vulnerable.

The CE Lending Library continues to be a boon to First Day school teachers around New England. Friends generously act as couriers shuttling books, films, and other teaching materials from meeting to meeting.

Less visible to Friends in New England, I represent NEYM on Friends General Conference's (FGC) Religious Education Committee. I am assisting with the revision of the beloved Sparklers curriculum. I am leading a workshop at the Gathering on "Revitalizing and Rethinking Our First Day schools." This involvement with Friends beyond New England is a terrific opportunity to share resources and experiences. I return home with inspiration and new perspectives to fuel and enrich my work in New England.

Friends Camp Director

I am happy to report that Friends Camp is on the move and we have developed a long-range plan for the future of Friends Camp. Camper enrollment is up over ten percent from last summer and we are experiencing a 100-percent improvement in the weather! Some openings remain in our Fell Teen Camp and our Mott Family Camp.

The Camp Committee and I have developed several long range plans and projects, including: the development of an endowment fund, increasing the cash reserves to twenty percent of the annual budget, improving Camp Committee structure and operations, increasing camper enrollment to at least 375 per year (85 percent of capacity), purchasing the Vespers field, building kitchen staff housing and a new camp office, connecting Friends Camp with the Yearly Meeting youth programming, and having the camp's accounting and registration contracted to a new employee or to the bookkeeper at the Yearly Meeting office.

I am projecting that we will have about 345 campers this summer, about thirty more campers than we accounted for in our 2010 budget. This is excellent news. Many campers are returning from past years, but we are hearing from many new families as well. Our higher numbers this summer are due to the implementation of several strategies. We made over 200 phone calls to parents. Our e-newsletter goes out regularly to over 3,000 families. I also sent some hand written notes to campers from last summer, visited six Quaker meetings, attended five camp fairs, and asked the current camper families to refer new campers. The potential success of this summer season is also due to our excellent staff of 2009, who created a warm and wonderful experience for our campers of all ages.

We have been able to hire a creative and interesting group of 23 counselors and staff. This summer we have 10 staff members who have recently graduated from college or university. We have seven lifeguards and 11 staff members who have CPR/first aid training. This summer we are also using counselors from previous summers to work during sessions that are full or almost full.

With help of the Obadiah Brown Fund and Efficiency Maine, we are going to be able to save energy in lighting and refrigeration. We plan to install 22 T8 fluorescent lights and ten occupancy sensors or light sensors. Because the majority of Friends Camp's electricity is used for refrigeration, we have reduced the number of refrigerators and freezers, replaced the older units with new, more energy-efficient units, and our commercial refrigeration units will be upgraded to be more efficient as well.

Our Buildings and Grounds Committee has been very active this year with several projects: planting blueberries, shoreline restoration, an outdoor mop sink area, painting buildings and floors, and new nets for volleyball or badminton in the field next to Cardinal Hall. We have also done extensive planning towards purchasing additional waterfront property.

I am at a point in my professional life that enables me to give back to my fellow camp professionals. I am continuing as member of the Maine Youth Camping Foundation board for an additional three years. This year I was able to offer a workshop at the regional camp professionals conference on Keeping Campers Emotionally and Physically Safe. I've been trained by the American Camp Association as a Standards Visitor and I completed my first accreditation visit in June.

In the fall of 2010, the Camp Committee will be submitting a detailed sabbatical plan to the Yearly Meeting Personnel Committee that will cover a schedule and work plan for the part-time employee who will be replacing me during fall and winter of

2011. The Camp Committee and I look forward to envisioning our future with love and prayers from New England Friends.

-NATHANIEL SHED

Junior Yearly Meeting Retreat Coordinator

With the completion of the JYM Retreats 2009–2010 program year, I am pleased to say that we have completed our twenty-second consecutive year of offering retreats to Quaker children in grades two through six throughout New England Yearly Meeting. For sure, none of this would ever be possible without the ongoing support of parents, skilled and spiritually grounded adults willing to staff, and of course the Yearly Meeting itself.

It's impossible to overstate how important it has been having dedicated and gifted staffers, who give of their time and share their talents with children year in and year out. That, in addition to the children themselves, has been the greatest blessing by far. Over the past few years we have even had former JYM retreat attendees return, now as adults, to staff with us. Their numbers are too numerous to name here individually, but Friends are encouraged to see our staff list on our site at www.jymretreats.org.

Appreciation is especially expressed to our Youth Programs Committee, which continues to oversee our retreat policies and guidelines that in turn help to structure and contain our program overall. Their work is not glamorous, but is essential. Several of the Friends who serve on YPC also staff our retreats as well which helps to insure that policy is guided by practical application.

The JYM Retreat program provided five retreats over the previous school year. Four retreats are for children in grades two through six, and were held in September, November, January, and May. One retreat, our annual 6th Grade Retreat, was held in March and is co-led each year with my friend and colleague in ministry, Gretchen Baker-Smith, who coordinates the JHYM Retreat program. On average, 32–35 children attend each retreat, and 15–19 children attend our annual 6th grade retreat, which by design, is intended to be smaller in numbers. Staff for all-grade JYM Retreats averages between 10–13 adults, and six adults staff our annual 6th Grade retreat. Our program continues to be blessed by the presence and professional cheft talents of Wendyl Ross, who has cooked for all of our retreats for almost 20 years.

Fees charged per retreat remain at \$60, a bargain when compared to similar programs in other faith traditions. Scholarship assistance is always available and a modest discount for siblings also applies. In addition to fees, our program receives considerable support from the general budget of New England Yearly Meeting, for which we are especially grateful. Additional appreciation is expressed to Alison Hersey, NEYM Accounts Manager, who keeps our accounts in good order. (And thank you, Gretchen Baker-Smith, who does our post-retreat financial processing to Allison, in exchange for web work I do for Gretchen.)

Above and beyond all else, I remain prayerfully grateful for the leading and grace to be present to this ministry of caring for our children and families within our Yearly Meeting. In Spirit and with gratitude, I look forward to the year ahead.

-KEVIN LEE

Junior High Yearly Meeting Retreat Coordinator

With the grace of the Holy Spirit, and the Light and transformation possible in communion, JHYM Retreats seeks to provide a safe and joy-filled sanctuary where that of God can be sought and found.

It has been an extraordinary year. At the October Retreat, we considered what our community is and what we wanted it to become, and then spent the rest of the year living into those expectations. Our JH'ers are courageous, gentle and open-hearted, pursuing their deep intentions to joyfully walk in the Light. Strikingly inclusive, this year's group truly embodied Thomas Kelly's description of the Beloved Community.

This is essential ministry. Repeatedly, our JH'ers say the community is their other family, a place where they feel truly accepted. Their experiences of mutually seeking the Light while building relationships with some whom they might not have chosen to befriend are so powerful. As they love, they can love—and be open to the love of God. Hope, joy, and compassion are alive, in contrast to the wider culture within which some of them live. One eighth grader summed up the importance of JHYM when he shared, "There is no place that gets me to question my cynical beliefs more than here."

Our staffers are an incredible group of generous, fun, grounded, and hard-working Friends. We continue to grow in numbers; for the first time, we had more men than women staffing one retreat. More Young Adult Friends who came up through the retreat programs were with us this year. Their gifts of presence and perspective are grand. An exhausted 19-year-old YAF who cooked at the Music Retreat unabashedly shared his realization that Wendyl Ross, NEYM's longtime beloved retreat cook, "is a beast!" With most of our staffers coming to multiple retreats a year, there is a depth of love and joy filled fellowship that grounds and nurtures the whole community.

For the past six years, our service retreat has been held at Portland Friends Meeting, with Dee Kelsey serving as the project coordinator. I am deeply grateful for Dee's extensive skills and prayer-led care. She has provided our JH'ers with meaningful experiences in both giving and receiving and me with a framework to build from when our service retreat moves to Framingham Meeting next year.

We had a variety of challenges this year including a cook who suddenly had to leave Saturday morning, some very difficult family crises amongst our JH'ers, a free-fall number of cancellations just before the November Retreat, memorable Friday night traffic woes, an entire retreat without either of my hearing aids, and a change in venues only five days before the February Retreat. Yet, as with Framingham Meeting's immediate and seamless welcoming of us that day, each time Grace attended, and we saw and felt again "what Love can do." We received the heart-breaking, tragic news of the death of a loved YAF the day before the May retreat and held her family and each other in tenderness, aware of our ties regardless of distance and time.

I know that our retreat program does not, nor can, serve all of the middle schoolers of NEYM. I want to find a solution for those JH'ers living three or four hours away from a retreat location whose "only" reason for not joining us is the need for a ride. With a wider lens, I also ask, "How can we nurture more ministry—more leaders, more staffers, more youth communities—that are vibrant and yet more accessible to our young people throughout NEYM?"

I also carry a concern for the stress levels and general busy-ness of our families. Economic struggles have affected many. The majority are juggling multiple extracurricular activities, schoolwork, and jobs. Increasingly, I am asked if attenders can leave a retreat for a practice, rehearsal, or event – because they will lose their spot on the team or group if they skip. Connections to our monthly meetings seem to also be affected. As our children grow with less quiet and unstructured time for wonder and presence, are we losing a depth of spiritual fellowship essential to our form of worship and discernment?

Finally, on a personal note, I wish to express my gratitude for the staffing position created last year which made it possible for me to be more fully present in mind and spirit to the work and joy. Thank you, Friends, for this, and for all of the gifts of finance, prayer, hospitality, and presence that support this ministry.

-GRETCHEN BAKER-SMITH

Moses Brown School Head

Having completed my first year at Moses Brown School, I very much look forward to joining you at Sessions and to renewing a fellowship among members of the NEYM and Moses Brown communities. For me, the school, and hopefully for you, this past year has been rewarding. The clarity gained by the incorporation of the school and the work of the Nurturing Friends Education Committee have brought focus and momentum to our goal of strengthening Quaker faith and practice at Moses Brown.

In my 14 years in Friends education, I have found no better tools for preparing bright, curious students than the Quaker principles of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship. At MB we try to foster in our students an actively ethical mind-set, i.e. basic values such as tolerance and respect for differences, coupled with a willingness to confront injustice and make a positive difference in the world. By strengthening our Quaker identity and practices, we hope to develop leaders motivated less by status and power and more by a sense of kinship with and responsibility for others.

I believe that we have made significant progress this year. It has been gratifying for me to learn that Friends values shape the entirety of the Moses Brown student experience, in ways both obvious and subtle. I would like to use this report to highlight a few of the ways that I see these values at work in the daily life of the school.

The experience of meeting for worship remains central to the school. I presented some research findings about the role of meeting in Friends schools at several public forums, and have broadened divisional meetings for worship to include all members of our faculty and staff.

We have increased the role of Director of Friends Education for next year to support a stronger, more consistent emphasis on Quaker values across the three divisions.

A variety of curricular and co-curricular initiatives brought Quaker values to life for our students:

- The annual gift from Obadiah Brown's Benevolent Fund supported an extensive collaboration between MB fourth-graders and Quaker students in Kenya, one that fostered friendships and engendered reflection about equality and simplicity;
- Zawadi Nikuze, coordinator of the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends
 Peace Teams work in Congo, spoke to Middle and Upper School students
 about peace-building, trauma healing, and reconciliation in the Democratic
 Republic of Congo;

- Quaker singer-songwriter Jon Watts performed for students in each division, describing his motivation for traveling much of the East Coast via bicycle and spreading his message through song; similarly, Quaker singer-songwriters Annie and Peter Blood-Patterson performed for both students and parents;
- Members of the Providence Monthly Meeting read some of their favorite books—with themes from Friends' testimonies—to Lower School children;
- Students in all divisions completed many service learning projects. MB alumnus Dr. Molly Bliss Wolf '86 again led Upper School students and faculty on the annual service trip to the Dominican Republic;
- Upper School students participated in an "exchange" program with peers at Hope High;
- The recent installation of a Friends Garden, where produce grown by MB students and teachers will support Camp Street Ministries, exemplifies a commitment to stewardship and service;
- Four Upper School students attended the Quaker Youth Leadership conference at the George School in Pennsylvania.

We focused explicitly on strengthening our community's understanding of Quaker faith and practice:

- Four teachers pursued professional development at Pendle Hill in Pennsylvania; others attended workshops sponsored by the Friends Council on Education;
- We documented our use of consensus-based decision-making and trained many community members in its application;
- A new faculty Quaker Life committee became very active in the Lower School;
- Parents, teachers and staff new to MB attended a two-hour workshop on Quakerism; faculty and staff further benefited from a day-long retreat focused on Quaker education;
- Our ongoing series of Parent Conversations this year focused on the testimonies of simplicity, peace, and service, as well as on the school's relationship to the military.

Established by members of NEYM to support the education of Quaker children at Moses Brown School, the P.J. Tripp and Charitable Funds' principals as of March 31, 2010 totaled \$453,382 with an annual draw of \$16,640 to be used for scholarships for Quaker students. Monthly meetings are asked to send a letter to MB noting the recipient's active participation in the meeting. Our current scholar, who will be a senior in 2010–11, is the child of a member of Providence Monthly Meeting.

Having heard from many of you throughout the year, I know that we share a commitment to identifying more Quaker students who might be interested in attending Moses Brown. The Nurturing Friends Education Committee is exploring this issue, and I invite you to be active partners with us by encouraging Friends to contact the school or make use of our extensive website in order to learn about Moses Brown.

I hope that this short report provides you with a sense of what is happening at Moses Brown in terms of Friends education. Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions.

I look forward to seeing many of you in August.

-MATT GLENDINNING, HEAD OF SCHOOL

Staff Planning

The planning coordinator is a volunteer staff member who assists Jonathan Vogel-Borne, the new Yearly Meeting secretary, in the implementation of the Yearly Meeting staff restructuring process approved by 2009 Sessions (Minute 2009-43). This minute created the Yearly Meeting secretary position to supervise all staff, the communications director position to oversee office administration, publications, and electronic communications; and a new full-time position of Junior YM/Junior High YM coordinator. The Yearly Meeting secretary reports and is accountable to a restructured and expanded Coordinating and Advisory Committee, which appoints from among its membership a supervisor of the Yearly Meeting Secretary. The Yearly Meeting Secretary is responsible for generating a staff work plan, evaluating staff performance, and creating a priorities budget proposal.

Creating the staff work plan generated good discussion with staff. This process resulted in a 2010 Staff Work Plan, which specified for each staff position: goals, functions and tasks, work plan priorities, standard measures/indicators of task accomplishments, outlines for quarterly and annual reports, and procedures for performance appraisal. A copy of this plan is posted on *neym.org*; search the site for NEYM Staff Work Plan.

While this process bore many fruits by clarifying the work of staff, and increasing staff accountability and transparency, it was not without pain and challenges. Under the best of circumstances this creates opportunities for change and growth, but it does not always bring out the best in all of us. Here guidance from our Inward Light is necessary. Also, concerns developed on what is staff collegiality, and should senior staff salaries be equal. I was sad to hear from Katherine Clark, communications director, and Kimberly Allen, Young Friends & Young Adult Friends coordinator that they were resigning their positions effective this June. I wish them well.

A priorities budget proposal lists changes, according to various priority categories, in the budget for the coming fiscal year that are currently under discussion. This generates discussion among staff, Yearly Meeting committees, Coordinating and Advisory Committee, and Permanent Board on how Spirit is leading us to use the fiscal resources available to the Yearly Meeting. Related to this, in March, we held our first annual Funding Our Vision Day. This was a meeting of monthly and quarterly meeting treasurers and Finance Committee members. Local meeting representatives shared their joys and concerns about their meetings financial affairs, discussed a Yearly Meeting draft Priorities Budget proposal, and provided input on levels of contributions from local meetings to the Yearly Meeting. To see the agenda and a copy of the priorities budgets go to *neym.org*, and then search the site for "Funding Our Vision." The Yearly Meeting's Finance Committee then uses all of this input to present to Annual Sessions a budget proposal for the coming fiscal year.

-GERALD SAZAMA, PLANNING COORDINATOR

Young Friends/Young Adult Friends Coordinator

It is with great joy that I begin my work with the New England Yearly Meeting! My first few weeks have been made productive thanks to the support and guidance of the office staff and of many current and former resource people. They have given me the courage to embrace the challenges ahead.

I am eager to meet those in the Yearly Meeting that I do not know, especially families of Young Friends. As I begin to book Young Friends retreats for the upcoming school year, I look forward to working with others to develop my goals for the programs. Additionally, I hope for the support of monthly meetings in extending my outreach to new Young Friends and Young Adult Friends.

—NIADWYNWEN KOCH, YF/YAF COORDINATOR

Committee Reports

Permanent Board

Permanent Board met five times since we gathered at Sessions in 2009. We met immediately following Sessions at Bryant University; we met in November at Moses Brown School in Providence; we met in January at Storrs Meeting in Connecticut; we met in May at Hanover Meeting in New Hampshire; we met in June at Friends Camp in Maine; and we will meet once more, just before Sessions gathers again, at Bryant University. Our meetings have been productive, joyful and worshipful.

The format for our meetings changed somewhat this year. In adjustment to the new staffing structure, we heard reports at each meeting from the Yearly Meeting secretary, reporting on news from monthly and quarterly meetings around the Yearly Meeting and the work of the Yearly Meeting staff. We also heard reports from the Coordinating and Advisory Committee, early in the year focused on the work with the Yearly Meeting secretary on the staff work plan, and later in the year focused on the plans for Sessions. We have benefited greatly from being thus updated on the workings of the Yearly Meeting in a way not so easily done in the previous structure.

Moses Brown School

Accomplishing the work outlined in NEYM minute 2009-24, authorizing the work of incorporating the school as a non-stock (not-for-profit) corporation in Rhode Island, transferring the improvements on the property, and negotiating a lease agreement for the land with the new corporation, has required considerable effort and commitment of time from many Friends. Permanent Board created a working group of ten individuals which met five times to work through the issues and the documents. Permanent Board approved the hiring of a Rhode Island attorney, Charles White, a member of Providence Meeting, to review documents, recommend changes, and represent the Yearly Meeting in negotiation with attorneys representing the school.

In addition there was the work of the Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School Committee, which met five times as well, creating Purposes and Procedures and considering ways to make it possible for distant Friends to derive the benefit of a Moses Brown School education. Beyond this there were numerous individual meetings of working group members, lawyers, and School Board members all focused on ensuring that Moses Brown School continues to thrive as a Quaker school as well as a school for Quakers. Moses Brown School was very responsive to the concerns of Friends and accepted a number of suggested changes to the bylaws and transfer documents to meet those concerns. Separately from the bylaw revisions, the Moses Brown Board also approved a minute acknowledging a commitment to the education of Friends as a central goal of school admissions policy.

Permanent Board approved the Purposes and Procedures for the Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School Committee, making it a standing committee of the Yearly Meeting. We approved the transfer and incorporation documents and a 75-year ground lease authorizing the presiding clerk to sign those documents. At this point that process has been completed.

Personnel and Yearly Meeting Staffing Issues

In approving a new staff structure at last year's Sessions, we likewise approved a new mode of operations for the Yearly Meeting staff—one that required written plans,

greater accountability, and greater transparency. In response, the staff participated in creating a Yearly Meeting staff work plan for the year in a process directed by the Yearly Meeting secretary and with input from all staff, Coordinating and Advisory Committee, committee clerks, and Permanent Board. It is available on the Yearly Meeting web site and is the basis for regular periodic reviews and annual performance appraisals. It has been a most effective tool for that part of our work which is entrusted to staff this year.

With our new structure, the role of the Personnel Committee too has changed. In particular, the committee is no longer responsible for the performance appraisals for our managerial staff. With its new primary policy-making and reviewing role, the committee has completely revised the Personnel Policy Manual so that it reflects the new staff structure. These changes were approved at our June meeting.

This year two staff members resigned from their positions. While we are loath to lose two committed individuals, we honor their discernment and decisions. With the new staff structure, the Yearly Meeting secretary was able to respond quickly, hiring interim replacement staff and beginning a process to find regular replacement staff. Using a very inclusive process, the YF/YAF coordinator position has already been posted and filled.

Minute of Purpose (Vision/Mission Statement)

A Vision/Mission Statement was shared at Sessions 2009. While we did not achieve unity on its use at that time, we minuted our intention to consider it further. Permanent Board included this item on its agenda at three of our meetings. In November we approved of the statement as a "Minute of Purpose" noting that it would be useful in that framework in particular for staff as they finalized their work plan for the year. We sent out notice of our action to each monthly meeting and in the *New England Friend* asking that Friends consider the minute of purpose and how it might be useful in their work.

Friends United Meeting Financial Implications

Following up on the decision at Sessions to allow monthly meetings to minute their unity with conscientious objection to sending money to Friends United Meeting so long as the FUM personnel policy did not permit anyone in a sexual relationship outside of a monogamous heterosexual marriage to serve in a position of leadership, we continued the work of reviewing the impact of that decision. We received letters from a few meetings articulating both their requests that their funds not be used for contributions to FUM as well as letters from meetings who expressed support for FUM in spite of their policy, in particular noting the need to continue to be a witness as a part of the community of FUM. We received reports from the treasurer that as of May 2010 the total amount withheld from the NEYM contribution to FUM was less than \$200. We have heard that a few meetings are still considering this issue and therefore approved that we should continue the process outlined in NEYM Minute 2009-54 for an additional year.

Nominating Committee

We received reports from the Nominating Committee noting the difficulty in achieving their tasks of filling all the openings for Yearly Meeting positions that they are responsible for. They reported that they have been considering different structures for Yearly Meeting committees and informing us that this may be an important issue requiring the discernment of the Yearly Meeting at Sessions and the Permanent Board.

Decision-making Procedures in the Yearly Meeting

We received a request from the Sessions Committee that Permanent Board call for a mid-year meeting for New England Yearly Meeting of Friends. Our response was that though we encourage gatherings of Friends for extended worship, the Yearly Meeting's practice in regards to decision-making did not provide a role for such a mid-year gathering; therefore, we did not issue a call for a mid-year Session.

However, this request prompted the clerk to ask one of our members to provide a report comparing the decision-making process and authority that we use in New England with the practice of other yearly meetings. That report provided some very useful information, most importantly the use of a representative interim body for work between sessions for most of our comparable yearly meetings (as opposed to our appointed Permanent Board), and the use of a procedures manual to provide increased transparency to the work of the Yearly Meeting. Following this report we asked the Yearly Meeting secretary to begin pulling together a procedures manual for the Yearly Meeting. We look forward to using the information gained from this report as we consider what we are called to do and the manner in which our structure hinders or upholds that work.

Priorities Budget

Another important planning role assigned to the Yearly Meeting secretary was that of creating a "priorities budget" to assist Finance Committee in preparing their recommendation for the Yearly Meeting's annual budget. The priorities budget process is one that requires the multiple communities of the Yearly Meeting to prioritize their view of our financial needs. The process began in January, and staff, committees, monthly meeting treasurers, Permanent Board, and Coordinating and Advisory Committee were all given opportunities to share their views and to season the resulting recommendations. The document was posted on the Yearly Meeting web site for increased transparency for the process. Both Permanent Board and Finance Committee were pleased with the way this new process enabled articulation of the issues and provided clarity for better decision making.

Sessions

We will be participating in Yearly Meeting Sessions for 2010 very soon and we look forward in openness to the work that is before us. Both the presiding clerk and the Yearly Meeting secretary have noted the irony that to work towards a Jubilee—a letting go of our usual concerns—required a great deal of additional labor. Permanent Board received reports of the process of planning for this year's sessions, providing approvals where such was necessary. We look forward to sharing this time of joy and work with you.

-EDWARD BAKER, CLERK

Internal Nominating Report

The Internal Nominating Committee of Permanent Board is responsible for identifying nominees for the following committees: Clerks Nominating, Personnel, Office Facilities, Internal Nominating, and Yearly Meeting Nominating at-large. The committee met twice at Sessions in August 2009 and at four Permanent Board meetings during this year. In addition, we met five additional times via conference call throughout the year. Those members and attenders of NEYM named are brought forward to Permanent Board for approval. This year the committee recommended that the Office Facilities Committee be suspended until there is a need for that committee to serve. This request is currently under review.

The committee's ongoing challenge is to locate willing, qualified Friends to serve on the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee at-large. We seek Friends who are knowledgeable of the work and committees of New England Yearly Meeting beyond Friends and attenders of their local meetings. At this writing we continue to need to find two individuals for three-year terms, beginning in August 2010. More than 75 percent of our work and time is spent in discerning and seeking out Friends to serve on this critical NEYM committee, often making 40 contacts to fill one position. YM Nominating Committee, in turn, seeks annually to discern who in the Yearly Meeting is able to effectively carry on the work of our committees and thus carry out the work of the Spirit in our Yearly Meeting. Internal Nominating Committee members join me in asking interested Friends to contact us if you feel called to serve the Yearly Meeting and the Society of Friends in this way. YM Nominating Committee shapes our Yearly Meeting through its discernment. If you cannot serve, pray for the Spirit to guide our discernment process and enhance our recognition of those who are able to serve.

-DOROTHY GRANNELL, CONVENER

Committee On Aging

This year we have been reaching out directly to one NEYM monthly meeting and also to specific NEYM members; we invited Friends to join us, without any "committee service" promises or role expectations, and these ventures have born delicious fruit.

Friends Meeting at Cambridge has been running a series on aging, which we were able to attend. We started holding our committee meetings at the home of one of our newer and older members, making it easier for her to join our committee (and giving us a delightful spot to meet, rest and discover our path).

Other new members have joined us, bringing experience from their work lives and from their personal lives; one of them, a generous and knowledgeable contributor to most of our meetings, discerned that this was work she wanted to continue and will join us on the committee officially starting in the fall.

Our main topic has been "what do older people need from their meetings and what can reasonably be expected from a monthly meeting?" Considering these questions helped us realize that the Committee on Aging's concern is not just for older Friends but for those who are caring for older Friends. A direct result of this is that we welcome you all to our lunch table at Sessions on Wednesday where we will have a handout about frequent expectations of older Friends and their caretakers and how meetings might address them.

"Aging" is not a concept we Americans take to with any ease. We are a culture that is supremely youth-oriented. Meeting together, sharing who we are as Quakers and as spiritual friends, we learn from each other of resources on aging and spirituality and consider the ways in which aging-adverse assumptions interrupt our best thinking and caring.

We watch how the Spirit illuminates the path for us, showing us how to serve NEYM out of a feeling of richness and gratitude, avoiding the pitfalls of focusing on the many opportunities that are not ours at this moment.

The Committee on Aging recognizes that aging affects everyone differently. We are open to hearing views from individuals on aging, including men, women and caregivers. In fact, we welcome you all to join us in this work.

—PENNY YUNUBA, CLERK

Board of Managers of Investments & Permanent Fund

The Board of Managers of Investment and Permanent Funds is pleased to provide this 2010 Annual Report to New England Yearly Meeting.

In the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010, annual income distributed to constituents from the Pooled Funds after payment of expenses totaled \$7.41 per 100 units (i.e. \$0.0741 per unit). For the first time in the Board's memory, this distribution fell shy of the amount (\$0.078 per unit) that the Board had suggested budgeting for Fiscal Year 2010. The Board recommends that you budget \$0.072 per unit in distributions for the period April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011. This represents a payout after expenses of 2.3 percent of the March 31, 2010 unit value. Yields on high quality bonds remain at their lowest levels in 20 years, and money market rates have never been lower. They are unlikely to rise substantially in FY 2011.

The Pooled Funds are a balanced fund, investing in both stocks and fixed income securities, and are managed primarily with the objectives of generating a predictable income stream for constituents and increasing the distribution over time through appreciation of the underlying units. The Board seeks to generate this income by investing in companies whose businesses are aligned with Quaker testimonies. The policies and procedures are described in the *Green Book*, which is available by request from the Board of Managers.

For the period of April 1, 2009, through March 31, 2010, the NEYM Pooled Funds had a total return (income plus unit value appreciation) net of all expenses of 28.12 percent. This consists of a distribution of income per unit to beneficiaries of 3.20 percent and a 24.92 percent increase in the market value. The time-weighted total return for the Pooled Funds before the deduction of fees was 28.71 percent. A history of the performance of the Pooled Funds including income and capital appreciation is attached to this report.

The distribution this past year was less than we anticipated because of reduced yields on bonds and money market funds and because we maintained a very conservative stance, with a higher proportion than usual in high quality fixed income due to concerns about the economy. If constituents find that the income distribution is insufficient to meet their commitments, they may want to consider the option of cashing in a limited number of units to make up the difference.

As of March 31, 2010, the market value of the Pooled Funds was \$5.312 million with 32 participating organizations and a total of 39 accounts. One new constituent (and consequently one new account) joined the Pooled Funds. No constituents left. The market value of the fund increased by almost \$1 million during the year, while the total number of units decreased by 26,000, the net result of funds received and reinvested versus withdrawals.

The Board has continued to develop its proactive involvement on behalf of its constituents in community fund investments and vigilant proxy voting. In 2010, the Board increased its investment in community funds from 1 percent to 1.6 percent of the portfolio, with a combined investment of \$70,000 in the Cooperative Fund of New England and the Institute for Community Economics. In January 2010, however, we redeemed the Institute for Community Economics loan because the organization had merged with a national organization and restructured its debt to a less secure instrument. Although this was a quiet year for shareholder resolutions, we expect activity to pick up as the economy recovers. We will continue to search for opportunities, discuss them within the committee, and determine how best to ensure that these activities continue even as the composition of the Board changes over time.

New England Yearly Meeting of Friends Pooled Funds Comparative Figures for Fiscal Years Ending March 31

		Compa	rative Figure	es for Fiscal	Comparative Figures for Fiscal Years Ending March	g March 31					
Income (per unit)	2001	2002	2003	2004	2002	2006	2002	2008	2009	2010	2011
Projected Distribution	\$0.0800	\$0.0810	\$0.0810	\$0.0720	\$0.0750	\$0.0780	\$0.0780	\$0.0800	\$0.0800	\$0.0780	\$0.0720
Actual Distribution	\$0.0835	\$0.0902	\$0.0812	\$0.0766	\$0.0797	\$0.0791	\$0.0869	\$0.0985	\$0.0986	\$0.0741	
Market Values											
Total Value (in thousands)	\$4,447	\$4,450	\$4,000	\$4,667	\$4,756	\$5,283	\$5,663	\$5,559	\$4,313	\$5,312	
Total # of Units (in thousands)	1,738	1,751	1,737	1,746	1,800	1,807	1,864	1,873	1,864	1,837	
Market Value Per Unit	\$2.5555	\$2.5414	\$2.3029	\$2.6601	\$2.6415	\$2.9238	\$3.0385	\$2.9684	\$2.3144	\$2.8911	
Returns											
Appreciation	-3.45%	-0.55%	-9.38%	15.51%	-0.70%	10.69%	3.92%	-2.51%	-22.03%	24.92%	
Income	3.15%	3.53%	3.19%	3.32%	3.00%	2.99%	2.97%	3.23%	3.32%	3.20%	
Total	-0.30%	2.98%	-6.19%	18.84%	2.30%	13.68%	%06.9	0.72%	-18.71%	28.12%	
Lipper Balanced Fund Average	-6.26%	1.46%	-13.29%	23.58%	4.28%	9.43%	8.8%	-1.7%	-26.8%	35.6%	

Notes:

1. Except for the Lipper returns, return figures are rounded to the nearest .01%.

2. NEYM returns are simple annual rates of return, calculated net of expenses. The appreciation return is calculated by dividing the change in the market value. The income return is calculated by dividing the income distributed per unit duning the year by the beginning market value. The total return for FY 10 compounded quarterly is 28.399%.

3. On an annualized basis over the past five years, the NEYM Pooled Funds returned 4.97% per year after deducting management and administrative fees as during the year by the beginning market value. compared to a return of 3.04% for the Lipper Balanced Fund Average. Over the past ten years, the Pooled Funds returned 4.09% per year net of fees as compared to a return of 2.13% per year for the Lipper Balanced Fund Index.

4. Please note that the NEYM Pooled Funds are subject to social and other constraints which are not applicable to the Lipper Balanced Fund Average.

Among our goals for the coming year are streamlining the process of distributing checks to constituents and improving communications. Starting in April 2010, each treasurer of a constituent organization should be receiving a copy of the Pooled Funds bank statement from the custodian (Bank of America) each quarter, listing all of the holdings in the Pooled Funds end and all transactions for the quarter. Please let me know if you did not receive a statement.

We invite you to attend our workshop, "Managing Quaker Money," at the Yearly Meeting Sessions in Smithfield, Rhode Island, Wednesday afternoon, August 11, 2010. The workshop will be an open discussion about the financial challenges and concerns that NEYM organizations have faced during the year. Members of all participating organizations and any other interested members of New England Yearly Meeting are welcome. Treasurers are encouraged to invite members of their respective Finance Committees. See the YM News, available at Sessions Registration, or check on the web site www.neym.org for more information about the workshop.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the Board of Managers at *neympooledfunds@neym.org*, or call Matthew Hackman, acting clerk, at 401-738-0755, or Brian Clark, treasurer, at 978-897-5646.

Yours in the Light,

- BRIAN CLARK, TREASURER

Christian Education Committee

As always, this committee has had a busy and productive year. We continued our work supporting First Day schools and supporting bringing Quakerism into our family lives. This was the second year that we have functioned with two co-clerks for this busy committee, and we have found that this has worked well. In this way, the committee work load has been manageable and we and the committee have benefited from our complementary strengths.

2009 Sessions: Our Sessions activities included a combination of workshops, activities, and supporting younger families at Sessions.

Workshops: Three workshops were well attended. "Sharing Faith Across Generations" was a panel discussion with three generations of Friends. "Birds and Bees and Quakerism, Please" discussed Quaker values and sexuality. Finally, "Quaker Hopscotch" is part of a program developed by Beth Collea to help meetings starting a First Day school.

Family Activities: In response to comments at a Christian Education Woolman Hill Workshop in early 2009, we supported grouped Sessions housing for young families. This was successful and we will continue to develop this. We also made a family mosaic activity available in the Family Bookstore.

First Day School Curriculum Share Fair: Spearheaded by Beth Collea, several meetings brought displays of programs and activities that had been used in their meetings. This was a great opportunity for people to see and share ideas.

Survey: The committee developed a survey for the NEYM community to find out how to best communicate information, and to identify what topics are of interest and concern to the community. Results will help guide future work and programs.

Woolman Hill Workshop: The third Woolman Hill weekend workshop was around the theme of "Birds and Bees and Quakerism, Please!" This weekend grew out of a Sessions workshop and explored the connections between spirituality, the human body, and sexuality, and how our Quaker faith leads us to address these connections.

Calendar project: We have revived the Calendar project that was done a few years ago. The calendar will include child and family oriented queries, activities, book suggestions, and art. It will also include a "yellow pages" of contacts and resources. This is an exciting outreach project that we hope to continue.

Curriculum Workshop: Held at Friends School of Portland in Falmouth Maine, the committee gave a spring-day workshop on "How Do We Engage Kids in the Life of Our Meetings?" Several participants gave presentations on projects and activities that had been successful in First Day school, intergenerational and community activities, and in bringing Quakerism more vividly into the life of our children and families. The emphasis was on demonstrating successful activities and practical solutions.

Coordinator Outreach and Support: The NEYM Christian Education coordinator, Beth Collea, continues to be an invaluable, consistent resource for this committee and for the Yearly Meeting at large. She continues to support children's programs in meetings, with a special interest in smaller meetings with starting or small First Day schools. Her stewardship of the Lending Library and her use of emailed information in the *RE Bulletin Board* gives meetings access to curricula, ideas, and information about what is happening in the realm of religious education and in First Day schools throughout NEYM.

We look forward to continuing this work and continuing to find new ways to nurture and educate our children and families throughout the Yearly Meeting.

—STEPHANIE RICHARDS & RACHEL WALKER COGBILL, CO-CLERKS

Coordinating & Advisory

For as the human body apart from the spirit is lifeless, so faith apart from its works of obedience is also dead. — JAMES 2:26

This has been an unusual year for the Coordinating & Advisory Committee (C&A). So many people are rising to the call to be faithful in this second year of the Yearly Meeting's observance of Jubilee (Lev. 25, Luke 4:16–21). Keeping abreast of these efforts, in turn, has meant many extra meetings with greater concentration of hearts and minds on all sides.

As part of the new organizational structure approved last year, C&A has a new member. The Yearly Meeting treasurer now joins the presiding clerk, the clerks of Permanent Board and Ministry & Counsel and the Yearly Meeting secretary. Responsibilities new to the committee include supporting the implementation of the new structure, with new staff positions, and the supervision of the Yearly Meeting secretary. Another facet of this change is working with a priorities budget. It was initially drafted this year by the Yearly Meeting secretary and reviewed several times by C&A before proceeding to review by the Finance Committee, Permanent Board, and a treasurers' workshop in the discernment of the business rightly before us this year. As our Faith and Practice states, the Yearly Meeting "exists principally to provide a larger group to undertake matters of concern which cannot be accomplished by the smaller bodies." (Page 228) The Discernment Working Group continues to find clarity that there is important, if not urgent, business before us this year. It finds this business cannot be accomplished by our smaller bodies. This business is the extended corporate seeking of God's guidance for the allocation and management of the resources (money, time, attention) in our care, in Meetings to Hear God's Call, and, should way open, in Meetings to Answer God's Call.

Coordinating & Advisory asks for prayers for its work and for the remarkable community of which we are blessed to be part. The committee also welcomes thoughts, concerns and questions from other members of the community.

-LINDA JENKINS. PRESIDING CLERK

Development Committee

Support Quaker Community!

How we use our financial resources reflects who we are. The larger society holds that our money is ours, and we can use it any way we want. This perspective sees each person as an individualistic, autonomous island. A Quaker spirituality of money understands our financial resources as gifts from God. While we are here on planet Earth, we hold these material gifts in trust for our personal physical/spiritual welfare, and for our community's physical/spiritual welfare. Our financial resources are part of our gifts to live the great commandments: love God above all else, and love your neighbor as you love yourself. Please use part of your financial resources to support your Quaker faith community.

The Development Committee formed as an ad hoc committee at Sessions 2003. In 2005, it became a standing committee. Our original emphasis has been to encourage individual contributions to Yearly Meeting. These contributions have supplemented contributions from monthly meetings, and allowed Yearly Meeting to expand youth programs, retain staff, do the staff restructuring, and just plain pay our bills. As the data in the table below reflect, Quakers have responded very well to this request. In FY09 total contributions from individuals were \$131,000. This included two annual contributions totaling \$30,000, a one-time individual contribution of \$25,000 (preventing staff layoffs in FY10), 36 regular pledges for monthly contributions totaling approximately \$20,000/year, and other donations from 259 individuals averaging \$216 each and totaling \$56,000.

History of Contributions

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Fiscal	Monthly Mtg	Number of	Individual
Year	Contributions	Individuals	Contributions
2003	\$268,000	60	\$23,255
2004	274,000	182	53,010
2005	289,000	258	75,886
2006	293,000	238	69,860
2007	270,000	256	80,555
2008	316,000	301	98,421
2009	289,000	298	131,000

However, these successes in FY09 and items in the FY11 Priorities Budget raise several policy questions. First, for FY10, while other individual contributions are steady, this is not sufficient to replace the \$25,000 one-time donation in FY09. Second, there has been concern that primary financial support for Yearly Meeting should rest with the monthly meetings. One suggestion is that individual contributions not become more than one third of total contributions. As part of this the Finance and Development Committees are initiating a collaborative intervisitation of monthly meetings to learn from them what they would like Yearly Meeting to do, and how they might financially support those efforts. Third, including staff time devoted to

Sessions as part of the costs of Sessions, last year, contributions subsidized Sessions for \$50,000, or 22 percent of its costs. Could we find a schedule of Sessions fees, and use of equalization, so that Sessions could pay for itself? In any case, please, keep up the good work on individual contributions. We are still about \$56,000 short to make the \$130,000 we budgeted for individual contributions for this fiscal year! Support Quaker community!

-GERALD W. SAZAMA, CLERK

Earthcare Ministry Committee

Earthcare Ministry Committee has enjoyed a robust and passionate membership of 15 people in the past year. We met six times and particularly benefited from two unusual events. One was a call to our own group and members of other committees to arrive the night before the October Committee Day in Dover, NH, to consider alternatives to Quaker travel. Sixteen people participated and studied the rightness of conducting Quaker business and worship in any setting other than face-to-face. One surprising discovery was that our interest in conference calls, Skype meetings, email, Star Café, and other virtual gatherings was as much the result of busy lives and a need to save time as it was a wish to cut greenhouse gas emissions. Another important conclusion: personal interaction is worth the cost in time, effort, planning, and emissions, though we should do all we can to reduce these.

The other unusual event for us was our winter retreat at Woolman Hill. Twelve of us met, bringing our own food to share and heating with wood for our intimate one-room gathering. Our reviewed purpose, to serve the Yearly Meeting in all matters pertaining to our right relationship with the Earth, led us to recommit to our project of raising personal transportation as both a literal and a symbolic expression of our Quaker testimonies. We respond to the project, called the *Four Fold Path of Personal Transportation*, as individuals, as a community, and globally. In our daily work we live our values, as patterns and experimenters. In our communities we organize for sharing in transportation and for promoting local production to meet our needs. Globally we stay informed and critical, grateful to our Quaker representatives to national and international organizations, valuing the reports and prayers they bring to our work in NEYM.

At our January meeting in Wellesley, one member said that we feel Earthcare to be "foundational" to all work before us as Friends. Another reminded us to "ramp up the art" and always look for ways of bringing hope and optimism to our work. While walking, carpooling, biking, and taking the train or bus, we thank God for the beauty and diversity of the Earth and for the privilege of living here. We seek guidance always for the best work we can do to bring about an Earth restored.

-BONNER MCALLESTER, CLERK

Faith and Practice Revision Committee

The *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee continues to feel challenged and stimulated by its work. Through our nine years of work, we maintain our faith that if we listen for the Spirit's guidance and the Life in the Yearly Meeting, the book will grow organically in ways that nurture that Life.

We are grateful for comments on various chapters sent in by meetings, groups and individuals. In feeling the conversations behind the comments written to us, we know Friends are eager to know one another more deeply; we celebrate that and hope to continue nurturing those conversations. In the fall we will begin revising three working papers: Chapter 3: Corporate Discernment in Meetings for Business, Chapter 4: Integration of Faith & Life—the Meaning, Understanding & Use of Testimonies, and Chapter II: General Advices and Queries. We still welcome comments on those chapters.

For the 2009 NEYM Sessions, we created a binder for each monthly meeting containing all our work thus far, inserted behind rainbow-colored dividers for each chapter. In this way, we hoped meetings would begin to sense the whole book and will cheer as new texts are added year by year. At the 2010 Sessions a working paper for Chapter 1: *Illustrative Experiences of Friends* will be distributed, with a three-hole punch copy set aside for each Meeting's binder. Click it in, please! It will also be available on our web site by mid-July.

Given resignations not being matched by new appointments, and some members on leave, we are now a committee of 10 working members. Six of those have served since the original committee of 16 was appointed in 2001; there are now more of us who have joined a work in progress than those of us who began the work. However, the current draft reflects the energy of 23 people past and present who can rejoice in the substantial body of work accomplished. Our current hope is to complete the revision by 2015.

We encourage Friends to visit our page on the NEYM web site www.neym.org/fandp where all texts, approved and in process, are posted, along with other useful information. Paper copies of anything on the web site may be requested from the office.

—JAN HOFFMAN, CLERK

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee welcomes Edward Gerrish Mair as our new treasurer. Our thanks go to David Baxter for interim coverage as treasurer and thoughtful inputs on various issues; as well as to Jonathan Vogel-Borne for doubling up as acting treasurer until Edward could assume the duties.

The Finance Committee spent the past year providing oversight to the acting treasurer on what could be paid—to what level and when—developing a fyii budget, mindful of the economy, and collaborating with the Development Committee on how and from whom to raise the funds to pay for the budget.

To the latter end, in March, a *listening session* on "Funding our Vision" was held at Amesbury Meetinghouse, co-sponsored by the Development and Finance committees. All monthly and quarterly meeting treasurers, clerks, and Finance Committee members were invited. It was a productive threshing session attended by representatives of 15 monthly meetings and quarterly meetings. Another session will be held in spring 2011 and a Google Docs site is being developed for intercommunication of fiscal issues of meetings at all levels of New England Yearly Meeting.

The Finance Committee, mindful that the Yearly Meeting works for the monthly meetings, finds itself laboring. The programs and staffing changes requested by the monthly meeting representatives attending the annual Sessions, that were approved, have not been matched with funding from the monthly meetings to pay for costs incurred. The NEYM budgets for FYO8, FYO9 and now FYIO would have closed with substantial deficits were it not for a few generous Friends willing and able to make individual year end contributions—over and above many other individual contributions made during the year—in response to requests by the Development Committee. This was necessary because our cash reserves (having been deemed

excessive and deliberately spent down over a period of years) are as low as they can prudently go and still be sufficient to ensure that NEYM can pay its bills and staff in a timely manner.

Programs—particularly our youth programs—and our staffing changes have costs associated with them. Acknowledging that the economy has stressed many personal, family, and therefore monthly meeting budgets, there is a need to sit and listen to that of the Spirit in each of us corporately at the monthly meeting level and at the yearly meeting level to consider the value of the programs and staffing and our abilities to fund them.

In the FYII budget, the Finance Committee has put in place numbers that would start restoring staff salaries and contributions to other Quaker organizations' 2008 levels. This restoration is entirely dependent on monthly meetings recognizing the value of the support given to the monthly meetings and choosing to contribute to make it happen. The fallback position is to remain at the current budget level allowing only for increases in health insurance premiums. This alternative will still require \$25,000 in new funding or corresponding cuts.

-TRAVIS BELCHER, CLERK

Friends Camp

The Camp Committee continues to seek ways to ensure that Camp remains a valuable asset to NEYM, its Quaker youth, and other families who share similar values. The Camp property has never looked better, with all the improvements to the building and grounds. Director Nat Shed's enthusiastic energy, the loving care of volunteers and staff, and the Alternative Sentencing Program have produced amazing results.

We have hopes to purchase an adjacent cottage on the lake, to expand our lake frontage and provide more access to the water for boating activities and swimmers. Suburban encroachment has begun to impact the country environment of Camp, which we want to protect for the future.

The committee and Camp continue to struggle with financial stability and are exploring avenues to attracting more Quaker youth, campership funding, development, and an endowment to sustain the Camp through poor economic times like these. We are working toward becoming an integral part of NEYM to best serve our Quaker youth and their families. Being a camper can be a life-changing experience for a young person, instilling in them values and friendships that last a lifetime. In their world of busy schedules, electronics and social pressures, this time away—full of fun—and the opportunity to build trusting relationships and community is one of the best gifts that one can give to them. So many of them speak of vespers, a 20-minute period of silence while watching the sun go down over the lake, as one of their favorite parts of the Camp day. They begin to really feel that there is the Light of God in them and their fellow campers.

Many thanks and appreciation to all the committee members, families, staff, and our tireless director, Nat, for all the time and effort and sacrificed weekends that have contributed to the Camp's growth and mission during my three years as clerk.

—MARY KNOWLTON, CLERK

Friends General Conference Committee

An association of 15 yearly meetings and regional groups, as well as 10 directly affiliated monthly meetings, Friends General Conference (FGC) serves Friends all over

North America and beyond. New England Friends continue to play a fundamental role in FGC's programs and services, with over 20 Yearly Meeting Friends active in the following FGC committees: Advancement and Outreach, Christian Interfaith, Friends Meeting House Fund, Development, Discernment in Long Term Planning, Youth Ministries, Friends Pension Fund, Finance, Traveling Ministries, Executive, Personnel, the Committee for Ministry on Racism, and the Communications Advisory Board.

Current FGC initiatives and programs are strong evidence of the vitality and dynamism moving through much of the North American Quaker community. Here are some highlights from the past year:

Intermountain Yearly Meeting and FGC concluded a two-year discernment process in 2009 as IMYM became the 15th yearly meeting to formally join Friends General Conference. This follows by one year our welcome to Wyoming Friends Meeting, which includes four worship groups scattered throughout the state, as a directly affiliated monthly meeting.

FGC's Weaving Sacred Wholeness Conference brought together 63 Friends to explore responses to the question, "What would a diverse, vibrant, intergenerational Quaker community look like?" Organized jointly by FGC's Youth Ministries Program and the Committee for Ministry on Racism, this three-day conference was held on St. Helena Island just off the coast of South Carolina.

Sales of Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans and the Myth of Racial Justice have been strong, and co-authors Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye have spoken at more than 50 venues in the first year since publication. Many meetings have formed reading groups to consider the insights and lessons of this book. FGC has prepared a downloadable study guide, and 25 volunteer facilitators have been trained to assist meetings and schools in considering this history and broader questions of race and racism among Friends.

FGC has trained at least 50 monthly meetings on how to run Quaker Quest, an outreach program whose goal is for seekers from the wider community to learn about our Quaker path. New England Yearly Meeting members Steve Chase and Susan Loucks are leading a workshop at the 2010 Gathering called "Quaker Quest and Meeting Outreach" and several meetings in New England are currently exploring Quaker Quest.

FGC's Youth Ministries Program has spent four years preparing a Tool Kit for meetings interested in building intergenerational community. The Tool Kit is in the final stages of editing and should be available through www.QuakerBooks.org by the end of the year.

Find out more about FGC at www.fgcquaker.org.

-MARGARET COOLEY, CLERK

Friends United Meeting Committee

Our members continued to visit within and beyond New England Yearly Meeting this past year. Sometimes we were asked to come and participate in discussion groups; sometimes we felt led to visit a specific meeting. The blessings from these visits were many. Again this summer we will have members visiting other yearly meetings, exploring how we are the same, and how we are different. As one member said, "Intervisitation feeds my soul."

Our fundraising letter, with a pledge that committee members would match a percentage of new donations to Eden Grace and her work with FUM/Africa Ministries, was at least partially responsible for more than \$4,000 in new donations

from New England Friends. We are deeply grateful for NEYM Friends' support of Eden and her ministry.

And we are deeply grateful as well for our representatives to the FUM General Board, who serve us with strength, compassion, and a willingness to listen between the words to hear the Spirit at work.

-ANN DODD-COLLINS, CLERK

Report on FUM General Board

God has been at work among the General Board of FUM this year. The General Board and Executive Committee held a retreat in September of 2009 and asked a fundamental question, "Is there common ground among FUM North American member yearly meetings to continue shared ministry together?" The answer was yes. The common ground includes our shared mission efforts, common roots in orthodox Christianity, a common theology and values at most points, and a solid spiritual center for shared work when we focus on common ministry and identity. There have been tensions concerning authority and between differing views of sexuality. The tensions within member yearly meetings reverberate in the FUM General Board meetings. There have also been structural tensions. These have included declining membership in North American yearly meetings and declining finances to support FUM ministries.

The question was raised as to *what is FUM?* Is it a church denomination, a mission society, an NGO, or what? We found the answer in our Operations and Procedures Manual: "Friends United Meeting is a Christian association of yearly meetings and smaller Quaker groups which consult and work together for shared purposes." FUM is not a denominational organization; it is an association of yearly meetings. We also reaffirmed the FUM mission statement: "Friends United Meeting commits itself to energize and equip Friends through the power of the Holy Spirit to gather people into fellowships where Jesus Christ is known, loved and obeyed as Teacher and Lord."

One of the implications of all of this is a recognition that FUM does not have the right to impose an authoritative will or doctrine upon constituent members. FUM maintains its right to affirm its identity as the Orthodox branch of the Religious Society of Friends, to establish requirements for member yearly meetings and groups, and to determine expectations of General Board members.

All of this was affirmed by the full General Board. There are still difficult organizational issues that need to be resolved because the current structure is not sustainable. There had been hope that a vision for a new organizational model might arise at the February General Board Meeting, but that did not happen. The Executive Committee and the General Board will continue to explore this, but does not expect that any major proposal would be ready before the 2014 Triennial. Jonathan Vogel-Borne serves on the subcommittee that is exploring structural changes.

Now that fundamental issues of organizational identity and authority have been resolved, way seems to be opening to begin a discussion on issues of sexual ethics. Sylvia Graves has expressed a desire to revise the entire personnel manual before she leaves her post after the 2011 Triennial. With prayer and faith, I am hopeful that a way forward will emerge.

There has been a major shift in attitude within the General Board. There is a greater willingness to wrestle with the difficult issues, to work together, and to

seek unity rather than division. There is a sense that God is leading us to a new place. The Lord has certainly been at work, because human efforts could not have gotten us to where we are today.

-WILL TABER, NEYM REPRESENTATIVE TO THE FUM GENERAL BOARD

Friends World Committee for Consultation Committee

The New England FWCC Committee has met twice this year, in October after worship with Fresh Pond Meeting, and in June after worship with Wellesley Meeting. "Bringing Friends together" is one of FWCC's core tasks, and we have enjoyed these visits. Five representatives and alternates attended the Section of the Americas annual meeting in March at an orthodox Jewish conference center near Baltimore. In addition to fruitful business sessions, we were blessed by a closing worship led by young adult Friends from Cuba, Kenya, Bolivia, Guatemala, and the United States. Two New England Friends attended the Northeast Regional Gathering in New Brunswick in May.

FWCC is preparing for a World Conference in Kenya in August 2012. The last World Conference took place in 1991 on three sites, and was indirectly the impetus for our relationship with Cuba Yearly Meeting. The 2012 conference theme is "Being Salt & Light: Friends Living the Kingdom in a Broken World." The planning committee is working hard to ensure that Friends can attend in numbers proportional to their distribution in the world. We will need to raise \$75,000 within the Americas to cover travel costs for those who can pay only a small portion of their own costs. The conference web site, <code>www.SaltandLight2012.org</code>, will post readings, blogs, and queries that you can use in your meeting.

FWCC is also engaged in a world-wide consultation on "Friends' Responses to Global Change," encompassing the interconnected environmental, climate, economic, and social changes. We sense that there is a distinctive Quaker response to this global change, which will be discerned through a series of cluster meetings throughout the world in the coming year. You can find more information, six core queries, and opportunities to contribute at www.FWCCGlobalChange.org. We hope that many of you will participate in a cluster meeting or in online discussions on these topics.

We have two requests. First, New England Yearly Meeting will have six delegates to the World Conference, to be named by November 2010. If you would like to attend, or to suggest someone who would represent NEYM well, please tell us or the NEYM Nominating Committee immediately. The NEYM proposed budget includes travel funds, and our committee will help delegates raise the remaining fees. We especially hope to hear from Friends under 35 and those who have never attended an FWCC World Conference or Triennial. There will also be some open spaces available. We will have an evening interest group and flyers with more information at Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Second, we hope to set up "Salt and Light" events in a number of NEYM meetings, that would combine fund-raising for the World Conference with a program. Could your meeting host an event? Could you provide a meal from some other part of the world? If we bring the program, can you bring the people?

-ELIZABETH CAZDEN, CLERK

Committee on Ministry & Counsel

Recently the Yearly Meeting Ministry & Counsel has often become the place where the Yearly Meeting sends difficult and prickly issues for seasoning and work towards resolution. It is important that Ministry & Counsel be responsive in this way to the Yearly Meeting's needs. Over time, however, we have become encumbered with numerous subcommittees and working parties as a result of taking on these tasks for the Yearly Meeting. This year we began looking at which of these functions or subcommittees could be laid down or passed onto other committees of the Yearly Meeting under whose purview they rightly fall. In addition to opening space for response to the Spirit and Yearly Meeting needs, we began to consider the role and function of our committee again. In particular, we asked ourselves how we might reach out to small, struggling meetings and meetings in distress, and spent time in prayer beginning to discern again our role in pastoral care.

One of the ways we hope to support small and struggling meetings, as well as reach across different divides and sides of various conflicts within our Yearly Meeting, is through intervisitation. Our subcommittee on intervisitation has developed a plan for engaging individuals from every meeting in intervisitation throughout the Yearly Meeting over the next five years. It is our hope that in this way we might better come to know each other in that which is eternal.

Throughout the past year we have also welcomed news of how the Jubilee Sessions plans were progressing and offered our support however possible in making this a wonderful experience. We continue to have care of worship and business sessions, as well as the planned "Meetings to Hear God's Call." Ministry & Counsel members have also been active in planning for and signing up to lead anchor groups, as well as supporting speakers and others involved throughout sessions.

In honor of our Jubilee year, we decided to take a break from producing the annual Yearly Meeting State of Society report. Due to concerns regarding how much Truth we have been able to convey about the spiritual state of our Yearly Meeting by amalgamating annual reports from a small percentage of our monthly meetings, we have also begun a process of discernment about how Ministry & Counsel can help us, as a Yearly Meeting, faithfully consider our spiritual state.

In addition to the State of Society, this following year we plan to delve more deeply into our purpose as a committee and to begin looking at our description in the revised *Faith and Practice*.

It continues to be a joy to serve as members of this wonderful committee.

-KRISTNA EVANS, CLERK

M&C Working Party on Spirituality & Sexual Ethics

At Sessions 2007, New England Yearly Meeting approved a "Minute of Commitment" in which we committed ourselves to "articulate our sexual ethics and the spirituality of sex." (NEYM Minute 2007-67). Ministry & Counsel's Working Party on Spirituality and Sexual Ethics has been asked to encourage this discernment process within monthly and quarterly meetings. The 2007 minute came forward as part of Yearly Meeting's ongoing discussion on how Spirit is calling us to respond to Friends United Meeting's personnel policy. Also, it has been five years since the Young Adult Friends (YAFs) stated "There is a hesitancy in our community to speak openly about any kind of sexuality. This lack of dialogue keeps us from clarifying our views on positive sexual relationships and hinders our ability to con-

front real issues..." (YAF Minute 2005-13, pp. 40-41.) Their query, "What defines a positive and spiritual sexual relationship?" is the heart of the work we need to do.

Our working party has been meeting for three years to encourage and facilitate this discernment process within Yearly Meeting. In October 2008, we sent out letters to all monthly and quarterly meetings that provided suggestions, guidelines and resources for meetings to engage in this process. We have made many attempts to support meetings' discernment on this issue including members of the working party visiting and facilitating discussions. However, we are discouraged by the lack of response. Most monthly meetings continue to see only the need to discuss issues of same-sex marriage, but not the need to address the much broader topic of spirituality, ethics, and human sexuality. Approximately 14 of the 67 monthly meetings and two of the eight quarterly meetings have had such discussions. Meetings that had this broader discussion report how deep and valuable it was to their meeting. However, only two monthly meetings have sent written reports or approved minutes to our working party that address broader issues of sexual ethics beyond same gender marriage. These two reports, and the 1981 minute of Young Friends and the 2005 minute of Young Adult Friends, as well as other background material are available through a link to our committee on the Yearly Meeting's web site: www.neym.org/WPSE Web Pages/

We have found our time together is most beneficial and decided we will continue our work. We now are undertaking a process together of exploring what we sense God is saying to us as a working party on these issues. It is our hope that this process by our committee will result in a working document that may facilitate further discernment within our constituent meetings, NEYM's Ministry & Counsel Committee, *Faith and Practice* Revision Committee and the Yearly Meeting as a whole.

—KIM STONER, WORKING PARTY CLERK,
THAYER QUOOS, LIAISON TO MINISTRY & COUNSEL

New England Friends Home Committee

Friends Home has had a challenging year. The small size of the Friends Home fosters a caring community and together with the dedicated Home Committee has weathered two transitions. During these months the occupancy has been steady. Following the resignation of Susan Sheehan in December, the committee was pleased to welcome Barbara Rugg on January 1 as our Executive Director.

Barbara Rugg brings to our Home ten years of service to the elder community in a variety of settings, most recently as a sales counselor for the Deaconess Abundant Life Communities of Concord, Mass.

Together with the Home Committee and the assistance of elder care consultants, our director has initiated a complete assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of our facility and our services. The staff has been offered training for their updated job descriptions and most have accepted new assignments. Staff resignations in two key positions have been filled, and in recent weeks we have welcomed a personal care supervisor who is a nurse to give direction to resident care and support and a chef, trained at Johnson and Wales, to oversee our expanded food service.

In an increasingly competitive assisted living atmosphere, the Home continues to offer affordability and quality in the Quaker tradition. The monthly fee is allinclusive, something unusual in our business. We are grateful for the hard-working, caring staff and the devoted committee members who continue to work toward fulfilling our mission:

"...To provide a home-like setting for elderly residents who will foster a congenial atmosphere embodying the principles of simplicity, peace, community and equality."

The welcome mat is always out, and you are encouraged to visit, perhaps at teatime, and experience for yourselves what an inviting and friendly atmosphere the staff and residents have created. It's more than a place to live—it's Home.
—ALICE SCHAEFER, CLERK

Committee on Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School

In the past two years under an ad hoc status, the committee has worked to discern our charge, as a committee of both NEYM and of Moses Brown's Board of Trustees. This spring the following statement of purpose was accepted by both Permanent Board and Moses Brown's Board:

The purpose of this committee is to strengthen the Quaker faith and practice of Moses Brown School. The work of this committee shall be concerned with nurturing the spiritual base of the school, strengthening the spiritual relationship between New England Yearly Meeting and the school, and helping to ensure that Quaker education at the school not only continues but thrives. The committee shall work with NEYM monthly and quarterly meetings to identify qualified children of Quaker families who may wish to attend Moses Brown School and will support those students who are admitted by the school.

We are now a standing committee of both NEYM and the Board of Moses Brown School beginning our rotation of committee members this calendar year.

We have met regularly during the fall and winter for eight sessions. Six members of the committee are appointed through the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee and approved by Permanent Board; six are appointed, in similar manner, by the Moses Brown Board. There are two ex-officio seats that are filled by the clerk of the MB Board, and either the Yearly Meeting's clerk of Permanent Board or presiding clerk. We have reported to both Permanent Board and MB Board regularly during the past two years. These reports are available for all to see on our web site www. NurturingFriends.org.

The goals for the 2009–10 academic year have been acted on as follows:

Goal: Serve as a vehicle that strengthens the relationship between NEYM and Moses Brown School.

The purpose statement of the committee reflects work that is currently happening in deepening the Quaker life of the school. This has steadily become a larger focus for the committee. We are also exploring the charge to support Quaker students from a wider geographic area. The purpose statement indicates that work as well. Both of these concerns will be ongoing areas of focus for the committee.

The approval of two ex officio positions will allow for more representation on the committee from the school and provide better connection with NEYM.

Goal: Serve as a support mechanism for head of school as the school implements the Quaker mission of the school.

Development of a survey on understanding of Friends' decision-making process was completed this winter, and the survey has been given to all committees of the Board, academic divisions, and schoolhouse constituencies.

The results of the survey guided a day-long workshop on Quaker decision making, April 12, organized by the Director of Friends Education, Galen Hamann, with co-leaders Jan Hoffman (MTob), and The Meeting School's head of school Jackie Stillwell (Mon).

Exploring a structure for possible home boarding of Quaker students has been part of this winter's work. Information on student exchange programs and family hosting guidelines has been collected from a variety of sources, including Sidwell Friends School and George School. A working group is now going to start creating our own documents for families who might be interested in hosting a student, and for the families of students as well. This will continue through the summer.

NEYM's office helped us identify monthly meetings with school age children in a 60-mile radius of Providence this fall. This list was used to facilitate mailings about the school and admission criteria for potential students.

Goal: Be a resource for the school in identifying available materials, offerings and content about Friends Education as needed and identified.

A committee member has worked with the newly formed Lower School Quaker Life committee, visiting 5th grade on two occasions, to connect Quaker history with abolition and the civil rights movement. There was also a presentation at a Lower School faculty meeting on uses of queries in classroom life and curriculum.

An evening discussion group at Providence Meeting for parents and Upper School students on conscientious objection and the military was offered in March by Galen Hamann

-ELIZABETH ZIMMERMAN, CLERK

Peace & Social Concerns Committee

This year, the committee has been working on several areas. Primary among them are:

- To clarify our mission as a committee,
- To develop the P&SC web site as an interactive communication tool for the monthly meetings, and
- To develop a newsletter which would connect the Yearly Meeting and monthly/quarterly meeting levels of peace and social concerns work as well as a tool to share peace and social concern activities throughout the Yearly Meeting.

While there is still much work to be done, we have made progress in several areas. We welcome comments and feedback from Friends.

Mission Statement

We still feel it needs some work, but this is our draft mission statement:

The NEYM Peace & Social Concerns Committee will further the Religious Society of Friends' historic mission to help prevent and counter the effects of war and social injustice, by focusing, prioritizing, and discerning how to best further the relevant leadings of the monthly and quarterly meetings and their members. The committee will establish a relationship with the monthly

and quarterly meetings and act as a conduit of information among them and between them and the Yearly Meeting.

Web site

The P&SC committee has revamped, revised, and renamed its web site, www.neymPeace.org. We have partnered with the Racial, Social, & Economic Justice Committee and are hoping Earthcare Ministry will join this collective web site. We plan to do some kind of visual advertisement on the Yearly Meeting web site's main page to make more people aware of this wonderful communication tool.

The web site is set up so that anyone within the Yearly Meeting can see what others have posted and can also post new items themselves without any need for computer know-how to do it!

Newsletter

As part of the newsletter effort, we have identified all the monthly meetings/worship groups in the Yearly Meeting and are attempting to collect a current listing of contact people who are either working on a peace and social concerns committee or have an interest in P&SC issues. We are hoping to use these individuals to receive the P&SC Newsletters (most likely in electronic, not printed, form) and share them within their meeting. The hope is also to develop some kind of working relationship with them to move information of all the good works that are being done throughout the Yearly Meeting up and down the line and across meetings. Connection and communication are our goals.

Last Year At Sessions

Upper Valley Worship Group in Greenfield, Mass., began a project of making five—inch crocheted squares to make into blankets for children in Afghanistan through afghans for Afghans, a group working with AFSC in San Francisco. This committee brought this project to Sessions, supplying yarn, needles, and instructions. By the end of Sessions we had collectively completed 228 squares. Eighty-four of the squares were turned into two afghans that were displayed on the front table at the last day of Sessions. The remaining squares were joined together by the Upper Valley Worship Group, and nine blankets were sent to Afghanistan last October.

Extended Worship Gatherings

The PS&C committee, along with Ministry & Counsel and Earthcare Ministry, continued to be involved in the Extended Worship gatherings that were held throughout the Yearly Meeting this past year. The gatherings were held by Connecticut Valley Quarter in December, Northwest, Salem, and Dover Quarters in March, Falmouth and Vassalboro Quarters in April, and Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarter in May.

—IAN HARRINGTON & AGGIE MITCHKOSKI, CO-CLERKS

Puente de Amigos

We hope to have Cuban Friends Letticia Salcines (Havana MM) and Marilyn Escalona (Bocas MM) be with us at Sessions this year (*si Dios lo permite*). They represent two of the new Cuban monthly meetings that are open to having a sister meeting in New England.

In March, Cuban Friend Jorge Luis Peña visited New England Friends following the FWCC Section of the Americas Annual Meeting. Jorge visited Northampton, Framingham, Wellesley, and Allen's Neck MMs and the Lincoln School. Amesbury Friends hosted a well-attended one-day retreat cosponsored by Puente de Amigos and the FWCC Committee, with Friends from nine monthly meetings and three Friends' traditions. Jorge spoke about "Peace in the midst of crisis" and Benigno Sánchez-Eppler shared experiences from his visit with Evangelical Friends in Peru and Bolivia. We were blessed by deep worship, joyful singing and appreciating each other's gifts.

We are grateful that Cuban Friends' visits allow us to extend our Bridge of Love to include Hispanic Friends from nearby Evangelical Friends Churches.

We appreciate the time and talents of the many Friends who offer Spanish/English interpretation when Cuban Friends visit. We are also grateful to Susan Furry and Benigno Sánchez-Eppler for their ministry of translating early Friends and other Quaker writings into Spanish. NEYM continues to send out Cuba Yearly Meeting's epistle along with NEYM's epistle in Spanish and English.

The committee met four times. In the fall we distributed the Puente newsletter to interested Friends in NEYM and other YMs.

The Puente committee encourages Friends who have traveled to Cuba Yearly Meeting (CYM) to visit monthly meetings in New England to nurture sister meeting relationships and to encourage broader involvement in our bridge of friendship. Many Friends have a variety of leadings to travel in the ministry among Cuban Friends: to listen and share with Friends on a spiritual level, to visit among the monthly meetings, to work on CYM construction projects, to attend CYM's annual meetings, and some NEYM Friends have been invited by CYM to offer seminars for their leaders. These trips are rich in blessings for New England and Cuban Friends but require lengthy and complicated preparations.

The Puente de Amigos committee needs more Friends who can devote time to work on specific jobs, including license applications, travel arrangements, and coordinating visits.

We depend on financial support from individuals and monthly meetings to carry out this important ministry to support our Bridge of love with Cuban Friends.

—CYNTHIA GANUNG, PUENTE MEMBER

Racial, Social & Economic Justice Committee

"Diversity is sewn into the very fabric of existence...Because the deepest unity is the unity found within diversity. If we are all the same, unity is no achievement. In origin and essence, all is one. But an even deeper unity is achieved when differentiations and demarcations are imposed upon the primordial oneness..." — MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

Racial, Social & Economic Justice Committee members come to this work first and foremost as a spiritual concern. Therefore, the following from Gregory Williams spoke deeply to us and informed much of our work this past year:

"I wish I could shut this issue down. I wish I could hide from the deep pain that rises up within. But it is Racism in the public face, and I have to encounter it daily! ... Standing against this creative strain of race hating is a job our White allies must take on, and it must be taken on with a very deep passion. Black folks can support but we cannot lead this struggle."

In this regard, the following was discerned during a period of silent worship:

- What we did is most important.
- We support and care for one another and have a passion for this work.
- · We created an anti-racism toolkit for meetings to borrow and use.
- We published two issues of the *Crier*.
- We increased our emphasis on economic issues, specifically learning about employee-owned business models.

In addition, our working party for Fund Dispersal made recommendations and in consultation with the Atlanta committee, we provided Freedmen's Fund scholarships to five students. One recipient and his mother came to Sessions. We also approved a Prejudice and Poverty grant to the Maine Human Rights Coalition, Inc.

This year we held two retreats, creating an "eco-map" (looking at RSEJ in relation to other committees and groups, inside and outside NEYM) and clearly saw that one of our objectives is to collaborate and participate in the work of other groups with common interest and goals. We discussed working better with committees such as P&SC (which is helping us with a beautiful new web site) and Earthcare Witness. We attempted to initiate a justice network listing of monthly meetings activities and looked for ways to coordinate with the Working Party on Racism. One significant concern of our committee was outreach for more energy.

In response to Yearly Meeting clerk's queries about "ways to release from business as usual," we feel called by Spirit to go into difficult places, to help repair some of the hurt. To think about being released from that work seems counter to that calling. We are doing this work in the context of a spiritual call.

We also considered the NEYM Proposed Work Plan: Suggested Program Goals by Committee and felt the work we are engaged in is:

- to educate ourselves and NEYM about the spiritual consequences of injustice within ourselves, personally and corporately,
- to discharge our duties as proscribed by the Freedman's Fund,
- to develop strategies and actions that facilitate the empowerment of people of color and others who suffer from oppression in our community,
- to bear witness in solidarity, and to support and connect those doing this difficult work in New England.

As our society is at a critical junction regarding race, RSEJ continues through the lens of being faithful.

RSEJ's actions at Sessions 2009 included:

- (in keeping with the Jubilee theme) blowing Shofars (ram's horns) with members holding up signs "Wake up to Jubilee and stand up for justice,"
- "Slaveholders are in Your Pocket" display (regarding the early U.S. presidents pictured on our money, most of whom owned slaves),
- · quotes placed on dining room tables and
- sponsored workshops,
- planned activities for 2010 Sessions include holding an open meeting to hear concerns relevant to racial, social, and economic justice.
 - "...For G-d's unity to be complete we need human diversity, each individual fulfilling his or her role in existence, sharing with others their unique contribution, and learning from others the wisdom they lack on their own..." MENACHEM MENDEL SCHNEERSON

United Society of Friends Women/New England

This year has been an active year working on Jubilee.

In the fall, we hosted a visit of Mary Glenn Hadley from Iowa FUM Yearly Meeting who is the presiding clerk of USFW International. We scheduled a gathering with her at East Sandwich, Mass., meetinghouse so she could meet with a number of Friends in the southern part of the Yearly Meeting. All of us then gathered in Durham, Maine, where she shared a message about forgiveness, based on a number of personal experiences that challenged her faith. This was a follow up to the program we offered last YM sessions on forgiveness and living into Jubilee. She also shared with us about the exciting project that she is helping Kenyans write a peace curriculum for the several hundred Friends schools in Kenya. It might also be adopted by the Kenyan government for use in all high schools in the country! Our summer appeal will be to help raise funds for this peace work.

In the spring we gathered at Amesbury Meeting, and we all shared our own understandings of Jubilee—a bunch of strong women encouraging each other with our own experiences and questions about Jubilee, forgiveness, and sabbaticals.

All this past year, we raised funds to enable two Cuban women to attend the international USFW Triennial. Last spring we convinced USFWI board to select a Cuban as one of the main speakers. Maria Antonio Bofill Perez from Puerte Padre was invited. We then raised the funds to enable Eirena Longoria, from Gibara, who is *presidente* of UFA (the women in Cuba) to accompany Maria. We managed to raise all the funds needed. Hallelujah!

In addition, four of us will attend from New England: Sarah Marter (Sand), Dorothy Hinshaw (Dur), Marian Baker (Weare), and Anita Mendes (Con).

We were delighted to raise the funds to enable Anita to attend with the help of a generous grant from the Lyman Fund.

At Sessions this year we will be doing two things. Come to both!

At 4:15 on Sunday, we will offer Kenyan Tea to give everyone a taste of Kenya as the four above named women will informally share their experiences from the USFWI Triennial, which was based on "See I am doing a new thing" from Isaiah 43:19.

On Monday morning, we will be leading the intergenerational worship that will include a bit of acting out some important women from our Yearly Meeting's past.

Our fall meeting will be a retreat down in Sandwich, Mass. Come join us!

—MARIAN BAKER, CLERK

Young Adult Friends

The Young Adult Friend community, while a vital, sustained force in our lives, is often invisible. However, thrice a year, it becomes manifest: during our Midwinter Retreat, our Summer Retreat, and during Yearly Meeting Sessions.

Perhaps then the best way to report on our past year is to give you the epistles from our two intra-sessions retreats, presented below.

We will miss Kimberly Allen, who has ably coordinated our retreats for the last four years. We are grateful for the ways that she has served our community, and hope that the road before her rises to meet her feet.

-BENJAMIN GUARALDI, CLERK

Mid-Winter Epistle

Young Adult Friends gathered at Framingham Friends Meeting first month, 7–10, 2010, to continue exploring the recurring theme of sexual ethics. The retreat began with lighthearted merriment with board games and an opportunity to get acquainted. As the weekend progressed, we were graced by many Friends attending and departing as they were able; reminding us that we are part of a larger whole. On Saturday we approached our theme through worshipful discussion in large and small groups, joined together in song by the fire and conducted business.

Saturday's discussions focused on the following queries:

- Where did the messages that you internalized about sex and sexuality come from?
- What do you wish you had known sooner?
- What do you still want to learn?

As discussions unfolded we found ourselves experiencing the variety of roles in our community, and we found YAFs of different ages learning and growing together. Several themes emerged from our discussions: a desire to hear more stories from our elders, knowing that we have to learn through experience; a continuing need for a community context in which to explore our struggles and successes; and a desire for deeper understandings of all the manifestations of God's love in our lives.

Our work together supported developing YAF leadership. Through fellowship, worship, discussion, and business we affirmed our strong sense of identity as Young Adult Friends. We look forward to meeting again at Spring Retreat and at Yearly Meeting Sessions, where we hope to share our learnings through song.

Summer Epistle

On the weekend of June 11–13, 2010, eighteen Young Adult Friends of New England Yearly Meeting gathered in Amesbury, Massachusetts, for a spring retreat.

The theme of the retreat was "Life Decisions: How do we decide?" and we explored this theme through a brainstorming session, affinity group discussions, and worship in evening programs. We found that many of us have struggled with decision-making, and we shared our challenges and experiences with each other.

On Saturday night, several Friends shared their experiences with clearness committees, and we reflected on how clearness committees are a tool available to us as Quakers. We also explored how to be more active listeners through the practices of clearness committees. Friends also spent time together at a nearby park, at the beach, at Boston Pride, and by playing word games, eating, cooking, talking, and laughing together.

We enjoyed the historic Amesbury Meeting House and the surrounding walkable town. We look forward to meeting again at Sessions.

Youth Programs Committee

The Youth Programs Committee was successful in its mission to build community in NEYM by gathering youth ages 1st grade through age 30 in overnight retreat programs. The Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM) community gathers 1st through 6th graders. The Junior High Yearly Meeting (JHYM) community gathers 6th through 8th graders. Young Friends (YF) gathers 9th through 12th graders and the Young Adult Friends (YAF) community gathers those out of high school through age 35.

Along with JYM and JHYM coordinators Kevin Lee and Gretchen Baker-Smith and YF/YAF coordinator Kimberly Allen, these retreats are blessed to have adults who voluntarily staff consistently and build loving, lasting and safe relationships with our youth.

It is with sadness we received Kimberly's resignation from coordinating YF & YAF. Her six years of service to our youth allowed the YF and YAF communities to seek and find joy in each other's presence. At this time a new coordinator has been hired, and we pray the spirit continues to grace us with loving leadership.

The spirited youth of our YM are our future. May we vocalize our support for them and their leaders.

-KARIN SPRAGUE, CLERK

Directory of Committees and Appointees

Officers & Staff

Presiding Clerk	Linda Jenkins
Recording Clerks	
Reading Clerks	Beth Bussiere-Nichols, Will Jennings
Treasurer	Edward Mair
Accounts Manager	Alison Hersey
Archivist	Marnie Miller-Gutsell
Christian Education Coordinator	Beth Collea
Communications Director/Office Manager	Jeffrey Hipp
Friends Camp Director	Nathaniel Shed
JYM/JHYM Retreat Coordinators	Kevin Lee, Gretchen Baker-Smith
Young Friends/YAF Coordinator	NiaDwynwen Koch
Yearly Meeting Secretary	Jonathan Vogel-Borne

Committees

Committee members are appointed to standing or ad hoc committees by NEYM in Sessions or by the Permanent Board. Ex officio persons serve on a committee by virtue of office or position. Co-opted persons serve on a committee at the request of its existing members. The Purposes & Procedures of the committees are printed in the Minute Book every three years.

No general appeals by any committee of the YM or by organizations of which we are a constituent part should be made directly to the members of the YM without prior approval of the Finance Committee, except those committees that have been previously authorized to do so: Equalization Fund, Racial Social & Economic Justice, Puente de Amigos, Friends Camp, Friends General Conference, Friends United Meeting, Friends World Committee for Consultation, New England Friends Home—Thayer House, Student Loan, Peace & Social Concerns (for the Fund for Sufferings), United Society of Friends Women—NEYM, and the Young Friends Committees. The cost of general solicitation by a committee will be charged against the proceeds of the solicitation when the proceeds do not benefit the YM operating budget.

—MINUTE 1999-39 (7), amended by Permanent Board November 20, 2004.

Permanent Board

Clerk: Edward Baker (2011)

2011: Sarah Gant, Andrew Grannell, Dorothy Grannell, John Humphries, Sandy Isaacs

2012: Dwight Lopes, Holly Baldwin, Judy Goldberger, Sara Sue Pennell, Karen Sanchez-Eppler

2013: Suzanna Schell, Debbie Block, Susan Davies, Jeremiah Dickinson, Eric Hill Edwards, Donald Mick, Jane Van Landingham, Donn Weinholtz

2014: Carl Williams, Beth Gorton, Mary L. Knowlton, Allan Kohrman, Christopher McCandless, Carolyn Stone, Philip Stone

2015: Ruah Swennerfelt, Aimee Belanger, Galen McNemar, Jan Hoffman, Rebecca Leuchak, Patricia Shotwell, Rosemary Waggoner Zimmermann

Ex officio: Travis Belcher, Finance clerk; Kristna Evans, Ministry & Counsel clerk; Jennifer Baily, Personnel clerk; Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer

PB: Clerks Nominating

2011: Eric Hill Edwards, Jan Hoffman

2012: Christopher McCandless, Sara Sue Pennell

2013: Allan Kohrman

PB: Internal Nominating Clerk: Donn Weinholtz **2011:** Allan Kohrman

2012: Suzanna Schell, Donn Weinholtz

2013: Sarah Gant, Donald Mick, Karen Sánchez-Eppler

PB: Memorial Minutes

2011: Carl Williams 2012: Sarah Gant 2013: Allan Kohrman

PB: Personnel

Clerk: Jennifer Baily

2011: Mary L. Knowlton, Robert Murray

2012: Jennifer Baily, Patricia M. Wallace, Clifford Harrison, **2013:** Theresa Oleksiw, Rebecca Leuchak, Donn Weinholtz

Ex officio: Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne,

Yearly Meeting secretary; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer

Committee on Aging

Clerk: Eleanor Cappa 2011: Penny Yunuba

2012: Mildred Roberts, Christina Smith, Mary Zwirner

2013: Eleanor Cappa, Kathleen Koplik, Anne Kriebel, Martha Schwope

Archives & Historical Records

Clerk: Mary Frances Angelini

2011: Mary Frances Angelini, Ruth Hunter, Marilyn Manzella

2012: Sam Baily, Nancy Slator, Alan Taplow

Ex officio: Marnie Miller-Gutsell, Yearly Meeting archivist

Board of Managers

Clerk: Mark Orlowski Treasurer: Brian Clark

2011: Ted Finch, Proctor Houghton, Robb Spivey

2012: Mark Orlowski, Elizabeth Edgerly2013: Brian Clark, Robert Snyder2014: James Ellingboe, Andrew Pang

2015: Jeanne McKnight, Rowan Spivey

Ex officio: C. Russell de Burlo, investment advisor; Edward Gerrish Mair, Yearly Meeting treasurer

Christian Education

Clerk: Rachel Walker Cogbill

2011: Margaret Swartz Carpenter, Rachel Walker Cogbill, Kathryn Cranford,

Linda Miller

2012: Pam Cole, Jana Noyes

2013: Dimity Peter, Virginia Rae Schonwald

Ex officio: Beth Collea, Christian education coordinator

Coordinating & Advisory

Ex officio: Kristna Evans, Ministry & Counsel clerk; Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary; Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer

Correspondence

Clerk: Martha Penzer

2011: Edwin Kerman, Nancy Marstaller **2012:** Molly Duplisea-Palmer, Sheila Garrett

2013: Martha Penzer

Earthcare Ministry Committee

Clerk: Bonner McAllester

2011: Michael Anderson, Cat Chapin-Bishop, Robert Drysdale, Bonner McAllester, Jean Schnell

2012: Christopher Haines, Jud Lee, Emily Mason, Kathryn Spindler-Virgin, Rodman Zwirner

2013: Mary Gilbert, Meg Kidd, Phyllis Killam-Abell, Heidi Porter

Development

Clerk: Nancy Haines

2011: Maureen Lanan, Gerald Sazama 2012: Rudman Ham, Leslie Manning 2013: Nancy Haines, Kit Johnson

Ecumenical Relations

Ex officio: Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary; Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk

Faith and Practice Revision

Clerk: Jan Hoffman

Members: Douglas Armstrong, Marion Athearn, Lee Noel Chase, David Coletta, Maggie Edmondson, Eric Hill Edwards, Kristna Evans, Arthur Fink, Melissa Foster, Eleanor Godway, David Haines, Sara Hubner, Phebe McCosker, Susan P. Reilly, Marybeth Toomey

Finance

Co-clerks: Travis Belcher & Eileen Cummings

2011: Travis Belcher, Pamela Dahlberg, Dave Sutton

2012: Gregory Melville, Patricia Shotwell, Peter Frank Swaszek, Thomas Vargo

2013: Eileen Cummings, Patricia Hogan, Carole Rein, Roland Stern,

Shearman Taber

Ex officio: Edward Gerrish Mair, treasurer; Alison Hersey, accounts manager

Friends Camp

Clerk: Theresa Oleksiw

2011: Joann Clark Austin, Kathleen Bammer, Matthew Freytag, Theresa Oleksiw, Peter Stevens

2012: Betsy Kantt, David Marstaller, Elizabeth Muench, Karen Proulx

2013: Emily Kelsey, Steve Knight, Laura Street

Co-opted: Anne MacMichael

Ex officio: Nat Shed, camp director

Friends General Conference

Clerk: Penelope Wright

2011: Victoria Rhodin, Alma Naomi Sánchez-Eppler, Jacqueline Stillwell

2012: Donald Mick, Penelope Wright, Drew Thilmany

2013: Margaret Cooley, Elise Person

Ex officio: Edward Baker, Permanent Board clerk; Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk

Friends United Meeting Committee

Convenor: Ann Dodd-Collins

2011: Deana Chase, Ann Dodd-Collins, William Taber, Jonathan Vogel-Borne

2012: Christopher McCandless, Carl Williams, Hannah Zwirner

2013: Susan Klein-Berndt, Leslie Manning, Frederick Martin, Macci Schmidt,

Jay Smith

Co-opted: Elizabeth Muench,

Appointments for the 2011-2014 Triennium

General Board: Deana Chase, Will Taber, Jonathan Vogel-Borne

2011 Triennial Program Committee: Deana Chase

2011 Triennial Nominating Committee: Jonathan Vogel-Borne

2011 Triennial New Business Committee: Frederick Martin

Representatives: Susan Klein-Berndt, Leslie Manning, Frederick Martin,

Christopher McCandless, Macci Schmidt, Jay Smith, Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Carl Williams, Hannah Zwirner

Co-opted: Elizabeth Muench, liaison between the NEYM FUM Committee and the

FUM Board of Trustees

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Section of the Americas)

Clerk: Elizabeth Cazden

2011: Elizabeth Cazden, Susan P. Davies, Mary Hopkins, Ileana Matamoros, Susan Lloyd McGarry

2012: Ann Armstrong, Kara Price Bachand, Marian Baker, Laurel Swan, Carl Williams

2013: Cynthia Ganung, Andrew Grannell, Dorothy Grannell, Hal Weaver

FWCC Section of the Americas Representatives

2011: Ileana Matamoros, Elizabeth Cazden 2012: Laurel Swan, Cynthia Ganung 2012: Hal Weaver, Dorothy Grannell Alternates: Ann Armstrong, Mary Hopkins

2012 World Conference of Friends

Delegates: Ben Guaraldi, Noah Baker-Merrill, Hal Weaver, Dorothy Grannell, Cynthia Ganung, Laurel Brill Swan

Alternates: Jeff Hipp, Frederick Martin, Andrew Grannell, Debbie Humphreys, Marian Baker, Margaret Hawthorn

Ministry & Counsel

Clerk: Kristna Evans

2011: Leslie Manning, Jeanne Plo, Allison Randall, Susan Vargo

2012: Margaret Hawthorn, Debbie Humphries, Byron Parrish, Wendy Sanford **2013:** Elizabeth Claggett-Borne, Bain Davis, Clifford Harrison, Will Jennings

Meeting M&C Representatives (key to meetings page 98)

Stephen Perrin (Aca), Jennifer Burgin (Act), Chris Dellea (Ames), June Goodband (BGlo), Sarah Spencer (BHill), Lucinda Selchie (Belf), Bain Davis (Ben), Marcia Cleveland (Brun), Jeanne Plo (Burl), Alice St. Clair (Cob), Jay Smith (Con), Sara Hubner (Dov), Leslie Manning (Durh), Diana White (Farm), Richard Lindo (Fram), Cornelia Parkes (Camb), Frances Brokaw (Han), Debbie Humphries (Hart), William Walker (Keen), Andrew Wright (Lawr), Christine Holden (Lew), Jeff Van Wagenen (Lit), Mary Louisa Gray (Midc), Connie Comfort (Midt), Edwin Kerman (Mon), Margaret Cooley (MTob), Thayer Quoos (NHav), Joan Warren (NLon), (NSan), Kristna Evans (NSho), Philip Fitz (Nham), Ken Hamilton (Oxfd), Kate Potter (Port), Elizabeth Cazden (Prov), Noah Baker Merrill (Put), Beth Gorton (QCU), Rhoda E. Mowry (Smith), Joy Pile (SStar), Bruce Kay (Stor), Richard Kelly (Vass), Brian Drayton (Weare), Esther Wheeler (Well), Sally Fritz (WFal), Deana Chase (Wport), Joyce Wilson (Wild), Ann Dodd-Collins (Wint), Virginia Powell (Worc), Katie Green (Worc)

Pastors and Friends in Residence

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Friends Meeting at Cambridge/Salem QM	John M. Bach (interim)
Dartmouth at Smith Neck MM/Sandwich QM	Pam Cole
Durham MM/Falmouth QM	. Daphne Clement
North Fairfield MM/Vassalboro QM	. Michael Trombley
Smithfield MM/RI-Smithfield QM	Marnie Miller-Gutsell
Winthrop MM/Vassalboro QM	Maggie Edmondson
Windham MM/Falmouth QM	Janice Gibson

Recorded Ministers

Dover QM......Marian K. Baker, Brian Drayton

Falmouth QM......James R. Douglas, Janice Gibson, Ralph Greene,

Edwin Hinshaw, Carol Marshburn, Clarabel Marstaller,

Michael Wozich

RI-Smithfield QMPieter Byhouwer, Marnie Miller-Gutsell

Salem QMHugh Barbour, Margaret Benefiel

Sandwich QMWallen Bean, Frederick J Chase, Eric Hill Edwards,

Stewart Kirkaldy, Kevin Lee

Vassalboro QMPaul Cates, Alice Hildebrand, Evangeline Hoffmann,

Lelia Taylor

ex officio: Linda Jenkins, YM presiding clerk; Jean McCandless, Sessions clerk; Jonathan Vogel-Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

Traveling Ministries & Intervisitation Subcommittee

Clerk: Brian Drayton

Members: Jeremiah Dickinson, Beth Gorton, Clifford Harrison, Debbie Humphries,

Rebecca Leuchak, Noah Baker Merrill

Working Party on Racism

Clerk: Cornelia Parkes

Working Party on Spirituality & Sexual Ethics

Convenor: Thayer Quoos

Moses Brown School

Head of School: Matt Glendinning

Director Friends Education: Galen Hamann

Friends Staff Liaison: Erik Wilker

Moses Brown School Board

Clerk: Habib Y. Gorgi Secretary: Carol Smith Treasurer: Katharine Flynn

2011: Emily Low Boenning, Russ Carpenter, Habib Y. Gorgi, Jaymin Patel, Carol S.

Smith*, Steven Tripp*

2012: Ted Fischer, Robert Mann, Willis Monroe*, Stephanie O. Preston, James Reavis, Cynthia West Reik*, Martha Schwope*, E. Paul Sorensen, Blair D.

Stambaugh, Sheri Sweiter, Reza Teleghani, Elizabeth Zimmerman*

2013: John T Barrett*, David Holdt*, Lee Jaspers*, Betsy Morse*, Dieter Pohl*

Committee for Nurturing Friends Education at Moses Brown School

Clerk: Elizabeth Zimmerman

2011: Debbie Block, Frederick Martin

2012: Andrew Grannell

2013: Thia Lord, Elizabeth Zimmerman

Co-opted: Michael McGuigan, MJ Kaplan, Neal Pandozzi

New England Friends Home

Clerk: Alice Schaefer

2011: Elizabeth Ruth Archer, Warren Atkinson, Alice Schaefer, Alda Kirsis

2012: Christopher Doehlert, Hans-Dieter Gomes, Dinah Starr 2013: Paul E. Hood, Betsy Kantt, Tom Libby, Theodora Waring

Ex officio: Barbie Rugg, director

Nominating Committee

Co-clerks: Patricia Higgins & Christopher McCandless

2011: Peter Colby

2012: Adam Joseph Kohrman, Christopher McCandless

2013: Constance Kincaid-Brown, James Lyons, Rhoda Mowry, Bonnie Norton

Co-opted: Delia Windwalker

Ex officio: Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk

Meeting Representatives to Nominating Committee

Stephen Perrin (Aca), June Goodband (BGlo), Marian Dalton (Brun), Christopher McCandless (Bur), Margaret Wentworth (Dur), Patricia Higgins (Han), Ralph Gentile (Law), Jeff Van Wagenen (Lit), James Lyons (MTob), Virginia Bainbridge (NLon), Johanna Halbeisen (Nham), Harold Burnham (Port), Elizabeth Zimmerman (Prov), Ann Marsh Prentice (Sand), Theodora Waring (Well), Elizabeth Jones (Worc)

Peace & Social Concerns

Co-clerks: Aggie Mitchkoski, Ian Harrington

2011: Mary Ellen Cohane, Erbin Crowell, Katherine Fisher, Aggie Mitchkoski, Patricia Muldoon

2012: Ian Harrington, Jane Johnson, Stephen McKnight, Mehmet Rona, Lillie Wilson

2013: Barbara Dakota, Philip Mayer

Publications & Communications

Clerk: Neil Blanchard

2011: Diana McFarland, Macci Schmidt, Shearman Taber, Marian Dalton,

Sarah Spencer

2013: Neil Blanchard, David McNab, Emily Taber **Ex officio:** Jeffrey Hipp, communications director

Puente de Amigos

Co-clerks: Douglas Armstrong & Cynthia Ganung

Recording clerk: Margaret Hawthorn

2011: Roland Stern, Douglas Armstrong, Megan Christopher, Pilar Tirado

2012: Sam Baily, Cynthia Ganung, Margaret Hawthor

2013: Susan Furry, Victoria Rhodin

Co-opted: Beth Gorton, Benigno Sánchez-Eppler

Racial, Social, & Economic Justice

Clerk: Rachel Carey-Harper

2011: John Blanchard, Rachel Carey-Harper, James Varner

2012: Katherine Brown

2013: Keith Harvey, Anita Mendes, James Rider

Sessions Committee

Sessions Committee is comprised mostly of ex-officio positions based on people's formal roles during the NEYM Annual Sessions. The committee clerk, recording clerk, and four at-large positions are filled by the Nominating Committee. Ministry & Counsel names at least one member to attend Sessions Committee meetings and assist with planning.

Clerk: Jean McCandless (2012)

Recording clerk: Diane Weinholtz (2013)

At-large: Carolyn Stone (2012), Lynn Taber (2012), Lise Wagner (2012)

Access needs coordinator: Jana Noyes AV coordinator: Neil Blanchard Bookstore coordinator: Sandy Mover

Bookstore assistant coordinator: Ginny Bainbridge

Bookstore manager: Karen Sargent

Childcare coordinator: Kimberly Walker-Gonçalves Children's bookstore: Christopher McCandless Communications director: Jeffrey Hipp

Earthcare ministry: Mary Gilbert Equalization: James Varner

Housing coordinator: Josiah Erickson

JHYM retreat coordinator: Gretchen Baker-Smith

JYM coordinator: Elizabeth Lee JYM retreat coordinator: Kevin Lee Ministry & Counsel: Cliff Harrison Ministry & Counsel: Susan Vargo Registrar: Laurel Brill Swan

Sessions coordinator: Jonathan Vogel-Borne

Shuttle coordinator: Jason Eisack Volunteer coordinator: Betty Poynton

Young Adult Friends clerk: Benjamin Guaraldi

Young Friends clerk: Shari Hines YF/YAF coordinator: NiaDwynwen Koch Youth Programs clerk: Karin Spraque

Youth activities: Elizabeth Lee, JYM Coordinator; Kevin Lee, JYM Coordinator

Co-opted: Deana Chase, prayerful witness; Marion Baker, USFW clerk

Ex officio: Linda Jenkins, presiding clerk; Beth Bussiere-Nichols, Will Jennings, reading clerks; Brian Drayton, Rebecca Leuchak, recording clerks; Bruce Kay, plenary room coordinator; Edward Mair, NEYM treasurer; Jonathan Vogel-

Borne, Yearly Meeting secretary

Student Loan

Clerk: Kenneth Hoffman

2011: Ralph Gentile, Linda Johnston, Diana White

2012: Kenneth Hoffman, Marcia Mason

United Society Friends Women

Presiding clerk: Marian Baker

Assistant presiding clerk: Dorothy Hinshaw

Recording clerk: Dorothy Grannell

Treasurer: Ann Armstrong

Adult missionary secretary: Eden Grace

Historian: Clarabel Marstaller; Literature secretary: Sarah Marter Children & youth secretary: Susan Rice

Environmental stewardship secretary: Ruah Swennerfelt Nominating committee: Muriel Farrar, Marian Baker

Young Adult Friends (YAF) Planning Committee

Clerk: NiaDwynwen Koch

Ex officio: Benjamin Guaraldi, YAF clerk; Kate Bonner-Jackson, YAF recording clerk

Co-opted: James Gray, Andrew Thompson

Young Adult Friends Nurturing Committee

Clerk: Christie Little

2011: Jonah Erikson, Will Jennings, Adam Joseph Kohrman, Anne-Marie Witzburg Ex officio: Benjamin Guaraldi, YAF clerk; Kate Bonner-Jackson, YAF recording clerk;

NiaDwynwen Koch, YF/YAF coordinator

Youth Programs

Karin Sprague clerk: 2013

2011: Kate Bonner-Jackson, Emily Pierce Edwards, Paula Rossvall

2012: Eileen Johnson, Martha McManamy **2013:** Hans-Dieter Gomes, Karin Sprague

Co-opted: Richard Lindo, Buddy Baker-Smith, Gretchen Baker-Smith, Elizabeth

Lee, Kevin Lee, Carolyn Stone, Kimberly Burnworth Walker

Ex officio: NiaDwynwen Koch, YF/YAF coordinator

Young Friends Ministry & Counsel

Co-clerks: Juliet Smith & Briana Halliwell

Members: Christine Hamilton, Phoebe Hogue-Rodley, Zachary Kay, Diana Kelly, Rebecca Sprague, Katherine Wood, Shani Hines, Anna Rose Schonwald

Ex officio: NiaDwynwen Koch, YF/YAF coordinator; Karin Sprague, Youth

Programs clerk

Appointments to other Friends Organizations

American Friends Service Committee

2011: Noah Baker Merrill

2012: Sam Baily

2013: Ghanda DiFiglia, Martha Schwope

Friends Committee on National Legislation

2012: Louis Cox, Kaj Telenar

2013: Katherine Fisher, Donn Weinholtz

Friends Peace Team Projects

Nancy Shippen

Quaker Earthcare Witness

Mary Gilbert

William Penn House

-none-

Appointments to other Religious Organizations

Maine Council of Churches

-none-

Massachusetts Council of Churches

Bruce Hawkins, Alex Kern

New Hampshire Council of Churches

Marian Baker

Rhode Island Council of Churches

Elizabeth Zimmerman

Vermont Ecumenical Council

-none-

Directory of Meetings

This directory is for the use of members of New England Yearly Meeting, its constituent local meetings, and organizations with which the Yearly Meeting has formal affiliation, to enable them to conduct the business of these groups. It is not to be used for commercial purposes or for publicity, marketing, recruiting, or fund-raising. —Permanent Board Minute #9 August 8, 1992

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Monthly meetings are listed alphabetically by quarterly meetings. Worship groups and preparative meetings are listed under the monthly meeting with which they are affiliated. If you have questions about the kinds of accessibility a meeting might have, please contact the meeting directly.

The address listed as "Mailing address" is the preferred address of the meeting. For some types of correspondence, the most current mailing information may be obtained from the Yearly Meeting office. The "meeting email" is a permanent meeting email address maintained by the YM office that automatically forwards to the current meeting contact person.

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MM *Monthly Meeting*: meeting weekly for worship and monthly for business (see individual listings for particulars that may vary for each meeting)

- PM *Preparative Meeting*: meetings that meet weekly for worship, usually preparing to become a MM, except on Cape Cod where the three PM's are the constituent parts of Sandwich MM
- **QM** *Quarterly Meeting*: a group of monthly meetings that gets together for worship, business, and sometimes a program three or four times per year (see individual listing for particulars that may vary for each meeting)
- WG Worship Group: meeting weekly for worship usually under the care of a monthly meeting and usually conducting no business

Connecticut Valley Quarterly Meeting

Clerk: Carol Letson 413-774-5038

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 29 Allen St, Greenfield, MA 01301-2336

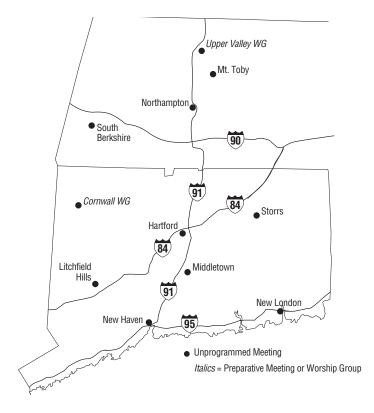
Phone: 413-774-5038

Email: connecticutqm@neym.org

QM Dates: February 6, 2011 at South Berkshire MM (MA); May 1, 2011

at New Haven MM (CT); October 7-9, 2011 at Woolman Hill (MA); February 5, 2012 at Northampton MM (MA); May 6,

2012 at New London MM (CT)



Cornwall Worship Group

Meeting Location: Call for information

Mailing Address: c/o correspondents, 342 Town St, W Cornwall, CT 06796

Correspondents: Peg & Ken Keskinen 860-672-6486

Hartford Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 144 S Quaker Ln, W Hartford, CT Directions: From I-84, exit 43. Right off exit ramp onto Park Rd. Left on

Quaker Ln 1 ½ blocks to meetinghouse on right.

Accessibility: yes—on both floors

Mailing Address: 144 Quaker Ln, West Hartford, CT 06119-1636

Meeting Phone:860-232-3631Meeting Email:hartford@neym.orgMeeting Web Page:www.hartfordquakers.org

Sunday Worship:10:00amPotluck:2nd SundayAdult Study:11:20am

Children's Program: 9:45am, Childcare available Mid-Week Worship: Thursdays at 7:00pm Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:20am

Seasonal Meeting: Christmas Eve

Clerk: Roger Catlin 860-521-4380 Assistant Clerk: Martin Wheeler 860-233-4789

Litchfield Hills Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Stop & Shop (Community Room, Mezzanine level, KMart Plaza)

100 Main St, No Southbury, CT 06488

Directions: Exit 15, Route 84

Accessibility: Yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 1516 Straits Tpke, Middlebury, CT 06762

Meeting Email: litchfieldhills@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.litchfieldhillsfriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: no program facilities **Business Meeting:** 1st Sunday at 11:15am

Clerk: Jeff Van Wagenen 203-577-2325

Middletown Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Wasch Center for Retired Faculty, Wesleyan University,

51 Lawn Ave, Middletown, CT

Directions: From I-91 take Rt 9 exit towards Middletown. Take exit

15 off Rt 9 South. Proceed straight to light at High Street, turn left, proceed until through intersection of High St and

Church St, Lawn Ave is the next street on the right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 29 Long Ln, Middletown, CT 06457-4047

Meeting Email: middletown@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Clerk: Elisabeth Holder 860-347-8079 Meeting Contact: Susan James 860-621-2833 Mount Toby Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 194 Long Plain Rd, Leverett, MA

Directions: On Rt 63, north of Amherst town line, in Leverett, MA.

From I-91, take Rt 9 exit to Northampton/Amherst. Turn right on Bridge St. Bear left at Rt 116N. Bear right at Meadow St. Bear left at Montague Rd.

Continue on Long Plain Rd about 2 miles.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 194 Long Plain Rd, Leverett, MA 01054-9507

Meeting Phone: 413-548-9188

Meeting Email: mounttoby@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: mounttoby.quaker.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 3rd Sunday at noon, Fellowship Lunch Adult Study: 11:40am, 1st and fourth Sunday Children's Program: 10:00am, Childcare available

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at noon

Clerk:Margaret Cooley413-773-9525Assistant Clerk:Susan Conger413-367-9269Other Contact:Jan Hoffman413-253-9427

Upper Valley Worship Group

Mtg Location: 74 Federal Street, Greenfield, MA

Directions: Exit 26 off I-91. From the rotary, take 2A East into

Greenfield for ½ mile; left onto Federal Street.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o Daphne Bye, 121 Keets Rd, Deerfield, MA 01342

Meeting Email: uppervalley@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Clerk: Daphne Bye 413-772-3197 Other Contact: Aggie Mitchkoski 413-559-9449

New Haven Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 225 East Grand Ave, New Haven, CT Directions: From Rt 91 exit 8, take Foxon Ave ½ mile to Quinnipiac

Ave. Turn right, go 1.1 mile to East Grand Ave and turn left.

Meetinghouse on right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 225 E Grand Ave, New Haven, CT 06513-4102

Meeting Phone: 203-468-7364
Meeting Email: newhaven@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.newhavenfriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Extended Worship: 9:30, 1st Sunday

Potluck: 3rd Sunday after worship

Children's Program: 10:30am

Business Meeting:2nd Sunday, 12:15pm after worshipClerk:Kim Stoner203-271-1732Correspondent:Maria Lamberto203-387-4115

New London Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 176 Oswegatchie Rd, Waterford, CT

Directions: Take I-95 exit 75, Rt 1N to Niantic River Rd.

Turn right on Oswegatchie Rd.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 709, New London, CT 06320-0709

Meeting Phone: 860-444-1288

Meeting Email: newlondon@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am **Potluck:** 1st Sunday

Bible Study: 4th Sunday 8:30am (Bible and other spiritual book study)

Adult Study: 11:00am **Children's Program:** 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:00am except Aug & Dec

Holiday Pot Luck: Extended families, usually the 3rd Sunday of December

Correspondent:Jana Noyes860-572-1366Clerk:Virginia Bainbridge860-444-2553Meeting Contact:Leeland Cole-Chu860-859-0059

Northampton Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 43 Center St, Northampton, MA **Directions:** Follow Rt 9W. Turn right on Center St (2nd right after Rt 5).

The meetinghouse is on the right-hand side, a large beige

building with columns; meeting is one flight up.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 43 Center St, Northampton, MA 01060-3004

Meeting Phone: 413-587-4622

Meeting Email: northampton@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: northampton.quaker.org

Sunday Worship: 11:00am Adult Study: 9:30am

Children's Program: 11:00am, Childcare available 9:30am-12:00pm

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 9:00am

Clerk: Marcianna Caplis 413-268-0199

South Berkshire Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 280 State Rd, Great Barrington, MA

Directions: From I-90W take exit 2 (US Rt 20). Turn left on Housatonic St.

Turn right on Pleasant St (Rt 102) follow to Rt 7S.

Turn left onto State Rd, Rt 23E. Go ½ mile.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 726, Great Barrington, MA 01230

Meeting Phone: 413-528-1230

Meeting Email:southberkshire@neym.orgMeeting Web Page:www.southberkshirefriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: 2nd Sunday at 11:45am

Children's Program: 10:30am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 12:00pm

Clerk: Harvey Kaminoff 413-528-3085 Assistant Clerk: Alan Price 413-528-0831

Storrs Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 57 Hunting Lodge Rd, Storrs, CT **Directions:** From Hartford, take I-84E to I-384 which becomes Rt 44.

Go 9 miles. Turn right onto Hunting Lodge Rd.

Bear right on Birch Rd. Turn left back onto Hunting Lodge Rd.

Meetinghouse on the right after N Eagleville Rd.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 57 Hunting Lodge Rd, Storrs, CT 06268-1701

Meeting Phone: 860-487-1847
Meeting Email: storrs@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.storrsfriendsmeeting.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 2nd Sunday 11:30am

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Assistant Clerk: Gerald Sazama 860-429-0087 Clerk: Joseph Pandolfo 860-423-2646 Correspondent: Tessa VanLear 860-684-9116

Dover Quarterly Meeting

Clerk: Marian Baker 603-478-5650

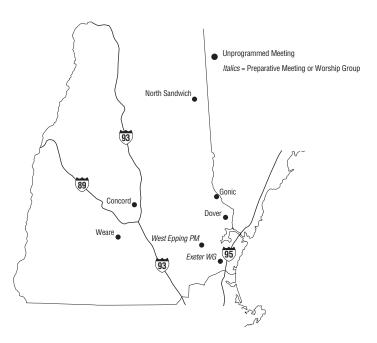
Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 10 Crosby Rd, Hillsboro, NH 03244-4111

Meeting Email: doverqm@neym.org

QM Dates: January 30, 2011 at Concord, NH; May 29, 2011 at Dover, NH;

July 31, 2011 at Gonic, NH; October 30, 2011 at

North Sandwich, NH



Concord Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse 11 Oxbow Pond Rd, Canterbury, NH 03224 **Directions:** From Exit 17 on I-93 north of Concord, go west on Route 4.

Take first right then immediate fork left road becomes Riverland Road after the sharp, left hairpin it becomes Oxbow Pond Rd. The meetinghouse #11 is on the right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 11 Ox Bow Pond Rd, Canterbury, NH 03224

Meeting Phone: 603-783-8097 Meeting Email: concord@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.concordfriendsmeeting.org

 Sunday Worship:
 10:00am

 Singing:
 10:00-10:15am

 Potluck:
 12:00pm, 2nd Sunday

Children's Program: 10:00am, children join adult worship before close

Business Meeting: 12:30pm, 2nd Sunday

Co-Clerk:Gregory Heath603-783-4401Co-Clerk:Ruth Mobilia Heath603-783-4401

Dover Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 141 Central Ave, Dover, NH Directions: From I-95 take Rt 16/Rt 4 exit. Continue on Rt 16.

Take Rt 108 toward Dover. Bear left on Central Ave.

Accessibility: yes—both

Mailing Address: PO Box 98, Dover, NH 03821-0098

Meeting Phone:603-749-2302Contact Phone:603-742-2110Meeting Email:dovermm@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.doverfriendsnh.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am **Children's Program:** 10:45am

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 12:15pm

Clerk: Chip Neal 603-868-3226

Gonic Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Gonic Friends Meetinghouse, 41 Pickering Rd, Gonic, NH

Directions: From the Spaulding Trnpk, take 125S to Main St out of Gonic.

Cross the bridge to Pickering Rd. Less then ½ mile on right

at the corner of Quaker Ln & Pickering Rd.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 37 Peaslee Rd, Rochester, NH 03867-4524

Meeting Email: gonic@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:00am or at the call of the clerk

Seasonal Meeting: 2nd Sunday in March

 Clerk:
 Shirley Leslie
 603-332-5472

 Other Contact:
 Evelyn Lang
 603-463-7970

West Epping Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: Friends Meetinghouse, Friend St, West Epping, NH

Directions: Friend St off Rt 27.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 81 Chester Rd, Raymond, NH 03077

Sunday Worship: 10:00am, 1st and 3rd Sunday Seasonal Meeting: 1st Sunday in October at 2:00 pm Clerk: Fritz Bell 603-895-2437 North Sandwich Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 354 Quaker Whiteface Rd, North Sandwich

Directions: From Rt 25 take Rt 113N to North Sandwich.

Turn right on Fosse Flats Rd. Turn right through covered bridge. Bear left up hill. Meetinghouse is diagonally opposite

at intersection with Quaker Whiteface Road.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 72, North Sandwich, NH 03259-0072

Contact Phone: 603-284-6843

Meeting Email: northsandwich@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: northsandwich.quaker.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am
Potluck: 1st Sunday lunch
Bible Study: 2nd Sunday
Children's Program: 10:30am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Clerk: Luisa Facciolo 603-284-6843 Other Contact: Raymond Stineford 603-367-4687

Weare Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: West Henniker Friends Meetinghouse, 529 Quaker St,

Henniker, NH

Directions: From Keene or Concord Rt 9 to Rt 114 in Henniker.

Rt 114 South to Flanders Rd. Turn Rt on Flanders Rd. Take first right on Gulf Rd. Go 1.3 miles to four corners.

Turn left up hill on Quaker St.

From Manchester follow Rt 114 North to Flanders Rd in Henniker. Turn left on Flanders Rd. Follow directions above.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 108 Reservoir Dr, Weare, NH 03281

Contact Phone: 603-478-5650 Meeting Email: weare@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.neym.org/wearemeeting.html

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Adult Study: 4th Sundays at 12:00pm, September–June

Children's Program: 10:30am as needed **Business Meeting:** 2nd Sunday at 11:30am

Christmas Carols: Call for date

Clerk: J. Richard Ludders 603-529-7933 Other Contact: Elizabeth Straw 603-529-2316

Falmouth Quarterly Meeting

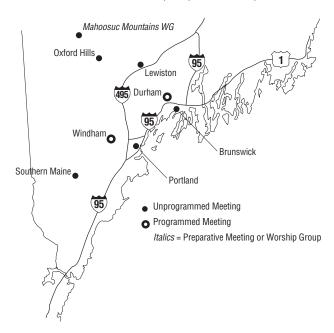
Clerk: Margaret Wentworth 207-725-6935

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, PO Box 515, Brunswick, ME 04011-0515

Meeting Email: falmouthqm@neym.org

QM Dates: January 23, 2011 at Durham, ME; April 30, 2011 at

All-Maine Gathering, Friends Camp, So China, ME; July 24, 2011 at Brunswick, ME; October 23, 2011 at Windham, ME



Brunswick Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: 56 Elm St, Topsham, ME

Directions: From the intersection of Elm St. and Main St. (Rt 201),

½ mile east on Elm St. On left, opposite Feldspar Mill

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 24 Lunt Rd, Brunswick, ME 04011

Contact Phone: 207-725-8216

Meeting Email: brunswick@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: 10:00am, twice a month

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:15am, no summer business

Clerk: John Houghton 207-725-2114

Durham Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 534 Quaker Meetinghouse Rd, Durham, ME

Directions: From I-295N, take exit 22 (ME-125/ME-136).

Turn right on the ramp to Durham/Bradbury Mountain State

Park. Stay on ME-136. Go approx. 6 miles.

Right on Quaker Meetinghouse Rd.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: Durham Monthly Meeting of Friends, 532 Quaker

Meetinghouse Rd, Durham, ME 04222

Meeting Phone: 207-353-5704 Meeting Email: durham@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:25am

Adult Study: 9:30am–10:20am

Children's Program: 1st and 3rd Sundays following children's

message in worship

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 12:15pm

USFW: 3rd Mon 7:00pm

Co-Clerk:Edwin Hinshaw207-388-2820Co-Clerk:Nancy Marstaller207-725-4294Pastor:Daphne Clement207 353-6354

Lewiston Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Multifaith Chaplaincy, 161 Woods St, Lewiston, ME Directions: From I-95N, take the ME-100/ME-4 & Rt 202 exit 75 to

Auburn. Take Washington St. Turn right onto Court St. Stay on this road across bridge into Lewiston where it becomes Main St. Turn right onto Frye St. Turn left onto College St. and then take your first right onto Campus Ave.

Wood St will be your first right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 42, Lewiston, ME 04243-0042

Meeting Email: lewiston@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am Adult Study: 11:00am Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:00am, Sept–June

Call for summer date

Clerk: Renee Cote 207-786-4325 Correspondent: Christine Holden 207-783-1685

Oxford Hills Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Progress Center, 35 Cottage St, Norway, ME 04268

Directions: I-95 to Rt 26 North to Norway. West on Rt 117 (Main St).

Right on Cottage St.

Accessibility: ves

Mailing Address: PO Box 276, South Paris, ME 04281-0276

Meeting Email: oxfordhills@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Business Meeting: 10:45am at the call of the clerk
Co-Clerk: Ursula Brandon 207-665-2880
Co-Clerk: Ken Hamilton 207-743-8235

Singing:

Portland Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 1837 Forest Ave, Portland, ME

Directions: Maine Trnpk to exit 48, right onto Riverside St.

Go to 3rd stoplight and turn right onto Rt 302 (Forest Ave). The meetinghouse is on the left just after Tortilla Flats.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 1837 Forest Ave, Portland, ME 04103-1024

Meeting Phone: 207-797-4720
Meeting Email: portland@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am, 2nd week in Sept through mid-June

5:00pm, Last week in June through Labor Day weekend 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:00am, none during the summer 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am, mid-September to mid-June

Adult Study: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am, mid-September to mid-June Children's Program: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am, mid-September to mid-June

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 8:45am

 Co-Clerk:
 Muriel Allen
 207-874-9523

 Co-Clerk:
 Tom Antonik
 207-879-0241

 Other Contact:
 Sandra Jensen
 207-839-2372

Mahoosuc Mountains Worship Group

Mtg Location: Whitman Library, 28 So Main St, Bryant Pond, ME

Directions: Grey St exit off Maine Turnpike. Route 26N Approx. 1 hour

to the Village of Bryant Pond. The library is on the left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 151 Cushman Hill Rd,

Bryant Pond, ME 04219- 6207

Meeting Email: mahoosuc@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Correspondent: Arla Patch 207-665-2224

Southern Maine Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Meeting in the homes of Friends throughout York County

Directions: call for directions

Accessibility: varies

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 26 Bayberry Rd, Biddeford, ME 04005-9234

Contact Phone: 207-967-4451

Meeting Email: southernmaine@neym.org
Sunday Worship: call ahead, 9 or 9:30am

Potluck: call ahead, on business meeting days

Children's Program: call ahead Business Meeting: call clerk

Clerk: Sarah Moore 207-282-2717

Windham Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 374 Gray Rd, Windham, ME

Directions: I-95 to exit 48. Follow Rt 25W thru Westbrook to Windham.

Turn right onto Rt 202N. Meetinghouse is on the left,

south of Windham Center.

Accessibility: yes—ramp

Mailing Address: 374 Gray Rd, Windham, ME 04062-5576

Meeting Email: windham@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday after meeting for worship

Seasonal Meeting: Aug at Quaker Ridge Meetinghouse & Christmas Eve at

Windham Friends Meeting

 Clerk:
 Ramona Moore
 207-892-3718

 Correspondent:
 May Lunt
 207-892-6308

 Pastor:
 Janice Beattie
 207-892-5422

Northwest Quarterly Meeting

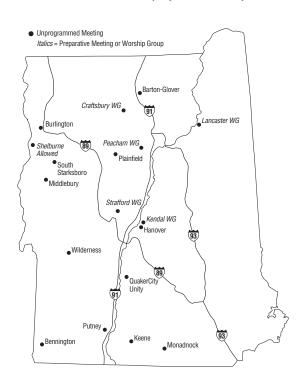
Clerk: Mailing Address: Constance Kincaid-Brown 603-675-2141 c/o clerk, 19 Whalen Way, Cornish, NH 03745-4822

Mailing Address: Meeting Email:

northwestqm@neym.org

QM Dates:

December 4-5, 2010 at Hosted by Middlebury (VT) and Bennington (VT) at Middlebury, VT; March 5-6, 2011 at Hanover (NH); June 4-5, 2011 at Hosted by So Starksboro (VT) and Wilderness (VT) at So Starksboro VT; September 10-11, 2011 hosted by Burlington (VT) at Farm & Wilderness Camps, VT; December 3-4, 2011 hosted by Plainfield (VT) and Barton-Glover (VT) at Plainfield, VT



Barton-Glover Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Barton Library Basement, 100 Church St, Barton, VT

Directions: From I-91N, take exit 25, Rt 16, to Barton.

Turn right onto Rt 16N (Glover Rd).

Continue north .9 miles to Barton Public Library (on left). Basement entrance is on the parking lot (left) side of building.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: PO Box 209, Barton, VT 05822-0209

Meeting Email: bartonglover@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Children's Program: 9:30am, begin worship with adults. **Business Meeting:** 1st Sunday after rise of meeting

Clerk: Margaret (Peggy) Lipscomb 802-533-2483

Bennington Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Senior Citizens Services Center, 124 Pleasant St, Bennington, VT Directions: From the intersection of Rts 9 & 7, go north on Rt 7 one block

to Pleasant St. Go right one half block, 124 is on the left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 221, Bennington, VT 05201-0221

Meeting Email: bennington@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.thisisvermont.com/quakers

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Singing: 9:30am, 2nd & 4th Sundays

Potluck: Rise of meeting 1st Sunday

Adult Study: Often following potluck

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

 Co-Clerk:
 Beth Cheadle
 802-823-5088

 Co-Clerk:
 Timmy Bullock
 518-686-5486

 Other Contact:
 Arnold Ricks
 802-442-6010

Burlington Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 173 No Prospect St, Burlington, VT Directions: Exit 14W off I-89. West on Rt 2 to University of Verm

Exit 14W off I-89. West on Rt 2 to University of Vermont. Right on S Prospect St to North St. 3rd building on left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 173 N Prospect St, Burlington, VT 05401-1607

Meeting Phone: 802-660-9221

Meeting Email: burlington@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Adult Study: 10:00am except 3rd Sunday Children's Program: 1st & 3rd Sunday at 10:30am Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday at 12:00pm

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 12:45pm following snacks
Clerk: Louis Cox 802-425-3377
Correspondent: Thomas Zabski 802-863-6274

Shelburne Allowed Meeting

Mtg Location: Community Building, 200 Wake Robin Dr, Shelburne VT

Directions: West off Rt 7 at Bostwick Rd, South of Shelburne

Museum 1 mile to Wake Robin Dr, half mile to Community Building. Wake Robin is a continuing Care

Retirement Community.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 65 East Terrace, So Burlington, VT 05403

Meeting Email: shelburne@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 4:30pm, 1st Sunday of the Month **Correspondent:** Helen Head 802-862-2267

Hanover Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 43 Lebanon St, Hanover, NH

Directions: From 89, Take exit 18, Rt 120 into Hanover.

At the fourth traffic light take the left fork.

The meetinghouse is a gray building immediately on the left

just before the Hanover High School on Lebanon St. From 91, take exit 13, Rt 10A east. Take a right onto

South Main St, and a left onto Lebanon St.

The meetinghouse is on your right immediately after the high school. Please park in the high school parking lot.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 43 Lebanon St, Hanover, NH 03755-2513

Meeting Phone: 603-643-4138 Meeting Email: hanover@neym.org Meeting Web Page: www.hanoverquakers.us

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Adult Study: 11:30am, monthly

Children's Program: 10:00am, children join first 15 minutes of worship

Mid-Week Worship: 7:00pm Thursdays

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 12:00pm except July & August **Seasonal Meeting:** 2nd Sun of June & Dec at Kendal at Hanover

 Clerk:
 Frederick Weiss
 802-763-2474

 Assistant Clerk:
 Betsy Morse
 603-643-3226

Kendal Worship Group

Mtg Location: Kendal at Hanover, 80 Lyme Rd, Hanover, NH

Directions: From Concord, take I-89 to exit 18. Turn onto Rt 120N

to Rt 10N, turn right and follow for 2 miles. Kendal at

Hanover will be on your left.

OR also from Concord, Take I-91 to exit 13.

Turn right, cross the bridge and go left at the far corner of the Hanover Green onto Rt 10N. Kendal at Hanover

will be on your left in about 2 miles.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 80 Lyme Rd, #301, Hanover, NH 03755

Meeting Email: kendal@neym.org

Worship: 10:00am in Chalmers Room Clerk: Barbara Gilbert 603-643-2237

Lancaster Worship Group

Mtg Location: Saint Paul's Parish Center, 113 Main St, Lancaster, NH Directions: The Parish Center is behind St. Paul's Church, across from

the Lancaster Motor Inn.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, PO Box 424, Lancaster, NH 03584

Meeting Email: mesloat1@yahoo.com Sunday Worship: 5:00pm, irregular

Correspondent: Mary Sloat 603-788-4777 **Other Contact:** Melissa Keenan 603-788-3721

Strafford Worship Group

Mtg Location: Private home in Strafford Upper Village, call for details

Sunday Worship: 10:00am, 2nd and 4th Sundays **Contact:** Hilary Linehan 802-765-4224

Keene Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Keene YMCA, 38 Roxbury St, Keene, NH

Directions: (From NH-101 & Main St in Keene) Go north on Main.

Before circle, turn right on Roxbury St. Number 38 is on the left side of the street. Look for the YMCA and the Quaker Meeting sign.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 793, Keene, NH 03431-0793

Meeting Email: keene@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: keene.quaker.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: 10:00am, Childcare

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday after worship & refreshments Clerk: William Walker 603-654-2719 Other Contact: Richard Cornelius 603-357-4905

Middlebury Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Havurah House, 56 No Pleasant St, Middlebury, VT Directions: From Brattleboro VT, take I-91N to exit 6 toward Rt 103.

Turn left onto Rt 5 which will become Rt 103. Follow Rt 103 to Rt 7N. Stay on Rt 7N for 37 miles. Turn right on Rt 125W. Follow to 56 No Pleasant St.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 1026, Middlebury, VT 05753

Contact Phone: 802-388-6453

Meeting Email: middlebury@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.middleburyquakers.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Adult Study: 10:00am, 1 or 2 Sundays a month Children's Program: 10:00am, childcare and First Day School

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Seasonal Meeting: Celebration of Life (Mother's Day) & Christmas Gathering

held at other locations

 Co-Clerk:
 Jean Rosenberg
 802-388-6453

 Co-Clerk:
 Stewart Kirkaldy
 802-388-7202

Middlebury College Student Worship Group

Mtg Location: Scott Center for Religious Life, Middlebury College

Meeting Email:msq@middlebury.eduWeb Page:go.middlebury.edu/quakers

Sunday Worship: 4:00pm 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays on campus.

3rd Sundays with Middlebury Friends Meeting

Clerk: Juliana Kay jlkay@middlebury.edu

Monadnock Quaker Meeting

Meeting Location: Monadnock Meetinghouse, 3 Davidson Rd, Jaffrey, NH **Directions:** The Meetinghouse is just south of Jaffrey/Peterborough line

off of Rt 202.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 3 Davidson Rd, Jaffrey, NH 03452-5812

Meeting Phone: 603-532-6203

Meeting Email: monadnock@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.monadnockquakermeeting.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: 3rd Sunday 11:30am

Adult Study: following refreshments at rise of meeting

Children's Program: 10:30am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday after potluck lunch at about 12:30pm

Clerk: Nellie Herman 603-924-7844

Plainfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 203 Martin Meadow Rd, Plainfield, VT **Directions:** From Rt 2, turn off as if for Plainfield Post office.

Take 1st left, 2nd right onto Martin Meadow Rd.

Follow the road to the right to the meetinghouse driveway.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 215, Plainfield, VT 05667-0215

Contact Phone: 802-454-4675

Meeting Email: plainfield@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: plainfield.friend.googlepages.com

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: 2nd Sunday following worship

Adult Study: 1st Sunday at 9:30am

Children's Program: 10:45am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 12:00pm

Clerk: Carl Williams 802-476-4547

Peacham Worship Group

Mtg Location: Meeting in the homes of Friends

Directions: Call Correspondent for dates, location and directions.

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent 391 Blanchard Hill Rd, Barnet, VT 05821

Meeting Email: peacham@neym.org
Sunday Worship: Meets bi-weekly 9:30am

Correspondent: Cathy Browne 802-592-3210

Putney Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Putney Meetinghouse, Rt 5, Putney, VT

Directions: From Rt 91, take exit 4 to Rt 5N 1 mile, meetinghouse on left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 381, Putney, VT 05346-0381

Contact Phone: 802-387-5500 Meeting Email: putney@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: putneyfriends.wordpress.com

Sunday Worship: 8:30am & 10:30am

Potluck: 1st Sunday at 11:45am

Adult Study: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 9:30am, Sept–June

Children's Program: 10:30-11:15am, Last 15 min of worship Sept-June,

childcare in the summer

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 12:00 Sept–June **Clerk:** Carol Forsythe 802-257-5805

Quaker City Unity Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Quaker City Meetinghouse, 1888 Quaker City Rd, Unity, NH

Directions: 5 miles south of Claremont, NH on Rts 11 & 12

4.2 miles east on Unity Stage Rd. and 1/10 mile south on

Quaker City Rd.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: 168A Quaker City Rd, Charlestown, NH 03603-7426

Meeting Email: quakercityunity@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:15am Singing: 10:00am Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 9:00am 3rd Sundays

Clerk: Jenny Wright 603-543-0910

South Starksboro Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 430 Dan Sargent Rd, So Starksboro, VT

Directions: From Bristol, VT: North on Rt 116 (and Rt 17) to where Rt 17 bears east towards Waitsfield. Proceed 2 miles on Rt 17.

Turn left onto Dan Sargent Rd, meetinghouse on right.

Accessibility: meetinghouse yes, restroom no

Mailing Address: c/o clerk 4862 Sand Rd, Ferrisburg, VT 05456-9857

Meeting Email: southstarksboro@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30am Singing: 9:00am Children's Program: 9:45am

Business Meeting: 4th Sunday at 11:00am **Seasonal Meeting:** Christmas day at 4:00 pm

Co-Clerk:Alison James802-985-1124Co-Clerk:Peggy Kadima-Mazela802-658-9124Other Contact:Kerry Cullinan802-434-4633

Wilderness Friends Meeting

Meeting Location:Shrewsbury Library, 98 Town Hill Rd, Cuttingsville, VTDirections:From Burlington, VT, follow Rt 7S for 70 miles. Turn left on

Rt 103, go 5.6 miles. Make sharp left on Town Hill Rd.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 129 Obed Moore Rd, Weston, VT 05161

Meeting Email: wilderness@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 1st Sunday after meeting

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:00am after meeting for worship

Clerk: Malcolm Bell 802-824-6459

Rhode Island-Smithfield Quarterly Mtg

Clerk: Elizabeth Zimmerman 401-397-3045

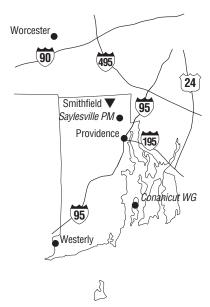
Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 3A S Killingly Rd, Foster, RI 02825-1257

Meeting Email: rismithfieldqm@neym.org

QM Dates: April 17, 2011 at Providence MM;

July 17, 2011 at Smithfield MM (RI); October 15-16, 2011 Retreat location TBD

- Unprogrammed Meeting
- ▼ Programmed & Unprogrammed Meetings for Worship (with Pastor) Italics = Preparative Meeting or Worship Group



Providence Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 99 Morris Ave, Providence, RI

Directions: From I-95 S take exit 24/Branch Ave. Turn left on Branch Ave.

Turn left on Cypress. Turn right on Morris Ave.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 99 Morris Ave, Providence, RI 02906-2315

Meeting Phone: 401-331-4218

Meeting Email: providence@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.providencefriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 1st Sunday, Rise of meeting for worship

Children's Program: 10:15am

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 12:15pm except July & August Seasonal Meeting: Business meeting at Saylesville, June, Sept & Oct

 Clerk:
 Mark A. Conley
 401-398-8339

 Assistant Clerk:
 Debbie Block
 508-336-9704

 Other Contact:
 Bruce Shaw
 401-331-4691

Conanicut Friends Meeting—Indulged

Mtg Location: May-Oct, The Old Meetinghouse, at the corner of North

Rd & Weeden Lane Jamestown, RI;

Nov-April Middletown, RI, Studio at Norman Bird

Sanctuary

Directions: May-Oct, Jamestown Meetinghouse,

Weeden Lane at N Main Rd, Jamestown RI **Nov-April**; Studio at Norman Bird Sanctuary,

583 3rd Beach Rd, Middletown, RI

Accessibility: Studio at NBS yes, Jamestown MH no. Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 18 Constellation Ct,

Jamestown, RI 02835-9122

Meeting Email: conanicut@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am, every other Sunday in

winter beginning Nov 7, 2010

Correspondent: Marcia Lindsay 401-423-9122

Saylesville Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: Saylesville Meetinghouse, 384 Great Rd, Lincoln, RI Directions: Off of Rt 146, take 123 toward Saylesville and Cumberland.

The meetinghouse is opposite River Rd.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: 384 Great Rd, Lincoln, RI 02865-3944

Meeting Email: saylesville@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: Monthly Breakfast Before Business Meeting

Candlelight Service: Christmas, Easter

Clerk: Joanne M. Griffin 401-726-1741

Smithfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 108 Smithfield Rd (Rt 146 A),

Woonsocket, RI

Directions: From I-95S take exit 4 onto I-295S. Take exit 9B onto RI-146N.

Continue 3.1 mi to RI-104 (Greenville Rd). Turn left at the light (RI-146A/Smithfield Rd.). 108 Smithfield Rd will be .5 mi on right.

Accessibility: yes—ramp

Mailing Address: 108 Smithfield Rd, Woonsocket, RI 02895-6283

Meeting Phone: 401-762-5726

Meeting Email: smithfield@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.smithfieldfriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am, Unprogrammed on last first day of month,

programmed on all other first days

Children's Program: 10:30am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 12:00pm

Clerk: Glenda Byhouwer 401-766-4362 Pastor: Marnie Miller-Gutsell 401-762-5726

Westerly Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 57 Elm St, Westerly, RI

Directions: From I-95, south on Rt 3, turn right on Rt 1 and in the next

block left onto Elm. The meetinghouse is 2 ½ blocks down

on your right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 57 Elm St, Westerly, RI 02891-2136

Meeting Phone:401-782-2534Meeting Email:westerly@neym.orgMeeting Web Page:www.westerlyfriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: 4th Sunday after meeting

Children's Program: 10:30am, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 9:00am

Clerk: Jane Johnson 860-535-4223

Worcester Friends Meeting

Meeting Location:Friends Meetinghouse, 901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MADirections:From Rt 290 exit Rt 9 W (airport exit). Continue on

Highland St to rotary. Take Pleasant St (2nd exit off rotary).

Meetinghouse is on right (2 miles east of Airport).

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 901 Pleasant St, Worcester, MA 01602-1908

Meeting Phone: 508-754-3887
Meeting Email: worcester@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.worcesterfriendsmeeting.org

Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Potluck: Noon every week Adult Study: as scheduled

Children's Program: 11:00am childcare year round, program in school year

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 9:00pm

Clerk: Clarence Burley 508-735-4353 Assistant Clerk: Elizabeth Poynton 508-434-2739

Salem Quarterly Meeting

Clerk: Sarah Spencer 617-965-7042

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 50 Elmore St, Newton, MA 02459-1119

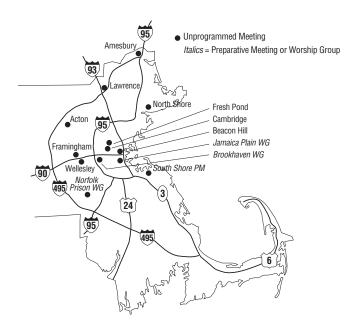
Meeting Email: salemqm@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.bhfh.org/sqm/quarterwebIndex.html

QM Dates: October 24, 2010 at Cambridge FM (MA); January 23, 2011

at Acton MM (MA); April 24, 2011 at Amesbury MM (MA);

October 23, 2011 at Beacon Hill FM (MA)



Acton Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: 130C Baker Ave Extension, W. Concord, MA

Directions: From Boston: Take Rt 2W to Concord Rotary, reverse direc-

tion. At 1st stoplight at Baker Ave Extension. Turn right onto Baker Ave Extension. 130C Baker Ave Ext is located in the

first office park on the left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, PO Box 1401, Shirley, MA 01464-1401

Meeting Phone: 978-263-8660
Meeting Email: acton@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am Potluck: 3rd Sunday

Adult Study: following worship, several times a month

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:45am

Clerk: Jennifer Burgin 978-263-8062 Corresponding Clerk: Douglas Armstrong 978-425-4620 **Amesbury Monthly Meeting**

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 120 Friend St, Amesbury, MA

Directions: Rt 495 to Rt 150, Amesbury. On Rt 150, cross Rt 110,

left on Greenleaf St. Meetinghouse in 1/4 mile on corner with

Friend St.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 120 Friend St, Amesbury, MA 01913-2703

Meeting Phone: 978-388-1765

Meeting Email: amesbury@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.amesburyquakers.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 3rd Friday at 6:30pm

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 8:30am

Clerk: Joanne Megna-Wallace 978-363-1187 Correspondent: Marina Kirsch 603-580-1355

Beacon Hill Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Beacon Hill Friends House, 6 Chestnut St, Boston, MA
Directions: Chestnut St (parallel to Beacon St), Friends House is near

corner with Walnut St. Walking from Boston Common (Park St Station) walk to Beacon St, up hill towards Statehouse. Walnut is left of State House continue up Walnut St, and left on Chestnut St. Friends House will be a few steps on your left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 6 Chestnut St, Boston, MA 02108-3602

Meeting Phone: 617-227-9118 Meeting Email: beaconhill@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.bhfm.org Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Potluck: 12:30, Business meeting Sundays at noon

Adult Study: 9:30am, call for dates

Children's Program: 10:45am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 12:30pm September–June **Clerk:** Ken Haase 617-436-8341

Jamaica Plain Worship Group

Mtg Location: Meeting in the homes of Friends, Call ahead for info

Directions: contact Martha Mangelsdorf, 617-734-0324

Mailing Address: c/o Judy Goldberger, 85 Child St #3,

Jamaica Plain, MA 02130

Meeting Email: jamaicaplain@neym.org

Web Page: groups.google.com/group/jp-quakers/web/about-jp-quakers Sunday Worship: 2nd Sunday at 6:00pm, beginning with potluck at 5:00pm,

children welcome

Meeting Contact: Judith Goldberger 857-719-4057

Framingham Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham, MA Directions: From the Mass Pike take exit 12, Rt 9 towards Framingham.

Exit to Edgell Rd and turn left, 2 miles to Water St light and turn left. Water St becomes Edmands Rd. The meetinghouse

is on the corner of Nixon & Edmands Rd.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 841 Edmands Rd, Framingham, MA 01701-3012

Meeting Phone: 508-877-1261

Meeting Email: framingham@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.neym.org/FFM

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 1st Sunday at noon

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am Sept–June (except Dec)

Clerk: Julie Heagney 508-740-1609

Fresh Pond Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Rd, Cambridge, MA

Directions: Rt 2E to Rt 16E. Right on Mass Ave, Right on Cedar to end.

Right on Rindge. Left on Sherman. Left on Cadbury.

Nearest T station (subway) is Porter Sq.

Accessibility: ves

Mailing Address: c/o Cambridge Friends School, 5 Cadbury Rd,

Cambridge, MA 02140-3598

Meeting Email: freshpond@neym.org **Meeting Web Page:** www.neym.org/fpm

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 11:30am 2nd Sunday Adult Study: 11:30am 3rd Sunday

Children's Program: 10:30, children attend end of worship

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:30am

Co-Clerk:Patricia Ellen Moyer781-863-6391Co-Clerk:Erica Voolich617-666-0666Correspondent:Bruce Alan Neumann 781-863-6391

Friends Meeting at Cambridge

Meeting Location: 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, MA 02138-4816

Directions: From I-90 E take exit 17 to Newton/Watertown. Continue on Centre St. Continue on Galen. Bear left on Mt Auburn St.

on General St. Continue on Galen. Dear left on wit Auburi

Turn left at Brattle St. Turn right at Longfellow Pk.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 5 Longfellow Park, Cambridge, MA 02138-4816

Meeting Phone: 617-876-6883

Meeting Email:cambridge@neym.orgMeeting Web Page:www.fmcquaker.orgSunday Worship:10:30am & 5:00pm

Potluck: 12:00pm 4th Sunday and before Business Meeting **Children's Program:** 10:45am Sept–June, Childcare during July & August.

Children attend meeting 10:30-10:45 all year

9:30am forum in the Parlor, September-June Adult Study: Mid-Week Worship: Wednesday at 8:30am, Meeting ends at 10:00am

2nd Sunday at 1:15p, Sept-Nov & Apr-June, **Business Meeting:**

2nd Thurs at 7:00pm, Dec-March

Clerk: David Myers 617-628-3717 **Assistant Clerk:** William Satterthwaite 978-369-2365 Meeting Secretary: Linda Jenkins 617-876-6883

South Shore Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: New England Friends Home, 86 Turkey Hill Ln,

Hingham, MA 02043-2074

Directions: Rt 3 exit 14 to Rt 228 north 5 miles to Hingham Library,

turn right onto Leavitt St (Follow signs for NE Friends

Home.) to Turkey Hill Ln.

Accessibility:

Mailing Address: 86 Turkey Hill Ln, Hingham, MA 02043-2074

Meeting Phone: 781-749-3556

Meeting Email: southshore@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am Children's Prog: 10:00am

Business Mtg: 1st Sunday at 11:15am, Sept-June Clerk: James deVeer 781-982-0653

Brookhaven Worship Group

Brookhaven, 1010 Waltham St, Mtg Location:

Lexington, MA 02421-8092

Directions: Call for directions.

Accessibility:

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 1010 Waltham St.#559,

Lexington MA 02421-8044

Meeting Email: brookhaven@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:30am

Correspondent: Andrew Linn 781-863-0954

Lawrence Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Forest Street Union Church, 15 Forest St, Methuen, MA Directions: Exit 46 off I-93, go east on Rt 110. Bear left onto Lowell

Street (Rt 113). Turn right at 1st traffic light onto Forest St.

The church is immediately on the left.

yes Accessibility:

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 108 Pine St, Andover, MA 01810

Meeting Email: lawrence@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.lawrence-andover-quakers.org

Sunday Worship: 2:00pm

Children's Program: 2:00pm, please call if visiting with small children

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 3:00pm

Corresponding Clerk: Ralph Gentile 978-475-5752 Clerk: Janice Sifferlen 978-474-9193 Other Contact: Allan Sifferlen 978 688-4838 North Shore Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Glen Urquhart School, 74 Hart St, Beverly Farms, MA Directions: Rt 128 to exit 17, south 1 mile to school on right

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 19 Walker St, Gloucester, MA 01930

Contact Phone: 978-281-1532

Meeting Email: northshore@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 6:30pm once/month Adult Study: 3rd Sunday 9:00am

Children's Program: 10:00am preschool weekly; school age monthly

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:30am

Clerk: Karl Pulkkinen 978-281-1532

Wellesley Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 26 Benvenue St, Wellesley, MA

Directions: From Boston take I-90W to Rt 16E. Turn left on Washington St.

Go 3 miles. Turn left on Wellesley Ave, Bear right on Brook St,

Turn right on Hampden St, Turn left on Grove St,

Turn right on Benvenue St.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 26 Benvenue St, Wellesley, MA 02482-7404

Meeting Phone: 781-237-0268
Meeting Email: wellesley@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.wellesleyfriendsmeeting.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am **Children's Program:** 10:15am

Mid-Week Worship: 7:30–8:30pm, 2nd, 4th, 5th Wednesday Business Meeting: Nov–March 2nd Sunday at 11:45;

April, May, June, Sept & Oct 2nd Thursday at 7:45pm

Correspondent:Esther Wheeler508-651-1593Other Contact:Wendyl Ross781-237-7677Clerk:David Haines508-435-9660

Norfolk Recognized Meeting

Mtg Location: Must call ahead. Massachusetts Correctional Institution,

Norfolk, MA

Directions: Off Rt 1A in Norfolk follow small sign for

Mass Correctional Institution to the 2nd prison on the left

(parking on the right).

Mailing Address: c/o convenor, 43 Oak St, Newton, MA 02464-1407

Meeting Phone: 617-964-7932 Meeting Email: norfolk@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 6:00pm, Visitors welcome. Must call Convenor two weeks

ahead.

Convenor: Marguerite Helen 617-964-7932

North Hill Worship Group

Mtg Location: North Hill Retirement Community 865 Central Avenue,

Needham, MA 02492

Mid-Week Worship: 9:30am, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays Lounge 5-A

Sandwich Quarterly Meeting

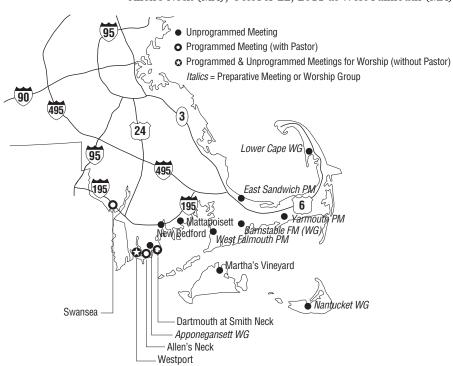
Clerk: Robert Ransbottom 774-202-3472

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 139 Perry St, New Bedford, MA 02745-6120

Meeting Email: sandwichqm@neym.org

QM Dates: January 22, 2011 at Dartmouth at Smith Neck (MA); April 23, 2011 at East Sandwich (MA); July 23, 2011 at

Allen's Neck (MA); October 22, 2011 at West Falmouth (MA)



Allen's Neck Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: 739 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth, MA

Directions: I-195 to exit 10, south on Rt 88 to end; go left/east

along shore; after road turns north, 1st right for 1 mile.

Meetinghouse on left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 643 Horseneck Rd, Dartmouth, MA 02748

Meeting Phone: 508-636-8910

Meeting Email: allensneck@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.allensneck.org

Sunday Worship: 9:00am

Children's Program:9:15am, Childcare & First Day SchoolBusiness Meeting:4th Wed at 7:00pm except Nov & DecClerk:Bill Reed508-636-0536Other Contact:Pamela Humphrey508-758-6234

Dartmouth (at Smith Neck) Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Smith Neck Friends Meetinghouse, 594 Smith Neck Rd Directions: From Boston: Take Rt 24S to Rt 140S. Turn onto Rt 6W

(State St). At the 2^{nd} light, take a left onto Slocum Rd. Take a left on Elm St (across from police station), and at the 2^{nd} stop sign, turn right on Bridge St. After crossing bridge, left on Smith Neck Rd Go 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, the meetinghouse is on

the right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 594 Smith Neck Rd, So Dartmouth, MA 02748-1502

Meeting Phone: 508-997-8372

Meeting Email: dartmouthsmithneck@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.snfm.org Sunday Worship: 10:00am Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:00am

Co-Clerk:Carole Cannan508-994-5108Co-Clerk:Christina Styan508-999-3526Meeting Contact:Anne Lopoulos508-994-5816Interim Pastor:Pam Cole508-992-0085

Apponegansett Worship Group

Mtg Location: Apponegansett Meetinghouse, 856 Russells Mills Rd,

So Dartmouth, MA

Directions: Russells Mills Rd ½ mile east of Chase Rd.

Mailing Address: c/o Dartmouth Friends Meeting, 594 Smith Neck Rd,

South Dartmouth, MA 02748-1502

Contact Phone: 508-994-5108 **Sunday Worship:** 8:30am, Summer

Seasonal Mtg: 4th Sunday at 3:00pm in July

Martha's Vineyard Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Hillside Village Community Building, Edgartown—Vineyard

Haven Rd, Vineyard Haven, MA

Directions: Off Vineyard Haven-Edgartown Rd, Clover Hill Dr (at the

rock) and immediately left into Hillside Village

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 1353, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

Meeting Email: marthasvineyard@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Potluck: called, summer season called, Quaker 101

Children's Program: call ahead

Business Meeting:Monthly, usually 1st Sunday 12:00-1:30Co-Clerk:Bruce Nevin508-627-8536Co-Clerk:Sarah Nevin508-627-8536Correspondent:James Masek508-693-0993

Mattapoisett Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 103 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett, MA Directions: From I-95 W take Rt 105 exit 20 to Marion-Rochester.

Bear right onto the Rt 105 ramp. Bear right at Font St. Turn right at Spring St. Turn right at Wareham Rd.

Continue on Mill St, 2.6 miles. Continue on Marion Rd .9 miles.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 795, Mattapoisett, MA 02739-0795

Meeting Phone: 508-758-9625

Meeting Email: mattapoisett@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.mattapoisettquakers.org

Sunday Worship: 9:30am

Adult Study: 10:30am, varies

Business Meeting: Last Sunday of month at 10:30am Clerk: Alan Harris 508-748-0098

Barnstable Friends Meeting (Preparative)

Mtg Location: Burgess House, 559 Rt 149, Marston Mills, MA

Directions: Exit 5 off Rt 6. Turn south on Rt 149. Burgess House is

approximately 3 miles on the right.

Mailing Address: PO Box 718, Marston Mills, MA 02648

Meeting Email: barnstable@neym.org

Web Page: quakersofthelight.blogspot.com

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Adult Study: contact for details
Children's Prog: contact for details
Business Mtg: 1st Sundays

Clerk: Rachel Carey-Harper 508-385-5443

Nantucket Worship Group

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 7 Fair St, Nantucket, MA

Directions: Off the ferry, left on Water St, right on Main St,

left onto Fair St at the Pacific Bank. The meetinghouse is one

block up on the right.

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, PO Box 606, Nantucket, MA 02554

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Correspondent: Patience Killen 508-325-2625

New Bedford Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 83 Spring St, New Bedford MA From Boston: Rt 93S, Rt 24S, Rt 140S, Rt 195E, Rt 18S.

Exit on Elm St. West to N Sixth St. Left on Sixth St.

Right on Union St. Left on Seventh St. Meetinghouse is one block up on the left.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: 83 Spring St, New Bedford, MA 02740-5934

Meeting Phone: 508-990-0710

Meeting Email: newbedford@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:00

Clerk: Robert Ransbottom 774-202-3472

Sandwich Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meets only for business as below.

Directions: Rotating schedule for business: 1st Sunday Feb.

(E.Sandwich) April (W. Falmouth), June (Yarmouth), August (E. Sandwich), October (W. Falmouth), & December

(Yarmouth). See individual meetings for directions.

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 242 Jordan Rd, Plymouth, MA 02360

Meeting Email: sandwichmm@neym.org Meeting Web Page: www.capecodquakers.org

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday at 11:00am, See rotation of locations above

Clerk: Ann Prentice 508-747-2889

East Sandwich Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: 6 Quaker Rd, East Sandwich, MA

Directions: Rt 6 to exit 3, North on Quaker Meeting House Rd,

cross Rt 6A and RR tracks. Left on Quaker Rd

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 198, East Sandwich, MA 02537-0198

Meeting Phone: 508-888-4181

Meeting Email: eastsandwich@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 8:30am 3rd Sunday, breakfast discussion

Business Mtg: 4th Sunday at 9:00am, also see schedule for Sandwich MM

Clerk: Theresa Packard 508-364-5280

West Falmouth Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 572 W Falmouth Hwy,

West Falmouth, MA

Directions: Exit Rt 28 south of Bourne Bridge at Thomas Landers Rd.

Go West (right) to 28A. Go south (left) on 28A (W.Falmouth Hwy) 1 1/4 miles Meetinghouse on right.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 720, West Falmouth, MA 02574-0720

Contact Phone: 508-495-0851

Meeting Email: westfalmouth@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Adult Study: 2nd Sunday at 11:30am

Children's Prog: 10:15am

Business Mtg: 4th Sunday at 11:30am, also see rotation schedule for

Sandwich MM

Clerk: William Reznikoff 508-548-8258 Correspondent: Molly Cornell 508-540-7652 Yarmouth Preparative Meeting

Mtg Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 58 N Main St, S Yarmouth, MA

Directions: From Rt 28, go 2 blocks north on N Main St

From Rt 6, Exit #8, south on Station St (2 miles), left on

Pine St

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 283 Bog Pond Rd, Brewster, MA 02631

Meeting Phone: 508-398-3773
Meeting Email: yarmouth@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am **Children's Prg:** 10:00am

Mid-Week Mtg: Wednesday at 5:30pm, See Lower Cape Worship Group
Business Mtg: Last Sunday, also see rotation schedule for Sandwich MM

Clerk: Kathryn Olsen 508-896-1957

Lower Cape Worship Group

Mtg Location: 115 Main St (next to Salty Duck Pottery), Wellfleet, MA

Directions: From Rt 6: Left at light towards Wellfleet Center,

4th house on the left, next to the Salty Duck Pottery.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, PO Box 311, Wellfleet, MA 02667

Meeting Phone: 508-349-3342

Meeting Email: lowercape@neym.org
Web Page: www.capecodquakers.org
Mid-Week Mtg: Tuesdays at 5:30pm

Correspondent: Katherine Stillman 508-349-3342

Swansea Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, 223 Prospect St, Somerset, MA

Directions: 1 mile north of Rt 6.

Accessibility: yes ramp

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 875 Prospect St, Somerset, MA 02726

Meeting Phone: 508-674-9411 Meeting Email: swansea@neym.org Sunday Worship: 9:30am, May—October

Business Meeting: At call of clerk following worship **Clerk:** Janice Chace 508-674-9411

Westport Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 938 Main Rd, Westport, MA

Directions: From Rt I-95, take Rt 88 South to Hixbridge Rd, turn right.

At T-intersection turn right onto Main Rd Meetinghouse is on

the right after the cemetary.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 3707, Westport, MA 02790-0745
Meeting Phone: c/o David & Emily Sutton 508-636-4963

Meeting Email: westport@neym.org
Meeting Web Page: www.westportquakers.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: 10:20am, children attend first 20 min of worship

Clerk: Elizabeth Lee 508-994-1638

Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting

Clerk: Mark Raines 207-293-3967

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, PO Box 145, Vienna, ME 04360-0145

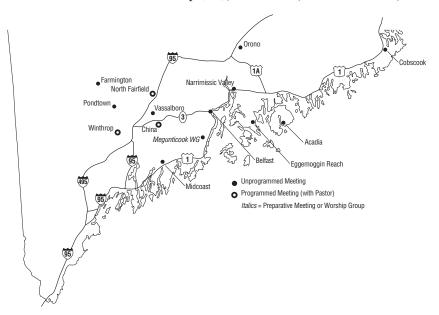
Meeting Email: vassalboroqm@neym.org

QM Dates: November 6, 2010 at Farmington (ME); February 5, 2011 at Winthrop Center (ME);

April 30, 2011 at All-Maine Gathering, Friends Camp (ME);

September 9–11, 2011 at Fall Gathering,

Friends Camp (ME); November 5, 2011 at Midcoast, ME



Acadia Monthly Meeting (Mount Desert Island)

Meeting Location: Neighborhood House, 1 Kimball Rd, Northeast Harbor, ME Directions: Take 198 to Northeast Harbor. Bear left onto Main Street

continue to the stop sign. Neighborhood House is on the

diagonally opposite corner.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 21, Bar Harbor, ME 04609-0021 Dean & Mary Booher 207-288-4941

Meeting Email: acadia@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:00am **Children's Program:** 9:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 10:30am, following fellowship

Clerk:Steve Perrin207-288-8240Other Contact:Carole Beal207-374-5844

Belfast Area Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Waterfall Arts, 256 High St, Belfast, ME

From the South, US 1, take Rt 7 (Waldo Ave) exit. At end of Directions:

ramp go straight onto Field St. Take next right onto High St.

Go one block to Waterfall Arts.

From the North: US 1, take High St exit into town.

Accessibility: no-meeting will carry people up small flight of stairs

Mailing Address: 238 Hadley Mill Rd, Brooks, ME 04921

Meeting Email: belfast@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday after worship

Clerk: Lindy Davies 207-722-3001

China Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Conference room of Willow Beach Lodge, 1320 Lakeview Dr,

China ME 04358

Directions: From Augusta take Route 202 to Vassalboro.

202 turns north on the east side of China Lake.

Go approx. 4 miles from that intersection (past Friends Camp).

Willow Beach Lodge is on the left.

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 57 Arnold Rd, South China, ME 04358

Meeting Email: china@neym.org Sunday Worship: 2nd Sunday at 3:00pm

Clerk: Jean Dempster 207-445-4188

Cobscook Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, Rt 189, Cobscook, ME Directions:

From Rt 1 in Whiting; 189E for ½ mile,

then left (North) into driveway to meetinghouse parking lot.

(meetinghouse not visible from road; sign at roadside)

Accessibility:

Mailing Address: PO Box 11, Whiting, ME 04691-0011

Meeting Phone: 207-733-4904 Meeting Email: cobscook@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am Potluck: **Every Sunday** Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:30am

Clerk: Beth Clifford 207-214-4988

Eggemoggin Reach Monthly Mtg

Meeting Location: May-Oct, Sargentville Chapel, Rt 175, Sargentville, ME

Nov-April, Meeting in the homes of Friends

Directions: May-Oct, Rt 15S (toward Deer Isle) to Rt 175.

> Left at T intersection. Chapel less than 1/4 mile on right. Nov-April, location published in Weekly Packet &

Isle Advantage or call.

Call ahead Accessibility:

Mailing Address: c/o Sally Aman, PO Box 60, Brooklin, ME 04616

Meeting Email: eggemoggin@neym.org **Sunday Worship:** 10:00am May–Oct

Potluck: 3rd Sundays May–Oct,

1st & 3rd Sundays Nov–April

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Seasonal Meeting: 10am Nov-April, 1st & 3rd Sundays for location call clerk

 Co-Clerk:
 Barbara Graves
 207-359-8422

 Co-Clerk:
 Sally Aman
 207-359-4602

 Other Contact:
 Suzanne Ruch
 207-348-6686

Farmington Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Holman House, 227 Main St, Farmington, ME 04938

Directions: From I-95, take exit 112 heading north on Rt 27 for just under 34 miles. Turn Right on Main St (.2 miles) and

left at N Main St (.2 miles).

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: PO Box 856, Farmington, ME 04938-0856

Meeting Email: farmington@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Potluck: 3rd Friday in the homes of Friends with discussion

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 1st Sunday following worship at the Holman House

Correspondent: Henry Washburn 207-778-2268 Other Contact: Rita Kimber 207-778-3168

Megunticook Worship Group

Mtg Location: Children's Chapel, Beauchamp Point, Rockport, ME

Directions: call for directions

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o correspondent, 17 Grove St, Camden, ME 04843

Contact Phone: 207-236-9078

Meeting Email: megunticook@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 9:00am, open air venue, June—September only

Correspondent: Diane Kirkman 207-236-9078

Midcoast Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd, Damariscotta, ME

Directions: Take I-295 N to Rt 1 to Damariscotta. Left at Belvedere Rd
The meetinghouse is the second building on the right,

.2 miles from the intersection.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 714, Damariscotta, ME 04543-0714

Meeting Phone: 207-563-3757
Meeting Email: midcoast@neym.org

Meeting Web Page: www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: 10:00am, program Sept–June

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:30am

Clerk: David Cadbury 207-230-0436

Other Contact: 207-230-0161

Narramissic Valley Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Bucksport Child Care Center, Miles Ln, Bucksport, ME

Directions: From Portland ME, take I-95N to exit 113, Rt 3N

Follow Rt 3N for 44 miles to Rts 1 & 3N for 18 miles. At the intersection of Miles Ln, just off Broadway in

Bucksport.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 78 Spruce St, Bucksport, ME 04416-4634

Meeting Phone: 207-469-7582

Meeting Email: narramissic@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Adult Study: 10:00am, last Sunday of the month

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 10:00am

Clerk: Faye Domincovich 207-469-7582

North Fairfield Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Friends Meetinghouse, Rt 104, North Fairfield, ME **Directions:** On Rt 104, 2 ½ miles north of Fairfield Center.

Accessibility: no

Mailing Address: c/o clerk, 11 Hutchins Rd, Fairfield, ME 04937

Meeting Phone: 207-453-7155 Sunday Worship: 11:00am

Potluck: 2nd Sunday at rise of Worship

Mid-Week Worship: Thursday at 6:00pm Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 10:00am

3rd Sunday May/October

Clerk: Twila Rowe 207-453-6025 Pastor: Michael Trombley 207-649-5704

Orono Monthly Meeting

Meeting Location: Senior Citizens Center, Birch St, Orono, ME

Directions: I-95 to exit 191 Orono. Turn right, go 1 mile. Turn left on Rt 2

(Main St.). Go 1.2, turn right at first light on Pine St. After ½10 mile, turn right onto Birch St. Senior Center straight

ahead.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 556, Orono, ME 04473-0556

Meeting Email: orono@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Children's Program: 10:00am, call ahead Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:30am

no business meeting July or August

Clerk: Molly Duplisea-Palmer 207-296-2926

Pondtown Monthly Meeting

In the process of being laid down

Vassalboro Friends Meeting

Meeting Location: Meetinghouse, 48 South Stanley Hill Rd. Vassalboro, ME **Directions:** South Stanley Hill Rd, ¼ mile east of junction with Rt 32 in

downtown East Vassalboro.

Accessibility: yes—ramp to door; all space on same level

Mailing Address: 48 S Stanley Hill Rd, Vassalboro, ME 04989-3503

Meeting Phone: 207-923-3572

Meeting Email: vassalboromm@neym.org Meeting Web Page: www.vassalborofriends.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am Singing: 9:40am weekly

Potluck: On Business Meeting 2nd Sundays except July & Aug

Children's Program: 10:00am, weekly

Business Meeting: 2nd Sunday at 11:30am except July & Aug Clerk: James Ramsey 207-362-3366

Winthrop Center Friends Church

Meeting Location: Winthrop Center Friends Church, 219 Winthrop Center Rd

(Rt 135) Winthrop, ME

Directions: On Winthrop Center Road (Rt 135) 1 mile south of Rt 202.

Accessibility: yes

Mailing Address: PO Box 321, Winthrop, ME 04364

Meeting Email: winthropcenter@neym.org

Sunday Worship: 10:00am, unprogrammed worship @ 8:30am

Potluck: 3rd Sunday, October–April

Children's Program: 10:00am

Business Meeting: 3rd Sunday at 11:00am

Clerk: Eileen Cummings 207-395-2471 Pastor: Maggie Edmondson 207-685-4797

Other Friends Meetings for Worship in New England

The Adams Friends Meetinghouse

Adams Historical Society

Open Sundays, Memorial Day through Labor Day

Location: Corner of Friend and Maple Sts, Adams, MA Meeting Web Page: www.berkshireweb.com/quakers/index.html

Boston Area Evangelical Hispanic Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region
Location: contact pastor for directions

Mailing address:71 Chestnut St, Everett, MA 02149Worship:Saturday 7–9:30 pm & Sunday 3–6 pmMeeting Web Page:www.institutoalma.org/directorio/Boston.htm

Pastor: Pedro y Daisy Aldana 617-387-1362

Housatonic Friends Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting/Purchase Quarterly Meeting

Location: 300 Danbury Rd, New Milford, CT 06776

Mailing address: Box 43, New Milford, CT 06776

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Meeting Web Page: housatonicmeeting.org/wp/

Phone: 860-355-9330

Newport Evangelical Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church—Eastern Region

Location & Mailing: 70 Bliss Mine Rd, Middletown, RI 02840

Sunday Worship: 9:00 am & 10:45 am **Meeting Web Page:** www.efcnewport.com

Pastor: Paul Hoffman 401-847-1490

Portsmouth Friends Church

Evangelical Friends Church — Eastern Region

Location & Mailing: Rt. 138, Corner of Middle Rd/Hadley St, Portsmouth, RI 02871

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am

Meeting Web Page: www.portsmouthfriends.org

Pastor: Jordan Jacobson 401-683-1109

Wilton Monthly Meeting

New York Yearly Meeting/Purchase Quarterly Meeting
Mailing address: 317 New Canaan Rd, Wilton, CT 06897

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Meeting Web Page: www.wiltonfriends.org

Phone: 203-762-5669

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