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Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Fifth Query, Personal Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, Advices for the Fifth Query

Self-indulgent habits and luxurious living dull our awareness and make us insensitive to the needs of others and the leading of the Spirit. Ostentation and extravagant expenditure should not be a part of Friends' lives. Friends should be particularly aware of this in planning marriages, funerals, social gatherings or public occasions. True simplicity does not consist of particular forms or the absence of grace, symmetry and beauty, but of avoiding over-indulgence, maintaining humility of spirit, and keeping material surroundings in proportion to human needs.

Friends' longstanding testimony against the use, production, or sale of tobacco and alcoholic beverages is not fully accepted by some. For many, however, complete abstinence is the only effective way to avoid the dangers of the use of these materials. Friends are in unity against illegal narcotics and mind-altering substances, now readily available. Use of any of these materials has adverse effects which reach beyond the individual to harm the family and the community; dealing with illegal drugs also supports a criminal underground. Even legitimate prescription drugs can be used inappropriately and excessively. All these usages deaden the individual to life and spiritual values.

For those trapped in substance abuse, such advice may seem hollow. Commonalities exist between addictive behaviors with these substances and other compulsive actions, such as in the areas of eating disorders, gambling, overwork, and physical abuse. The causes go deep and may not be fully understood, but the resulting pain, fear, desperation and denial, damaging the abuser and all those around that person, need to be supportively recognized. A Meeting community should be ready to listen non-judgmentally, offer information about sources of help, refuse to enable people to continue in harmful patterns, and continue to offer an environment free from addictive practices.

We are faced at every hand with enticements to risk money in anticipation of disproportionate gain through gambling. Some governments employ gambling as a means of raising revenue, even presenting it as a civic virtue. The Religious Society of Friends continues to bear testimony against betting, gambling, lotteries, speculations or any other endeavor to receive material gain without equivalent exchange, believing that we owe an honest return for what we receive. Indulgence in games of chance blunts a proper sense of obligation.

How we use our working hours, our leisure and our resources has direct bearing on our spiritual life. Time for recreation is needed to refresh spirit, mind and body. Our use of time may determine whether the Divine Spirit grows within us or is crowded out.

We are called upon to be stewards of the rich provisions which God has made for all creation. As Friends we are advised to consider the effects of our charitable gifts and of all our expenditures, in the light of our concern for the right and fair sharing of the world's resources.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE YOUNG HOMEWOOD FRIENDS!

Sage Craven is graduating from City College this spring and will attend Goucher College, Towson University, or UMBC in the fall.

Ezra Szanton is graduating from “Poly” this spring and will attend Tufts University in the fall. This summer, he will be a counselor at the BYM Camp Opequon (where he went from ages 9-13 and which had a huge formative impact on him).

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TREAT YOURSELF: TRUSTEES FUNDING FOR SUMMER GATHERINGS

Homewood has a fund to support adults who need financial help to attend Quaker gatherings or participate in Quaker education or formation. In the past we have helped members and attenders pay, for instance, for the Friends General Conference annual gathering (this year in Toledo, OH, July 1-July 7), Baltimore Yearly Meeting annual session (in Frederick, MD, July 30-August 5), stays at Pendle Hill Quaker study and retreat center (Wallingford, PA) and events sponsored by Friends United Meeting. A number of people in the Meeting would be glad to share their experience with these gatherings. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page:

<https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

QUAKER CONCERNS ILLUMINATED IN FILMS: FIRST FRIDAY FILM SERIES

Friday, May 4: *STEP*, a documentary directed by Amanda Lipitz, is the story of five girls' high-school step team in their senior year at the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women. As the writers at Wikipedia note, "They learn to laugh, love and thrive – on and off the stage – even when the world seems to work against them. Empowered by their teachers, teammates, counselors, coaches and families, they chase their ultimate dreams: to win a step championship and to be accepted into college. This all female school is reshaping the futures of its students' lives by making it their goal to have every member of their senior class accepted to and graduate from college, many of whom will be the first in their family to do so." To see the preview, go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTgDv2_1RIY&sns=em.

The Working Group for the Arts at Homewood offers this series of films to shed new light on Quaker concerns in today's world. Each first Friday through May there will be a different film beginning at **7:00 p.m. in the Meetinghouse lower level**. Everyone is invited to gather at **5 p.m. for the weekly vigil** on Charles Street and **eat together potluck style from 6-7** before the film. Afterwards the filmmakers or guests will discuss the evening's film.

FRIENDLY 8s IS COMING UP! If you have not signed up yet for this series of intimate potlucks, the signup sheets are in the meeting room. The Outreach Team plans to initiate the meals by the middle or end of May, and the groups will gather monthly for three months. Friendly 8s is a great way to get to know others in the Meeting.

HYMN SINGING: May 6 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. All are welcome.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, May 6, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS (YAF) POTLUCKS: We are meeting on **the first Sunday of the month at about 6:30** with rotating hosts. Contact Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) or Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) for more information.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: No book club in May; the next meeting will be on June 10. Come with suggestions for the upcoming year. We will also discuss a short reading that Richey Sharrett suggested (to be distributed in advance).

POTLUCK LUNCH AFTER MEETING: Sunday, May 13. Strawberries from the farmer's market, perhaps?

PRAYER GROUP FOR ISIS: Sunday, May 13, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library. Inspired by a letter from Richard Taylor in *Friends' Journal* (3/2016) in which he wrote, "What would happen if the adherents of ISIS saw, all across the United States, thousands of people gathering in groups to pray for them?", we meet for worship to hold in the Light those active in or attracted to ISIS. This includes over one hundred who have been captured in the U.S. We meet for about 30 minutes on the 2nd First day in

the library of Homewood Friends Meeting. All those who believe in the power of the Light at a distance are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Stan Becker at 410-366-6923 or sbecker2@jhu.edu.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

May 6: Quaker History lesson with Giovanna.

May 13: Service Project with John.

May 20: Quaker History lesson with Giovanna.

May 27: Art with Chris Rutkowski.

Second Adult volunteers are needed for May 13, 20, and 27. Please contact John McKusick if you can help (john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net or 410-830-9225).

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT, Sunday, May 27, 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE, Sunday, May 27, 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

QUAKER RECOVERY GROUP, last Wednesday of each month at Homewood, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Have a hurt, habit, or hang up? Are you in a twelve step or other recovery program and want to bring together your Quaker faith and practice with your recovery? Working on those steps involving ol' HP? Looking to fellowship with other Friends like you? You're invited to a new fellowship of recovering Quakers at our meetinghouse. Presently, the format is reading and worship sharing (subject to change). For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive (kdolive@hotmail.com) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, May 30.**

PEACE VIGIL: Every Friday, 5-6 p.m. Since 9/11/2001, we have held a vigil for peace every Friday evening. Join in at any time during the hour. The current focus is on "**BLACK LIVES MATTER**" and "**We Are All One People.**"

COURT OBSERVATION every Thursday and Friday, 10:30 a.m. Observe Baltimore City district court in action. Join the carpool that leaves from Stony Run. For more information, contact Kathryn Munnell (kathryn_munnell@hotmail.com).

FIRST DAY SCHOOL TRIP TO ADELPHI MEETING ON APRIL 8

First Day School trips used to be a springtime tradition for Homewood children. Jody Hopkins led us to Easton, Nottingham, Goose Creek, Philadelphia Arch Street and others. We rode together in a big rented van singing and macrameing along the way.

This spring, we visited Adelphi Meeting where Giovanna Selvaggio, our teacher, grew up. Gio was greeted and hugged by many people there who had helped raise her and who don't get to see her much since she settled in Baltimore.

Adelphi is only an hour away, near College Park. The little brick meetinghouse was built in 1959 on a farm property that a member of a Meeting in DC on Irvington Street bought when that Meeting was thinking of relocating. Next door to the meetinghouse is a white clapboard farmhouse occupied by the tenant/caretaker, and it offers classroom space to the Meeting.

The meeting room was full - about 55 people - and the dining room was quite crowded so the Meeting is figuring out how to expand! Lots of windows let in bright sunlight and views of white blossoming pear trees. *Megan Shook*

AT ADELPHI MEETING



FUN AT CAMP CATOCTIN ON APRIL 14





All photos by Megan Shook

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM: “GOAT NOAT” FOR MAY

GOAT is taking a month off from GOAT Noat. See you in June!

Committee members: Polly Heninger (clerk), Carol Beck, Gary Gillespie, Cathleen Hanson, John McKusick, and Stephan Rogers. (This is an open committee - please join us!)

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient for May is **Doctors Without Borders or Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)**, an international medical non-profit that delivers emergency medical aid to people affected by conflict, epidemics, disasters, or exclusion from health care. MSF is impartial and neutral, and their medical services are open to all wounded people, regardless of their affiliation. They are currently one of the few humanitarian organizations working in Yemen, where constant fighting since 2015 has had a devastating effect on the nation’s health system. As the conflict intensified, emergency rooms and operating theaters have overflowed with wounded patients from bullets, shrapnel, and landmines. United States military policy and weaponry contribute to the horrific conditions in Yemen. MSF hospital staff have worked tirelessly to stabilize the wounded amidst scenes of despair painful to describe. Despite shortages in blood donations and body bags that highlight the harsh reality, MSF remains committed to working in Yemen and serving this population in need. Please join us in supporting their work. *Please consider making a regular Wicker Basket contribution. Recipients are chosen by the Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee (BQPJC), which meets on the fourth Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome to attend.* Find BQPJC on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/BQPJC>.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are needed and gratefully accepted; they support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. It is very helpful for contributors to make arrangements for their banks to send regular checks. This regularity provides the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. *Please make checks payable to “Homewood Friends Meeting.”*

SIMPLE LUNCH: Everyone is welcome to lunch after Meeting for Worship; there is no charge. Friends are welcome to bring food but please bring enough for everyone. **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the dining room if you can provide simple lunch for a day of your choosing.** Remember to bring food for potluck Sundays (2nd Sunday of each month) - but join us even if you forget.

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

SINGING FOR EVERYONE, Sunday, May 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. We will gather at the home of Judy Davidoff, 6213 Sareva Dr., Baltimore 21209 (Mt. Washington area), phone 410-484-3246. Bring a copy of *Rise Up Singing* if you have one.

BYM PEACE AND SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE NETWORKING DAY, May 12 (rescheduled from March 24), Friends Meeting School (Ijamsville, MD).

Based on last year’s survey & other suggestions from Monthly Meetings, Networking Day will offer an opportunity for folks from various BYM Meetings to meet and exchange ideas and resources about each other’s successful Peace & Social Concerns programs. We also will offer four, practical 90-minute workshops for your most popular topics--two in the a.m. (A) and two in the p.m. (B), each led by Friends with experience in these areas:

A) How Friends can speak to polarization & racism in our communities

B) Strategies for addressing homelessness, reentry & poverty – shelters, “open tables” & more

C) Immigrants, refugees & sanctuary in our midst (update - new resources)

D) Issues and outreach: Peace festivals, death-with-dignity, LGBT, animal rights, healthcare under Trump

Workshop sessions will begin at 11 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. During breakfast/arrival time at 9:30 a.m.,

Friends will be encouraged to mingle and share info. about specific programs/activities of our own Meetings. Coffee, bagels & pastries will be provided; lunch (wraps, salad, chips, drinks) will be provided at noon. Vegetarian/vegan treats may be included both times. **Donations are welcome, but not required**, to assist with our Networking Day costs (est. \$14 per person).

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: *Please let us know by reply email-a) participant name(s), b) email(s), c) Meeting for each participant, and d) which two workshops you prefer to attend. (NOTE: If you are interested in more than two workshops, but cannot attend them all, we will have extra copies of resource materials that you may take with you back to your Meeting.) Also, please tell us if you need child care or have any other special needs.*

JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE, May 4 - 6, Opequon Quaker Camp (Brucetown, VA). Junior Young Friends should plan to begin arriving at 7:00pm on Friday. For information, check the Young Friends website (http://bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/jyfs/jyfcon.html) or contact Jocelyn Dowling, (301-774-7663) Please remember that the deadline to register and be guaranteed a slot is one week before the conference (April 27). Any one registering after that date will be placed on a waiting list and may not be able to attend.

QUAKER SPRING MARKET, May 5, Annapolis Friends Meeting (Annapolis, MD). Join Annapolis Friends for their annual fundraiser with plants, baked goods, soups, handmade Afghan jewelry and rugs, and a wide variety of household goods for sale. Proceeds will benefit the Annapolis Immigration Justice Network, Dig Deep, Parachutes for the Planet, and the International Center for Religion and Diplomacy. The Spring Market begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00. For more information, contact Cairn Krafft (410-257-2379).

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND, May 18 – 20, Catoctin Quaker Camp (Thurmont, MD). If you couldn't make Homewood's Catoctin trip last month, perhaps you can go this weekend! Family Camp Weekends at Baltimore Yearly Meeting Camp Properties offer us all a chance to enjoy our beautiful camps. Individuals and families are invited to enjoy the camps for a day or for the weekend. In store are lots of fun activities as well as work projects. We will savor meals together, have time to explore, and even spend time around a campfire in the evening. Participants are asked to contribute according to their ability – \$25-50 per person. For additional information or to register please contact David Hunter, Camp Property Manager (301-774-7663 or davidhunter@bym-rsf.org). For more information, go to bymcamps.org/programs/family-camp-weekends/.

AT STONY RUN:

BREAKFAST WITH FRIENDS JOURNAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, GABRIEL EHRI,
Sunday, May 6, 9:00 a.m. Learn how *Friends Journal* is growing the audience for Quakerism, using video to nurture and educate new generations of seekers, and standing up for Quaker values in a changing world. RSVP by April 29 at 215-563-8629 or at friendsjournal.org/events.

PROGRAMMED WORSHIP, May 13, 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to worship with Kenyan and Evangelical/ Orthodox Quakers from the Baltimore area. This Meeting for Worship is under the care of Stony Run Friends but operates with its own Committee of Care, monthly on the second First day of the month. Kenyan Friends seeking a Kenyan Meeting are warmly invited. Social hour at the rise of Meeting, approximately 4 p.m. Please contact Sujata Massey, sujatamassey@mac.com, or Gilbert Imbayi, gilbert.imbati@gmail.com for more information.

WHAT HAVE WE DONE: THE MORAL INJURY OF OUR LONGEST WARS, May 14, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Bethesda-Chevy Chase Service Center (Bethesda, MD).

Most Americans are now familiar with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). In this groundbreaking new book, journalist David Wood examines the far more pervasive, yet less understood, experience of those we send to war: moral injury. Moral Injury is the violation of our fundamental values of right and wrong that so often occurs in the impossible moral dilemmas of modern conflict. Featuring portraits of combat veterans, leading mental health researchers, and the young Americans deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan, *What Have We Done* offers an unflinching look at war and those who volunteer for it: the thrill and pride in service and, too often, the scars of moral injury. In 2017, *What Have We Done* won the Dayton Literary Peace Prize for non-fiction. David Wood, a veteran war reporter, won the 2013 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting on wounded warriors. A birthright Quaker and raised as a pacifist, Wood has spent more than 30 years covering conflicts around the world, most recently in extended deployments embedded with U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. This presentation is sponsored by Bethesda Friends Meeting.

YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE, May 25 – 27, Hopewell Centre Monthly Meeting

(Winchester, VA). Young Friends should plan to begin arriving at 7:00 p.m. on Friday. For information, check the Young Friends website (www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/yfs/yfcon.html) or contact Jocelyn Dowling (301-774-7663). Remember that the deadline to register at the discounted rate and be guaranteed a slot is two weeks before the conference (May 11). Any one registering after that date may be placed on a waiting list.

HOLD THE DATE: QUARTERLY MEETING ON JUNE 10, 10:00 a.m. (worship) to ~ 2:30 p.m., Gunpowder Friends Meeting.

Topic for Discernment: *What is Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting For?*

Dear Friends --

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (CQM) met on March 11th at Stony Run to answer the radical question -- *Should we continue? The 33 persons who were in attendance answered YES!*

The recurring theme in the sharing about Quarterly Meeting was that CQM provides an opportunity to connect with other Quakers beyond the monthly meeting.....and that, as we move forward, providing opportunities for Quakers to connect with each other should be the focus.

It was also clear that Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting consists of its Monthly Meeting constituents, and it is up to each of our 8 Meetings to discern the question about whether or not to retain membership in the Quarter. We decided that at our upcoming meeting on June 10th at Gunpowder that we will continue our discernment on "*What is Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting For?*" A small group was formed to thresh ideas for the role of CQM and any recommended structural changes and to bring those ideas to the June 10 meeting.

Another decision at the 3/11 Meeting was to accept the nomination of Janet Abrams (Homewood) to serve as co-clerk. Sarah Bur will continue serving as co-clerk for the next year.

With love,

Janet Abrams & Sarah Bur

Co-Clerks, Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting, <http://chesapeake.bym-rsf.net>, ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE (Washington, DC)

For nearly a decade, William Penn House has been involved in supporting the communities of Pine Ridge in South Dakota, and we are very excited to return again this year! We'll be bringing a group of youth and adults (ages 14 and up) for a transformative two weeks of working, camping, listening and learning about Oglala Lakota culture and customs, and **we hope that you can join us!** Please share this opportunity with anyone you know who might be interested. See our website (Pine Ridge Workcamp) for more information. Click here to let us know you are interested with our online interest form.

AT PENDLE HILL (WALLINGFORD, PA)

There are many events coming up at Pendle Hill; check them out at <https://pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>.

FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC):

The 2018 Gathering is fast approaching. With our theme of **The Power of Truth**, the Gathering will offer compelling speakers and workshops. It holds the potential for deep worship, close fellowship and complex ideas that we can explore together. **Come join us at the University of Toledo July 1-7, 2018!** For more information, go to <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>.

BYM CAMPING PROGRAM: Get ready for summer! Catoctin, Opequon, Shiloh, Teen Adventure.... So many choices, so little time. Go to <https://bymcamps.org/> for more information about the camps. **Registration is open** for both returning and new campers.

→ Yes, you can apply for a grant from Trustees to help cover the camping fees.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING ANNUAL SESSION 2018 will be from July 30 to August 5 Hood College - Frederick, Maryland. See <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/>. Registration has not yet begun.

ANNUAL SESSION SCHEDULE CHANGES: PROGRAM COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR PERSPECTIVE. The Program Committee seeks your help to explore possible changes to the schedule of Baltimore Yearly Meeting Annual Session that would make it work better for all of us. At Interim Meeting in Charlottesville on March 17th, we began a conversation with Friends about what they value most about Annual Session. The committee wants to understand what draws Friends to Annual Session or keeps them from coming and why many Friends leave on Saturday, even though Annual Session continues through lunch on Sunday. Please join this conversation by taking a very brief online survey and inviting others to take it at <https://goo.gl/3tAHyJ>.

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

Witness Wednesdays continue. On Wednesday mornings, there is grassroots lobby training. On Wednesday evenings, stop by to enjoy silent reflection. For more information, go to <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/witness-wednesdays-1161>.

AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE (AFSC)

AFSC just announced an exciting job opportunity for Associate General Secretary for Advancement. The post-holder will lead both communications and development work. They are also seeking to fill the Director for Planning and Evaluation (deadline approaching) and the Regional Director for Latin America (based in Latin America) positions. For more information, go to <https://www.afsc.org/job-center>.

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION (FWCC):

The Central Executive Committee (CEC) of the Friends World Committee for Consultation expects to meet next from **29 April to 4 May 2018 at Moyallon, Northern Ireland, UK.**

The agenda includes:

- Further consideration of the 2016 minute on Sustainability, and the work of the new Sustainability Communications Officer;
- Further consideration of FWCC's commitment to overcoming historical patterns of colonialism and inequality (including racism);
- Further consideration of how to enhance fundraising throughout the organization;
- Implementation planning for grant-making for youth programs, as agreed to in 2017;
- Selecting a venue for the next World Plenary, which has been agreed to take place in 2023.

The CEC is particularly keen to receive invitations and recommendations for venues for the next World Plenary. This should be a site with a capacity of 500-900 persons, reasonably accessible to international air travel, and with a strong local group of Friends willing to serve as a local arrangements committee.

It is customary not to hold successive Plenaries in the same Section; the 2016 Plenary was in Peru, Section of the Americas. Formal invitations come from yearly meetings and equivalent Friends' groups; informal suggestions and recommendations are also welcome and staff will follow up.

THINKING ABOUT RACE (MAY 2018): Howard Thurman, *Jesus and the Disinherited*

Thurman's book *Jesus and the Disinherited*, first published in 1949, has chapters entitled "Fear," "Deception," and "Hate," which he calls "the three hell-hounds..." This segment, from "Fear," resonates today:

"It is instructive to inquire into the effects of fear on the disadvantaged. Fear becomes acute, in the form of panic or rage, only at the moment when what has been threat becomes actual violence; but the mere anticipation of such an encounter is overwhelming simply because the odds are basically uneven. This fact is important to hold in mind. The disadvantaged man knows that in any conflict he must deal not only with the particular individual involved but also with the entire group, then or later. Even recourse to the arbitration of law tends to be avoided because of the fear that the interpretations of law will be biased on the side of the dominant group. The result is the dodging of all encounters. The effect is nothing short of disaster in the organism; for, studies show, fear actually causes chemical changes in the body, affecting the blood stream and the muscular reactions, preparing the body either for fight or for flight. If flight is resorted to, it merely serves as an incentive to one's opponent to track down and overpower. Furthermore, not to fight back at the moment of descending violence is to be a coward, and to be deeply and profoundly humiliated in one's own estimation and in that of one's friends and family" (35).

This column is prepared by the BYM Working Group on Racism (WGR) and sent to the designated liaison at each Monthly and Preparative Meeting. The BYM WGR meets most months on the third Saturday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Locations vary to allow access to more Friends. If you would like to attend, on a regular or a drop-in basis, contact clerk David Etheridge, david.etheridge@verizon.net.

The Baltimore-Area Working Group on Racism usually meets 7 – 9 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Stony Run dining room, except in July and August. We consider issues around racial justice, share personal experiences, and plan and host special events. All are welcome to attend, on a regular or drop-in basis.

Schedule of Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:30 a.m. Homewood Meeting House (downstairs in summer)
Every Tuesday	11:30 a.m. at <u>Sheppard Pratt campus Meeting House</u> (under the care of Stony Run Friends Meeting)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House <u>MAY'S BUSINESS MEETING</u> will be on May 6.

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:15 p.m.
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	3rd Sundays at 9:15 a.m. in the Library; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.366.8360
Hospitality—OPEN	As called ; contact <u>Ned Worth</u> , 443.600.9380
House & Grounds—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., contact <u>Charlie Neill</u> , 410.323-8504
Library—OPEN	2nd Sundays at 1:00 p.m. in the Library; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.366.8360
Baltimore Quaker Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	4th Sundays at 8:45 a.m., alternates between Homewood (odd months) & Stony Run.; contact <u>Barbara Bezdek</u> , 410.377.4205
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays ; contact <u>Ann Walker Kennedy</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	Dates vary ; contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.377.2797
Trustees	3rd Mondays ; contact <u>Bess Keller</u> , 410.889.3176

These are the regularly scheduled meeting times for each committee or group. Changes and special meeting times will be announced and/or committee members will be notified (see calendar at homewoodfriends.org). Location is at the Meeting House unless noted. Committees so marked are OPEN to guests; contact the committee clerk if you'd like to attend.