

Sixth Month (June) 2018

# Homewood Friends Meeting

## *Newsletter*

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### ***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, the Sixth Query, **Home and Family****

Do you make your home a place of affection where God's presence is felt? Do you practice family prayer? Do you share your deepest beliefs and interests with all in the family? Do you grow together through sharing prosperity and adversity? Can you keep a sense of humor and avoid taking yourself too seriously? Do you establish family standards including the mutual obligations of children and adults?

Are you as children learning to be accountable for your own actions? Do you as parents help your children to grow in independence and responsibility? Do you consider the needs of grandparents and older members of the family circle?

### ***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, Advices for the Sixth Query**

Friends have a loving concern for the varieties of supportive relationships that exist. ...We recognize that there are many kinds of domestic living situations in which individuals have made long-term commitments to each other and in which a caring, sharing, supportive relationship can grow. We are all called to make our primary relationships responsible, loving, mutually enabling, and spiritually enriching.

The efforts of making a home should be shared with tender regard for the needs and abilities of all members and appreciation for their unique contributions. As we strive to create the peaceable kingdom at home we need to be particularly careful about anger and its expression. Stressful situations should be addressed openly and lovingly. Anger is an index of our discontent that needs to be heeded and carefully channeled. We should find the difficult middle way between uncontrolled anger, which erupts in violence and oppression, and suppressed anger, which may result in silencing individuals to avoid confrontations, ultimately amounting to a greater violence to all involved. Meetings can help by being open and supportive to victims of anger and abuse as they seek healing even though it may lead through emotional chaos.

Meetings should be aware of situational stresses some families must deal with. Such stresses may arise in any household, but especially where children have only one parent, all the adults work outside the home, families contain members of different faiths, or the household includes ill or infirm elderly

members. These families, as well as others in our midst whose members have special needs because of physical or mental illness, developmental disability or handicap, may require extra loving support and sensitivity to their needs.

We need to be mindful of those who, for any reason, live alone. While such individuals often live rich, full lives and contribute much to others, they need to be particularly included in all aspects of the Meeting, for frequently the Meeting is their family. Times and places should be provided for them to find and know each other. Single young adults need reassurance as they make life choices, which may run counter to parental or societal pressures. We also need to be aware of circumstances such as illness or unusual stress, in which those living alone may require assistance or companionship. ...

Finally, Friends should be particularly mindful of the needs of children who are experiencing pain or loss. A Meeting can provide care and understanding, acting as an extended family. Not only are we brothers and sisters in the spirit, but we may be beloved aunts and uncles of all the children in the Meeting. The resilience of the Meeting as a nurturing community encompassing many generations supports each of us throughout the many stages of our lives.

*We thank God, then, for the pleasures, joys and triumphs of marriage; for the cups of tea we bring each other, and the seedlings in the garden frame; for the domestic drama of meetings and partings, sickness and recovery; for the grace of occasional extravagance, flowers on birthdays and unexpected presents; for talk at evenings of the events of the day; for the ecstasy of caresses; for gay mockery of each other's follies; for plans and projects, fun and struggle; praying that we may neither neglect nor undervalue these things, nor be tempted to think of them as self-contained and self-sufficient. - London Yearly Meeting, 1959*

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### **TRUSTEES FUNDING TO ATTEND QUAKER EVENTS**

**Trustees Committee** has funds to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. 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. Members and regular attenders may apply at any time, and may be given at maximum one grant per calendar year. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

### ***CONGRATULATIONS TO...***

**Rory Kennison**, who graduated from Haverford College this spring and hopes to teach in an arts program in the public schools; and to **Isabel Blalock**, who graduated from Brown University with a degree in Public Health. She will be pursuing her Master's in Public Health at Brown in the fall.

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD***

### **FIRST DAY SCHOOL**

First Day School wraps up for the children on June 3rd and will resume for the 2018-19 year on September 16th. **During the summer months from June 10th to September 9th, the Religious Education Committee coordinates an informal program for the children until 11:45 a.m.** to enable parents to attend Meeting for Worship and to nurture the connection of the kids to the Meeting. **The Committee is seeking adult volunteers who would like to get to know the children better and who would facilitate an experience for the children.** That experience can be anything from indoor games to an art or craft project to a nature walk to outdoor games. If you are willing and able to facilitate or co-facilitate the program for one or two Sundays, please contact John McKusick (john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net or 410-830-9225). Interested but need to know more? Feel free to contact John or Susie Higgins or Megan Shook.

**HYMN SINGING: June 3 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room,** led by Dave Sydlik. All are welcome.

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL PUPPET SHOW: Sunday, June 3, at the rise of meeting.** The First Day School is finishing the school year of learning about Quaker leaders (historical and contemporary) by preparing a puppet show depicting some of those leaders.

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, June 3, 12:30 p.m. in the dining 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 Munoz (301-703-0522) for more information.

**QUAKER BOOK CLUB: QBC is suspended until September (no June meeting).** There will be more information later in the summer.

**POTLUCK LUNCH AFTER MEETING: Sunday, June 10.**

**HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE: Sunday, June 10, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library.** Transforming of the "Prayer group for ISIS" to a group "Holding in the Light people touched by murder in Baltimore." The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue with 2-3 names of persons and brief biographies given into the silence sequentially in three groups: a) Names of those murdered in Baltimore and we hold family and friends in the Light; b) Names of persons arrested or convicted and in prison for murder; c) Unnamed persons touched by violence in Baltimore. We will continue to meet on 2<sup>nd</sup> First day at 12:30 to 13:00 in the library. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.

**BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE PUBLIC MEETING, June 12, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the dining room.** Homewood Friends Meeting will host a Baltimore Ceasefire Public Meeting to share information and plan for the upcoming August 3-5 Ceasefire Weekend. Please enter at the side porch door; the meeting will be downstairs in the Dining Room. All are welcome. Feel free to contribute light refreshments. Go to <http://www.baltimoreceasefire.com> for more info.

**BALTIMORE PRIDE PARADE, Saturday, June 16, 1-3 p.m.** All Homewood Friends are invited to join in our celebration of this year's Baltimore Pride Parade. Whether you consider yourself to be LGBTQ or an ally, your presence will be most welcome. As of now the parade is scheduled to run from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., but the exact times are subject to change. Watch the announcements for updates.

The Working Group on Outreach is planning for two ways to participate:

1. Some of us will march in the parade, with a banner for Homewood Friends Meeting. We will be joining a larger group from the Faith Communities of Baltimore with Pride.
2. We will have a second group on the steps of the meetinghouse, also with a banner for our Meeting. The parade route this year goes directly in front of our meetinghouse. It starts at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street and goes south on Charles Street to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

We won't have the information about where to line up for the parade marchers for another week. If you are interested in marching, please let Cathleen Hanson (hanson.cathleen@gmail.com, 410-598-6275) or Janet Abrams (jmabrams1@gmail.com, 443-980-1615) know. Please give them your email and your phone number so that you can receive updates. (If you don't text please let them know.) Access to the meetinghouse will not be as easy as it usually is, as Charles Street will be blocked, and close parking may be hard to find.

Please consider joining us. We want everyone in the incredibly diverse LGBTQ community to see that we are a welcoming faith community. This is a wonderful opportunity to reach out to people who may have felt marginalized or condemned by their faith traditions, and who may be seeking a spiritual home like ours.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT, Sunday, June 24, 9:15 a.m. in the library**, led by Susan Russell Walters.

### **QUAKER RECOVERY GROUP**

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). **Last Wednesday of each month. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive ([kdolive@hotmail.com](mailto:kdolive@hotmail.com)) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, June 27.**

**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**: The Joint Peace and Social Justice Committee is beginning a new court watch study that will focus on women's bail. Kimberly Haven writes, "The Women's Justice Consortium and their community partners are launching a unique court watch project and invite you to participate. Beginning in early June and ending in October, this project will focus on observing bail reviews at the Hargrove District Court.

"The goal of the project is to explore current bail practices on women defendants to assess the negative and deep impact of both the imposition of cash bail and Held Without Bond determinations on the individual, family and community. Cases will tracked from bail review to case disposition. At the end

of this project period, we will generate a final report that will use the data and anecdotal information collected for future bail reform and/or project opportunities.

“We will be conducting trainings for volunteer observers beginning the first week of June. Additional trainings will also be scheduled for July and August. To volunteer as an observer, we ask that you commit to observing at least 2 bail reviews each month. The bail reviews usually last about an hour and are scheduled at the Hargrove District Court every Monday through Friday and begin at 1:00.”

If interested in participating, please contact Kimberly Haven at [kimberlyhaven@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlyhaven@gmail.com). You can also contact Kathryn Munnell ([kathryn\\_munnell@hotmail.com](mailto:kathryn_munnell@hotmail.com)).

### **GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:**

#### **“GOAT NOAT” FOR JUNE by Cathy Hanson and Stephan Rogers**

The Homewood Friends Meeting House was a stop on recent inspirational bus tours with Interfaith Partners for the Chesapeake One Water Partnership. Why? To look at Homewood’s solar panels (photovoltaic array).

And the Meeting House isn’t the only building with a solar array.

Just this spring, we (Cathy and Stephan) had solar panels installed.

Currently, the solar electric installations that are offered typically require you to choose between **1.** being able to "net meter" or back-feed the grid (which means selling surplus power back to the utility company) or **2.** being able to use your system during a power outage. These net-metering systems are designed to shut down when there is a power outage so that line repair staff are protected from power unexpectedly flowing back to the utility (back-feeding) from buildings that produce their own power. If you want to be able to use your solar system any time, even during a power outage, current installation practices require that your system be set up so that it will not back-feed, and surplus power needs be stored on-site for later use.

We opted for a system that allows us to have back-up power from our photovoltaic (PV) array during grid outages as well as when the grid is available, even though it meant forfeiting having net-metering capability. The most practical way to arrange that was to install a battery bank along with the PV array, which permits use of stored solar-generated electricity when sunlight isn't available.

Eventually it will be commonplace to be able to do both: sell surplus power to the grid when the grid is available AND use the power created by your system when the grid isn't available. This kind of installation is possible now, but is mostly considered a special custom design and is expensive.

We have a 5.58kW PV array, a hybrid inverter-charger with capacity to supply 5kW of power continuously (about 10kW surge), and a 10kWh lithium iron phosphate battery. This system is unique in that **1.** the most common type of residential installation is one that creates power to supply the household and sends any surplus back to the grid, whereas ours doesn't back-feed the grid and **2.** in installations that do include a battery bank, two or three separate components are usually needed to manage the power created by the PV array and balance the distribution of power between house loads and battery charging whereas the unit we have consolidates these functions in one component.

We don't use much electricity (usually between 8 and 11 kWh per day during temperate months) so this system offsets our daytime power requirements pretty effectively, and the battery will support our typical overnight needs.

Other people from Homewood have installed residential solar power systems. Many of them are happy to speak with you about the options they chose. To learn more, talk to Stan Becker, Fannie Fonseca-Becker, Rachael Neill, Charlie Neill, Sarah Bur, Gary Gillespie - or talk to us, Cathy Hanson and Stephan Rogers.

**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 June is **Youth Skills Partnership (YSP)**, which offers job training to students, ages 13 - 19, from the area where Freddie Gray lived. Three times a year YSP provides a free 12-week job readiness program for 15 Baltimore City youth ages 13 to 19 years old. YSP is unique in infusing job skills with arts workshops and social justice leadership trainings. Youth develop a broad range of hard and soft skills that, in addition to resumes, interviewing, and career exploration, also include advocacy, creative expression, problem-solving, manual dexterity, and computer competences. YSP is also unique in giving youth the opportunity to earn Youth Employment & Educational Support (YES) Funds. YES Funds are then used to place youth in actual short-term job internships to gain real world experience and success.

*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***

Participants enjoyed a sunny afternoon of fun at the **STRIDE Community Picnic and Orientation Hike on Sunday, May 20th**. Megan Shook took this photo of Kayla, Ava, and Destiny, who are going to Opequon this summer:



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**FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND, June 1-3, Opequon Quaker Camp (Brucetown, VA).** 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 camp fire 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/](http://bymcamps.org/programs/family-camp-weekends/).

**SINGING FOR EVERYONE, Sunday, June 3, 7 - 9 p.m.** We will gather at Erin's home: 1520 W Mt Royal Avenue (service road for the main Mt Royal). She writes, "The only thing about our house is that there are a lot of stairs involved -- our apartment is on the 2nd and 3rd floor of a row house (living room on 2nd floor, bathroom on 3rd floor). ... [W]e have a good size living room, plenty of chairs, free and plentiful parking on our street on the weekends, and one friendly cat :)." Bring a copy of *Rise Up Singing* if you have one.

**SIXTH MONTH INTERIM MEETING, Saturday, June 9, Frederick Friends Meeting (Frederick, MD).** Be a part of important decision making. Join Friends for morning committee meetings and the afternoon's Interim Business Meeting. **Friends will begin gathering at 10:00 a.m. Committee meetings will begin at 10:30.** The agenda for Sixth Month Interim Meeting is being prepared. If you have any items that you wish to have included, please contact Marcy Seitel, clerk of Interim Meeting, by Friday, June 1. Please RSVP if you are attending, so that the hosts may properly plan for committee spaces and how much food to make for lunch and dinner. Check the Yearly

Meeting website for more information and registration forms: <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/sixth18.html>.

### **AT STONY RUN:**

- **PROGRAMMED WORSHIP, June 10, 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](mailto:sujatamassey@mac.com), or Gilbert Imbayi, [gilbert.imbati@gmail.com](mailto:gilbert.imbati@gmail.com) for more information.
- **COOPERATIVE FUNDRAISING AND ADVOCACY POTLUCK SUPPER MEETING, Sunday, June 10, 5 - 8 p.m.** We will discuss how to continue to support McKim, Unified Efforts, and the Kamenge Clinic in Burundi.

### **QUARTERLY MEETING, June 10, Gunpowder Friends Meeting.**

**Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting (CQM)** is all about relationships. Quakers from the meetings of Central Maryland come together to learn from each other and become friends. We are in a process of rediscovery of Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting. Come join us for dialogue and fellowship at the beautiful Gunpowder Friends Meeting.

#### **Agenda:**

#### **10:00 Worship**

#### **11:15 Dialogue: The Spiritual State of our Meetings**

*What in your Meetings gives Light and energy? What could be better?*

#### **12:15 Lunch** (provided by Gunpowder)

#### **1:15 Meeting for Business: *What is Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting for?***

-----Revised Statement of Purpose for CQM

-----Formation of a "Nuts & Bolts" Committee

-----Central Maryland Ecumenical Committee representative nomination

-----Next meeting dates

#### **2:30 ADJOURN**

Janet Abrams & Sarah Bur

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

[ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com](mailto:ChesapeakeQM@gmail.com)

### **DAYSPRING SILENT RETREAT, June 15 – 17, 2018, Dayspring Retreat Center, 22301 Neelsville Church Rd., Germantown, MD 20876.**

Is your spirit in need of nourishment and refreshment? Come to the Dayspring Silent Retreat for Baltimore Yearly Meeting Friends. We will keep the silence from Friday evening through worship on Sunday, enjoying the beauty of God's creation, reading, walking, resting, finding our own rhythms, listening for the Still Small Voice. **Registration deadline is June 8.** Cost is \$220; the fee covers a single room, 6 vegetarian meals, bed linens, blankets, towels and washcloth, meadows, ponds, woods, wildlife.....Sponsored by Annapolis Friends Meeting. For more information, contact Jean Christianson at 410-544-1912 or e-mail [jschristianson@gmail.com](mailto:jschristianson@gmail.com).



**INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE DAY EVENT, June 20, Sandy Spring Museum (Sandy Spring, MD).** We join others on this day to commemorate the strengths, courage and resilience of those displaced from their homes. The estimated 65.6 million refugees worldwide make this the highest level ever on record, according to the UN Refugee Agency. Meet the artists of the exhibit *Uprooted: The Art of Refugees*. Hear the voices and stories of some of our new neighbors. Live music and refreshments. Donation requested. Speakers from CASA de Maryland ( [www.casademaryland.org](http://www.casademaryland.org)), Lutheran Social Services ([www.lssnca.org](http://www.lssnca.org)) and others. All ages welcome. For more information, go to [bettehoover@icloud.com](mailto:bettehoover@icloud.com).

**FRIENDS GENERAL CONFERENCE (FGC) 2018 GATHERING: July 1-7, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH.** With the 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. For more information, go to <https://www.fgcquaker.org/connect/gathering>.

**BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING: Annual Session 2018, July 30 – August 5, Hood College (Frederick, MD).** Some of us come to feel at home with Friends through worship first, some through social activism, and some through community. As we continue on our path with Friends, we inevitably encounter the other two and perhaps integrate all three into our Quaker experience. What has your experience been? Have you discovered how all three of these interact with each other as essential elements of the Quaker way? Join us at Annual Session this year to share in our exploration of this question. This year, the theme of our Annual Session is *Radical Listening, Rooted in Love*. Through an exciting variety of plenaries, workshops, interest groups, Junior Yearly Meeting; through fellowship at meals, worship sharing, and other times; and also through our business sessions, we will have an opportunity to live out all three of these core elements of our faith. **Registration is now open.** Go to [www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/](http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/annualsession/) for all of the information and online registration. **Register by June 25 to get the lower rates!**

→**FIRST TIME ATTENDER AWARDS** are available to send three First Time Attenders to Annual Session 2018 for two days at no cost (recipients are entitled to up to two free days and nights at the early registration adult occupancy rate). The awards are also available to those who haven't attended in over 10 years. BYM encourages everyone to stay more than two days, but to do so the costs for the additional days will have to be paid for. → You can ask Trustees for additional funding. If you are interested in receiving an award, please notify the office or Clerk George Amoss.

#### **AT PENDLE HILL (WALLINGFORD, PA)**

- An amazing array of spiritually-grounded organizer-activists will facilitate *Radical Faithfulness in Action*, an online, on-campus program in resilient grassroots organizing and radical faithfulness, with three campus residencies (**June 28-July 1, August 16-19, and October 25-28, 2018**). **Apply by May 28** to secure one of the limited spaces available. Financial assistance available.
- **June 4** – Openly transgender Quaker human rights activist and international development specialist **Chloe Scwenke** delivers First Monday lecture on *Liberation Begins with Being There*, **7:30-9:00 p.m.** in the **Barn**. Chloe will be signing copies of her new book, *SELF-ish: a transgender awakening*. Free and open to the public. [Register online for livestreaming](#).

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

**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.

**PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING** has posted three job openings: Director of Human Resources and Inclusion, Associate Secretary for Advancement, and Relationship and Community Engagement Coordinator. They are seeking the widest, deepest applicant pool possible for these positions. You can see the full job postings online. If you have any questions please contact PYM's Human Relations staff person, Eileen Cross ([HR@pym.org](mailto:HR@pym.org)).

## ***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 has a number of interesting blogs about its initiatives on its website. Mary Zerkel's, dated May 21, 2018 and entitled "Young People Aren't Interested in Being Scared," is one of many. She begins, "Umaymah Mohammad and Ahmed Abbas work on AFSC's Communities Against Islamophobia (CAI) project in Indianapolis as recipients of the Jane Brown McLeod Internship. As coordinator of CAI, I've been impressed with their work to train allies to recognize and counter anti-Muslim racism. Last fall, Umaymah and Ahmed began offering trainings on political education within the Muslim community in response to requests from Muslim-led organizations that partner with AFSC.



Since then, they have trained hundreds of members of the Indianapolis Muslim community with their trainings. Now they're forming a group of young Muslims who want to engage the community on anti-Muslim policies and practices, called the Young Muslim Collective. I recently spoke with them about this exciting new direction for their work." To read the rest, go to <https://www.afsc.org/blogs/news-and-commentary/young-people-arent-interested-being-scared>.

## **FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE ON CONSULTATION (FWCC):**



**QUNO**  
Quaker United Nations Office  
Geneva • New York

If you dig into the FWCC website, you will find information on **Quaker United Nations**, a subsidiary group of FWCC. Here is what they have to say: “In the name of FWCC, Friends run the Quaker United Nations Offices (QUNO) in New York and Geneva. These offices consult with members of the UN Secretariat, the representatives of other non-governmental and faith-based organisations and delegates from a variety of countries. Areas to which the offices contribute include human rights, disarmament, the environment, economic justice, trade and development, criminal justice and action on refugees.

*“Rarely advocating specific steps, the Friends Representatives have striven more to awaken UN delegates to the moral dimension of the issues before them.”*

—Herbert Hadley, Quakers World Wide

In New York, QUNO focuses on building coalitions to bring little-noticed conflicts and issues to the attention of the governments at the Security Council and General Assembly. American Friends Service Committee manages the programme with the policy guidance of the Quaker United Nations Committee—New York which is comprised of Friends from the US and each of the four sections of FWCC.” If you want to read more, go to <http://fwcc.world/about-fwcc/quaker-united-nations-work>.

## **FRIENDS UNITED MEETING (FUM) - News from Belize City**

Friends from Great Plains and Western Yearly Meetings recently returned from a mission trip to the Belize City Friends Center. While in Belize City, the group

- finished the showers and the bathroom in the dorm,
- completed the cable wiring, security system, and emergency lighting,
- repainted the roof railing, and
- painted the meetingroom floor.

Adrian Bishop, who, with his wife Rosalie Dance,\* is currently staying at the Friends Center as a Living Letter, wrote in a thank-you note to Friends who had visited, "We are much cleaner for your having wrestled our dust to submission. We are so glad that you came! We wish you Godspeed as your lives unfold and your way opens." \*Adrian and Rosalie are members of Stony Run Meeting.

## **THINKING ABOUT RACE (JUNE 2018): Repairers of the Breach**

“Repairers of the Breach ... seeks to build a moral agenda rooted in a framework that uplifts our deepest moral and constitutional values to redeem the heart and soul of our country. We challenge the position that the preeminent moral issues are prayer in public schools, abortion, and property rights. Instead, we declare that the moral public concerns of our faith traditions are how our society treats the poor, women, LGBTQ people, children, workers, immigrants, communities of color, and the sick. Our deepest moral traditions point to equal protection under the law, the desire for peace within and among nations, the dignity of all people, and the responsibility to care for our common home.”

This mission statement opens the home page at <https://www.breachrepairers.org/>, which also states: “Some issues are not left versus right, but right versus wrong.” The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II is

the president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach. An author, preacher, and professor, he is the chief architect of the "Forward Together Moral Movement," and a founder and leader of the new "Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival," that started on May 14. He will be addressing the Annual Gathering of Friends General Conference on July 5.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 <b><u>JUNE'S BUSINESS MEETING</u></b> will be on June 3.

### *Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings*

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