

Third Month (March) 2019

Homewood Friends Meeting

Newsletter

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Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, the Third Query: **The Meeting Community:*

Are love and harmony within the Meeting community fostered by a spirit of open sharing? Do you endeavor to widen your circle of friendships within the Meeting, seeking to know persons of all ages and at all stages of the spiritual journey? Does the Meeting provide for the spiritual refreshment of all members and attenders? Do Friends provide spiritual and practical care for the elderly, the lonely, and others with special needs?

***Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting*, Advices for the Third Query:**

It is not easy to find community and fellowship in the modern world. Many Friends view relationships within the local Meeting as similar to partial relationships established with people met regularly at work, at play, and in the neighborhood. It is perhaps too much to expect that we all will make the Meeting central to our lives. But unless the Meeting fellowship can be made to speak to something deep in our lives, our Society falls short of fulfilling the true spiritual needs of its members.

Typically Friends come together in meetings for worship from diverse neighborhoods, seeing one another rarely except on First Day or on special occasions. Many Meetings find it helpful to encourage groups to meet in one another's homes for worship, recreation, study or fellowship. Committees provide opportunities for other kinds of relationships within the Meeting. But all too often these contacts fail to satisfy our yearning for community. Sometimes a glimpse of the meaning of community comes as Friends work together in projects of social service, peace education, religious education or pastoral care for fellow members. Each Meeting should have as an active concern before one or more of its standing committees the nurture of the Meeting community in whatever ways may open. ...

Our belief in that of God in every person requires that we cooperate with other religious bodies. We are aware that we have much to learn from the religious experiences of other groups, Christian and non-Christian. We believe also that we have a rich and unique experience from which we can contribute. The Friends World Committee for Consultation brings us into contact with Quaker groups worldwide, often different from our own in culture, theology or practice. Through Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference, our Yearly Meeting is affiliated with national and international ecumenical movements. In addition, many of our local or area Meetings cooperate in community councils or associations of religious groups. In all these affiliations we make clear that our faith is one of experience rather than one of creed or doctrine. In sharing that experience with persons from other backgrounds through common worship and shared service we enrich our sense of community. ...

Our belief in the universality of the Inner Light requires us to "walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in everyone" as George Fox urged. No human being is excluded from our sense of community, for we are led by our faith to view human beings as children of God rather than as stereotypes of cultures, nations, or ideologies. It is individual people with whom fellowship must be established, and each Friend must seek in the quiet of worship the personal strength to work at the establishment of community.

TRUSTEES FUNDING TO ATTEND QUAKER EVENTS

Trustees has funds to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. 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/>.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOMEWOOD

HYMN SINGING, Sunday, March 3 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: Sunday, March 3, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK: March 3 (first Sunday). Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

QUAKER BOOK CLUB: Sunday, March 10, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. We will discuss pages 39 - 66 of *Practicing Peace* by Catherine Whitmire. Copies of the reading are available on the table in the library, and you can order the book: <https://quakerbooks.org/products/practicing-peace-4073>.

POTLUCK LUNCH: Sunday, March 10.

HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE: Sunday, March 10, 12:30 - 1:00 in the library. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue with 2-3 names of persons and a brief biography 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. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith or Cathleen Hanson.

LUNCH AND LEARN ABOUT HOMEWOOD'S COMMITTEES: Sunday, March 17, 12:15 - 12:45 during simple lunch. Nominating Committee will introduce Homewood's committees, and representatives will give information about how their committees work. This is the session that you've been waiting for!

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: Sunday, March 24 (4th Sunday), 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

WELCOMING FOR ELLYN ROSS: Sunday, March 24, 12:30 p.m. in the library.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: Sunday, March 31, 12:15 in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

March 3rd: Old Testament Lesson with Rory and Meri

March 10th: Community Service Project with John and Susie

March 17th: Old Testament Lesson with Rory and Meri

March 24th: Art Project with Chris Rutkowski and Kendall or Joanna

March 31st: Surprise Sunday. A fifth Sunday and we will *do something a little out of the ordinary*.
Details to come soon!

Homewood Camping Trip



Friday, April 13th Evening – Sunday, April 15th
Morning



Cabin Camping

New bathhouse

Hiking, games, camp fires, storytelling, music, worship and chillin'!

- **Who?** All members or attendees
- **Where?** Catoctin Quaker Camp in the mountains of Western Maryland near Thurmont
- Come for one or two nights or a day!

SIGN UP BY 4/8

QUAKERS IN RECOVERY GROUP

The recovery group for adults continues on the **last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Please join our fellowship of recovering Quakers at our meetinghouse. For more information, email Kevin-Douglas Olive (kdolive@hotmail.com) or call 443-930-6277. **Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27.**

AN INVITATION TO SPIRITUAL DEEPENING

Would you like to learn some new ways to center in meeting for worship? Do you wonder how you could prepare for worship during the week? Have you been puzzled by what it means for the meeting to be gathered? Do you sometimes think that you are being called to vocal ministry but aren't sure how to really tell when you are supposed to deliver a message? When you leave meeting for worship, do you wonder what message to carry home with you? Spiritual Deepening is an opportunity for us to address these important questions.

For the next three months, we will continue our monthly, mid-week (Thursday) worship sharing that we are calling Spiritual Deepening. During worship sharing, we will use William Taber's *Four Doors to Meeting for Worship* as a springboard to address these questions and others. Spiritual Deepening is an opportunity for us to feel more grounded in worship. It is open to all, whether you were able to attend the November 2018 retreat or not, and it is for everyone, at any level of spiritual practice.

You may still join us. Our first meeting was on February 28, and we will continue to meet on the last Thursdays of **March (3/28), April (4/25), and May (5/30), 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.** Copies of Taber's pamphlet will be available for purchase in the office for \$7 each.

March 28:	The Second Door: The Door Inward
April 25:	The Third Door: The Door Within
May 30:	The Fourth Door: The Door Beyond

We invite you to join us for this experience, which we believe will be a wonderful opportunity for learning from each other. Please contact the office at homewoodfriends@gmail.com if you would like to join us.

If you have any questions, please call or email either Janet Abrams (jmabrams1@gmail.com 443-980-1615) or Susan Russell Walters (susan1624@gmail.com 410-377-3328).

REGISTRATION FOR BYM CAMPS is now open. Their website clarifies, "Our goal is to foster the kind of self-esteem that facilitates spiritual growth. Opportunities for such growth are created in the process of supporting campers through challenging experiences. Success in negotiating rapids or exploring artistic creativity offers a deep strength from which to accept the challenge and risk of turning inward toward the Light. Typically, a camper goes home a more competent, confident person whose spiritual roots have deepened and whose ties to the broader Quaker community have strengthened." For more information, go to <https://bymcamps.org/>.

→Financial aid is available from Trustees. To apply, go to <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/scholarships/>.

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 “BLACK LIVES MATTER” and “We Are All One People.” The Peace and Justice Committee is looking at possibilities for holding vigil on a different day of the week and slightly later time, in 2019.

DOES THE HOMEWOOD LIBRARY HAVE THAT BOOK? The previous Library Committee, which included current member Henry Kennison, undertook the Herculean task of entering the titles of books in Homewood’s library into an online catalog called LibraryThing. This means you can search to see if we have a particular book at librarything.com (username: homewood_friends, password: same as for this newsletter). After you log in, click “Your books” at the top and then use the Search window in the upper right. For most books, LibraryThing tells you if the book is in the collection and you can use the card catalog (near the desk in the corner opposite the door) to find where it is shelved within the library. For the newest items, “Tags” for a book in LibraryThing tell you where the book is shelved. If you need help, please contact one of us or visit the library. A Library Committee member is there most First Days after meeting for worship.

Library Committee: David Sydlík, Henry Kennison, Mandy McMahan, Michael Prior, Polly Heninger.

GREEN ORGANIZING ACTION TEAM:

“GOAT NOAT” FOR MARCH 2019

GOAT continues to be busy, as illustrated by the three items below.

On **Friday, April 12 from 7-9 p.m. in the meeting room**, the Green Organizing Action Team will be screening the film *High Tide in Dorchester*, followed by a discussion with the film’s production team member Tom Horton. This film addresses the issue of climate change in Dorchester County, MD. Tom Horton is the author of eight books about the Chesapeake Bay, wrote about the environment for the Baltimore Sun for 35 years and was awarded the John Burroughs Award for the best book of nature writing.

Garden Update: In December, Homewood Friends Meeting was awarded a grant by the Chesapeake Bay Trust to expand and enhance the garden along the walkway leading to the side entrance. With the arrival of spring, we will work with our partner, Blue Water Baltimore, to create a large garden of native plants that will be friendly to birds and other pollinators.

During the winter, as we waited for warmer weather, we built 2 cisterns. These will capture roof runoff, water our garden, and provide a place to sit, as the cisterns will be inside benches. Stay tuned for updates and opportunities to join us in creating our garden.

Bess Keller wrote an informative article for the February newsletter about her experiences with GreenFaith. As an addendum to her discussion, Bess shares this link about how comrade GreenFaith fellows Emily and David made their house go from energy hog to energy donor:
<https://www.boulderweekly.com/boulderganic/energy-efficiency-means-grid-independence-for-boulder-couple/>.

Committee members: Carol Beck, Caitlyn Behnke, Gary Gillespie, Cathy Hanson, Polly Heninger (clerk), Bess Keller, John McKusick, and Stephan Rogers. We are an open committee. Join us!

THE WORKING GROUP FOR THE ARTS is pleased to inform the Meeting that we have formed a Baltimore Chapter of the Fellowship of Quakers in the Arts (FQA). FQA is a national organization that supports the Quaker artists and their activities. By joining their network and sponsoring local events, we hope to encourage participation in all forms of art in Baltimore and in the community. Members of Homewood and attendees are invited to join our committee, which meets bi-monthly to share ideas and interests in the arts.

Phil Furnas, for the Working Group for the Arts (Jo Brown, Phil Furnas, Richard Jerram, Megan Shook, and Pat Tracey)

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING BOXES FROM GREENDISK are available again. eMedia Recycling includes CDs, CD-Rs, and CD-RWs; DVDs; Blu-Ray; 3.5" floppy disks, 5.25" floppy disks, and zip disks; VHS, audio cassette, DAT, DLT, Beta, and Digibeta tapes; and cases.

Technotrash "Can" items include computer drives; GPS units; computer speakers; video games; small electronics; communication devices; film; players (VCR, DVD, TIVO, BluRay, etc.); and miscellaneous items including cables, chargers, adaptors, headphones, cords, cables, chips, etc. For more information, contact John McKusick at 410-830-9225 or john.ca.mckusick@verizon.net.

The boxes are in the foyer. We cannot accept desktop computers, printers, copying machines, or radios.

WICKER BASKET CONTRIBUTIONS: The Wicker Basket recipient for March is the **International Rescue Committee**. From their website: "When there is a crisis the IRC is there, whether at the U.S.-Mexico border or in war-torn Yemen. We respond to the world's worst crises helping refugees to survive, recover and rebuild their lives. The IRC is in the top 1 percent of charities ranked by Charity Navigator and we continue to receive an A+ from CharityWatch. Your gift will be used wisely in support of our work around the world." *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>.*

HOMEWOOD IS ON FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM

Remember that our committees and teams can share with the wider community our events and announcements on Facebook and Instagram!

Additionally, tag Homewood with any Facebook or Instagram posts with relevant things you are doing. We also have a hashtag #HomewoodQuakers.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING are needed and gratefully accepted; they support the maintenance of the Meeting and our contributions to designated service organizations. **PayPal is now available on the Homewood Meeting website.** Look for the word "Donate" in our Website's menu bar, which is near the top of every page. If you prefer to pay by check, it is very helpful for you to make arrangements for your bank to send regular checks. This method provides the Meeting with a predictable cash flow. *Please make all checks payable to "Homewood Friends Meeting."*

SIMPLE LUNCH: Everyone is welcome to lunch after meeting for worship; there is no charge. **Please sign up on the Hospitality bulletin board** in the meeting room if you can provide simple lunch this month. Even if you can't provide simple lunch, bring in whatever leftovers you have, whether they feed 2 people or 5. The more, the merrier!

JOIN A COMMITTEE: Nominating Committee invites you to consider joining a committee; it's a great way to serve the Meeting and to get to know others in the community. Committee descriptions are available on the Homewood website at <https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/committees/>. Please contact Carol Beck, Mina Brunyate, Gary Gillespie, or Kevin-Douglas Olive for more information - and **join us at simple lunch on March 17!**

OTHER QUAKER EVENTS AND NOTICES

BYM CHANGE GROUP TRAINING: **Reflect on Yourself to Stop Implicit Bias, Saturday, March 2, Frederick Friends Meeting (Frederick, MD).** The ad hoc Growing Diverse Leadership Committee and the Working Group on Racism invite you to this free Change Group training to realize our vision of overcoming racism and becoming a multicultural religious society. Our lead facilitator is Dr. Amanda Kemp assisted by Dr. Erika Fitz. Both are members of a Lancaster Monthly Meeting. Each training session will be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (with an hour lunch break). Before we can create healthy relationships across the color line, attract and retain racial diversity, or be effective advocates for change in our Meeting we need to increase self-awareness. We will focus on:

- Noticing implicit racial bias and unintended micro-aggressions
- Removing audio and visuals in our home and Meeting that cue negative racial stereotypes
- Adding audio and visuals that promote equity in our community
- Expanding our leadership and positive impact by going towards what we fear
- Creating an action plan that includes regularly reflecting on our impact and intention.

A HEALTHY GREEN AMENDMENT FOR MARYLAND, **Sunday, March 3, Frederick Friends Meeting (Frederick, MD).** Please join Frederick Friends Meeting at **2:00 p.m.** to learn about The Healthy Green Amendment, a proposed amendment to Maryland's State Constitution. **Rabbi Nina Beth Cardin will describe the amendment and answer questions.** Rabbi Cardin works at the intersection of faith, nature and sustainability. She has served as national director for COEJL (the Coalition on the Environment and Jewish Life); is Advocacy Co-Chair of the Pearlstone Jewish Sustainability Coalition in Baltimore; founded the Baltimore Jewish Environmental Network and partnered with the Central Maryland Ecumenical Council. **Kallen Benson** is a 14-year old high school student and Quaker activist who works to promote a healthy future for her own and future generations.

VEGAN TASTING FEAST, **Sunday, March 3, 5:30 p.m., William Penn House (Washington, DC).** Join us for a vegan feast provided by members of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's Working Group on Right Relationship with Animals. All the food will be provided, so you need only bring yourself (but if you feel moved to help, please contact Margaret Fisher at 1margaret.e.fisher@gmail.com). After the meal there will be a presentation and worship sharing about the effect our food choices have on animals and on the environment. The event is free. We hope to see you. Please send us a note about any other dietary restrictions you have if you plan on attending! To register, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4ca5a82da5f58-vegan>.

JUNIOR YOUNG FRIENDS CONFERENCE, **Saturday and Sunday, March 16 - 17, Frederick Friends Meeting (Frederick, MD).** Junior Young Friends should plan to begin arriving at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday.** For information, check the Junior Young Friends website (www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/jyfs/jyfcon.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 (March 8). Any one registering after that date may be placed on a waiting list.

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IN 2019: What Citizens Can Do at Federal, State, and Local Levels, Monday, March 18, 7:00 p.m. at Morella Library, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD.

Bethesda Friends Meeting returns to the Morella Library for a timely forum on *Climate Change Policy in 2019: What Citizens Can Do at Federal, State & Local Levels*. Learn how we can make a difference regarding the climate crisis from organizations like Citizens' Climate Lobby and Chesapeake Climate Network as well as local activists—and maybe even from a member of Congress! Please join us. For more information, contact Peter Jenkins or Rick Morgan from BFM's Environmental Sustainability Group.

THIRD MONTH INTERIM MEETING, Annapolis Friends Meeting (Annapolis, MD), Saturday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. Get to know Yearly Meeting Committees and Friends from other meetings! Be a part of important decision making. Join Friends for morning committee meetings and the afternoon's Interim Business Meeting. Committee meetings will begin at 10:30. Check the Yearly Meeting website for more information (www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/third19.html).



BLUE RIDGE GATHERING, Sunday, March 31, Blacksburg Friends Meeting (Blacksburg, VA). Friends in southern Virginia will gather for a day of worship, singing, and society. The day will begin with worship at **10:00 a.m.**, followed by a pot-luck, and a presentation by Ruth Fitzgerald at 1:00. Overnight hospitality may be available. For more information and details, contact Edna Whittier (egwquaker@gmail.com).

AT STONY RUN

Programmed Meeting for Worship, Sunday, March 10, from 2 to 4 p.m., followed by social time. Everyone is invited to this monthly (on the second First Day) worship with Kenyan and Evangelical/ Orthodox Quakers from the Baltimore area. For information, contact Sujata Massey (410-240-4086 or sujatamassey@mac.com).

Quakers in Palestine: Ramallah Friends School and the Military Occupation, Sunday, April 7, at 9 a.m. Meg Meyer and Arthur Boyd will report on their six months in Ramallah, Palestine. Under military occupation in Palestine, a Quaker school is thriving. How are Quaker values providing hope and building a foundation for a peaceful, just future? How does the Israeli-Palestinian conflict affect daily life in Israel and Palestine? What might the future hold for this troubled region?

AT PENDLE HILL (WALLINGFORD, PA):

Upping Your Change Game: Building Skills and Confidence in Nonviolent Direct Action, March 22-24. Come join campaign trainer and Earth Quaker Action Team leader **Eileen Flanagan** for a chance to step back from the daily e-mails, refresh your spirit, and deepen your skills. Taking Eileen's introductory online class "Building a Nonviolent Direct Action Campaign" is not required to join this live workshop, but it is encouraged.

Flanagan served as clerk of Earth Quaker Action Team for five years, helping to shape the strategy that pressured PNC Bank to stop financing mountaintop removal coal mining, as well as the subsequent Power Local Green Jobs campaign, which works at the intersection of racial, economic, and climate justice. Since the 2016 election, Flanagan has shared what she has learned about effective and spiritually grounded activism through her online courses, including Building a Nonviolent Direct Action Campaign, the inspiration for this more advanced program. The award-winning author of three books, her fourth focuses on what it means to work at the intersection of issues.

Stephen G. Cary Memorial Lecture 2019: Tumult, Turmoil and Truth – Vital Quaker Witness Today, April 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. in the Barn, Diane Randall, FCNL Executive Secretary. Free and open to the public (registration requested). In a tumultuous world filled with turmoil and abounding in lies and half-truths, the voice of Quakers in the public sphere is needed more than ever. Quakers have gifts for witness, standing for peace, nonviolence, protection of our planet, concern for the oppressed, neglected, and scorned. FCNL Executive Secretary Diane Randall will speak of ways in which Quakers are called upon to witness to Congress in this historic moment. She will focus on the work of the Friends Committee on National Legislation as an effective way for Friends and all those who share Quaker values to actively participate in advocating for peace, justice, and a sustainable planet.

Activities abound at Pendle Hill. For a complete list of events, go to <https://pendlehill.org/learn/workshops-courses-events/>.

→ Remember that you can apply for a grant from Trustees to help cover the costs of a visit to Pendle Hill.

BYM EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Development Director

The Development Director is responsible for identifying, cultivating, soliciting and securing new and ongoing gifts from individuals and foundations in support of Baltimore Yearly Meeting's (BYM) ministries and programs. The Development Director builds relationships and affinity for BYM and for the future of the Religious Society of Friends throughout the Yearly Meeting. Candidates must have a minimum of five years of relevant and successful fundraising experience. **For more details and a complete job description, go to www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/development/directorsearch.html.** **To apply,** please send a cover letter, resume, and list of three references to: Development Director Search at applications@bym-rsf.org.

William Penn House Seeks Associate Resident Manager

William Penn House seeks a team-oriented individual committed to radical hospitality, building community, and supporting peace and justice activism based on Quaker values and testimonies to join our resident management team as Associate Resident Manager. The WPH resident community provides a Quaker presence and welcoming environment for guests of the House. Managers are part of a dynamic team including interns, volunteers, and non-resident staff who demonstrate and encourage a commitment to peace- and justice-building, simplicity, loving presence, and spiritual community.

For the full announcement, including the job description and application instructions, go to williampennhouse.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Associate-Resident-Manager-William-Penn-House.pdf.

EDUCATIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The Educational Grants Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting is accepting applications for grants for post-secondary education opportunities. Grants will be awarded based on financial need and the Committee's assessment of an applicant's statement of purpose, including consistency with Friends' testimonies. The application may be found on the BYM website. Please review the application carefully. Submit the application along with supporting documentation no later than **Friday, April 19, 2019**. Send to the Yearly Meeting Office, attention Educational Grants Committee. To download the application, go to https://www.bym-rsf.org/file_download/462d5ddc-1813-4cd0-956f-8ae9fe6e42b4.

The Jonathan K. Taylor Swarthmore College Scholarship Fund is administered by Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, Stony Run to provide support to students attending Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA. Preference goes to members of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting community. For the 2019-2020 academic year, there are funds up to \$15,000 to be distributed among the successful applicants. For more information, or to apply by the **April 20 deadline**, contact Cindy Maier at cynthiamai13@gmail.com.

Miles White Beneficial Society Grants for Educational Organizations

The Miles White Beneficial Society, a charitable organization affiliated with the Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), is accepting applications for grants up to \$5000 to non-profit 501(c)3 educational organizations in the Greater Baltimore Metropolitan area.

Preference for awarding grants will be given to those organizations that are associated with the Society of Friends and that are providing educational opportunities, including books and instructional materials, for young people. **The application deadline is March 15, 2019**. For more information, go to <http://www.bym-rsf.org/events/othernews.html#grants>.

QUAKERS AND THE LARGER COMMUNITY

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL LEGISLATION (FCNL)

Amelia Kegan and Andre Gobbo write, "On Feb. 1, 2019, the Trump Administration proposed a new rule to restrict states' flexibility to provide vital food assistance to individuals and families who struggle with hunger. This new attack against the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly food stamps) directly contradicts Congress's intent in the recently-passed Farm Bill reauthorization. If this proposed rule change goes through, it will make it harder for people to access SNAP and more people will go hungry. By USDA's own estimate, at least 755,000 people would lose access to life-saving nutrition benefits.

"This proposal ... ignores the reality of many struggling Americans. We have an opportunity to stop this rule before it goes into place. **Help stop this rule by submitting a public comment against this proposal before April 2.**

"Whenever a new rule is proposed by the federal government, there is an opportunity for the public to express their support or opposition. The administration must consider what impact their proposals will have on the nation. We know that making it harder to access food assistance won't help people find a job. Your voice is needed.

“FCNL is joining with other interfaith and secular organizations to help drive comments against this rule. Government officials reviewing the proposed rule are required to read and consider every single comment. The more comments submitted, the longer it will take for the rule to go into effect. It will also demonstrate that this proposal has widespread opposition and will adversely affect individuals and families across the U.S. ...” More information is available at <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/we-can-stop-this-attack-on-people-struggling-with-hunger-and-food-insecurity-1966>.



THINKING ABOUT RACE (MARCH 2019): European-American Collaborative

“We use the term ‘white supremacist consciousness’ not to refer to a group of people, but to a system of thought. White supremacist consciousness describes a way of thinking that takes for granted the legitimacy of an American society dominated by white norms and values. In other words, white norms and values are normalized, thus making their supremacy over other groups' norms and values implicit. It is this normalization that maintains the institutionalization of privilege based on race. We learned about this highly charged phrase from people of color, drawn from the discourse of *Critical Race Theory* (Delgado, 1995). As critical race discourse observes, many in our society fail to understand that racism is the institutionalization of privilege; it is not just a manifestation of prejudiced attitudes by individuals. When well-intentioned white people see themselves as ‘not prejudiced’ they often assume they are also ‘not racist’ because they are examining their personal attitudes instead of the way in which they participate in unjust distributions of power and privilege based on race.”

From “Developing Capacity to Communicate About Race with Critical Humility,” in *The Handbook of Race and Adult Education: A Resource for Dialogue on Racism* by the European-American Collaborative Challenging Whiteness (ECCW) <http://www.iconoclastic.net/eccw/>

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 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)
First Sunday of each month	12:30 p.m. Meeting for Business, Homewood Meeting House
	<u>MARCH'S BUSINESS MEETING</u> will be on Mar. 3.

Schedule of Committee and Group Meetings

Administrative	Odd months last Sundays 12:15 p.m.
Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT)-- OPEN	3rd Sundays , 9:15 a.m.; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.419.2305
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	3rd Sundays , 12:30 p.m.; contact <u>Polly Heninger</u> , 410.419.2305
Peace & Justice Committee—OPEN	2nd Sundays at 1:00 p.m.; contact <u>Barbara Bezdek</u> , 410.377.4205
Ministry & Counsel	1st Wednesdays ; contact <u>Ann Walker Kennedy</u> , 410.426.5836
Religious Education—OPEN	2nd Tuesdays , 7:15 p.m., meeting house; contact <u>John McKusick</u> , 410.377.2797
Trustees	3rd Tuesdays ; 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.