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QUERIES

- *Do we make ourselves available in a tender and caring way when we sense a need for assistance in time of trouble?*
- *Do we trust each other enough to make our needs known to someone in our meeting?*

Faith and Practice: The Book of Discipline of the New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends

Clerk's Corner

by Clarence Burley

Our New Neighbors

Years of struggle culminated last month in the revitalization of the little church at 5 Elmwood Street, six blocks down Pleasant Street from our meeting house.

Our meeting welcomed Christ Jubilee International Ministry in early 2008 when they started the renovation that would take them from rented space at Trinity Lutheran Church. We became acquainted with Pastors Jesse Gibson and Dustin Abban by inviting them to our table at the former Mayor's Prayer Breakfast and more recently at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Breakfast.

With God's help (acknowledged in the sermon) this predominantly African-American group overcame difficulties with a contractor and neighborhood fears delaying the city's permitting process. Now they worship in a simple white painted auditorium seating perhaps three hundred. The stage has become a sanctuary with a broad lectern, a portable table for the communion service, and room for the choir to array itself across the apron. Modestly placed at either end of the sanctuary are a well fitted-out drum set and an electric keyboard. Energetic vocal music from soloists, the choir and the congregation dominated the two and a half hours providing transitions between the programmed segments of a typical Protestant service. Each lengthy segment: Call to Worship, Call to Consecration. Praise, Intercessions, Hand of Fellowship, Offertory, Communion (on First Sunday,) Sermon (with major points accented by drum rim shots,) and Benediction took more than typical time because the congregation involved itself with responses more inspired than ad-lib.

This Quaker clerk accepted Pastor Dustin's invitation to attend not aware that he would be welcomed as visiting clergy. I was directed to one of the big easy chairs in the front row. Three times one of the several wireless microphones was thrust to my face with a call to minister vocally. God must have given me words that I cannot remember now. But I could cheerfully join in their Pledge of Commitment:

"Thy Word, O Lord, is a Lamp To My Feet and a Light To My Path. I pledge to Commit, Trust and Obey It; with all my Soul, Mind, and Body. So Help Me God."

Permanent Board met at Westport Meeting (MA) on Saturday, 21 January. A snow storm hindered the travel of several of our members, so our number was down to sixteen, yet we had representatives from every state except for Maine. In worship we heard a memorial minute for David Douglas.

In the Yearly Meeting Secretary report, Jonathan shared the continuing work on creating a budget based on our priorities. It has now been reviewed and worked on by the Personnel Committee, the Coordinating and Advisory Committee, and will be shared with Finance Committee on Committee Day. We too took this opportunity to adjust what we saw as the Yearly Meeting's priorities.

The Friends Home has required more of Jonathan's attention due to fraud perpetrated by a contract bookkeeper hired to manage the books for the Home in June at a point where we no longer had a paid director for the Home. This person has apparently embezzled \$23,000 between June and November, and as she is not an employee of the Yearly Meeting our loss is not covered by our insurance. Jonathan reviewed the actions he has taken to hire a new CPA firm, and to set up new bookkeeping procedures working with the ad hoc Friends Home Property Committee. Jonathan is also reviewing the insurance situation for the Home. Permanent Board spent some time in discerning a course of action in regards to pursuing reconciliation and a recovery of some of our loss.

The broker hired to market the Friends Home property has shown it to several clients. While the formal appraisal of the property is not yet complete the committee has set an asking price of \$1,500,000 to enable our broker to move forward (he had reported that the lack of an asking price was holding him back). The committee reviewed one proposal received for the property to create a Montessori Secondary School, but as that proposal was for a lease-to-buy arrangement it was declined; however, negotiations will continue.

Jackie Stillwell reported on ongoing planning for sessions and for a mid-year gathering, and also on the process of creating the Yearly Meeting Secretary Search Committee. It now has seven members from across the Yearly Meeting spectrum, with one more possible addition. The Search Committee clerk, Bruce Neumann, shared some of his thoughts on process steps and timing, and Permanent Board provided some additional discernment on the process.

In other business: we heard a report from the Treasurer that we are about where we expected to be at this time of year concerning our budget; we heard of the need for a new Finance Committee clerk, as Eileen Cummings has had to step down; we endorsed travel minutes for Friends traveling in the ministry to Cuba; and we continued our ongoing discernment regarding the governance structure of the Yearly Meeting.

We closed in worship planning to meet again in Putney, Vermont on the 17th of March.

Meeting of Worcester Interfaith January 18, 2012

This well attended meeting was held at the First Baptist Church. Frank Kartheiser of Worcester Interfaith and Kevin Bean, minister of All Saints, facilitated the meeting. Worcester Friends Meeting was represented by Clarence Burley, Katie Green, and Phil Stone.

After introductions, there was a discussion of how the organizations might be able to work together for social justice and change. The group appears to be interested in pressuring legislators to fund jobs for youth and to promote schools to be open to parents and to provide extended day programs. Apparently

Worcester now has only four community schools, where previously there were eleven. In pairs, we had dialogue about the concerns of our congregations with a person we did not know.

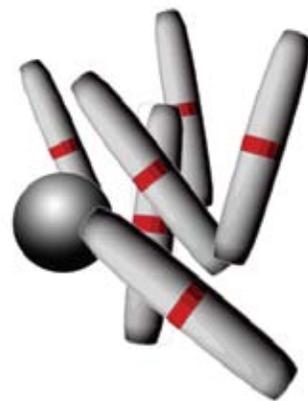
Phil Stone spoke briefly about the effects of military spending on the economy. He and Katie Green handed out AFSC's Ribbon Budget that shows that 60% of the discretionary budget is spent on war. Kevin Bean announced that there will be a leadership training workshop on Saturday March 3.

Quaker Bowling ~ February 19

The Peace, Social Concerns and Outreach committee invites Friends to a bowling party on Sunday, February 19 at 1:30 PM. After pot-luck, we will caravan to the Colonial Bowling Center, 248 Mill Street, Worcester (near Coes Pond Beach).

This is candle pin bowling - the traditional New England style of bowling, with smaller balls and straight pins. There will be at least one lane with "bumpers" for our younger bowlers and anyone else who'd like to bowl with bumpers.

Colonial Bowling is a cash-only operation. Shoes rent for \$2.25 and it costs \$3.85 to play a string.



Friends Spoken Word Series

At 8:00 PM on Saturday, March 10th, the Spoken Word series will highlight the work of Framingham storyteller Libby Franck. In her program, *Rebuilding Lives: Miriam VanWaters*, Libby Franck will portray Dr. Miriam VanWaters, a pioneering prison reformer. VanWaters was the Superintendent of the Framingham Women's Reformatory in the 1940's.

On Saturday, February 4, storyteller Bob Reiser presented his program, *Everybody Says Freedom*. The program was well attended and greatly enjoyed by all. Friends will find the book, *Everybody Says Freedom*, written by Bob Reiser and Pete Seeger, in the library.



Libby Franck stands by a building that VanWaters knew well: the Framingham Women's Prison.

The Friends' Spoken Word Series is a project of the Peace/Social Concerns/Outreach Committee. Programs are selected to compliment Quaker Testimonies. March 10th is the last of this year's series.

Come to the Penny Poll

What's a Penny Poll?

Come to the Worcester Post Office on Saturday, April 14 and find out! Worcester Friends will be there between 10 AM and 1 PM to provide an opportunity for the public to indicate how they'd like their tax dollars to be spent.

Each person will be given 2 rolls of pennies (\$1.00) which they can distribute into jars that correlate with federal tax expenditures: military, education, health care, etc.

Friends will display War Resister's pie chart of expenditures and distribute AFSC's Ribbon Budget.

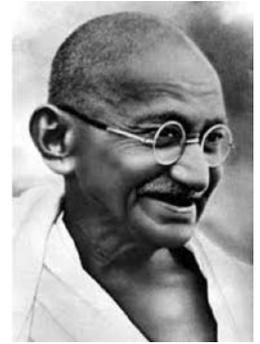


Frank Woolover, *Gandhi's List of Social Sins: Lessons in Truth.*

Pittsburg: Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc. \$21.00

This study of Gandhi is of particular interest to Friends, since the late author is Jeanne Kinney's brother, a member of NEYM and the Friends Worship Group, Uxbridge Meeting. A handsome and readable book for the general reader, it includes stories, anecdotes and commentary reflecting the personal involvement of the author in peacemaking over the years. I particularly admire how he integrates incidents from Gandhi's life and education, and his own "education" and development.

Woolover gives a lively account of peacemaking efforts in his own time, with references to Martin Luther King, Jean Vanier, and Kathy Kelly, together with well-chosen accounts of Gandhi's experience. The commentary is heart-felt, never dry or distant, along with Woolover's poem on Archbishop Romero and a Gandhi quotation which was unfamiliar to me until now: "Let no one for a moment entertain the fear that a reverent study of other religions is likely to weaken or to shake one's faith in one's own."



James W. Douglass, *Gandhi and the Unspeakable: His Final Experiment With Truth.*

Orbis Books, \$24.00

This remarkable study of Gandhi, by a major nonviolent activist, provides accurate historical information informed by the author's personal experience in resisting injustice and violence over the past four decades. It's about Gandhi's confronting a fear of death, at the time of the first attempt on his life in South Africa, before he returned to India to lead the movement for independence. He will face death several more times, eventually assassinated by a Hindu radical who hoped to destroy Gandhi's vision of peace, nonviolence, and reconciliation.

As with Douglass's bestselling "JFK and the Unspeakable," his new book resonates with Douglass' powerful expose of the "unspeakable" forces, as Thomas Merton named them, that led to the assassinations of John Kennedy, Malcolm X, Robert Kennedy, and Martin Luther King. Douglass also alerts us to the corrupting influence of nationalism and fundamentalism that can lead to terrorism and murder by individuals and by the State.

Alternatives to Violence Program and Our Prison Neighbors

Nancy Shippen (Fresh Pond Meeting) reminds us what an amazing gift Quakers have given the world in the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and its power of reaching beyond our usual circles to bring this program where it is most needed. Nancy left her teaching job to follow her leading of prison ministry, and she founded Our Prison Neighbors (OPN) in 2004.

OPN supports programs in MCI Shirley and Concord and other prisons. The inmates have workshops not only in AVP, but also in Money Smart Financial Literacy, book discussions, and Toastmasters, to name a few. This past year OPN also supported the development of a Conflict Transformation program for the Department of Correction staff. Nancy will be honored at the Massachusetts AVP meeting in Concord as she steps down from her position as Chairperson. She will continue her work with OPN and she will lead AVP workshops.

Nancy is always seeking opportunities to present her work and she invites others to explore becoming involved. The Worcester Meeting's Peace/Social Concerns/Outreach Committee has discussed hosting an AVP training for the community. More information about AVP and OPN is available at <http://www.avp.org> and <http://www.ourprisonneighbors.org/> Nancy Shippen can be reached at 978-621-9213.

Donations to AVP-MA can be mailed to AVP-MA P. O. Box 333
Concord, MA 01742.



Photo from Alternatives to Violence Website.

Eric Wasileski, the new pastor at Smith Neck MM welcomed 27 committee members and 6 visitors to the NEYM M&C meeting in Dartmouth at the Smith Neck Meeting House.

This M&C meeting focused on spiritual accountability and Friends' wider relationship with other religious groups. Clerk Margaret Cooley handed out quite a few minutes of support of the non-violent Occupy Wallstreet from meetings.

Upon reviewing my notes from this meeting, I formulated the following queries:

- Do we have faith that we will hold each other and to help each other to grow spiritually?
- Are we able to trust each other enough to allow ourselves to be vulnerable?
- Do we seek community outreach in order to participate more fully in worship?
- Are we living our lives with the knowledge that our worship does not end?
- How can we live our faith in a manner that is globally sustainable?

Friends are encouraged to attend the Mid-Year Gathering in Wellesley on March 31. Organized by the NEYM Sessions Committee and Adult Young Friends Climate Change Working Group, the gathering will take place at the St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Wellesley, MA.

After our gathering, we were invited to visit the near-by Apponegansett Meetinghouse (built in 1790).

Apponegansett Meetinghouse



Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends is one of the oldest Quaker meetings in the United States. Quakers from Rhode Island and Cape Cod moved to Dartmouth about 1664. This was at a time of great persecution, and several Quakers were to be hanged in Boston Common for their faith. Other Friends were imprisoned for their refusal to bear arms or pay taxes to support the military.

Quaker Meetings were held in private Dartmouth homes until the increase in numbers made it necessary to have a place of worship. The first meetinghouse was completed in June 1699. Several additions were made as the meeting continued to grow. A traveling minister recorded that 2,000 people were in attendance at one meeting. The original building was torn down and a new one built in 1790. This stately old building stands today in quiet dignity, attesting to years of history as a place of worship for those early Quakers who lived strict religious lives; firmly believing in the fruits of hard work, a strict adherence to truth and the guidance of the Inner Light.

You can read more about the history of these two meetinghouses on the Smith Neck website: <http://www.snmf.org>

2012 NEYM Mid-Year Gathering, Saturday, March 31, 3:30 - 8 PM

Organized by Sessions Committee & the Young Adult Friends Climate Change Working Group

The realities of climate change, deepening social and economic injustice and a spiritually bereft culture challenge New England Friends to find new relevance, listening to the Living Spirit in worship, action and witness. Join us for a Mid-Year Gathering on Saturday, March 31 to explore what we may be called to do.

An *Awakening the Dreamer* session, led by Steve Chase (Putney MM) and other New England Quakers, and structured small group discussions will help build an important bridge between our 2011 and 2012 Sessions. A children's program will be available on-site.

Online registration is available now: <http://neym.org/mid-year> There is a \$25 charge for adults; No charge for children. Overnight hospitality with Friends is available on request.

Contact Jeff Hipp at the NEYM Office (508-754-6760/neym@neym.org) for further information. For more information on *Awakening the Dreamer*, visit <http://www.awakeningthe dreamer.org>



Massachusetts does not have money to burn

A budget is more than a list of numbers. It's a statement about values: what's important, what expenses should be taken care of first, what's a necessity, and what you can do without. Whether it's a household, a Monthly Meeting, a business, or a government, a budget is about making choices. It's a statement about what you think is important.

Here in Massachusetts, half a billion dollars annually is spent on "corrections", a euphemism for a prison system targeted at people of color. According to the ACLU of Massachusetts, "The most pressing problem our criminal justice system faces is not too few people behind bars for too short a time. It's the fact that our prisons are overcrowded with nonviolent drug offenders who are ineligible for parole, at enormous expense."

It costs on about \$50,000 a year to incarcerate a person. As Jesse Jackson once said, "It costs more to send someone to jail than to send them to Yale."

Massachusetts lawmakers are under pressure to show that they are "tough on crime" by passing new legislation that would increase the prison population with a mandatory "three strikes and you're out" sentencing law.

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy says, "I'm against mandatory sentences. ... American sentences are eight times longer than their equivalents in Europe. California's 3-strike law emanated from the electorate, and the sponsor of the [ballot] initiative was the correctional officers association - and that is sick. California has 185,000 people in prison, and the cost is astounding."

The ACLU of Massachusetts asks that you contact your state Senators and Representatives, and tell them that people sentenced to prison for non-violent drug offenses deserve a shot at parole, and that mandatory sentencing is the wrong way "forward".

Education for Power

A day of workshops for community and personal empowerment.

There will be a Teach-in at Worcester State University on Saturday, February 18 in the Eager Auditorium. This event will begin at 10 AM with many interesting workshops offered throughout the day. Dr. Michelle Corbin, Professor of Sociology at Worcester State University and frequent attendee at the Worcester Friends Meeting, will present a workshop: *Why Occupy Wall Street?: From media myths to social justice realities*.

The goals of this teach-in are to help students and citizens understand current global issues and events and to assist them in formulating effective individual responses. This event represents collaboration between the University and the Community. The Worcester Free School is a collective of local people, some of whom are WSU students who are concerned about the current economic, political and social climate in America. Rooted in the Occupy Movement, some protesters expressed concern about a lack of access to education that members in our community face. Even a public University education is out of reach for some. The event is part of Worcester in the World and will serve to position Worcester State University as an agent of community centered social change.

Community Sponsors include Worcester Free School, the Worcester Occupy movement, The Social Justice Roundtable, CommunityBuild, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, E.P.O.C.A, Saori Weaving. Worcester State University sponsors include Worcester in the World, the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement, the Disabilities Service Office, the Next Step Program, Career Services, the Urban Studies, Sociology, Health Science Departments, and Office of Diversity & Affirmative Action.

The event is free and open to the public- breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to pre-register for childcare, contact worcesterfreeschool@gmail.com

Upcoming Retreats at WOOLMAN HILL Quaker Retreat Center

February 17-19, 2012:

Photographing from Within with Arthur Fink

Knitting for Others with Beth Gorton & Friends

March 16-18, 2012 :

Tending the Seeds Within: A Reflective Writing Retreat with Becky Jones

Minding the Light In Ourselves and Others: A Retreat for Quaker Mental Health Professionals
with Jean Berggren & Jane Van Landingham

April 20-22, 2012:

An Introduction To The Transition Movement: How Quakers Can Respond to Peak Oil, Climate Change and Economic Crisis with Creativity, Courage and a Positive Vision with Steve Chase & Friends

Spring Renewal

April 26-29, 2012

Minding Our Lives: Looking Deeply at the Present Moment with Richard Brady & Beth Popelka

Woolman Hill Quaker Retreat Center 107 Keets Road Deerfield MA 01342

413-774-3431 <http://www.woolmanhill.org>

Photo by Arthur Fink



Friendly News

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Clarence reported that the Meeting was represented at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast, the funeral of Kathy Hartnett and the Ecumenical Prayer Service for Christian Unity. Clarence provided weekly visits to Kathy Hartnett for several years.



Sarah visited the meeting the day before she returned to Kenya.

Sarah Assefa visited our meeting last month to say good bye and to thank Worcester Friends for being her spiritual home while she was in the States. Sarah attended our meeting for worship while she studied for her masters degree from Clark University. Upon graduating, Sarah worked for CORI reform with EPOCA and was part of the Worcester Roots Collaborative. Friends wish her well as she returns to her family in Kenya.

Mary Chaneille has moved to Ludlow to care for her aunt who is dealing with early stages of Alzheimer's. Mary will continue as clerk of the peace and social concerns/outreach committee, and plans to worship with us each First Day. She will also continue her weekly radio show on WCUW. We will sorely miss her presence at the meeting house where she has performed many behind-the-scenes acts of stewardship.

This past November, I again travelled to Honduras for a week-long medical “mission” trip with the non-profit, non-denominational group Cape CARES. The organization, founded 25 years ago by a dentist from Cape Cod, provides medical and dental care to three remote areas of Honduras that otherwise have little access to these services.

I joined with the group in 2001, and have returned to the same rural town for a week every November for most of the subsequent years. I serve as a primary care doctor on the team, treating chronic illnesses such as high blood pressure, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease, checking for infections, caring for skin rashes, and helping people maintain good health. At this point I am starting to know some of the long-time patients, and enjoy seeing their kids grow and change from year to year.

Honduras, as with most of the world, has been suffering an economic downturn in the past three years, which unfortunately has brought an increase in drug- and gang-related crime in the cities. The rural areas are still relatively tranquil and removed from the urban stresses, and though people are poor, they are able to subsist on their small farms and other trades.

I know that my presence will not change the economic trends of the country or even of the local community, but it feels good to show some international good-will and share some grace with those who have so little. It is also a welcome break from my usual work: no phone, no email, no pager...just attending to the work that is in front of you, and following the rhythm of the dawn-to-dusk day. I am grateful for the support of my family in allowing me to continue this work even though it takes me away from home, and the broader support of friends and Friends who are in my heart when I travel.

Worcester Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business January 8, 2012

Present: Brian Poynton, Betty Poynton, Fred Mikkelson, Paul Gallagher, Mark Sullivan, Mary Chenaille, Phil Stone, Katie Green, Betty Jones, Michael True, Barbara Sullivan, Kathryn Barnard, Daron Barnard, Virginia Swain, Clarence Burley, clerk.

01-08-2012-01 The meeting opened after the close of the annual meeting.

01-08-2012-02 The meeting has received a gift of the book, A Quaker Cupboard: Bible Verses, queries, and Friendly Voices in Prose & Poems on the Quaker Testimonies of Spices, by David Madden. The author is a member of Westerly MM.

01-08-2012-03 NEYM has announced a mid-year Gathering March 31 at St Andrews Episcopal Church in Wellesley, MA from 8:30 am - 8:00 pm.

01-08-2012-04 The treasurer gave his report.

01-08-2012-05 The trustees ask all members/attenders to come to next Sunday’s discussion on how we wish to proceed with the meetings financial viability/commitments. The trustees are asking for direction in planning the next year’s budget, and any long-range planning.

01-08-2012-06 Ministry & Counsel brought the letter they have written in response to the ‘State of Society’ report from NEYM Ministry and Counsel. That committee had asked for responses from monthly meetings. After prayerful discussion, Friends ask that the letter be sent, and ask our representative to NEYM Ministry & Counsel take our concerns to their next meeting.

01-08-2012-07 A Friend asks about the meeting having a representative to AFSC. The meeting asks that Peace & Social Concern/Outreach look into whether we have ever had a representative, and bring a recommendation to business meeting.

01-08-2012-08 Building and Grounds notes that Mary Chenaille and Mary Ann Walker painted the hallway to the kitchen and put up new curtains. The meeting thanks them for the beautiful work!

01-08-2012-09 The meeting thanks the treasurer for negotiating the phone bill with the phone company which has resulted in cutting the costs in half.

01-08-2012-10 Peace & Social Concerns/Outreach notes the spoken word event last night with Loretta Phillips was well received and attended. The last program of the series may be a film, That of God , which was purchased from the FGC bookstore.

01-08-2012-10 They are planning an ad in the Worcester Magazine with the information from the AFSC flyer on how tax dollars are used.

01-08-2012-11 A demonstration is planned at the Post Office for the Saturday before taxes are due.

01-08-2012-12 Virginia Swain asks for approval from the meeting to apply to Obadiah Brown funds for continuation of her work with Sudanese involved in reconciliation issues in that country. Friends ask that this go to Peace & Social Concerns for oversight and a recommendation be brought back to business meeting. Mark Sullivan felt the matter should be approved with Peace and Social Concerns providing support, but not requiring it to be brought back to the business meeting. He asked it be noted he stands aside as Friends approved.

01-08-2012-13 Opportunity having been given for questions and concerns, meeting ended with a period of silence, purposing to meet again, second month, twelfth, or at the call of the clerk.

Submitted in the Light, Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

Worcester Friends Meeting Annual Meeting for Business January 8, 2012

Present: Betty Jones, Mary Chenaille, Michael True, Katie Green, Phil Stone, Betty Poynton, Brian Poynton, Mark Sullivan, Barbara Sullivan, Kathryn Barnard, Daron Barnard, Matthew Shorten, Virginia Swain, Clarence Burley, clerk.

01-08-2012-01 Meeting began with a period of silence and a reading from the second book of Esdras in the Apocrypha.

01-08-2012-02 Committee reports were presented from Ministry & Counsel, Building & Grounds, Religious Education and Cemetery.

01-08-2012-03 The treasurer's report included the Profit & Loss statement for the past year. Income was up for contributions, there were also increased expenses in maintaining the meeting house and property. For the first time in several years the meeting felt there were surplus funds that could be donated and \$800 was given to several Quaker and Worcester organizations.

01-08-2012-04 The treasurer and Trustees recommend that the budget for the coming year be postponed until after the upcoming 3rd Sunday discussion regarding the financial health of the meeting.

01-08-2012-05 The treasurer also notes that there are currently two cemetery funds. The trustees suggest consolidating these funds (the Harrison cemetery fund and other investment funds dedicated to the cemetery) into a separate fund with its own budget. This separate fund will pay all cemetery expenses, retain all investment earnings of the separate fund, and receive any other monies pertaining to the cemetery which may be charged to users of the cemetery as determined by the Cemetery Committee, or an ad hoc committee, and approved by meeting for Business. The meeting agrees; the trustees will discuss these plans with Rhod Harrison, who currently manages this fund.

01-08-2012-06 Nominating Committee presented its recommendations for Committee Appointments for the coming year. They hope that openings on Ministry and Counsel, Building & Grounds, Trustees, and Religious Education can be filled. Meeting approved.

01-08-2012-07 Meeting adjourned with a period of silence after which the monthly meeting began.

Submitted in the Light, Barbara Sullivan, recording clerk

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Scheduled Meetings

First Sunday 9:30 am	Trustees and Peace/Social Concerns
Second Sunday 9:00 am	Meeting for Worship w/ Attention to Business
Third Sunday 9:30 am	Discussion as scheduled
Fourth Sunday 9:30 am	Ministry and Counsel
Fifth Sunday 11:00 am	Intergenerational Worship
Worship Groups:	1st Wednesday, 3:30 PM at Overlook in Charlton and 4th Monday, 12:30 PM, at the Highlands in Fitchburg

Worcester Friends Meeting is the "Meeting for eating." We hold a pot-luck lunch every week after the rise of the Meeting for Worship.

Voluntary Set-up before Meeting for Pot Luck Lunch If you are unable to set-up on your scheduled day, make arrangements or tell one of the committee members. Thank you for your understanding and your help.

02/19/12	Bruce Mitchell	04/08/12	Matthew Shorten	05/27/12	Maryann Walker
02/26/12	Whitney Mikkelsen	04/15/12	Ida Stone	06/03/12	Mary Bennett
03/04/12	Ellen Perry	04/22/12	Philip Stone	06/10/12	Daron Barnard
03/11/12	Elizabeth Poynton	04/29/12	Barbara Sullivan	06/17/12	Katherine Barnard
03/18/12	Brian Poynton	05/06/12	Mark Sullivan	06/24/12	Clarence Burley
03/25/12	Scott Sargent	05/13/12	Virginia Swain	07/01/12	Geoff Knowlton
04/01/12	Karen Sargent	05/20/12	Michael True		

This is a voluntary responsibility. If you would like to be added to or removed from the list, please tell a committee member. If you have suggestions to add or remove anyone, your input is needed. Please contact Paul - 508-981-7285 - paulgallagherG@gmail.com

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