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QUERIES

Do I center my life in an awareness of God's presence so that all things take their rightful place? Do I live simply and promote right sharing of the world's bounty? Do I keep my life uncluttered with things and activities, avoiding commitments beyond my strength and light? How do I maintain simplicity, moderation, and honesty in my speech, my manner of living, and my daily work? Do I recognize when I have enough?

Reno Monthly Meeting web site, Religious Society of Friends, Reno, NV

Clerk's Corner

by Clarence Burley

On First Day, 8th month, 22 Friends from our meeting joined Pastor Richard Jones, some of his flock from First Parish, Bolton, Mass., and a few others in continuing a three year tradition of silent worship in the Bolton Friends Meeting House (c.1795) now located at Old Sturbridge Village. First Parish is a federation of First Unitarian Church in Bolton (1741), The Bolton Friends meeting (1779) and Bolton's First Baptist Church (1828). It honors its Quaker heritage by an annual pilgrimage to worship in the manner of Friends.

The former Bolton Meeting House site at Berlin Road and Quaker Lane remains as agricultural today as it was when the meeting house was built. It was fitting that Friends' worship was once accompanied by the lowing of cattle, the gobble of turkeys and the blatting of sheep. These farm noises reminded me of Psalm 23 and its rural references. The psalmist is reputed to be King David remembering his tending the sheep as a boy and acknowledging the many gifts he has received from his Shepherd /Lord. But we are always invited to apply biblical texts to our own condition.

As I recall the words of this Psalm, some phrases especially impress themselves on me:

"I shall not want." This comes in two senses. I had always taken the somewhat archaic, passive sense: "I shall not be lacking." Now I can use it as an active commitment to simplicity. "I shall not want ... (anything too much; any more than I need; what doesn't belong to me.)" I understand it now as a positive response to the commandment, "Thou shalt not covet..."

"Thou preparest a table before me ..." In the presence of my enemies? Yes, but also in the presence of people whom I treat as enemies by marginalizing them, ignoring their needs, avoiding the Mustard Seed and Dismas House. These words are a call to a greater sharing of the good things of this world, and to a greater answer to "that of god in every one."

"Thou anointest my head with oil." I have been informed that the word "Messiah" and its Greek equivalent "Christ" simply mean "the anointed one." At god's leading, Samuel anointed David with oil for service to Israel. I have no problem seeing a Gandhi or a Martin Luther King, Jr. or even a Jesus of Nazareth as anointed, as a "Christ." Dare I think that my head, and yours who reads this too, is in some way anointed for some service?

Absolutely. My cup, and yours, runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us...forever.

When I went to FGC last year at Virginia Tech, I knew that I would return this summer at Bowling Green University in Ohio. I did, and it was even more wonderful because my husband came too! The trip was extra-fun for me because I used to live in Cleveland, and I visited old friends, former haunts, and dear family members.

FGC included evening plenaries that we could attend. (There were no grand children with us.) George Lakey from Philadelphia and Philip Gulley, a conservative Friend, from Indiana, were especially fine speakers.

I first met George Lakey at an AFSC retreat at Avon Center in NH. This was the event that actually brought me to Worcester Friends Meeting and led Whitney to the Meeting School. George co-founded the Movement for a New Society, which for nearly 20 years specialized in organizational innovation. He founded and directed the Philadelphia Jobs with Peace Campaign, and he is now the director of Training for Change. His July 5th talk at the plenary session was dedicated to Elise Boulding. Before he began speaking, George stood at the podium and made eye-contact with each individual, row by row, in the silent, expectant audience. The effect was powerful. I wrote in my journal: Here is, indeed, a holy man. While I can recognize this behavior as a possible technique, it brought me to the edge of my seat, knowing that what I was about to hear was an urgent, meaningful and spiritual message. George spoke of conflict and change. "Change." He said, "Real change costs. We have to be ready to pay those costs to make that change." He reminded us that conflict "heats" us up. People may not look at the Truth. Conflict will rise up to the surface. The presence of conflict can make things happen. "How can we imagine turning our eyes away from conflict," George asked, "When social movements can change America?" I encourage Friends to read George Lakey's writing. I only wish that all Worcester Friends could have shared the FGC experience. I write about it to try to share a little bit of it with you.



Philip Gulley, author, at FGC, asks, "Have you experienced the Light lately?"

Philip Gulley spoke at the plenary on the following evening, July 6. We loved listening to Philip Gulley, who told us about becoming a pastor at a meeting

where Friends seemed rather unfriendly and distant. He asked them "Have you experienced the Light lately? Let's TALK about it!" After that, he said that he learned about some of them, and could see the Light in their lives.

Philip Gulley addressed potential schisms in the Religious Society of Friends, encouraging us to be more accepting of each other. "If we separate," he said, "the chance of reunification becomes less likely." He reminded us that video games, texting, and multi-tasking in general impedes spiritual development. "Spirituality does not work well in a culture that demands we constantly multi-task." Gulley's books, the Harmony Novels, are a relaxing read, full of vignettes about a pastor in the small town of Harmony, Indiana.

The Showcase of Quaker Talent was given prominent time as the plenary session on July 8th. It included folk singers, improvisational jazz, opera, and a folk-dancing troupe. I was happy to be included, and have the opportunity to share my story about Althea's parakeets, Rhyme and Reason.

Phil and I enjoyed singing everyday before noon. We also had the opportunity to hear Jon Watts perform twice. He is bound to attract many young people to Friends, and to keep us OAFs (Older Adult Friends) in the loop. Jon Watt's website has some videos that Friends might like to watch. Watch Dance Party at Quaker Meeting, if you haven't seen it already:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XIMkK4_kTg&NR=1

Workshops meet every day at FGC. Phil thoroughly enjoyed his work on Classism with George Lakey, and I reveled in mine: Listening for the Muses, with percussionist Vonn Nu. A Friend in my workshop confided in me that she had come to FGC this year with much sadness, but the experience turned out to be "a sweet star of joy."

I may find my way to the FGC gathering in Iowa next year! It's far, far away, but I hope that one or two Worcester Friends will come with me.



Worcester Quakers Invite Public to Quaker Quest



Worcester Friends Meeting joyfully announces our upcoming Quaker Quest - a series of three meetings where people may learn more about the Religious Society of Friends.

Our Quaker Quest will be held on three consecutive Sunday afternoons: September 19, September 26, and October 3 from 2:00 until 4:00 P.M. at the Worcester Friends Meeting. Welcoming refreshments will be available at 1:30P.M.

Three Quakers speak briefly from the heart about the afternoon's topic.

September 19 - Quakers and Simplicity

September 26 - Quakers and Peacemaking

October 3 - Faith and Action.

Quaker Quest has been described as a program for both "inreach" and outreach". Attenders and members of the meeting will find that participating the Quaker Quest program will also be meaningful to them. Come to one meeting or come to all.

Refreshments will be served at 1:30. Child care is available with advance notice. Call 508-754-3887. Please visit our web site for more information. <http://www.worcesterfriendsmeeting.org>

"Simplicity, beauty, and happiness go together if they are a by-product of a concern for something more important than our selves." Elise Boulding

A note from Russell Boulding:

Dear Friends,

Elise died peacefully at 4:40 pm on Thursday June 24. Her webpage provides more about her last few weeks: <http://www.earthenergyhealing.org/EliseBoulding3.htm>

There will be a Memorial Service for her on her 90th birthday, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 6 at the Houghton Memorial Chapel, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA. Mark, Christie, Philip, William and I will be there with our spouses (Greg in Spirit).

This web page can be checked for the latest information about the Service:

<http://www.earthenergyhealing.org/EliseBoulding1.htm>

This is a far more comprehensive section covering the passing of Elise Boulding here on the web download version of this newsletter... we regret space limitations prevented this from appearing in this print issue.

Remembrances of Elise Boulding

by Virginia Swain

We met in 1993 just after the death of Elise's husband, Kenneth, when she moved to Wayland to live with her daughter. Soon afterwards, she invited me to join her on the Friends Peace Teams she coordinated for NEYM as well as participate and write a commentary in a several-month seminar at the Boston Research Center for the 21st Century where the proceedings were published in the book, *Abolishing War: Dialogue with Peace Scholars Elise Boulding and Randall Forsberg*.

Elise always encouraged me to write and speak about the Reconciliation Leadership Certificate Program (RLCP) and the Global Mediation and Reconciliation Service (GMRS) which arose out of my life journey at the United Nations since 1992. She and Mary Lee Morrison of Hartford Monthly Meeting led me in a clearness process where we discerned my next steps—it was through this clearness process that I accepted an invitation to speak at the Hague Appeal for Peace



Virginia Swain celebrates her friendship with Elise Boulding. This photo was taken during their last visit, on April 15, 2010, the week before Elise's final illness.

on the RLCP and the GMRS and attend the Summer Peacebuilding Institute at Eastern Mennonite University with 75 peacebuilders from all over the world, both in 1999. When I wrote my memoir, *A Mantle of Roses: A Woman's Journey Home to Peace* in 2004,

it was Elise who read it and wrote an endorsement for the back cover.

Elise continued to support me when I started teaching the Reconciliation Leadership courses at the UN in 2001. She wrote a welcome letter to my students in place of her being able to join us—urging the application of global citizenship being local and national. Elise encouraged me to start my television show, *Imagine Worcester and the World* on channel 13,

<http://www.wccatv.com/imagine>

Perhaps the most important part of her teaching for me came when I helped her organize a train the trainer workshop for the Imaging Process she developed with Warren Ziegler. For me, the philosophy and practice of Imaging is essential in all

my work-- from 3rd graders who want to reverse climate change at Worcester's Nelson Place School, to Reconciliation Leaders working with climate change, poverty and other global issues like the Millennium Development Goals. It is rare for me not to image daily.

The theory behind imaging is: no solution to a local or global challenge will be resolved unless we envisioned or "see it". As people imagine a positive future, they

then can work back into present time to achieve a positive present with a timeline and concrete action steps. Elise believed that if we can image a solution to a challenge, the solution will happen after we get practical with a timeline and action steps.

Now I am helping with the implementation of Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security. I'm sure Elise's life as a peacemaker had a large part in the resolution happening.

The Many Gifts of Elise Boulding

by Russell Boulding

Elise Boulding died on June 24, 2010 in Needham, MA. Hailed as a "matriarch" of the twentieth century peace research movement, she was sociologist emeritus from Dartmouth College and from the University of Colorado and in on the ground floor in the movements of peace, women's studies and futures and played pivotal roles in each. Her writings on the role of the family, women, spirituality and international non-governmental organizations have offered activists and educators new ways of conceiving the tasks inherent in making peace.

Beginning in tandem with her late husband, economist and Quaker poet Kenneth Boulding and later on her own, she went on to build a life that encompassed research, writing and teaching, networking and building communities of learning. Dr. Boulding is the author of over 300 publications and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1990. Her theoretical work

on the role of the family in educating toward social change, and the role women have played in peacemaking, together with her ideas on transnational networks and their relationship to global understanding are considered seminal contributions to twentieth century peace education thought. Prior to her scholarly career, which formally began at age fifty after receiving her doctorate from the University of Michigan, Dr. Boulding was making major contributions in other areas, most notably as a peace educator and prominent Quaker and as a leader in the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), rising up to be International Chair.



She was a founder of the International Peace Research Association and later became its Inter-

national Secretary-General. She was a co-founder the Consortium on Peace, Research, Education and Development. As an active opponent of the Vietnam War, Dr. Boulding ran for Congress in the 1960s on a Peace Platform in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She taught sociology and women's studies at the University of Colorado, where she helped to found the peace studies program. She later taught sociology and helped to found the peace studies program at Dartmouth College.

She took key leadership positions in the American and International Sociological Associations, worked on climate change, population, and arms control with the American Association of the Advancement of Science, was engaged with the American Futures Society, the World Policy Institute, the United Nations University in Tokyo, consultative work with UNESCO, and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the only woman to sit on the Commission to establish the U.S. Institute of Peace. She was on the boards of the National Peace Institute Foundation, the Boulder Parenting Center, the Exploratory Project on Conditions for a Just World Peace, the International Peace Research Association Foundation, the Committee for the Quaker United Nations Office, and Honorary Chair of the National Peace Academy Advisory Board. Prior to her retirement from Dartmouth College, she was a Senior Fellow of the Dickey Center for International Understanding at that university. In 1993 Dr. Boulding represented Quakers at the inaugural gathering of the global Interfaith Peace Council.

Born in 1920 in Oslo, Norway, her status as an immigrant profoundly affected her life and work. A graduate of Douglas College (now part of Rutgers

University), Dr. Boulding joined the Religious Society of Friends at age 21. Her sense of herself as a Quaker and her deep spirituality informed all of her subsequent work. Blessed with a very high energy level, at times she also sought out Catholic monasteries for times of retreat from her very heavily scheduled life as an academic, activist, author and speaker. In 1973 she spent a year in retreat in a mountain cabin outside Boulder, CO, where she began writing her seminal work on women, *The Underside of History, a View of Women Through Time*. Her last book, *Cultures of Peace: the Hidden Side of History*, is a celebration of the many ways peace is made in everyday places and hidden spaces and its writing was a culmination of her life's work. Retiring from Dartmouth College in 1985 she returned to Boulder, Colorado. In 1996 she relocated to Wayland, MA and in 2000 she moved to a retirement home in Needham, MA.

Elise Boulding is survived by her five children and their spouses: Russell and Bonnie Boulding of Bloomington, IN, Mark and Pat Boulding of Englewood, CO, Christine Boulding and the late Gregory Graham of Wayland, MA, Philip and Pam Boulding of Olalla, WA and William and Liz Boulding of Durham, NC, 16 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the National Peace Academy, PO Box 382, San Mateo, CA 94401 (please identify Elise Boulding Scholarship Fund, which was established to honor her life of dedication to peace, on check). Russell Boulding (4464 N. Robbs Lane, Bloomington, IN, 47408, jrb-eeh@bluemarble.net) is collecting tributes/reminiscences of those touched by her to be compiled, shared with the family and placed in the Elise Boulding Collection at the University of Colorado Archives, Boulder.



On Saturday, November 6, Virginia Swain will facilitate an Imaging Workshop for Haiti at Notre Dame Educational Bridge Center in Worcester from 9:30-4:30 pm The workshop will be in Elise's honor.

Elise and Warren Ziegler created an imaging workshop to motivate behavior in the present by using images of the future. Their theory is that the people of this earth will not be able to create something they haven't envisioned. Imaging can lead to the development of a practical solution with a timeline and action steps. Call Virginia if you are interested in attending this event. 508-245-6843

Quarterly Meeting Doings 07-18-10

by Clarence Burley

Smithfield Monthly Meeting hosted the Quarterly Session that Betty Jones, Betty Poynton and I attended in July. The worship featured three material objects that our unprogrammed meeting omits. In the order that stays easiest my mind they were: Bell, Book and Candle. More than the title of John van Druten's play, these were the artifacts used by the medieval church in the formal excommunication of wayward members. A bell was tolled to mark the spiritual death of miscreants, a bible was slammed shut in their faces to tell them that the consolations of the gospel were no longer available, and a candle was snuffed out to signify that the Light of Christ would no longer be their guide. Let us rejoice that, in those long past days of frequent disownings, it was the practice of Friends to labor afterwards with the subjects in an effort to restore them to membership.

When Innocent III laid an interdict on England in the reign of King John, among the specific prohibitions were: the ringing of church bells, the communal reading of scripture, and the lighting of churches: bell, book and candle again. Let us rejoice that Friends may use whatever means they find best to smooth the path and enable God to find them.

Semi-pastoral worship was new to me. Opening and closing hymns were sung a capella. A remembrance candle was lit to keep us in mind of people suffering from violence. A brief children's lesson was observed. In the absence of any children some of those present took part in the lesson. This was a pastoral talk on the

Buddhist, bowl-like, prayer bell, and we children were invited to meditate as its vibrations died away. A reading from the book of Leviticus (especially 25:10 "And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you.") and Psalm 46, ("Be still and know that I am God.") set us up for a brief pastoral talk on this year's NEYM theme of Jubilee. The silent worship ensuing was deeply centered, and evoked several oral ministries.

Monthly Meetings are strongly urged to designate two members each to the Quarterly Ministry and Council Committee. These might well be the meeting clerk and an M & C member. In addition to the usual Quarterly M&C duties these representatives will undertake to attend all Quarterly Meetings and report QM's doings back to their respective meetings by an entry in the newsletter. Another and most important duty will be to serve as an on-call decision-making committee between Quarterly sessions in the same way that the Permanent Board serves the Yearly Meeting between annual sessions. This decision waits for approval at the October Meeting after being discussed at home meetings. In this way the Smithfield Quarter hopes with God's help to shed the old attitude of "It's everybody's job, so it's nobody's job." and vitalize itself into an active body for service to the regional community of Friends.

**Life is meant to be lived from a Center, a divine Center . . . a life of unhurried peace and power.
It is simple. It is serene. It takes no time, but occupies all our time.**

Thomas Kelly, A Testament of Devotion, 1941

Attending Yearly Meeting Sessions has become an annual event for me and for my family. Each August we share a town house on Bryant University's campus with four grandchildren. The children love going to Sessions, and they talk about "Quaker camp" all year long. This year we were happy that our daughter Althea stayed in the townhouse with us, rather than in the dorm.

Viv Hawkins, from Philadelphia, spoke on Individual Witness and the next day Keith Harvey, Executive Director of American Friends Service Committee's New England Regional Office spoke on Corporate Witness. Unfortunately, Phil and I were unable to hear Viv Hawkins because we had a family reunion on that day. Annie and Peter Blood-Patterson led us in song on several occasions, and shared their music ministry with younger Friends.

Jubilee was the theme this summer. In Leviticus, the Jubilee Year is described as a time when slaves are released, debts are forgiven, and communities are made whole. At NEYM, we didn't actually pay debts or end discrimination, but we made great attempts at building community and valuing each other. Our Jubilee seemed to represent a time of letting go of the usual busy-ness that can distract us from a more prayer-filled week - a time of celebrating and defining who we are.

The agenda was very different; a "unity agenda" presented for tasks. Bible half-hour was omitted, and we had periods of extended deep worship. We were assigned to anchor groups, which met every day and gave shape for developing new friendships and spiritual sharing. I went to Sessions apprehensive about the different form that was planned. I returned home feeling tested, "held", and full of God's love.



Annie and Peter Blood-Patterson led NEYM Friends in song

Jubilee, to me, had a bit of a different meaning. In Egypt, I learned that pharaohs had a Jubilee every ten years of their reign. Because the pharaoh was believed to be divine, he had to prove his continued strength and ability to rule the land. This was done with rituals and a test where in the pharaoh had to run a significant distance around pillars in his temple. So the pharaoh had to prove his worthiness to continue as a divine leader.

NEYM's Jubilee tested Friends who attended the week. Without an agenda, our faith in God's goodness went nose to nose with our fears of global warming and our yearning for world peace. Minutes of our meetings were accurately and artistically scribed and are available on the NEYM website.

In our anchor groups, we were encouraged to write minutes, or personal commitments, and to share these with others. So I share my most personal one: to be at ease with unease. I know that I need Friends and prayer to be able to do this. It involves having faith in God. I am happy to talk about this with anyone who may be interested.

This Quaker stuff affects my life more and more. I love the silence; the stillness; and what comes out of it. When we let go of the distractions that are so plentiful, we become closer to God and to our own basic goodness.

NEYM Sessions 2010 ended with NEYM Pie, sung to the tune of American Pie, with words by Jim Grace. Go to

<http://www.quakerquaker.org/video/neym-pie-to-the-tune-of>

to listen to the song. The words are below the video, and you'll need to read along to catch all the words.

A life centered in God will be directed toward keeping communication with God open and unencumbered. Simplicity is best achieved through a right ordering of priorities, maintaining humility of spirit, avoiding self-indulgence, resisting the accumulation of unnecessary possessions, and avoiding over-busy lives.

Mike True wrote a long and thoughtful note to Friends on July 11, 2010 from the University of Rajasthan where he attended a three-day conference on *Gandhi and Nonviolence: Toward A Better Future*.

Civilization, in the real sense of the term, consists not in the multiplication, but in the deliberate and voluntary restriction of wants. This alone promotes real happiness and contentment and increases the capacity for service.

Gandhi

Returning to India, once again, has contributed to my knowledge and appreciation of Gandhi's amazing "experiments with truth" over a fifty year period, from 1893 until his death in 1948, his indebtedness to his native culture, and his borrowings from the West. In *Hind Swaraj*, 1909, and elsewhere, he distinguished between the destabilizing violence of modernism and capitalism and the achievements of Western thought. His Satyagraha (or nonviolence) relied on "soul force," including self-discipline, in affirming and transforming his country's rich heritage. He regarded "soul force" as both a power for good in each person and a link with all creation.

Discovered and reclaimed through nonviolence, it asserts the dignity of people in the face of violence and dehumanization under British rule. Today, Gandhi disciples [are] waging peace in the Middle East, Latin America, and the U.S.

[They] challenge the militarism and violence that threaten the very foundations of democratic governance. ... After the conference ended, I had extended religious discussions with my dear friend, Manmohan Nadish, 77, who is gathering Gandhi's writings about God. His 1927 essay, "God Is," for example, includes a modest, though inordinately sophisticated response to a journalist's sardonic remark about Gandhi's "God stunt" in his writings on non-violence.

Gandhi repeatedly acknowledged his inability to prove the existence of God or to account for the existence of evil, which God allows, while remaining untouched by it. He believed, nonetheless, in the indefinable power that pervades everything, "an unseen Power which makes Itself felt and yet defies all proof, because it is unlike all that I perceived through the senses." In conclusion, Gandhi quotes his favorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light, Amid the encircling gloom, Lead though me on," by John Henry Newman. Elsewhere, Gandhi cautions us not to expect certainties in this world, amid perpetual change and contingency, though he held fast to his belief that God is Truth or Truth is God. The fact that his religious sensibility sustained him over a long, tumultuous life is yet another testimony of his significance six decades after his death. As my friend, Naresh Dadhich says, "Gandhi lives!"



Woolman Hill Retreats



Autumn Gathering

Celebration and Release:

Art, Nature and Spirit

Melanie Weidner

October 8-11, 2010

Me, My Partner and the Divine

A Couple Enrichment Retreat

Mary Kay Glazer & Mark Moss,

Carol & Peter Letson

October 29-31, 2010

A more complete listing is available at <http://www.woolmanhill.org>

Worcester Friends Meeting will hold the Annual Fall Market Day on Saturday, Sept 25 from 9 to 3. Besides our famous apple pies, we are selling books, plants, donuts, baked goods, drinks, hot dogs and chicken sausage. Friends will be baking apple pies on Friday, September 24 from 5 to 8 in the evening.

Friends find the fall and spring market days a great opportunity for fellowship. Early morning set up, selling our goods, and even the clean up at the end of the day give us the comforting experience of working together as a community. Many hands make light work - and more fun!

Market Day provides a needed source of funds for the meeting activities, and also an enjoyable way to get to know our neighbors, many of whom return again and again.



Martha Yager (seated, at right) from American Friends Service Committee will be at the Fall Market day. Friends can find AFSC's latest pamphlets and add a new bumper sticker to the car!

Pennies for Peace

by Betty Poynton



Students at the Gultori Refugee School



Our First Day School will be participating in the Pennies for Peace campaign. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden cultural horizons while learning what we can do to help others less fortunate than us - one penny at a time. Pennies for Peace is a program of Central Asia Institute founded by Greg Mortenson - author of the best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*.

Mortenson wrote his book about his failed 1993 attempt to climb Pakistan's K2, the world's second highest mountain, and his rescue by the people in this remote region. After meeting the people, Mortenson founded the Central Asia Institute and has dedicated his life to building schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson promotes peace with books, not bombs, successfully bringing education and hope to remote communities in central Asia.

To date nearly 100 schools have been built in Pakistan and Afghanistan serving more than 28,000 students.

The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage our children, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

We will be starting September 12 by reading *Listen to the Wind* by Greg Mortenson and making containers to collect pennies. To learn more about the program, go to <http://www.penniesforpeace.org>

Improvements On The Meetinghouse

Our library has beautiful dark cranberry roman shade curtains, thanks to Clarence Burley! The sunlight will no longer shine in the eyes of those Friends meeting in the library before meeting for worship.

Major expenditures are underway! Painting the meetinghouse could not be postponed any longer! The chipping paint has become an embarrassing eyesore, and Friends are anticipating the sprucing up of our beautiful meetinghouse. The painting begins in September, and the overgrown bushes will need to be cut back to allow the painters' ladders to be placed.



Come out; come out, where ever you are! Worchester Friends will be able to see out of the front windows again!

Post Card Project

Thanks to an idea from Elliot Joslin, our former Clerk, lovely notecards will soon be available for purchase. The cards have Gordan Bugbee's familiar line drawing of our meetinghouse on the front.

Cost of 10 cards is \$15. All proceeds will go to the meeting.

Pennies For Peace Reprise

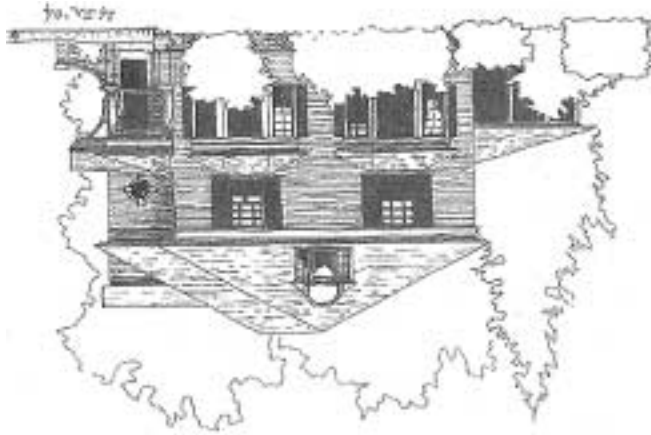
Help our kids collect Pennies for Peace. Bring your pennies to meeting so the children can watch them add up!



Potluck Promulgation



Worcester Friends Meeting is known as "the Meeting for eating." Set up for pot luck is voluntary. If you are unable to set-up on your scheduled day, make arrangements or tell one of the committee members.



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Treasurer: Mark Sullivan

Trustees meet 1st Sunday Clerks Ellen Perry and Karen Sargent

No summer committee meetings unless called.

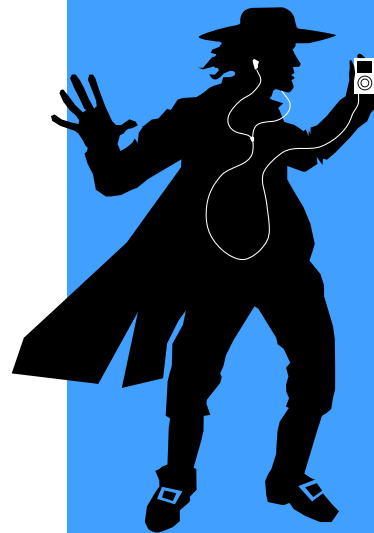
Voluntary Set-up before Meeting for Pot Luck Lunch

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.

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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 - pgallagher@townisp.com



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September 19 - Quakers and Simplicity

September 26 - Quakers and Peacemaking

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