



## Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends

# Newsletter

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### From Worship and Ministry

#### THE LIGHT OF CHRIST (Part 2 of 2)

##### The Power of the Light

*"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome it." (John 1:5)*

Sometimes, people run away from the light. They feel they don't want to know what is right, for fear it should turn out to be something too hard for them to do. Perhaps they have read something, or listened to somebody who has strong ideas of his own about what is right, and for fear of being controlled, they shut their minds against the questions that have been raised. This is not a very satisfactory solution, because the questions keep nagging in the back of your head.

It is much better to sit down quietly and wait in the light that is always shining. Ask God to show you the truth. It may take a long time to get really clear on some questions, but there is always enough light for the day. And when you trust the light, giving up to follow wherever it leads, you will learn something wonderful and surprising:

The thing the light commands is never too hard! Often, the things you were so afraid you would have to do turn out not to be required at all. Or, it may be that you do have to do it — but it turns out to be much easier than you had thought. You come to love the thing that God commands, and you no longer really want the things you have to give up. When we are very much attached to some wrong thing, it is hard to believe that that attachment could ever die — but it can, because God has the power to kill it. This power is called the cross of Christ, and it is available for the asking.

##### The Light of Truth

*"Again Jesus spoke to the people, saying, 'I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall wander in the dark; he shall have the light of life.'" (John 8:12)*

To some minds it is strange to think that the very light of God could have become a man and walked the earth. They ask, "What about people who have never heard of Jesus?" Or they may find it hard to believe that he rose from the dead as the scriptures claim, and that it is his own voice that speaks within us to teach us the way.

You can follow the light before you know the answers to these questions — provided your mind is open and you want to learn the truth about them. For the light loves truth and leads into truth. It hates all deception, including the self-deception of being too attached to our own ideas about things. Even the things we have learned from the light itself, we should be willing to resubmit to it from time to time, in case we have made a mistake. For the light is a patient and gentle teacher — it does not mind reconfirming what it once has taught. The confidence it seeks is not the arrogant confidence of the dogmatist who is always saying "I know this" and "I know that," but rather the confidence of faithfulness. It wants the kind of disciples who would go to prison or death rather than disobey even one of its commands, but who will meekly reopen any question at a brother's request.

##### The Fellowship in the Light

*"If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another..." (1 John 1:7)*

When a person aims to bring his whole life under the direction of the light, he longs for the fellowship of other people who share this same commitment. This fellowship cannot be set up in man's will, but the light can create a sense of kinship among its disciples, and guide them in giving it ordered

expression. A unique sort of community thus comes into being — one which receives its corporate guidance from the light, even as its individual members receive theirs.

Friends of Truth is one such community, but we do not claim to be the only one. There are many reasons why Christ's disciples do not find one another all at once. Different groups may have light on different things — and a seeker will need the guidance of God to know which one he should join — but the light is one, and brings those who follow it ever closer together. Someday we will all be in unity.

*Licia Kuenning, Glenside Meeting*

## **Coffee and Hospitality for January**

Children's Inclusion Committee

## **Upcoming Events**

### **January 18 — Peace Prayers Gathering**

7–8:30 PM, Haddonfield Meeting House. This is the first gathering of a group that will meet quarterly to pray for world peace, employing meditative prayer as a tool and taking time to share/support each other in a daily practice of living in a place of peace. Subsequent gatherings will be held as the seasons change: on March 21st, June 21st, September 22nd and December 22nd. Sponsored by Worship and Ministry.

### **January 20 — Clerking Workshop at Salem Meeting**

9 AM–3:30 PM, Salem Monthly Meeting. Entitled “Clerking: Serving the Salem Meeting Community with Joy and Confidence,” the workshop is presented by Arthur Larrabee, Clerk of Interim Meeting and past clerk of PYM. This workshop gives us the opportunity to understand how to participate in clerking procedures both as current and future leaders and as those who respond to the leadership. There will be handouts, exercises and opportunities to share experiences, with most work done in a group setting. This workshop is open to Salem Quarter and PYM members, as space permits, for \$30. Cost includes lunch and handout materials.

### **January 26 — Jack Patterson Lecture on Genocide**

8:00 PM, Pendle Hill. Jack Patterson, who has served with the American Friends Service Committee and also as Quaker Representative to the United Nations in New York, will speak on “Friends Facing Genocide and Humanitarian Crises: What Are We Called to Do?” The lecture is free and open to the public. It is a part of a weekend conference on the same subject. For more information, contact Pendle Hill at 610-566-4507 or 800-742-3150, ext. 3 or visit [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org). See more Pendle Hill on page 5.

### **January 27 — Peace March in Washington, DC**

Sponsored by [www.unitedforpeace.org](http://www.unitedforpeace.org). Join marchers from around the country to call for an end to the war in Iraq. Buses are leaving from Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$25; \$15 for students. Can't make it to DC? PYM is also organizing events locally — go to [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org) and click on Quaker peace activities.

### **January 27 — Winter Gathering on Worship, Ministry, and Eldering**

9:30 AM–4 PM, Green Street Meeting, 45 West School House Lane, Philadelphia. The entire morning is given to unprogrammed worship. After a bag lunch together, there is a time of worship sharing. All those who feel a call to ministry of any sort or who are longing for a deeper experience of Quaker worship are welcome. These gatherings are a time to find fellowship in the deep matters of the Spirit. Child care will be available if reserved two weeks in advance. Bring your own lunch.

### **January 28 — Anchoring Public Ministries or Leadings**

1 PM–3 PM, Chestnut Hill Meeting in Philadelphia. Chestnut Hill Meeting invites Friends to a program on anchoring committees or related clearness or nurture groups for Friends involved in public ministries. Deborah Fisch, staff coordinator for the Traveling Ministries Program of Friends General Conference, will facilitate our exploration of this spiritual responsibility; its challenges, the potential tasks involved, and the need for ongoing discernment about the life and scope of the public ministry or leading.

### **February 17 — Couples Workshop**

Friends Center. “Partnering with You,” a workshop for couples, will be led by Patricia McBee and Brad Sheeks. The workshop is for couples who wish to deepen their relationship as a path to spiritual growth and to nurture the sense of joy which comes from feeling fully themselves in relation to their partner. The activities will support two essential skills — the abilities to speak one's own truth and to listen deeply to the other. The workshop is for committed couples regardless of marital status or gender. Child care will be provided. Sponsored by the Couple Enrichment Program of Friends General Conference.

## **Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Meeting for Worship for Business December 10, 2006**

36 Friends were in attendance. The meeting began with a period of worship. The Clerk read Query Number 2 from *Faith & Practice*, Meeting for Business.

### From Care Committee

The membership application of Judy Barnes, first brought before November Meeting for Business and held over for one month, was approved. Bob and Connie Brookes and Drew Biehl were named to the welcoming committee.

Karen Patterson and Richard Kearney wrote to Care Committee and expressed the wish to be married under the care of the Meeting. A clearness committee was appointed and met with the couple to explore their leading to marry. The clearness committee found that all of the prerequisites to being married under the care of the Monthly Meeting have been met. Care Committee recommended that the Monthly Meeting approve the wedding. Since Richard's parents will be returning to England, the wedding is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3. Judy Owens is convening an oversight committee. Friends approved.

We have received an application for membership from Mary Anne Gaffney, Susan Borkowski and their daughter Megan Borkowski. A clearness committee has visited. Care Committee is satisfied that this family is prepared for the commitment of membership and should be welcomed into the Society of Friends. In accordance with custom, the matter will be held over for one month.

### Recommendation for a Special Called Meeting for Worship

Care Committee has been discussing the ministry of caring for members who have lost loved ones who are not a part of Haddonfield Meeting. The committee recommended that the Monthly Meeting hold a special called Meeting for Worship shortly after the New Year. This Meeting would be a memorial service for the numerous members of the community whom we have lost over the last year, and a celebration of the lives of family members and other loved ones of the Meeting community who have died and are mourned. Friends approved. A date has not yet been determined; it will probably be in mid-January.

**Change in Dates for April and May 2007 Meetings for Business:** The meeting approved changing the dates for both the April and May Monthly Meetings for Business. The April Meeting for Business, as scheduled, falls on Easter and the May Meeting falls on Mother's day. The dates have been changed to the first Sundays of these two months — April 1st and May 6th.

### Committee Reports

Jayne Stokes presented the annual report for the Library. The meeting approved the report with gratitude to the Library Committee.

Deedy Roberts presented the annual report for the Memorial and Graveyard Committee. The meeting approved the report with gratitude to the Committee.

After a period of silent worship the meeting addressed two issues concerning Haddonfield Friends School. The first issue was a concern raised that a non-member of Haddonfield Meeting was now Clerk of School Committee. After weighing the disadvantages of having someone not familiar with our Meeting and new to our School assume the duties of Clerk of School Committee against his extensive experience and excellent qualifications, Friends concluded that we are comfortable with the Committee's choice of Clerk — or, rather, Clerks. During the process, we learned that School Committee has divided the duties of the Clerk between two Co-Clerks. Foster Doan will be focused mainly on the Committee's interactions with the School. His Co-Clerk, Tim Hogan, will be taking care of other Committee business and making regular reports to the Meeting for Business on School and School Committee activities that might be of interest to the Meeting.

There was no new business.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joanne R. Heizer, Recording Clerk

*Friends and regular Attenders may request copies of the complete minutes from the Recording Clerk at [joanne@synchcorp.com](mailto:joanne@synchcorp.com) or 856-429-9186.*

### First Day School

The following is the schedule for Adult First Day School in January. We hope that these sessions will continue the preparation we have been doing for the program on "Deepening and Strengthening our Meeting" which our Meeting will be undertaking. — Religious Ed Committee

Religious Ed has been kind enough to allow Worship and Ministry the first few First Day School sessions for 2007.

**January 7** — "Quaker Process." Drew Biehl, Clerk of Haddonfield Friends, will lead a discussion on the ideals and practical application of Quaker process within the Monthly Meeting Community.

**January 14** — Monthly Business Meeting (No First Day School for adults)

**January 21** — "Listening to the Heartbeat of God — Part I." A study in Celtic spirituality led John Sheffield and Kathy Donch. We'll explore the historic differences between

## Make New Friends (But Keep the Old) ...

Tim Hogan, husband of Tanya and father of Mitchell, 9, and Elise, 6, says that his process of becoming a member of Haddonfield Meeting was a comfortable natural progression. “When our kids were born, we talked about how to raise them spiritually. We considered various alternatives. Tanya’s niece has gone to Quaker schools all her life; she’s now finishing at Friends’ Central. When we started at Haddonfield Friends School, we were physically there a lot. People from Meeting began to say hello, talk to us, and invite us to things.” Now members since 2004, Tim and his family live in Sicklerville. Haddonfield is the only Quaker meeting Tim has attended.

Tim was raised Catholic in Totowa, NJ. He was working in North Jersey when he met Tanya. They married, honeymooned in St. Lucia, and moved to South Jersey, as Tanya’s family is from Philadelphia. Tim has a long daily commute to Princeton University, where he does software development including “programs that make sure students get their financial aid.” Tim describes himself as “calm, generally upbeat, and... tired, but in a good way.”

On the occasion of their first visit to Meeting for Worship, they stayed after rise of meeting for announcements and heard that Tommy Trantino had been arrested again. “I was really struck,” Tim said, “at what kind of people Quakers are. Not like my old church where people are out the door as soon as the service was over.” The people at Meeting stayed and talked out how to respond. Despite heated feelings, “people really were there to do something. It was inspiring,” said Tim.

A computer science major at Lafayette College, Tim minored in English. “I’m a computer geek who loves Shakespeare — the turns of language, the constructs, the way themes are woven through the plays with intricate language.” During his college years, Tim went to the theatre as often as possible. As the children grow, Tim would love to start taking them to see Shakespeare on stage. He’d also like to return with the kids to St. Lucia. “Time with the family is what I enjoy most,” Tim said.

*By Judy Kruger*

## ... One Is Silver And The Other Gold.

*A song sung in Girl Scout camp.*

Celtic and Latin spiritual traditions and how they affected the early growth of the Church in the British Isles.

**January 28** — “Listening to the Heartbeat of God — Part II.” The study concludes with a look at the similarities between Celtic spiritual traditions and beliefs of early Friends

**February 4** — “Workshop on Forgiveness.” A program based on a five-step program created by Charles Reiger of Salem Meeting. Participants will learn skills of forgiveness so that they may release old resentments and anger and rekindle their spiritual growth. Facilitated by Judy Owens and Francine Pagell.

Later in February or March, Religious Education Committee will be teaming up with Library Committee to sponsor a discussion of the book “Holy Silence” by J. Brent Bill. This book is an introduction to Quaker spirituality that should be of interest to new and long-time Friends alike. The books are approximately \$15 each, but we may be able to get a discount if enough people sign up. If you are interested in joining the discussion or just want to read the book, please sign up on the sheet on the easel in the foyer.

## Earlham Sponsors Winter Conferences on Discernment

Earlham School of Religion returns to the Philadelphia area for the second year of its “Vitality Among Friends” series. This offering continues in response to an expressed desire for greater community and shared gifts between Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Friends and ESR.

The theme for 2007 is “Discerning the Leadings of the Spirit,” a theme that will be explored in two Saturday sessions. February 3 (snow date February 10) will engage the topic “Recognizing the Inner Witness.” It will be held at Arch Street Meeting House. March 3 (snow date March 10) will consider “Individual Discernment through Spiritual Practice.” This session will be held at Haverford College. Each event will include a plenary session and multiple workshops. The sessions will be led by ESR faculty, alumni or invited guests.

## Winter Offerings at Pendle Hill

Pendle Hill, in Wallingford, PA, has many options for weekend workshops in January. From January 12–14 is “Recording Spiritual Discipline and Communal Gifts” with Mario Cavallini — a workshop for recording clerks or those interested in becoming recording clerks. From January 19–21, Kendall Dudley leads “Thinking Big/Acting Large: Experiments in Art, Purpose and Imagination.” From January 26–28, Pendle Hill will be hosting a conference on Friends’ response to genocide and other humanitarian crises. There will be a free public lecture on the subject by Jack Patterson, a former Quaker Representative to the UN. (see page 2 for details.) From January 29–February 2, Chris Ravndal will lead a workshop on centering prayer. Call Pendle Hill at 610-566-4507, 800-742-3150 or online at [www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org) for information or to register.

## Big Gathering of Young Adult Friends from Across the Country

Young Adult Friends (ages 18 to 35) nationwide are invited to Burlington, New Jersey, for a weekend gathering February 16 to 18. We will build connections, share information about supportive communities that already exist, and create programs for on-going nurture and support for Young Adult Friends’ communities within the Society of Friends.

Throughout the weekend, we will collect ideas, meet new Friends, gather energy and have fun! There will be space for worship sharing and discussion with Friends from different generations. We will come away from this gathering with ideas for worship groups, retreats and community-building activities for our local YAF communities. This gathering is organized by youth workers from FGC, Pendle Hill and PYM.

## Restorative Justice — Conference for Educators & Other Peacemakers

The PYM Standing Committees on Education and Peace & Concerns have joined together to co-sponsor a multi-disciplinary conference for Friends and others: “Restorative Justice Practices for Educators and other Peacemakers.” It will be Saturday, February 24, from 9 AM to 2 PM at the Fourth and Arch Street Meeting House in Philadelphia. This conference builds on the annual gathering for Quaker Public Educators.

The keynote address will be given by Dr. Brenda Morrison, a world-renowned scholar on restorative justice. Dr. Morrison

has studied bullying, violence and restorative justice internationally, with much of her work focusing on the regulation of safe school environments. Restorative Justice is an approach to resolving the wounds of violence by focusing on “restoring” the dignity of both oppressor and victim, grounded in truth and reconciliation.

The February 24 conference will have topical workshops on areas of interest to educators and others who are striving to integrate their Quaker spiritual and humanitarian convictions with their professional endeavors. Child care up to age 5 will be provided if requested by February 16.

## FWCC Meeting in Providence, RI

The Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, Annual Meeting will take place in Providence, RI, March 15–18. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Bernard LaFayette Jr., Director of the Center for Nonviolence and Peace Studies at the University of Rhode Island, and a former activist in the civil rights movement. All Friends are invited to attend and participate in business, worship and fellowship. Workshops representing interests of Friends from around the Americas are offered, and FWCC regions (PYM is part of the Northeast Region) will plan for upcoming regional gatherings. Information and registration available at [www.fwccamericas.org](http://www.fwccamericas.org). **Pre-registration requested by February 12, 2007.**

FWCC Section of the America’s mission statement reads: In bringing Friends together face-to-face and heart-to-heart across traditions and national borders, FWCC Section of the Americas seeks to promote exchanges that advance spiritual renewal and vitality within the Religious Society of Friends.

## Book Sale

The Library Committee is holding a used book sale on March 18 during covered dish. If you would like to donate gently used books toward the sale, place them in the drop off box in the library. No textbooks or magazines, please. All proceeds benefit the library.

# January 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  NEW YEARS DAY	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>  9 am Library Committee 10 am Meeting for Worship 11:20 am FDS	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7:30 pm Care Committee	<b>10</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  9 am Peace & Soc. Concerns 10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am Meeting for Business	<b>15</b>  7:30 pm Prop. Committee MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>18</b>  7 pm Peace Prayer Gathering	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <b>Newsletter deadline</b>  10 am Meeting for Worship 11 am FDS 12 noon covered dish	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  9:15 am Meeting for Worship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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