



**PALO ALTO FRIENDS NEWSLETTER**

**Fifth Month, 2010**

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**Queries for Fifth Month: Harmony with Creation**

It would go a long way to caution and direct people in their use of the world, that they were better studied and knowing in the Creation of it. For how could [they] find the confidence to abuse it, while they should see the Great Creator stare them in the face, in all and every part thereof? - *William Penn, Some Fruits of Solitude, 1693*

God is revealed in all Creation. We humans belong to the whole interdependent community of life on earth. Rejoice in the beauty, complexity, and mystery of creation, with gratitude to be part of its unfolding. Take time to learn how this community of life is organized and how it interacts. Live according to principles of right relationship and right action within this larger whole.

Be aware of the influence humans have on the health and viability of life on earth. Call attention to what fosters or harms earth's exquisite beauty, balances and interdependencies. Guided by Spirit, work to translate this understanding into ways of living that reflect our responsibility to one another, to the greater community of life, and to future generations.

- In what ways do I express gratitude for the wondrous expressions of life on Earth?*
- Do I consider the damage I might do to the Earth's vulnerable systems in choices I make of what I do, what I buy, and how I spend my time?*
- In our witness for the global environment, are we careful to consider justice and the well-being of the world's poorest people?*
- Does our way of life threaten the viability of life on Earth?*

**SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE**

- 9:00 to 10:00 am Adult Education, New Meeting House (NMH), 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> First Days & on 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> First Days by arrangement.
- 10:00 to 10:25 Hymn Singing at NMH.
- 10:30 to 11:30 Meeting for Worship at New Meeting House.**
- 10:30 to 11:15 First Day School for children in Old Meeting House (OMH – n.b., also now known as the “School House”).
- 11:15 to 11:30 Children join adults for Meeting for Worship in NMH
- 11:30 to 11:45 Introductions and announcements

MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS is held on the second First Day of the month, following light refreshments after Meeting for Worship. The next Meeting for Business will be May 9, 2010.

- WORSHIP SCHEDULE (in NMH):
- Meeting for Worship – each First Day at 10:30 AM.
  - Mid-Week Evening Worship – each Wednesday at 6:00 PM.
  - Mindfulness Meditation – each Thursday at 7:15 AM

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**APR**

- 25 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 25 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).
- 25 Sun 8:00 pm Classical Music in the Meetinghouse – (see note below).
- 26 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).
- 28 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**
- 29 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

## **MAY**

- 2 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).  
**2 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
3 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).  
**5 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
6 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
9 Sun 9:15 am Community Service Committee Meeting – NMH.  
**9 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
9 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.  
9 Sun 12:20 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above); child care provided (see note below).  
10 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).  
**12 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
13 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
14-16 Fri-Sun College Park Quarterly Meeting – Ben Lomond Quaker Center(see note below).  
7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
16 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (see note below).  
**16 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
16 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).  
16 Sun 12:20 pm Adult Ed.: Lecture and Discussion – NMH (see note below).  
16 Sun [Deadline for submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to [moriii@yahoo.com](mailto:moriii@yahoo.com).]  
**19 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
20 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
20 Thurs 7:00 pm Oversight Committee meeting – Library.  
**23 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
23 Sun noon Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).  
24 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).  
**26 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
27 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
**30 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
30 Sun noon Fifth First Day Newcomers Lunch – (see note below).

## **CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS**

\*\*\* STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: Stanford students interested in on-campus Quaker activities should contact Hannah Popick [hannapopick@gmail.com](mailto:hannapopick@gmail.com) , 650-644-5130.

\*\*\* ADULT EDUCATION DISCUSSION: **Reading and Discussion** led by Henry Jason each 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9 am – NMH. We are reading Robert Barclay's Quaker "Catechism and Confession of Faith." No preparation is necessary. All are welcome. Contact Henry Jason.

### Adult Education Programs in May

**May 16, 12:20 in the NMH: Reading & Discussion: Enlivened by the Mystery: Quakers and God -\_A new anthology published by Western Friend.**

*"[God says:] You are confused? ... Never mind. Go sit under that tree and have some lemonade while I have myself a Time here. And I say: Oh God, take thou my unbelief and make me whole. And God says: Oh Child. Drink your lemonade. Slip slowly into the simplicity of sour and sweet, wet and dry."*

*"I ... didn't like the idea of God as father. ... But what occurred to me recently is that God is family. Drive you crazy, call at the wrong time, you're-stuck-with-me kind of family. No one knows you quite like family, and in a pinch, there's no one I would rather have at my side."*

We will read aloud and discuss selections from this delightful collection of poems and essays expressing contemporary Quakers' experience of God or the Divine. No advance preparation necessary, though if you do read ahead you might want to come prepared to recommend a particular passage or two that spoke to you.

**May 23: 12:50 in the NMH, following lunch in the School House: Discussion led by Worship & Ministry committee:**

*State of the Meeting: Now What?* Having approved our annual State of the Meeting report at the April meeting for business, we will continue to discuss what we have learned about ourselves in the process and where we might go from here. Please come prepared to share and to listen. We will have available State-of-the-Meeting reports from other Meetings in the Quarter for comparison.

\*\*\* PAFM WOMEN'S GROUP: Meets the second and fourth Monday in the Library at the New Meeting House 7-9 pm. The group chooses different topics, readings, or spiritual exercises as the starting point for our discussions but no prior reading is required to join and enjoy the discussion. To be added to the distribution list for this group, please send an email to [kmcclellx@comcast.net](mailto:kmcclellx@comcast.net).

\*\*\* COLLECTION FOR ECUMENICAL HUNGER PROGRAM (EHP): Community Service Committee collects a monthly offering of cash donations to be given to the EHP after the rise of Meeting each third First Day – at the front door. EHP provides emergency food, clothing, case management, household essentials, and resource referrals to families in need in East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, and Palo Alto.

\*\*\* HOMELESS MEALS - OPPORTUNITY FOR COMM-UNITY SERVICE - April 5, May 3 & 31, June 28, July 26, and August 23 are our scheduled days to prepare the food and serve it to the Homeless at the First Methodist Church in Palo Alto as part of the Urban Ministry meal program. Contact Marie Simirenko for more information - 650-961-1724.

\*\*\* COLLEGE PARK QUARTERLY MEETING: Listening to each other ... listening to God. Fifth Month 14-16. at Ben Lomond Quaker Center.

\*\*\* THURSDAY MORNING MINDFULNESS MEDITATION: The Thursday morning meditation group meets in the New Meeting House, which is opened by 7:15 am; the practice time goes from 7:30 am to 8:30 am. All are welcome, including those new to meditation or experienced. Susan Murphy and Linea Stewart share the facilitation of the meditation group. Susan and Linea will draw on their backgrounds in both Buddhist meditation and Christian contemplative practices. For more information and a schedule of the practices, contact Susan Murphy, at [somurphy@earthlink.net](mailto:somurphy@earthlink.net)

\*\*\* WEDNESDAY WORSHIP/SHARING OR DISCUSSION GROUP: Every Wednesday following the Meeting for Worship from 7-8:30. This time is available for any individual in the Meeting community to propose a topic for sharing or discussion. Those wishing to convene a group should first contact Worship & Ministry Committee, which will help with advance preparations. Eric Sabelman is clerk of W&M <[esabelman@aol.com](mailto:esabelman@aol.com)>, 650-322-2455.

\*\*\* FOURTH FIRST-DAY PROVIDED LUNCH: PAFM provides a lunch on **fourth** First Day. This allows Friends an opportunity to get to know each other better. Friends, attenders, visitors, and newcomers are all welcome.

\*\*\* Friends are reminded that there are those among us who have allergies, often severe. We must avoid certain food products especially in the School House because of the allergies of children attending Friends Nursery School. Some among us are also allergic to artificial fragrances (perfumes, colognes, after-shaves).

## **NEWS OF PEOPLE AND EVENTS**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL:** FDS is always looking for second adult helpers each First-day. We do have lead teachers with planned curricula through 6th month. However, it is good practice to have a second adult. This is a great way to get to know the kids a little better and to support FDS and all you need to do is be present from 10:25-11:15 in the schoolhouse and help the lead teacher. To sign up please contact Tom Farley, clerk, <[farley@spont.com](mailto:farley@spont.com)> 650-366-1818.

**CHILDCARE DURING MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** During monthly Meeting for Worship on the Occasion of Business, childcare will be provided for all age children from 12:15 to 1:45 pm in the Old Meeting House. The regular staff for the preschool program, Jadranka Tanovic and Sangeta Tamang, will provide the childcare. Advance sign-up is not required, but children should be in the program by 12:30. (If no children show up, the staff will leave at 12:45.)

**CLASSICAL MUSIC IN THE MEETINGHOUSE :** On Sunday evening, April 25, 2010, at 8 pm, the meeting will host a concert entitled "Les Nations et une Apothéose" to benefit the Friends Committee on Legislation (FCL), the latest in a series of concerts beginning in 1997. The size and acoustics of the Meetinghouse are ideal for hearing and seeing chamber music played by professional musicians.

Violinists Anthony Martin and Tyler Lewis, with gambist William Skeen, will play trios and solos from six nations, composed in the 1600s by Lully, Corelli, Buxtehude, da Selma, Schmelzer and Purcell. The concert will close with Couperin's 1725 "Apotheosis of Lully" performed by an ensemble of violins, viol, harpsichord, and lutes.

Quakers of the time, of course, would have shunned such popular music as a distraction from their earnest search for Truth. No less earnest, today's Quakers have an opportunity to hear what their predecessors missed.

Suggested donation: adults: \$25, ages 4-16: \$10. All proceeds go to FCL.

**"BUILDING A LOCAL INTERFAITH MOVEMENT, WITH A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE."** Saturday, May 29, 7 - 9 PM, San Jose Friends' Meetinghouse, 1041 Morse St., San Jose, Anthony Manousos, Santa Monica Friends' Meeting, active in interfaith work, attended Parliament of the Worlds' Religions (PWR) in Melbourne last year, is the principal speaker; with Rev. Ellen Grace O'Brian, Founding Minister and Spiritual Director of the Center for Spiritual Enlightenment, San Jose, and member of the Board of Trustees of the Council of PWR and Zahra Billoo, Program and Outreach Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), an activist with a law degree committed to social justice and community. 4th speaker, TBA. Vegetarian Dinner, 5:30-7 PM precedes the event. Potluck vegetarian dishes appreciated. Ample free parking in large lot across the street. Information, call Donna at 650.428.0832.

**"Answering that of God in Everyone: Friends and the Interfaith Movement"**. Sunday, May 30, 12 - 1 PM, San Jose Friends' Meetinghouse, Anthony Manousos will present a PowerPoint presentation and talk, followed by questions and

discussion. If so moved, please join us for worship from 10 - 11 AM, followed by refreshments and then the talk. See above for parking, etc.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR MEETING SERVICE:** Our Meeting has volunteered to work on one Monday each month from 3 to 6:30pm to help Palo Alto Urban Ministry prepare an evening meal. First Methodist Church - Hamilton & Webster Aves. Contact Marie Simirenko or sign up on the bulletin board.

**RIDES TO/FROM MEETING:** Oversight will keep a list of people seeking rides and a list of people who are willing to offer rides to and/or from Meeting on either a regular or occasional basis. Contact anyone on the committee if you or someone you would like to be on either list.

**MILITARY/DRAFT COUNSELING:** Contact CCCO – West 405 14th Street, #205 Oakland, CA, 94612.

## **NEEDS, OFFERINGS, OPPORTUNITIES, & ENTHUSIASMS**

**AFSC NEWS:** Payday at Last: Martin Quevas, AFSC staff person in Farmersville, CA, traveled to Mexico with a group of Braceros [part of the 'Guest Worker' program of the 40s, 50s & 60s]. They were the first group to receive the long-awaited payment of money withheld by the Mexican Government from their wages in those long-ago days, supposedly to be given them on their return to Mexico. It has been a long hard road to receive the money earned and owed and there is a long way to go to ensure that everyone receives their due but it is a good beginning after a lot of hard work by many.

Faith Groups work together: San Francisco Peace Program staff member, Sandra Schwartz, went to Washington DC for Ecumenical Advocacy days. Over 100,000 people of faith met and studied issues of social justice together and ended their time by visiting Representatives and Senators on Capitol Hill. The AFSC delegation visited Senator Barbara Boxer and Representative [and House Speaker] Nancy Pelosi where they discussed Immigration Reform.

Search for AFSC General Secretary – update: The search for a replacement General Secretary has been underway since Mary Ellen McNish submitted her resignation. Interviews are now scheduled and the hope is to submit potential candidates to the Board Meeting in June.

Volunteer Opportunities: If you feel called to service with AFSC there are several vacancies in committees – the vital guide and support for the programs. To learn more contact Laura Magnani, Interim Director, 415-565-0201 x11. Laura is always willing to come and speak of AFSC work. You only need contact her. - Ruth Fraser - Your AFSC Newshound.

**NEWS FROM SIERRA FRIENDS CENTER:** Woolman Semester: Our spring students have just returned from Agua Prieta, Mexico where they studied border politics. Back on campus they will be wrapping up the semester with their "Youth As Peacebuilders" projects. Each student will also research a sustainability issue on campus and produce projects to decrease our resource use, and finally students will work in small groups to create documentary films for their Peace Studies class that you can view on our YouTube Channel, <http://www.youtube.com/user/WoolmanSemester>. Graduation will take place on Saturday morning, May 29th at 9am with Baccalaureate the night before at 7:30pm. These two events will give you a strong sense of the work and transformation these students have experienced.

Family Work Camp: This weeklong program of shared work in the mornings and fellowship in the afternoons and evenings will be from June 13th-20th. Contact Jim Anderson and Bob Runyan for more information and register by calling Sierra Friends Center at 530-273-3183.

Woolman Sustainability Intensive: This weeklong program will integrate the learning and practice of Nonviolent Communication and concepts of Permaculture and sustainability. The first session will be held from June 20-25. Contact Dorothy for details at [dorothyh@woolman.org](mailto:dorothyh@woolman.org) or 530-273-3183 ext. 15.

Sierra Friends Camp: Applications are being currently being accepted from 9 to 14 year olds for one of three sessions beginning July 5<sup>th</sup> and run through August 1<sup>st</sup>. More information and applications for camp are available at <http://www.sierrafriendscamp.org/>. Kathy Runyan - Advancement Director. 530-273-3183 ext. 12. [www.woolman.org](http://www.woolman.org)

**DUVENICK EXHIBIT. AT LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM:** Josephine and Frank Duenick, social activists and ardent environmentalists, touched countless lives: children, Japanese Americans, Mexican American, Native Americans and Blacks in and beyond the San Francisco Bay Area. Their extraordinary lives and accomplishments will be chronicled in "Touching Lives: The Duenicks of Hidden Villa", a new exhibit on view January 20 through June 27, 2011, at the Los Altos History Museum.

Josephine and Frank Duenick left affluent roots in Boston to put down new ones at Hidden Villa in Los Altos Hills. Their ranch, Hidden Villa, introduces children and adults to rural life. It teaches visitors how to care for the natural world, and since 1945 it has been the site of inter-racial summer camps.

The exhibit "Touching Lives: The Duenicks of Hidden Villa" will feature hands-on discovery and environmental sections, personal diaries, artifacts and photos, and a new video of interviews with family, friends, and associates.

**THE PENINSULA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER:** The Center's Calendar is at: [http://www. peaceandjustice.org](http://www.peaceandjustice.org)

**HELP CENTRAL AMERICAN REFUGEES WHILE YOU HELP YOURSELF:** Reliable, hard-working men and women need jobs while they rebuild their lives. SBSC has a Job Hotline (650) 494-8340. Workers can do: child care • elder care • gardening • window washing • moving • professional painting • cleaning of homes and offices • errands • carpentry • roof repair • gutter cleaning.

(650) 494-8340. DONATIONS NEEDED: washing machine • single bed • vacuum cleaner • dresser clothes • toys and books for 8-year-old girl.

**SOUTH BAY SANCTUARY COVENANT** invites you to celebrate Romero Alive in His People on the 30th Anniversary of his Martyrdom. **Sunday**, May 2, 2010 at 4:00 PM. First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall - 1140 Cowper Street, Palo Alto. Hear a lively, passionate presentation from our 24-member Delegation to El Salvador, which included 13 students from Stanford and other schools. Hear what they discovered through commemorations of Archbishop Oscar Romero, interviews with political, government and social movement leaders, including a visit and rally in Cabañas in solidarity with environmental activists, and staying with families in our partner community. Suggested donation: \$20/adult and \$5 - \$15/student for program including dinner (No one turned away for lack of funds). Please call 650-494-8340 or send an email to [steering@southbaysanctuary.org](mailto:steering@southbaysanctuary.org) to RSVP. We are raising funds for grassroots programs that empower the people in our Salvadoran partner communities.

**BOOKS FOR STANFORD STUDENT GROUP:** The group has a couple feet of shelf space in the Religious Groups Library of the Old Union at Stanford, and would love add your favorite Quaker book to the shelf. Here is a list of books we have already received. This list is currently very short, but will be updated as more books are donated.: [http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqgEnf\\_0LgUUVLGA](http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqgEnf_0LgUUVLGA)

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If you have an e-mail address, please join our Meeting's e-mail discussion list. To subscribe - visit <https://mailman.stanford.edu/mailman/listinfo/pafriends>. To post a message to all on the list, send the message to [pafriends@lists.stanford.edu](mailto:pafriends@lists.stanford.edu). If you have any questions, contact Jerry McBride [jlmcbriemail@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmcbriemail@yahoo.com) 964-2869.

**Palo Alto Friends Meeting**  
**Meeting for Business Minutes**  
**Fourth Month 11, 2010**

Clerk, Diane Pasta, opened the meeting with a period of worship at 12:15 pm

30 Friends were in attendance: The list is attached.

The clerk read the advices and queries for fourth month on Stewardship and Vocation. There were no responses.

Minutes from Third month were read and approved as amended.

We accepted the agenda.

*[Begin consent agenda]*

**FASE report: Stratton Jaquette**

Friends Association of Services for the Elderly which operates Friends House in Santa Rosa a continuing care retirement community. Federal regulations increase and constrain flexibility. The skilled nursing facility, in particular, has changed the level of service. The board is working to deal with the normal distress of change and adaptation.

**Committee to name the nominating committee:** [Talley Kenyon, Barry Hayes, and Chula Morel-Seytoux,] has met and their work in continuing. One concern that has been raised is that, historically, the committee has had a balance of 2 men and 2 women. In the past a man and woman have been nominated to serve for the same two year terms. At present, we have two men leaving the committee and two women continuing. In order to return to the historic pattern, yet have two men on the committee, the Naming Committee is considering bringing forth 3 names to serve. We hope to find two men, one of whom would serve for only one year, the second serving a two year term and one woman who would serve a two year term.

**Oversight Committee: Talley Kenyon**

She read the report of the Marriage clearness committee for Ed Boling recommending that his marriage be undertaken under the care of the Meeting, but without the Meeting taking the civil responsibilities. It is attached. This was the first reading. The care of the marriage will be considered next month.

Eve Visconti has requested release from membership. This item was removed from consideration pending a clearness committee report.

Oversight is considering a change in name to Care and Counsel. Those with thoughts to share on this potential change should contact the committee.

The committee has received a request for membership from Ed Boling.

**First Day School Committee: Tom Farley**

1. We are certain of only one family with children [2] in K through 4th grades next year. If there are others, please contact the First-Day School committee so we can develop a program to meet the needs of these children.
2. As in recent summers, First-Day School will have one school-age group during 7th, 8th, and 9th months with programs offered by Friends who sign up for one or more first-days. For each session, we need a Friend prepared with information and activities on an appropriate topic and a Friend willing to assist. Carol Chatfield will again coordinate summer sign-ups.
3. We had a successful youth retreat last month with eight volunteer staff and eleven participants. A good time was had by all including Thea who broke her arm. [Six came from our meeting, five from five other meetings.]

[Begin regular agenda]

**Nominating Committee: Brian Vura-Weis**

The name of Nick Selby was brought forward as clerk of Finance committee (for approval next month) since Jim Stimmel has resigned. Nick has agreed to serve as interim clerk pending approval. The committee is continuing to work on staffing all our committees, liaisons, and representatives.

Nominating Committee offered a policy minute on the role of representatives. Sometimes our reps. serve on the governing body, some are merely liaisons. Official representatives should be reimbursed for travel and registration expense, currently PYM, CPQM, FCLCA representatives. We discussed the application of this policy. There were questions and reservations. The clerk referred this minute to Finance Committee along with Nominating committee, expecting a report some time in the future. This report will clarify in job descriptions which level a position is: representative or liaison.

Brian read the El Salvador Projects committee proposed charter. The text is attached.

Brian asked how we discern if our committees are accomplishing their goals. Community Service, Unity w/Nature, Peace and Social Action are three of our outreach committees. Can their configuration be improved? Are we asking more of our members than there is energy and time to accomplish? We ask Nominating to fill positions as persons are led, matching a need of Meeting. If no one is led to a specific committee, the committee may be dropped or merged.

**Worship and Ministry: Eric Sabelman**

Our retreat program will highlight turning points in people's lives and the planning goes forward.

Eric read the third draft of the **State of the Meeting Report**. Some amendments were suggested in open sharing. The clerk asked us to approve the report knowing that many issues will continue to be addressed. The report was approved pending the inclusion of certain modifications. The revised State of the Meeting Report is attached.

**Clerk's report on concerns:**

Clerk offered two queries:

We try to serve the meeting even when we differ about beliefs, practices, priorities, or timelines. How can we better listen to one another so that those expressing their truth or acclaiming a practice and feel heard

and thus do not feel a need to impose upon the Meeting as a whole? How are we increasing tolerance when our unprogrammed, volunteer structure allows for human mistakes that may feel like imposition?

- Where does strength of conviction become imposition? How do we support conviction?
- Despite our immense diversity we have managed to maintain our sense of community. Rarely have convictions driven anyone away.
- I love to hear where the words come from—reference to Woolman meeting with the Indians.
- With truth comes a tremendous burden. How do you enlighten those around you? Being corrected didn't help me learn music. It's not easy to listen to where mistakes come from. Eventually the truth will work out. Maybe I'm the one who has to fix all the problems I hear about.
- When Martin Luther King Jr. spoke against the Vietnam War in spite of advice counseling against that speech, he spoke the truth as he saw it. He had to stir things up. Who is the one now who will blast us out of our acceptance of evil? –even at the risk of imposing on us.
- Listening from the heart is difficult. I'm getting less judgmental. Nor do I want to be judged for my adequacy in the world.
- Four people I know have experience great change. Discernment comes and I feel gratitude. It is good how we are Quakers together.
- There is a sense of tension in being a Quaker. We come in silence, listen to God, and then go out into the world. We aren't all ready to listen or to act at the same time. The important gift is to listen.
- Listening to the speaker with conviction often reveals disparity between what is and what can be. Even though one has doubts, one may make the strongest case, citing authorities to bolster one's case.
- Strategic patience is a phrase from Hilary Clinton. If it's a huge labor of convincing, then the time isn't right.

**Concerns for the meeting.**

The clerk hopes to talk about money and balancing present and future service. We'll also try to get to Peninsula Interfaith Action next month.

No new concerns were raised. Meeting closed in a sense of worship.

In the Spirit:

Sandy Farley, recording clerk,

Diane Pasta, presiding clerk