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## Advices and Queries for Ninth Month: Integrity and Personal Conduct

... let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay. James 5:12, King James Version

Integrity has always been a goal of Friends. It is essential to trust, to all communication between people and between people and God. Integrity grounds our beliefs, thoughts, and actions in our spiritual center and makes us whole.

Friends believe that we are called to speak the truth. A single standard of truth requires us to conduct ourselves in ways that are honest, direct, and plain, and to make our choices, both large and small, in accord with the urgings of the Spirit. It follows that we object to taking an oath, which presupposes a variable standard of truth. Be true to your word.

From early days Friends have opposed gambling and practices based on chance. These activities profit from the inevitable loss of others, promote greed, and conflict with good stewardship. Public lotteries have not furthered their purported benefit to the public good. All addictions are of concern.

As the use of alcohol and tobacco all too often entail serious risks to self and others, Friends who serve alcohol at home should be diligent in offering alternatives. Alcohol should not be served at Meeting gatherings. Find recreation that brings you joy and energy. Be aware of how your choices affect yourself and others.

- *How do I strive to maintain the integrity of my inner and outer lives?*
- *Do I act on my principles even when this entails difficult consequences?*
- *Am I honest and truthful in all that I say and do, even when a compromise might be easier or more popular?*
- *Am I reflective about the ways I gain my wealth and income and sensitive to their impacts on others?*
- *Is my life so filled with the Spirit that I am free from the misuse of alcohol and other drugs, and of excesses of any kind?*
- *Do we, in our Meeting, hold ourselves accountable to one another as do members of a healthy family?*

### 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 Business Meeting is on September 12, 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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### **AUG**

22 Sun 12:50 pm Adult Ed. – Reading, Lecture and Discussion Series – NMH (see note below).  
 22 Sun 7:00 pm W&M study series: Readings in Quaker Eldership – (see detail below).  
 23 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).  
 23 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women’s Group – NMH (see note below).  
**25 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**  
 22 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).  
 28 Sat 9 am – 1 pm Meeting Workday

**29 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

**SEP**

**1 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

2 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

5 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH (New series begins – see note below).

**5 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

**8 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

9 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

12 Sun 9:15 am ? Community Service Committee Meeting – NMH.

**12 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

12 Sun noon Light lunch provided prior to Meeting for Business - OMH.

12 Sun 12:15 pm Meeting for Business – NMH (see note above).

13 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).

**15 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

16 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

16 Thurs 7:00 pm ? Oversight Committee meeting – Library.

19 Sun 9:00 am Adult Ed. – Reading & Discussion – NMH.

**19 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

19 Sun 11:45 am Collection for Ecumenical Hunger by Community Service Committee – NMH (see note below).

19 Sun [Deadline for submittal of Newsletter articles - if email send to [moriii@yahoo.com](mailto:moriii@yahoo.com).]

19 Sun 12:15 pm Adult Ed. Presentation and Sharing – (see detail below).

**22 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

23 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

25 Sat 9:00 am – 4:00 pm HARVEST FESTIVAL BENEFIT FOR FCL – MEETINGHOUSE GROUNDS (See Page 6).

**26 Sun 10:30 - 11:30 am Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

26 Sun noon ? Fourth First Day Provided Lunch – (see note below).

26 Sun 12:50 pm Adult Ed. – Reading, Lecture and Discussion Series – NMH (see note below).

27 Mon 3 - 6:30 pm ? PAFM / Urban Ministry Meal Preparation – (see note below).

27 Mon 7:00 pm PAFM Women's Group – NMH (see note below).

**29 Weds 6:00 pm Midweek Meeting for Worship – NMH.**

30 Thurs 7:15 am Mindfulness Meditation – NMH (see note below).

**CALENDAR EXPANSION – DETAILS**

\*\*\* STANFORD QUAKER ACTIVITIES: 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 and discussing Francis Howgill's 1655 work "The Inheritance of Jacob Discovered." Francis Howgill was an important early Quaker, one of the "Valiant 60 and the first, along with Edward Burrough, to preach in the city of London, England. He died in prison for his Quaker beliefs.

This work has approximately four divisions:

- 1) words of encouragement to suffering persecuted Quakers,
- 2) an autobiographical history of Howgill's spiritual life and struggles,
- 3) some words about the Light Within, what it does, & related concepts,
- 4) words of exhortation to persecutors and other opposition to Quakers.

No preparation is necessary. All are welcome. Contact Henry Jason.

Adult Education Programs in August:

\*\*\* **Aug 22, 12:50 pm** following lunch in the OMH: **Nou Degaje: Making It in Rural and Urban Haiti.** Randy Mont-Reynaud. Randy reports on post earthquake Haiti, after 5 weeks in homes, tents and boxes in the slums of the city and countryside. Photos and a short video will help tell the tales.

**Nurturance, Accompaniment, Discernment: Eldering in the 21st century.** Worship & Ministry committee is convening a summer study series on elderring, in the peculiarly Quaker meaning of responsible and tender teaching and encouragement in the art of being a Friend.

**August 22, 7:00 pm: Internalizing the Elder** – (Final Session of the series.) A still more difficult aspect of elderring is to elder one's self - to internalize the mentor and guide so that one can winnow the kernel of truth from the chaff of ego and "notion" without need of an external elder. We will explore this stage of eldership through further readings and worship-sharing on queries drawn from these readings, sharing our thoughts on how elderring can strengthen our individual and corporate worship and spiritual lives.

We hope to repeat the series in October and November, for those who are away during the summer. For information and

copies of readings, contact Eric Sabelman, W&M clerk <esabelman@aol.com> 650-322-2455. Readings are available on CD as well as in print.

#### Adult Education Programs in September:

**Sept 19, 12:15** in the NMH: Presentation and Sharing: Fellowship and Service: The Many Ways to Meet People and Get Involved in the PAFM Community. Come learn about all the activities that bring people together in the PAFM community. We will try to provide a brief introduction to all the "extra" activities and opportunities available for fellowship or service, from A (Adult Education) to Z (Hotel de Zink) and everything in between (Mindfulness Meditation, Midweek Worship, Women's Group, Caregivers Group, Friendly Eights, Meal Preparation, and so on).

This program will be especially valuable to people new to the meeting who are just starting to attend, but we think "regulars" will also benefit. If there's any Meeting activity you've heard about but maybe just don't know as much as you'd like, this is a golden opportunity. Representatives from each of these groups will be present to describe the activity and answer any questions. We'll also welcome "testimonials" from any participants present. As time permits we may end with a general discussion of community building at PAFM.

**Sept 26, 12:50 PM** in the NMH, following Lunch: Stories out of Silence. Eric Sabelman. Eric will share some of his stories and fables with us, from a collection he is trying to have published. The preface to the book begins: "You have in your hand stories transcribed from an oral tradition. Unlike stories Homer told, or folk tales handed down from generation to generation, these are new. Each story has a date before which it did not exist, and after which it would be only memory, were it not for my putting it down on paper. Not only does every story have a date, it has a time: the hour of Quaker worship in which it was first spoken, according to the practice of ministry in an otherwise silent congregation of the Religious Society of Friends..."

\*\*\* WORKDAY AT MEETING HOUSE: 9am-1pm Sat Aug 28th hosted by B&G. Contact kmcclellx@comcast.net for more info.

\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\* 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 - August 23 is our scheduled day 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.

\*\*\* 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>, 650-322-2455.

\*\*\* 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)

\*\*\* 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.

A special table is set aside for newcomers to meet with Friends and find out more about Quakerism and about our Meeting, its members and activities, as well as an opportunity for us to know you better.. A member of Oversight will be at the table and all newcomers are welcome - as are any Friends who might be inclined to join the gathering. The term "newcomers" includes those who have recently begun attending, as well as those who feel "new" to the Meeting, regardless of how long they have been attending.

\*\*\* 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).

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## **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> 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.)

**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.

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UNITY WITH NATURE COMMITTEE OFFERS: Excerpted from "Math Lessons for Locavores"

New York Times. By Stephen Budiansky 8/19/10

The local food movement now threatens to devolve into another one of those self-indulgent — and self-defeating — do-gooder dogmas. ...

Studies have shown that whether it's grown in California or Maine, or whether it's organic or conventional, about 5,000 calories of energy go into one pound of lettuce. It takes about a tablespoon of diesel fuel to move one pound of freight 3,000 miles by rail; that works out to about 100 calories of energy. If it goes by truck, it's about 300 calories, still a negligible amount in the overall picture. A single 10-mile round trip by car to the grocery store or the farmers' market will easily eat up about 14,000 calories of fossil fuel energy. Just running your refrigerator for a week consumes 9,000 (to 18,000) calories (kcal) of energy.

Eating locally grown produce is a fine thing in many ways. But it is not an end in itself, nor is it a virtue in itself. The relative pittance of our energy budget that we spend on modern farming is one of the wisest energy investments we can make, when we honestly look at what it returns to our land, our economy, our environment and our well-being.

Bob Chatfield's own resolves: I love the Farmers Market, but I'll take a bike, and I'll not dawdle with the freezer door open!

## NEEDS, OFFERINGS, OPPORTUNITIES, & ENTHUSIASMS

**FRIENDLY EIGHTS: FELLOWSHIP WITH A THEME.** Another round of Friendly Eights groups, sponsored by Oversight Committee, will begin this Fall, to run from October to March as they did last year. Sign up sheets will be available in September in the Meeting foyer or from George Mills by email (georgehills@sbcglobal.net). Themes for this year's groups are not yet settled, and we would like to hear from you soon if you have suggestions for new themes or favorite past themes you would like to see offered again. For those who are new to Friendly Eights, here is the description from last year's (2009-2010) sign up sheet:

- Groups of six to nine people meet monthly for six months, rotating among each other's homes.
- Meetings combine potluck dinners (or other meal) with sharing/discussion around a general theme.
- Themes are not intended to completely dominate the meetings, as they would for a study series, but are a starting point of common interest. General fellowship is equally important.
- Commitment is for 6 months only, Oct 2009 through March 2010. New groups with new themes will begin in Spring 2010 [actually, Oct 2010]. The idea is that over the course of several series one will get better acquainted with a wide variety of people from Meeting.
- You may sign up for the same theme as in the previous round, but the other members of the group may change. Switching topics is encouraged.
- All dates are set in advance, so there is no hassle coordinating calendars for each successive meeting.
- Each group has a convener who coordinates scheduling, sends out reminders, coordinates food offerings to ensure variety, and helps resolve any difficulties the group may have.
- Each group should pick a moderator to help with the sharing portion of each gathering. The same person could moderate every time, or the role could rotate as the group sees fit.
- Groups set their own agenda. Some groups are more structured than others. Having queries to focus the discussion on specific subtopics of the theme is a good idea. The group as a whole might pick queries, or responsibility might rotate.
- Themes for this round will be selected from among the following, based on signups. [not all of these themes formed groups]: Creative Arts, Testimonies, Morality & Ethics, Mortality (that's with a "t"), Parenting, Couples, Quaker/non-Quaker Couples, Monthly Tea Parties, Green Group, Sharing Life Stories.

Sign up as individuals or couples for your top three to five choices. We will form groups based on these preferences. The convener will then contact members to decide on schedule.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE:** Many years ago a Quaker woman and a Methodist minister started an organization called Prisoner Visitation and Support. The idea is to provide a friend and a contact with the outside world for prisoners in federal prisons who are far away from family and friends and don't get visits from anyone. The closest federal prison for us is the Women's facility in Dublin. They need more people to be visitors. If you might be interested in being a visitor, please contact me, Arden Pierce by phone at 650-494-1631 or e-mail at ardenhram@aol.com. I was a visitor for about ten years and found it to be an interesting and rewarding experience. PVS also has a lot of information on the Internet. Type in Prisoner Visitation and Support in the Google search box or go to [www.prisonervisitation.org](http://www.prisonervisitation.org). Arden

**THE PENINSULA PEACE AND JUSTICE CENTER:** The Center's Calendar is at: <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.

**BOOKS FOR STANFORD STUDENT GROUP:** The group has 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.: [http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqqEnf\\_0LgUUVLGA](http://spreadsheets.google.com/pub?key=pEJ3Q-pGqqEnf_0LgUUVLGA)

**NEWS FROM SIERRA FRIENDS CENTER:** We had a busy summer at Woolman beginning with nearly 100 participants at our annual Family Work Camp in June! Sierra Friends Camp followed with three fun and exciting sessions this summer where 9 to 14 year old campers delved into the discovery of community life here on campus, the natural world here in the Sierra foothills, and their own place in each. The campers themselves gain greater self-awareness and confidence within a supportive Quaker community.

For the first time, our eight Woolman Community Interns arrived during the summer to help with our bountiful garden, and in turn, with feeding Sierra Friends Campers with veges straight from our garden. Those same interns will be continuing to tend to, and harvest from, our garden to help feed the Woolman Semester community. If you would like to get your hands in our garden, **please join us for our Harvest Day Work and Celebration on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am to 3pm.** We will spend the morning in the garden, listen to local musicians over lunch, and preserve food in the afternoon. We hope that the celebration will continue all afternoon and actually warm our hearts and bellies throughout the winter.

Woolman welcomed another new group of bright, committed and eager students from all over the country on August 19<sup>th</sup>. The students, interns, and teachers began the semester with a weeklong backpacking trip along the Yuba River.

Please visit our new interactive website, [www.woolman.org](http://www.woolman.org), to learn more about all that happens on campus. Application and registration forms for the Woolman Semester and our summer programs are also available so please our website link with young people and their families whom you think would be interested in joining us here at Woolman.

**GREG KERBER OFFERS:** Large screen TV – 27” (?). Make offer. 100-CD changer with tuner and two speakers –free to good home. Contact Greg at (650) 853-0425.

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To Submit Newsletter Items: See the Schedule on page 2 for the deadline for the next issue. You may *e-mail* Newsletter submissions to [newsletter@pafm.org](mailto:newsletter@pafm.org) or [moriii@yahoo.com](mailto:moriii@yahoo.com) If you wish to receive the newsletter by email - or wish to discontinue - please visit <http://lists.pafm.org/listinfo.cgi/newsletter-pafm.org>. [Ed.'s note: If you sign up to receive the Newsletter by email, make sure to put the following address in your email address book: [moriii@yahoo.com](mailto:moriii@yahoo.com). The NL is sent out from that address. Some email "Spam" filters may reject such a message if the sender address is unknown.]

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 [jlmcbridemail@yahoo.com](mailto:jlmcbridemail@yahoo.com) 964-2869

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**Corrections to the Directory: The New Meeting Directory is just out with an attractive bright yellow cover. Pick up your copy in the library. Already we know of changes. For example:**

<b>Add:</b>	Judith Hersh
<b>Correction:</b>	Sylvia Walker's cell-phone number has changed.

Note: We no longer print full corrections in the newsletter, only the names of those whose information has changed. The full corrections will be posted in the office or you can get the information from Arden at [ardenhiram@aol.com](mailto:ardenhiram@aol.com).

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Palo Alto Friends Meeting is taking the marriage of Tania Long and Ed Boling under its care. We will be witnessing and celebrating the marriage in a Meeting for Worship on the occasion of Marriage on Saturday, 18 September, noon, in the Meetinghouse, with refreshments afterwards in the Schoolhouse. In order to help us with planning, please let a member of the arrangements committee know if you are certain to come -- but all are welcome! The arrangements committee includes Judith Bush, Bob and Carol Chatfield, Lynn Mitchell, and Marie Simirenko.

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**ADMINISTRATION OF FUNDS MANAGED BY PALO ALTO FRIENDS MEETING**

The following descriptions of four funds managed by the Palo Alto Friends Meeting were approved for annual publication in this newsletter at the Meeting for Business on June 9, 2002.

The Palo Alto Friends Meeting manages three funds for the benefit of members, attenders and their families and one fund to benefit special or emergency needs outside of the Meeting. Here are descriptions for of each of these funds:

**Sharing Fund** - This fund is administered by the Oversight Committee. It is intended for personal emergency or hardship situations experienced by members or attenders. All discussions and decisions are confidential. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled Oversight meeting. Money distributed from this fund is generally in the form of a loan which will be repaid as mutually agreed upon between Oversight and the applicant. In some cases a grant may be made with no expectation of repayment. We ask all recipients of money from the Sharing Fund to be mindful of the fact that money repaid to the fund can then be made available to others in need. Although there is no minimum or maximum limit on the amount of each request, the amount loaned or granted may not exceed the amount needed to cover the emergency or hardship situation. If necessary, due to the emergency nature of the request, a special called meeting of the Oversight committee can be convened. The amount of the loan or grant is determined by the Oversight committee balanced between each specific request, the overall needs of the larger Meeting community, and preserving part of the fund for future needs. It is not necessarily the case that the amount requested is the amount actually loaned or granted.

**Education Fund** - This fund is administered by the Oversight Committee. It is intended for Quaker related educational needs and/or scholarship for members, attenders and family members. There is a \$500 per person per year maximum limit for this fund. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled Oversight meeting. Decisions by the Oversight committee are confidential on requests from individuals. More weight will be given to requests that have either a direct or indirect benefit to the Meeting as a whole. The fund can be used either for receiving or giving Quaker related educational materials, classes, workshops or other experiences. Some good examples of how this fund might be used are fees for a conference or program at Ben Lomond Quaker Center, purchase of books for a summer study series sponsored by Worship and Ministry or fees for a workshop that has some relation to Quaker faith and practice, but not necessarily sponsored by a Quaker organization (e.g. nonviolence training by CCCO). It is generally intended that this fund be used by individuals that would have difficulty accomplishing the particular educational experience without this help. A good test

might be to ask would I forego the experience if the money were not available or asked another way, is the lack of money an obstacle to my participation?

**Fund for Concerns** - This fund was established several years ago by combining several small bequests. This fund receives all new unrestricted memorial donations and is administered by the Oversight Committee. It is intended to help any member or attendee to pay for expenses associated with service work in the community. The applicant should explain the need fully including the requested amount and present the request either in person or in writing at a regularly scheduled Oversight meeting. The applicant would have a clearness committee since the person performing the service often represents our Meeting in a public way and should be helped to be an ambassador of Quaker values in the larger community. Although the clearness process is confidential, money distributed from this fund is not necessarily confidential.

**Special Needs Fund** - This fund is to be used to help local, state, national or international organizations or individuals with work consistent with Quaker values where a contribution from our Meeting can make a difference. Any standing committee of the Meeting can request any amount up to and including the full amount remaining in the fund. The request is made at the Monthly Meeting for Business and is seasoned one month. It is not to be used for needs of our own Meeting as those needs should be within our budget.

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**Harvest Festival Opportunities:**

<p><b>BRING US YOUR TREASURES!</b>          The Rummage/Treasure sale is the single biggest money-raiser in the Harvest Festival. We particularly encourage donations of <b>fine glass and china, silver, jewelry, and children's items</b>, such as <b>toys, clothes, and Halloween costumes</b>. We also like to receive extra <b>housewares, sports equipment, tools</b>, and clothes. We do not accept appliances, computers or anything else that plugs in. We also do not accept large items such as furniture unless you leave it with your name and phone number and are willing to pick it up and dispose of it, if it doesn't sell. And remember: we want top-quality! We operate entirely with volunteers and it takes just as long to store, price and display a \$1 item as it does a \$25 item.  <b>HOW TO DONATE:</b> Bring your items to Friends' Meeting and leave them in the container. The container combination is written on the fence next to the dumpster. Or leave them around the side. Questions? Call <b>Talley Kenyon</b> or email <a href="mailto:HarvestFestFriends@gmail.com">HarvestFestFriends@gmail.com</a>  <b>BRING IT NOW, NOT LATER!</b> Donations must be here by Seventh Day, September 18. Would you like to help price? We price every Seventh and First Days in the mornings. On Seventh Days, there will be pricing parties, organized especially for those who are new to pricing.  <b>BOOKS:</b> Bring books either here or to San Jose Meeting.</p>	<b>RUMMAGE/ TREASURES/          JEWELRY/ BOOKS</b>
<p><b>HAVE YOU BEEN ON VACATION?</b>          Do you have charming or interesting items from overseas that clearly reflect their national origin? Have you brought back souvenirs, stamps, vases, scarves or jewelry? If so, the International Table wants to hear from you. If there is anything particularly special about your item (made from the teeth of a blue Tongan sea turtle, for example), leave a note attached to it so we can tell the buyer. If it is a Treasure, note it as such, so it does not go with the trinkets.  <b>HOW TO DONATE:</b> Give to <b>Trudy Reagan</b> or leave in the container with a clear label as to its identity.</p>	<b>INTER-          NATIONAL          TABLE</b>
<p><b>FOR THOSE OF US WHO LIKE TO COOK, BAKE AND EAT!</b>          The Bake Sale does a rousing business every year. Do you have a favorite recipe? Bake up a batch and give it to <b>Carol Chatfield</b>. In the past, sweets have sold well, but the big sellers have been savory items, such as quiches and casseroles.  <b>HOW TO:</b> Since our storage space is limited, plan to sign up on the Bake Sale list so we know it is coming and bring the goody the day before the Festival.</p>	<b>BAKE          SALE</b>
<p><b>WE ARE CREATIVE FOLK!</b>          If you have a hobby or a craft, we would love to sell your wares. In past years we have had candles, jewelry, soap, origami, and - of course - our famous <b>jams and jellies</b>.  <b>HOW TO HELP:</b> Make something and leave it in the container with a clear label as to its identity. Questions can be called in to <b>Megan Holt</b>.</p>	<b>MADE          BY THE          MEETING</b>