

HANOVER MONTHLY MEETING • RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
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Meeting for Worship each Sunday at 10:00 am

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CALENDAR

All Meeting Events are held at the Meetinghouse unless specified elsewhere.

Regular Events and Times

Singing -- Adults and Children	Each Sunday	Fireplace Room	9:30 am
Meeting for Worship	Each Sunday	Meeting Room	10:00 am
Fellowship	Each Sunday	Large Room	~11:15 am
Ministry & Counsel	1st Sunday of each Month	Library	8:15 am
Youth Ministry & Counsel	1st Sunday of each Month	Fireplace Room	9:00 am
Youth Meeting for Business	1st Sunday of each Month	Fireplace Room	10:00 am
Meeting for Business^a	See Note Below	Meeting Room	11:50 am
Women's Group ^b	2nd Monday of each Month	See note	5:30 pm
House Committee	2nd Tuesday of each Month	Library	7:00 pm
First Day School Committee	3rd Sunday of each Month	Library	8:30 am
Adult Education	3rd Sunday of each Month	Meeting Room	11:40 am
Peace & Social Concerns	4th Sunday of each Month	Library	8:30 am
Pastoral Care Meeting	4th Sunday of each Month	First Day School Room	8:30 am
White Privilege & Racism	Last Sunday of each Month	T.B.D.- All Welcome	8:30 am
Attender-Member Portraits	Fifth Sunday	Library	~11:15 am

- a. Members and attenders are encouraged to attend. Normally it will be the 2nd Sunday of each Month at the Meetinghouse. Check the calendar each month for exceptions. Child care will be available.
- b. Contact Judith Pettingell for directions/information at (603)643-2164.

Special Meeting Events and Times

Meetinghouse:

February 22 at the rise of Meeting: "Beyond the Light bulb – Quaker witness in the time of climate change": Grocery shopping as a Quaker Witness.

[RESCHEDULED] March 29th after the rise of Meeting: Threshing Meeting at the rise of Meeting to discuss issues regarding the religious education of our children and Meeting's support of the First Day School Committee

External Events:

March 7-8 in Middlebury, VT: Northwest Quarterly Meeting

See ANNOUNCEMENTS for details on these and other events.

MINUTES

HANOVER FRIENDS MEETING

Minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business February 8, 2009

Present: Fran Brokaw (Clerk), Patricia Higgins (Recording Clerk), Joan Ashley, Erica Brinton, Len Cadwallader, Mary Ann Cadwallader, Bob Daubenspeck, Scot Drysdale,

Jack Hunter, Ruth Hunter, Phebe McCosker, Rhea McKay, Bob Metz, Sarah Monego, Tom Monego, Kayren Morrill, Betsy Morse, Stan Pelli, Craig Putnam, Hannah Putnam, Sarah Putnam, Beata Randall, Katie Rawson, Michael Reese, Rob Schultz, Kathleen Shepherd, Peter Stettenheim, Sandy Stettenheim, Penny Wright.

During the opening period of silent worship, the Clerk read from There is a Spirit – The Naylor Sonnets by Kenneth Boulding:

VII. And to weary out all exaltation and cruelty

What patience must we cherish, to out-wear
The sleepless hosts of hell, who lie in wait
Against our slightest weakness, early, late,
With perseverance more than we can bear.
How can we wait the many a weary year
Before the rock of pride, and cruel hate,
Into a fruitful earth disintegrate
Under the tears of love and near-despair?
Who then can blame us if we lose our trust
In Love's slow ways, and hastily rush to blast
The rock to pieces – but to find at last
When smoke has cleared, not earth, but barren
dust.
Only by endless rain the soil is given,
And endless patience is the way of Heaven.

Announcements

- The Kendal Worship Group invites visitors. You will find a sign-up on the glass wall in the Fellowship Room, but you needn't sign up in advance. Just visit!
- The First Day School invites you to teach or co-teach a class during the spring. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Fellowship Room.
- Adult Education: Joan Ashley will present her Spiritual Journey, February 15 at rise of meeting

- Threshing Session to consider “How Do We as a Community Support the Spiritual Education of our Children?” HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FROM MARCH 1 TO MARCH 29, at the rise of Meeting.
- Northwest Quarterly Meeting will be March 7-8 in Middlebury, VT.
- Mid-Year New England Yearly Meeting Sessions in Portland, ME April 17-19.
Extended worship around queries regarding Friends' peace testimony and how “to root out the causes of war from our own lives and from the political and social structure about us.”
- Bess Klassen-Landis's long-awaited CD “Beauty So Close” is now available. Unless you pre-paid, a contribution of \$15 is requested.
- Fourth Sunday “Beyond the Light bulb – Quaker witness in the time of climate change” series on February 22 at the rise of Meeting: Grocery shopping as a Quaker Witness.
- We received a “thank you” from LISTEN Housing Helpers for our Meeting's corporate donation of \$2,642.00. LISTEN has “already seen a 200% increase in client services over the same time one year ago.”
- Woolman Hill offers in the next few month the following retreats. For additional information, see our bulletin board or go to www.woolman-hill.org.
 1. Introduction to the Hebrew Bible, February 13-15
 2. Living our Quaker Faith as Educators, February 13-15
 3. Beggars to God: A retreat of song and spirit with Peter and Annie Blood-Patterson February 20-22
 4. Vitality and Ministry in the Monthly Meeting, February 27-March 1
 5. Weaving the Testimonies into Parent-Child Relationship, March 20-22
 6. Getting Outdoors, April 3-5
 7. Journaling Toward a Balanced Life, April 3-5

Business

Minutes of January's Meeting for Business were approved without changes.

Minute 09-8 We responded worshipfully to a request from Ministry and Counsel to continue our input for the State of Society report, this time with a focus on the quality of worship.

Minute 09-9 We received an update from our Released Friend committee from Sarah Putnam

We have been holding Bess and her family tenderly in the Light around the death of Bess' father on Jan. 31st. The family had a private time of remembrance while they were all gathered and will have a public memorial service in March. The tenderness of this time is made more real as it approaches the 40th anniversary of the murder of Bess' mother in March. A service is already planned around that time.

Bess has been speaking more locally in Dec. and Jan. Particularly meaningful for her was speaking at the Goffstown Women's Prison. She also was very pleased to be able to attend the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty annual conference in PA with Sandy Stettenheim. While there she connected with Rachel Hardesty, a speaker at the conference and a Released Friend from her Meeting in Oregon for several years. Bess looks forward to having more conversations with her about her ongoing work.

In February Bess will travel to Missouri, to Indiana in March, in April to Texas, and in May to Pennsylvania. Journey of Hope founder Bill Pelke will join Bess in Indiana and we hope to have a Traveling Companion from our Meeting to go with her to Texas. At that point Bess feels that she will be at the formal end of her Released Friend year. Very much in her mind and heart is being open to how she is led to continue her work. There is much to discern about next year and we hold her in love and support around this discernment.

Two further notes: The Traveling Ministries Committee of Friends General Conference has denied our application to the Margaret Fell Fund for a grant in support of Bess' ministry, on the basis that their mission statement specifies that this be in support of work and travel specifically amongst Friends, while Bess has been traveling and speaking more widely. On a joyful note, we celebrate with Bess over the release of the CD of her beautiful and inspiring music. Hers has been a journey of steadfast faithfulness and we are privileged to have been able to travel as a Meeting with her.

Minute 09-10 We received a summary report of the All NH Friends Gathering from Bob Daubenspeck. The Gathering theme was "Friends, Sexual Ethics and Just Marriage Relationships." Bob reported that Gene Robinson, Episcopal Bishop of NH gave an inspiring presentation to the 100-200

attendees. He found the workshop both inspiring and informative.

Minute 09-11 We received a report from our AFSC Vermont Support Committee - Kathleen Shepherd and Erica Brinton:

Building the Peace Economy

American Friends Service Committee of Vermont works for peace and justice in our region and relies on the support of our Meeting and of individuals within our Meeting. AFSC staff Joseph Gainza is widely known in the state for his work on how war damages Vermont's economy and is highly regarded for his support to groups throughout Vermont working for justice in their communities. AFSC VT is embarking on an important project to build a state-wide vision and effort for a Peace Economy in Vermont. We plan to bring together people working on every aspect of what our state will be when we can divert the military costs that drain our economy to build sustainable and fair livelihoods. The kick-off event will be April 25. Youth Empowerment and Military Education Project staff person Matt Howard is a veteran of combat in Iraq and member of Iraq Veterans Against War who brings his remarkable credibility to counseling youth on alternatives to military service. He is also in contact with every guidance counselor in VT in a project to distribute AFSC's booklet for youth "It's My Life" on alternatives to military careers. The Peace Economy project and the Military Education project need support. People are needed with ideas and contacts to help with the April event. This would be a great way to learn more about AFSC VT and consider future service to it, perhaps as one of Hanover Meeting's two representatives. New England Regional Office director Joseph Gerson looked around at us this week and urged us to find some new program committee members in the younger generation than the current ones!

Please be in touch with Kathleen or Erica about AFSC VT. Please consider sending a further contribution to AFSC VT, 73 Main St. # 19, Montpelier, VT 05602.

Minute 09-12 We reviewed the Plainfield Peace Tax Fund Minute. Our Quarterly Meeting asked that we review the minute to determine if we were in unity with it:

Plainfield Meeting Minute with regard to the Peace Tax Fund

The Plainfield Friends Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) is united in the belief that paying for war violates our religious conviction against violence in any form. We continue to seek ways to witness to this conviction in each of our communities. As such, we are in full support of the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund, based in Washington D.C., and for many years an advocate for passage of the Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill (currently H.R. 1921). This legislation proposes depositing the Federal taxes of designated conscientious objectors into a non-military trust fund. As a result, those of us who are conscientiously opposed to war would not have to violate our religious beliefs and could fulfill our responsibility as citizens. We find ourselves fully in support of this proposed legislation, seeking to restore the rights of citizens whose conscience does not permit physical or financial participation in all war.

Minute approved by Plainfield Friends Meeting on June 15, 2008 Alan Taplow

After hearing information from others present, we expressed unity with the spirit of the minute. This information will be forwarded to NWQM. Friends suggested that people who wish to learn more about this subject could go to the website for the National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund (www.peacetaxfund.org) as well as go to the website for Friends Committee on National Legislation (www.fcni.org).

Minute 09-13 We received a report from the clerk of the Finance Committee

A Friend brought to the Finance Committee an unresolved issue in New England Yearly Meeting, over the question of its financial support to Friends United Meeting (FUM) which has a personnel policy that prohibits employment (paid or volunteer) of anyone who engages in sexual relations outside marriage, defined as between one man and one woman. NEYM has not found unity to withdraw financial support from Friends United Meeting. This Friend requests that our Meeting set up a separate fund to receive contributions to Hanover Friends Meeting, for Friends who object to any of their money going to FUM via NEYM.

The Finance committee posed two questions to the meeting:

1. Is HFM willing to study the issue of NEYM's relationship to FUM?

2. Shall a separate fund be established for our members and attenders who are conscientiously opposed to providing support for NEYM until it comes to clarity on its relationship with FUM?

After discussion and discernment, we did not have unity to set up a separate fund, until after we have a better understanding of the overall issues regarding the FUM personnel policy and NEYM's relationship with FUM.

Minute 09-14 In order to deepen and broaden our understanding of the nature of the relationship between FUM and NEYM regarding the personnel policy, we asked a small group to meet with Adult Education committee to design a format for us to come together to learn about this complex issue. The small group, consisting of Ruth Hunter, Beata Randall, and Fran Brokaw, will suggest speakers who can help us expand our understanding of the issues and of the steps taken by NEYM over the past several years. The Adult Education Committee will then assist in logistics of the gathering, as a retreat or as a gathering after meeting for worship. A Friend encouraged us to look first for common ground, and to free ourselves from assumptions of getting to a particular outcome.

Minute 09-15 Clerk read a paragraph and Minute of Commitment passed in August of 2007 at NEYM. Sessions:

New England Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends affirms that God loves all God's children equally, regardless of their sexual orientation. We have found this truth confirmed through careful study of scripture and searching for the will of God. We re-affirm our minutes 2004-74 and 2005-60. We prayerfully and respectfully ask that the worldwide community of Friends, in which we are all one with each other in the Spirit, open it [sic] heart to this knowing. We commit ourselves to ongoing loving, listening, and mutual prayer and reflection as we continue our values [sic] relationships with each other in God's ministry.

Minute of Commitment

We commit ourselves as individuals and as a yearly meeting to work with one another in witness-

ing God's movement among us by doing the following:

- Engage in conversation about the deepest meanings of family, marriage and committed relationships and explore what it means to have all of these under the care of meeting.
- Support the work of our M&C working party on Sexuality and Ethics. We need to articulate our sexual ethics and the spirituality of sex.
- Re-distribute NEYM Minute 2005-55, Connecticut Valley Quarter Minute in Support of Same Gender Marriages, and ask MM to season and test this issue and forward the results to their QMs in preparation for bringing them to YM Sessions in 2008 for discernment.

We commit ourselves to undertake this work in love and forbearance, caring tenderly for one another. We acknowledge that there is great pain in our community felt by the people who are affected at the deepest levels of their identity and relationships by the homophobia that exists within New England Yearly Meeting. We also acknowledge the great pain felt by those for whom this issue has challenged their deepest beliefs about marriage and rightly ordered sexual behavior according to their understanding of God's will. We recognize that these actions ask all of us to re-examine our most deeply held beliefs. It is hard for us to challenge each other. We need our behavior and words to be tender as we explore hard topics. We commit ourselves to undertake this work by educating ourselves, by exploring these issues within our monthly and quarterly meetings and by undertaking inter visitation within NEYM. We seek healing, wholeness and God's blessing as we move forward.

Minute 09-16 We asked M&C to revisit the Minute of Commitment, focusing on "How can we as Friends articulate a testimony on sexuality for our children?" A Friend reminded us of the work done long ago by NEYM M&C Committee that resulted in the publication "Living With Ourselves and Others." Another reminded us of our M&C session last year on the meaning of marriage.

Meeting closed with a period of worship. We intend to meet again to conduct business on March 8, 2009, God willing.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Higgins

Hanover Friends Meeting M&C Sunday, January 4th, 2009

Present: Joan Ashley, Peter Bien, Bob Daubenspeck, Chris Dye, Cathy Miles-Grant, Kayren Morrill (assistant clerk), Rhea McKay, Craig Putnam, Hannah Putnam, Kathleen Shepherd, Anne Baird (assistant recorder)

Regrets: Fran Brokaw, Barbara Gilbert, Penny Wright, Rob Schultz, Bob Metz,

Newly-appointed assistant clerk Kayren Morrill convened the meeting with a reading, and period of silent reflection.

"[T]heologies and symbols and creeds, though inevitable, are transient and become obsolescent, while the Life of God sweeps on through the souls of men in continued revelation and creative newness. To that divine Life we must cling. In that Current we must bathe. In that abiding yet energizing Center we are all made one, behind and despite the surface differences of our forms and culture. For the heart of the religious life is in commitment and worship, not in reflection and theory." *A Testament of Devotion* by Thomas R. Kelly

1. Report from the subcommittee re-drafting letters to clarify the membership status of Friends who have not been attending Meeting for some time.

Minute: No action since December M&C. The subcommittee will meet on January 8.

2. Report from the subcommittee drafting a Newsletter note on timely arrival at Meeting For Worship.

Kathleen read a draft of a Newsletter note crafted by her and Joan. A discussion followed which addressed the intent of the note as educative rather than policy. With changes in wording, the note reads as follows:

Are you faithful and punctual in attendance?

(from the Queries, Faith and Practice of the New England Society of Friends)

In recent months, several members, attenders, and guests have noted, in speaking with our Corner Friends, a lack of punctuality for the Meeting for Worship. It is our hope every First Day to achieve a gathered meeting. In order to do this we come together by 10:00 a.m., and open the door one more time at 10:10 for those arriving late due to unex-

pected delays. Timely arrival honors our shared commitment to turn our minds to the light and wait in the spirit.

To every Friend is given a share of responsibility for the meeting. Friends are advised, therefore, to be diligent in attendance at meetings and in inward preparation for them. (from the Advices, Faith and Practice of the New England Society of Friends)

- Minute:** 1) The note will be sent to the Newsletter.
2) It will be read at the January Meeting for Business as part of M&C meeting minutes.
3. Report on the current status of communication with the Dartmouth Gospel Choir.

Minute: Rob will make the initial contact with Walt Cunningham sometime in January following the framing of questions for discussion he and Cathy have been working on.

4. Consideration of another workshop on Spirituality and The Arts this Spring
Rhea notes that prior workshops on Spirituality were intended to be part of a series. Other workshops considered by the subcommittee (Rhea, Cathy, Barbara, Jack Hunter):

- Spirituality and Movement
- Spirituality and the Written Word
- Spirituality and the Visual Arts

Minute: So that M&C can have the month to consider the timeliness of the workshop in the context of HMM activities and programs, this will be on the agenda in February. A fifth subcommittee member may be added at this time.

5. Preparation for the drafting of the State of Society
Discussion about the goals of annual SOS for HMM included comments about its value as a helpful retrospective, that it should be supportive and informing. The process is at least as important as the product.

The following have volunteered to assist with the process:

- Clerk: Craig
- Note-takers: Rhea and Kathleen
- Draft writer: **Not yet filled**
- Reviewers: Cathy and Anne

Minute: Craig will introduce the first phase of the SOS of HMM at the January Meeting for Business, with some points of focus. Note-takers will be present. Further discussion about the state of our meet-

ing will occur at the February Meeting for Business, with note-takers present.

A draft will be produced from the notes, for review at March M&C. The final SOS will be presented for approval at the April Meeting for Business. Further, it was agreed that the SOS of HMM will be reviewed in six months to see what progress has been made.

6. Signup for Corner Friends for January through March

Minute: A sign-up sheet was circulated, and will be returned to the Clerk.

7. Re-submission of the Memorial Minute for Howard Wriggins

Minute: Because of lack of time, this will be on the agenda in February.

8. Arranging for the a Memorial Minute for Audrey Logan

Minute: Chris will ask Kesaya Noda to write the memorial minute.

9. Other Business

Prayer for an End to U.S.-Sponsored Torture
Kathleen reported that the following prayer has been written by those participating in the National Religious Campaign Against Torture (www.torture-isamoralissue.org)

O God, you have created all people in your image, each one of us with dignity and worth, sacred in your sight. Help us this day and every-day to hold that truth in our hearts and to honor it in all we do, treating every person as your beloved child.

We pray for the courage, as a nation, to confront the abuses authorized and committed in our name – the use of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment – in the effort to make us safe.

We grieve, knowing that inflicting injustice and cruelty on even one person scars and diminishes all of us. Our nation's use of torture has degraded victims, perpetrators, and policy makers, and has damaged the soul of our nation itself.

We rejoice in your healing and redemption and in your promise that that which is broken, you will make whole. May we faithfully participate in your repairing of the world.

We pray, Merciful God, that in the coming days, our government will end the use of torture and begin to heal our national soul. In these days before our new President takes office, we ask for your blessing on him and his staff. Give him the courage and wisdom to end the use of torture and cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment – without exceptions – and to lead us in restoring the goodness and integrity of our country.

And let us say: Amen.

Minute: 1) The prayer will be read following the rise of meeting. 2) The prayer will be in the HMM newsletter. 3) Copies will be available on the welcoming table. 4) The prayer will be sent out on the HMM listserve. 5) The prayer will be circulated among the First Day School

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 following moments of silence.

Anne Baird, Assistant Recorder

Peace and Social Concerns Minutes for December 28, 2008

Present: Kathleen Shepherd, Scot Drysdale, Al Converse, Phebe McCosker, Fritz Weiss, Shelby Grantham, Paula Rossvall, David Montgomery

1. Minutes of 11-23-08 approved.
2. Preparations for the Locavor lunch were reviewed and lunch was served at the rise of Meeting
3. FCNL and other peace issues. The clerk suggested that members choose a topic of special interest and organize a lobbying effort on that interest

David Montgomery indicated an interest in those responsible for US torture be brought to justice, and was asked to draft a letter to this effect to be considered at our next meeting.

Scot Drysdale indicated an interest in the use of computers in elections.

Al Converse indicated an interest in ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty.

4. Discussion of future sessions of Beyond the Light bulb, Quaker Witness in the Time of Climate Change.

With regard to the organization of sessions to be held after Meeting on the 4th Sunday of the month, Phoebe informed us that the Jan. time

was obligated to a Called Meeting on First-Day School and therefore our session on local food production would take place in February.

5. 9/11 Truth

Shelby Grantham brought several publications, CD's as well as books, and as the Peace Committee to sponsor a public meeting on questions of the official explanations of the 9/11 destruction at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. Discussion of this topic was not completed by the end of meeting, and the topic will be carried over to the next meeting after members will have had time to review some of the materials brought by Shelby. (I plan to return a copy of "9/11 and American Empire" to the library by Monday 01-05-09.)

Next Meeting: Jan. 25 at 8:30 AM in the library.

Al Converse

A Note From The Clerk Of Finance Committee

Budget Progress

Hanover Friends Meeting approved a budget of \$61,305 at the start of our fiscal year in May 2008. We receive rental income from parking, office space and meetinghouse use by outside groups. But the majority of our income is derived from contributions - large and small - of members and attenders.

Our fiscal year runs May 1, 2008 - April 30, 2009. Our approved budget calls us to raise \$47,000 from contributions of members and attenders. Thus far we have raised \$36,078.78 from 87 contributors toward our budgeted goal.

During this fiscal year we made a commitment to fund a Released Friend. Bess Klassen-Landis is work as our Released Friend has been to speak around the country against the death penalty. At Meeting for Worship for Business in April, we committed to expense up to \$26,000 in our fiscal year ending April 30, 2009 to support her work. To date, we have raised \$9,460 from 38 contributors. Your continuing support of our Released Friend Fund can help us raise the rest of the money by April 30th.

Please help us by sending a contribution to Treasurer, Hanover Friends Meeting, 43 Lebanon St., Hanover NH 03755. Please make checks payable to Hanover Friends Meeting. If it is for a restricted fund, please put the restricted fund name on the memo line

of the check. If you wish to have your check be considered as tax deductible, DO NOT include the name of a person on the memo line.

If you have any questions about our financial affairs, please call me.

Len Cadwallader, 603-643-1343

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Repeated Announcements

Electronic Directory Copies: Electronic copies of the Hanover Monthly Meeting Directory are available by contacting Beata Randall at beata@hitchcock.org. Paper copies, with a request for a \$2 contribution to the treasurer, are available in the library.

Reservation of Meeting Rooms: Be certain to call Hannah [(603) 643-4138] or leave a note in the “resident” mailbox in the room next to the kitchen to reserve space in the meeting house for a group or function. She will confirm your reservation and enter it on the meeting calendar.

Submission of Committee Reports and Newsletter Announcements: Committee clerks and others who make reports or announcements in Meeting for Business or at the end of Meeting for Worship are urged to give written copies to the recording clerk or the newsletter editor at that time or to send him/her electronic copies within 24 hours. This will help to ensure that the communications are recorded correctly and included in the newsletter.

Information on the Faith and Practice Revision

Committee’s work: Website is www.neym.org/fandp/ or call NEYM or request copies form NEYM office: 901 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 06102-1908

Kendal Worship Group: Kendal Worship Group extends an invitation for all members and attenders to worship with them any Sunday at 10am in the Chalmers Room at Kendal. Contact Jeanne Robinson with any questions.

Library Committee Meeting Dates

In 2009, the Library Committee is to meet on alternate month First Sundays at 11:40 (except for June).

March 1

May 3

June 7.

Nancy Corindia

Undated Announcements

1. First Day School is looking for volunteers to teach one month with other adults. The topic this year is Quakers and the age group is from K-6h grade. It is a wonderful experience to get to know the children of our members and to help nurture them for the future.
2. Anyone who is interested in assisting Bess Klassen-Landis as a traveling companion should call Penny Wright. She will be glad to answer any of your questions.

Exploring Quakerism Course

This course will take place January 14 - March 4, 2009, Wednesdays 7-9 PM at Hanover Friends Meeting, 43 Lebanon St. Hanover, NH.

This series is being offered by Penny Wright, under the care of the Adult Education Committee of Hanover Friends Meeting. It is meant for anyone who would like to know more about Quakers and Quakerism. Please join us!

Michael Birkel’s book: *Silence and Witness: The Quaker Tradition* will be the foundation for 8 weeks of exploring Quakerism. Books will be available at the first session; we ask those who can to pay \$16 to cover the cost of the book.

The first week will be a “getting to know each other” session; distribution of the books and queries to guide your reading and our discussions at the next session. Each week thereafter, we will read a chapter and share in our own understandings and experiences of Quakerism around that week’s topic. It is not necessary to attend each week, but the continuity will be enhanced if participants are present for all sessions.

For more information about the course, contact Penny Wright (802) 649-1802 or Hope Rennie (802) 649-2386. Please sign up on the poster at the meetinghouse so that we know how many books to have on hand.

Hope Rennie

New Announcements

From the Social Events Committee

A number of Friends met at the Meeting House on January 30 in the evening to listen to Charles Grant talk to us about his time spent in West and Central Africa. He was officially hired by the Canadian government to help in the fishing business. While he was there he took advantage of the opportunities to become friends with and learn the culture of the people around him. He showed us many of the interesting articles he had brought home with him. He also told us the end to the story of taking the dancing girls to their homes in his VW bug and nearly running over a pet dog.

Please watch the bulletin for announcements about coming events offered by the Social Events Committee.

SHARING

Readers Invited: Readers are invited to share information with one another about births, deaths, illnesses and recovery, joys, sorrows, celebrations, and special needs within or related to Hanover Friends Meeting. If you have contributed during the time of sharing immediately after Meeting for Worship, consider sharing with the wider community through this newsletter. If the note is about another person, please have the person's permission to publish the notice when this is a practical alternative.

You are also invited to share spiritual messages, inspiration, or concerns, poems, articles, or photographs with the community for publication in the Newsletter; send them to the editor. E-Mail submissions to efeustel@hughes.net are preferred. U.S. Mail may be sent directly to:

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You must be willing to have your name acknowledged. All submissions may be edited for length and suitability by the editor. They will be included in the newsletter as space allows.

February 2009 Newsletter