

NEWSLETTER

ASHEVILLE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SECOND MONTH 2004

A Death Penalty Moratorium in North Carolina

by Steve Livingston

Alan Gell was wrongfully convicted of the 1995 murder of Alan Ray Jenkins and imprisoned for nine years, five of which he spent on death row. Gell, who has maintained his innocence since his 1998 conviction, was acquitted recently at the conclusion of his retrial. According to the American Civil Liberties Union, his exoneration comes just before the North Carolina House of Representatives takes on a historic vote for a Death Penalty Moratorium. Gell's acquittal, as the ACLU points out, is clear evidence of the need for a moratorium. Friends unite in their opposition to the Death Penalty, as our own Monthly Meeting has minuted our leading some years ago.

Gell was awarded a new trial in December of 2002 because the State Attorney General's office withheld crucial evidence that clearly pointed to his innocence. Despite evidence proving that Gell could not have committed the murder and despite the lack of any new scientific evidence after the state conducted another investigation, the Attorney General's office nevertheless retried Gell for first degree, non-capital murder.

Others have been wrongfully convicted and sentenced to death in North Carolina besides Gell. The State withheld evidence in the cases of Jerry Hamilton and Charles Munsey. Death Row inmates Alfred Rivera and Tim Hennis both were acquitted in retrials.

Last May, the North Carolina Senate approved a moratorium on executions while the state's death penalty is examined, the first time that a legislative body in the South has voted to halt executions since the death penalty was reinstated. Members of the House are expected to take up the measure when the legislature resumes in May 2004.

Gell's acquittal comes 12 days after the exoneration of Darryl Hunt, who spent 18 years in prison for a rape and murder he did not commit. Gell was the nation's 113th exonerated death row inmate.

Friends, the Way is open to bring a halt to State-sponsored executions, at least temporarily. Surveys have consistently shown that most Americans are uncomfortable with capital punishment, which means that many legislators on both sides of the aisle will be listening to know if there is a wave of support or opposition among their constituents. Our Federal government may often seem out of touch and out of reach, but this is one instance where at least our State representatives may be open to Friendly opinions.

At rise of Meeting on March 7, Friends can join Nancy Kuykendall and Janet Moore, who is an appellate defender as well as a representative of People of Faith Against the Death Penalty, as they bring us tools and talking points in support of the moratorium.



Four-part Series on Quaker Process

Margaret Farmer, Evan Richardson, and Peter Buck will be facilitating a four-week series of forums ("fora", according to one erudite Friend) on Quaker Process, beginning with third Sunday, 3/21, then on 4/4 and 4/18, and concluding on 5/2. Friends are invited to join them for one or all of these sessions. The sessions will focus on Foundations of Quakerism, Meeting for Worship With Attention To Business, Committee Process, and Nurturing the Life of the Meeting. Experiential exercises will be offered. Friends are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch to these two-hour sessions.

Celo Friend at Pendle Hill

from Pendle Hill website

On the weekend of March 5-7 the Pendle Hill Religion and Social Issues Forum is sponsoring a Listening Project training with Herb Walters of Celo Monthly Meeting.

The Listening Project is a heart- and spirit-centered approach to working on difficult and divisive issues. It is rooted in the Quaker practice of deep listening. It helps identify issues, problems, and solutions between people with conflicting views, and facilitates grassroots community-building. Many organizations have come to use this process, including Asheville Friends Meeting.

Herb Walters is the founder and director of Rural Southern Voice for Peace (RSVP). He has helped communities develop successful organizing efforts addressing a wide range of issues including racial, ethnic and religious differences, militarism, homophobia, and environmental stewardship. Herb is a member of the Celo Community Land Trust and Celo Friends Meeting.

MINUTES

OF THE MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS
SECOND MONTH, EIGHTH DAY 2004

CLERK: EVAN RICHARDSON

ACTING RECORDING CLERK: ELIZABETH ROEBLING

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Friends Present: Lynnora Bierce, Christy Bischoff, David Clements, Val Collins, Martha Huggins, Christian Kalterreider, Nancy Kuykendall, Steve Livingston, Rusty Maynard, Philip Neal, Ellen Oldham, Evan Richardson, Elizabeth Roebing, Eda Smith, Gerald Smith, Sarah Jane Thomas, Jennifer Walker.

2. Meeting for Business began at 11:45 a.m. with a period of worship and a reading from the Clerk – Listening Spirituality, Vol II, Corporate Spiritual Practice Among Friends, by Patricia Loring, from a section entitled “Corporate spiritual practices analogous to our private practice” – *Simplicity in the use of time and restriction of business*:

It may be helpful to ask what corporate spiritual practices we can adopt that is analogous to personal practices. In terms of committee work and the conduct of business, the coordinate practices of restriction of business and of simplifying or clearing out our time might speak to the condition of our corporate life. (The original sense of “speaking to one’s condition” pointed to what needed to be purified and re-visioned.) It might be a useful personal and communal exercise to scrutinize what we do and how we do it, as a matter of spiritual discernment.



Contributions

Contributions to the Asheville Friends Meeting are welcomed. Gifts may be placed in the small wooden box marked “contributions” which is located in the entry way, or mailed to

Asheville Friends Meeting
227 Edgewood Road
Asheville, NC 28804

Baby Kits

Please donate items for infant kits for AFSC (American Friends Service Committee). We need two baby blankets, one pack of baby washcloths, one bar of baby soap (like Johnson & Johnson), and a baby hairbrush for each kit. We also need money for postage.

Will you help us? Our goal is ten kits. A box is waiting in the foyer for your donations. Thank you!
The Infant Kit Committee of Junior Business Meeting

In some cases, we might need to take more time, rather than less, for committee and meeting business, in order to give each item enough room to show itself in its fullness, in ways that uplifts Life and help to “bring in the kingdom”, rather than just getting the decision made.

To address our business in this worshipful way, we may also need to limit how much or what kinds of business we undertake. It may be that we need to return to the Center to feel just what it is that has been laid upon us by the Spirit and what has been undertaken from our own eager, active and agile minds and wills. It may be that we need to become more careful to approach each undertaking in such a way that the Spirit will have room to move, to bring greater spaciousness and abundance into our lives and greater fullness to our tasks.

News of Ourselves

1. Phil Neal reported that FCOR (Friends Committee on Outworld Relations), which was formed to greet visitors from other realms, is active with a local professor who is working on a model for the production of Zero Point Energy.
2. Martha Huggins reported that her brother, Charlie, is awaiting a liver transplant. She will be traveling to Boston in March for tests to see if she might be a suitable donor. Friends are asked to hold both Charlie and Martha in the Light.
3. Val Collins reported that her mother underwent successful surgery and appears to be recovering well. Friends were asked to hold Valerie’s mother in the Light.
4. It was noted that Margaret Farmer was unable to attend Meeting this morning because of the care and attention that she is giving to her elderly mother. Friends were asked to hold Margaret in the Light.

Pat Lyon Memorial

1. Meeting decided to hold a Memorial Meeting for Pat Lyon at the Meeting House on Saturday, March 20th, at 2 p.m.
2. The committee in charge was asked to see that publicity was released to local Friends and an announcement placed in the Asheville newspaper.

Business Meeting

[New Member, Council on Aging, Finance]

New Member

1. Christy Bischoff's clearness committee joyfully forwarded their recommendation for the acceptance of her request for membership. When asked, for the deeper understanding of Meeting, to explain why she took this step, she voiced her desire for both recognition of an outer commitment and accountability.
2. Meeting joyfully approved Christy Bischoff's membership in the Religious Society of Friends and Asheville Friends Meeting.
3. David Clements and Elizabeth Roebing agreed to arrange a welcoming celebration for Christy on Sandwich Sunday of this month, February 29. Christy was welcomed into the community with a warm Quaker cheer.

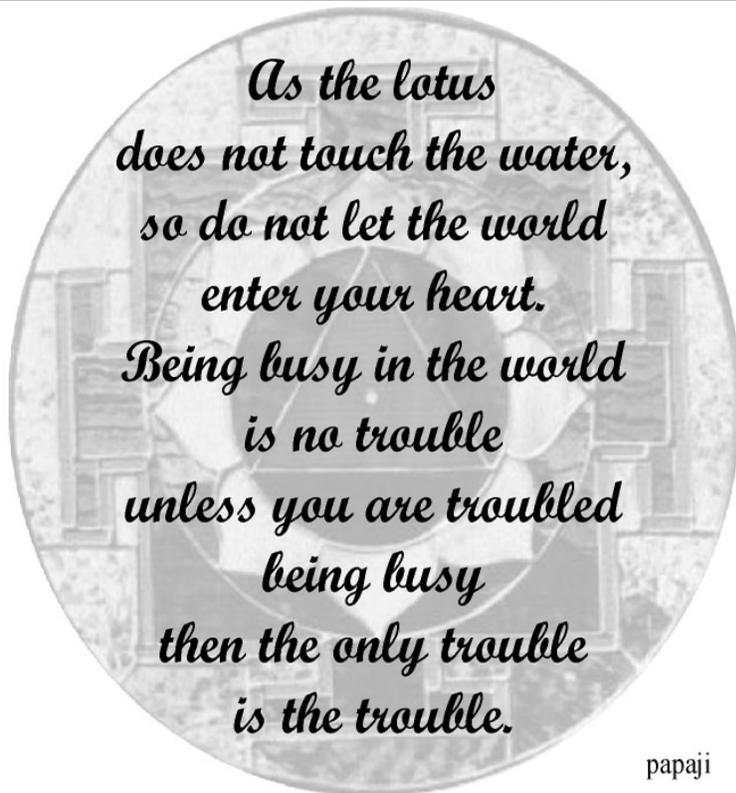
Council on Aging

1. Kate Zurich from the Council on Aging addressed the Meeting, thanking us for our support of their grant request for their "Faith in Action" program last October. They did not receive that grant but are pressing forward with the

2. program, nonetheless. They, with the assistance of Hospice, are presenting a seminar for training support teams from faith communities on March 25th and 26th for the cost of \$40 per person. This is specifically geared to the needs of the elderly but can be applied to anyone who may be in need of support for whatever reason. The concept of the support teams is that at least two people, trained in such aspects as what to look for in the home that might be of assistance or hindrance to an elder, what programs are available in the community for support, and how to render assistance without violating personal boundaries.
3. Friends spoke of their impression that this was greatly needed in our community since we do not at present have any organized manner to render support to elderly or homebound. Friends expressed the hope that at least two people from our community would be willing to take this training. It was agreed that funds from the scholarship fund would be made available to cover the registration fee of any Friend who wished to undertake the training. The deadline for registration is March 18th.

Finance Committee

1. Valerie Collins presented the following report:
2. "Membership for Finance Committee. David Clements announced he will resign as clerk of the Finance Committee. In the absence of a clerk, committee members will rotate the duties of taking minutes and preparing the report to Meeting.



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The Asheville Friends Meeting Newsletter is published monthly. Friends are welcome to contribute letters, book reviews, announcements, articles, and quotations. Please submit copy via email to

newsletter@ashevillefriends.org

Hard copy is acceptable. Deadline is third First Day.

The Asheville Friends Meeting is located at 227 Edgewood Road, between Merrimon Avenue and the University of North Carolina campus. Friends meet for singing at 9:40 and for worship at 10:00 a.m. every First Day. First Day School begins at 10:00. Friends meet to conduct business on the second First Day at 11:30 a.m. On other First Days, the hour following meeting for worship is used for adult education or for fellowship.

BUSINESS MEETING

[Finance]

The Finance Committee strongly suggests that the Meeting nominate another clerk for the committee, or another member who might be willing to serve as clerk. David is acting Treasurer for the Meeting, but wishes to step down. The Finance Committee has 'co-opted' Valerie and Nancy [Kuykendall], who have attended the last two committee meetings. Valerie is ready and willing to assume the functions and title of Treasurer, should she be approved by Meeting. Nancy is willing to serve officially on the committee, should she be approved by Meeting. David is willing to remain on the committee and to continue in the role of Assistant Treasurer, including maintaining computerized records for the time being. Other members of the Committee are Kate Jayne and Al Dupree.

3. "Division of Labor between Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. Valerie Collins has stated she would be willing to take the position of Treasurer, with a clear job description of duties. The committee discussed a proposal by Valerie to divide the responsibilities between those of a Treasurer and those of an Assistant Treasurer. The duties, as divided, are not proposed as a permanent change to the office of Treasurer, but reflect the general understanding of the committee about what duties are to be fulfilled, by whom, and when.

4. "2003 End of Year Report. The committee has postponed its final report to the Meeting until March.

5. "2004 Proposed Budget.

a) "Given the decrease in contributions for 2003, the Finance Committee strongly recommends the Meeting take on a fundraiser, with the goal of bringing in \$1400 in income. The Finance Committee suggests that the annual yard sale be used in this respect, to support the general budget



Something to Think About

The Death and Dying Committee has placed in the Meeting House library file information on interment options including cremation. This is a work in progress which will eventually include dying options as well. If you have any questions feel free to ask Ursula Scott (convener), or George Gjelfriend (researcher).

The Finance Committee recommends changing our schedule for paying SAYMA, so that we would pay only \$2200 one half of the usual amount, in fiscal year 2004. It should be noted that Meeting will be able to make this adjustment only next year, and that in 2005 we would pay the usual assessment of \$4400. With the addition of \$1400 in income and an expense decrease of \$2200, the Committee does not see the need to cut additional budget lines. The proposed budget has a modest increase in annual donations (from \$27,066 in 2003 to \$28,150), giving the overall budget a total income and total expense line balancing at \$34,050.

b) "We ask Meeting for approval of the following, which were proposed in earlier reports:

i. "To change Robin Wells to the status of employee, and to pay her monthly rather than semiannually, at the rate of \$166.67 per month. We will then be paying half of her FICA taxes, about \$150, which she has been paying herself under our previous arrangement. Robin agrees with the new arrangement.

ii. "To give \$150 from the miscellaneous budget line to Nashville Meeting to help with renovation of their new Meeting House. It would be best if this be accompanied by a letter from the Meeting."

6. Friends noted that while Valerie Collins has agreed to serve as Treasurer and Nancy Kuykendall on Finance Committee approval for these positions was held over since none of the members of the Nominating Committee were able to attend Meeting because of the snow and ice.

7. **Friends approved the sending of \$150 to the Nashville Meeting to help with the renovations to their Meeting House.**

8. There was a presentation of the revised budget for 2004.

9. The position of Director of Religious Education will be shifted from consultant to employee so that the Meeting will assume payment for one half to the FICA tax that Robin Wells has heretofore being paying on her own. It was reported that originally this position was held as a consultant because of the difficulties involved in filing paper work for employees but now the Meeting has two other designated employees so the paper work is being done anyway. This shift will result in an additional \$160 being paid to Robin.

Meeting approved this change of status.

Consciously or unconsciously, every one of us does render some service or another. If we cultivate the habit of doing this service deliberately, our desire for service will steadily grow stronger, and it will make not only for our own happiness, but that of the world at large.

Mahatma Gandhi

BUSINESS MEETING

[Finance, Ministry and Counsel]

10. One Friend noted that although the budget had been reduced to better reflect the actual contributions, we were still budgeting for \$1400 more than anticipated revenues. Concern was expressed that we are no longer setting aside for any building while it had been a long-term goal to build an addition to the Meeting House.

11. It was noted that we are sending more money to Nashville for their Meeting House than we did to the Celo Meeting although the latter is a much "closer" Meeting.

12. It was pointed out that we donate \$6000 a year, or close to 20% of the budget, to other organizations. It was questioned whether or not we were being more generous than our finances permitted and whether we should be donating as much when we are unable to support our own budgetary requirements.

13. One Friend suggested that the proceeds from the scheduled yard sale be designated as our local outreach budget as a way to assist Friends in both simplifying their lives and expressing their witness to the local community. There was support for this idea but no decision was reached, as the two people who have volunteered to organize the yard sale were not present.

14. A suggestion was made that we undertake more fund raising activities. There was a brief discussion as to whether or not such fundraising fit in with Quaker principles. One Friend said that younger Meetings (less than 100 years old) often needed to undertake fund raising campaigns and this was well within Quaker practice.

15. It was noted that we do have reserve funds that could be used to meet current shortfalls in the budget.

16. A member of the Finance Committee said that the Committee has asked the Meeting for input on how to reduce

17. expenses but that little input has been received.

18. Friends are asked to consider these questions around our financial situation and come prepared to discuss the budget at next month's business meeting. **Friends approved the Clerk sending out via email the minutes of this discussion, inviting Friends to attend next month's meeting for business for further discernment on the 2004 budget.**

19. Friends accepted the report of the Finance Committee.

Ministry and Counsel

1. Evan Richardson read the following report from Ministry and Counsel.

2. "Ministry and Counsel met twice during the month of January in an effort to make space for continuing to season the concern regarding same gender union/marriage and a formal procedure for all marriages. The committee is moving forward on these concerns. We would like to acknowledge once again the valuable contribution made by the Ad-Hoc Committee on Same Gender Marriage. Their work is complete and the committee is being laid down. The report of their work is available by request in the library or from Ministry and Counsel.

3. "This report, along with resources from 'Faith and Practice' guides of various Yearly Meetings, and a pamphlet on marriage from Pittsburgh Monthly Meeting will be used by a sub-committee of Ministry and Counsel in preparing a proposed procedure that will be, as available, held in discernment by Ministry and Counsel, and, then, as seasoned, forwarded to the meeting for consideration and approval. The sub-committee will consist of Margaret Farmer, Steve Livingston and one or two other Friends. Friends with concerns and interest are asked to speak to these individuals.



Opportunities for Giving

Got stuff you need to get rid of? Want to donate to a good cause? There are two opportunities for Friends to give, according to Kristi Gjelfriend. Our upcoming Meeting Yard Sale and Buffet is a worthy beneficiary for clothing, toys, small appliances, but please no paperback books, they just don't sell!

If you have larger items, such as the kitchen sink, or a sofa, refrigerator, or mattress, the Habitat Home Store will gladly come by and take your larger items to their spacious new store on Meadow Road near Biltmore.

Tables

Potlucks, craft work, and committee meetings call for sturdy, attractive, and versatile folding tables! House and Grounds will be updating and replacing some of our tables, partly using money received from group rentals. Do Friends have ideas for when and where to purchase these, or have donations?

What is Marriage?

From our Meeting's Youth comes this definition:

"When two people wish an acknowledgement of their intention to try to spend the rest of their lives together."

BUSINESS MEETING

[Ministry and Counsel, SAYMA Name Change]

4. "The committee is also moving forward on the question about the meaning of membership in Asheville Friends Meeting. We are working on queries that can help us consider the question more forward more fully as a community. We are planning on bringing these queries to the meeting for worship-sharing sometime in the near future. If you have ideas about specific queries and/or the general topic, please bring them to a member of Ministry and Counsel.
5. "Lastly, the committee is working on a questionnaire to send out to members and attenders to help gather information about individuals that will give us a clearer picture of who we are as a community. The questionnaire will focus on concrete demographics as well as individual participation in the life of the meeting. If you have ideas or concerns about the questionnaire, please bring them to a member of Ministry and Counsel.
6. "Submitted on behalf of the committee: Rusty Maynard, George Gjelfriend, Kristi Gjelfriend, Alice Brown, Steve Livingston, Margaret Farmer and Evan Richardson."
7. **Friends accepted this report.**

Book Sales

David Clements reported on the Book Sale project, which he is laying down. He stated that there is a shortfall

Old Friends Needing Light

Art and Jinny McVickar's daughter Gwen reports that Art had emergency surgery on February 10 for a blocked bowel and intestinal reviving. He was still in intensive care on February 14. He was heavily medicated – "rough on a life-long drug-free body".

Gwen reports that Jinny is doing remarkably well (though hiding being deeply worried). Jinny wanted Asheville Friends to know what has happened. Gwen says the residents and staff at Cedar Court where they live have been very supportive. At best it will be a long recovery for Art, and a difficult time for Jinny, and they would appreciate hearing from folks.

At press time, Art has been moved to a rehab center and will be there possibly until the end of February. He is very anxious to get home, and has reportedly not been a model patient. Jinny misses him terribly, but is proud that she is managing on her own and can even push herself down to dinner in her wheelchair.

If you can, take a moment to hold our dear Friends Art and Jinny in the Light, perhaps give them a call at (812) 738-4757, or send a card to
125 Hilltop Dr. NE #304
Corydon, IN 47112

of a little over \$120 for missing books, which he will pay back to the Meeting. David made the suggestion that, in the future, if the meeting would like to sell books, we can do this periodically and procure them from the FGC bookstore, which might allow the Meeting to return those books that are not sold. Friends expressed discomfort with having David assume this liability since he did all the work in providing the books and tracking their sale. David said that he thought that a large portion of the missing books might well still be in boxes in his house and asked Meeting to accept his contribution. **Friends approved.**

Annual Retreat

1. The Meeting holds a reservation at Bonclarken for a retreat on the weekend of September 24th. A committee to oversee the retreat is requested. Additionally, someone will be needed to organize the children's program, as Robin will not be available on that weekend.
2. **Friends approved sending out a request by email for volunteers for the retreat committee.**

Review of Minutes from First Month

This item was held over until next month.

Individual Concerns

1. Robin asked for assistance for the multi-generational Meeting for Worship to be held on 5th First Day, as she will be out of town. Elizabeth Roebling and Sarah Jane Thomas volunteered to assist.
2. Robin brought to the attention of Meeting a Circle of Light project, used in another faith community in which prayer requests are put in a box and a group meets to pray over them. Robin suggested that this might be of benefit to our community and that there might be those who might not be led to serve on committees but might wish to gather in a prayer circle.

Close of Meeting

Meeting closed with a period of worship at 1:15 p.m. Friends gathered for a lunch afterward.

Do the Write Thing

Join us in writing to your elected representatives about the issues that concern you. We will supply paper, pens, envelopes, stamps, postcards, a place, and some information about issues we care about, good company, tea and cookies.

We will meet at Westwood CoHousing Community, 43 Vermont Court in West Asheville, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, beginning with 2/7 and continuing with 3/6, 4/3, 5/1 and 6/5. Then we will decide whether we want to continue meeting.

Please contact one of us to tell us if you are interested in Doing the Write Thing.

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Deb Scott	274-8315	descott@hotmail.com
Ursula Scott	253-7490	uscott@buncombe.main.nc.us

Tidbits: Introducing Asheville Friends

Carolyn Haag

How did you come to the Quakers? She felt angered by the political situation and recognized that as undesirable. She wanted to calm herself and sought out a religion that was historically committed to peacemaking. She was raised in the Brethren church, with which we have a lot in common, so the fit was natural.

How does the meeting nourish you? It makes her feel good to hear others having similar struggles; besides, she loves the people.

How do you nourish the meeting? She is an excellent cook and a good listener. She holds both people and events in the light, and makes a financial contribution. She sees herself as going to where the work needs to be done but cannot abide committee meetings.

What skills do you have that the meeting could draw on? She is well organized and good at follow-through.

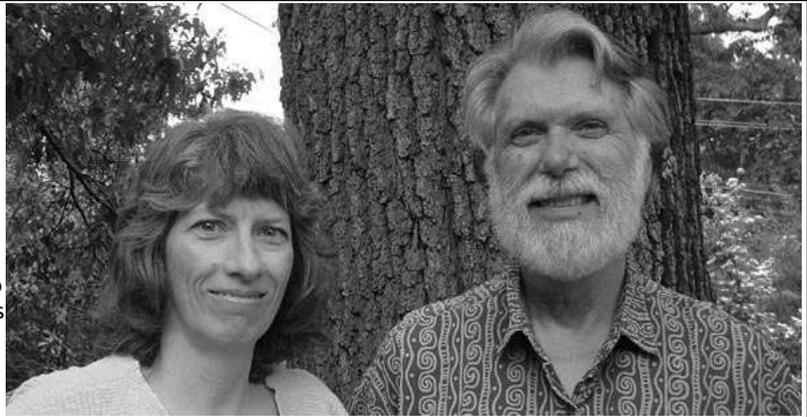
Christy Bischoff

How did you come to the Quakers? She feels almost led here by a mysterious force. She was looking for a spiritual community, and suddenly it happened, "I'm a Quaker!" She may have been somewhat helped by her brother, who is a Friend. Anyhow, the inspiration hit her while living in Belfast, Ireland; and by the time she came home, it was pretty clear that she wanted to be a Quaker.

How does the meeting nourish you? The relationships she forms here are a big part of her life, in both a spiritual and social way. Meeting for worship is an important time: being with this community and space.

How do you nourish the meeting? She tries to be intentional about holding others in the light. She is active on the Peace and Earth Committee and seeks other ways she can support others in the meeting. She intends to make a more robust financial contribution now that she has a job.

What skills do you have that the meeting could draw on? Takes leadership in issues of social justice and is interested in people and how to love them. She is scheduled to attend peacemaking training teams for 8 weeks starting in May and hopes to bring back and share that experience.



Nicholas Kmecza

How did you come to the Quakers? He wouldn't characterized it so much as coming to the meeting as finally realizing that he felt at home here among us and how we feel about life. There have been similar clusters of same-thinking people since the time of Christ and he was drawn to ours. He moved around a lot as a kid and got exposed to many different religions, and accepted all invitations to attend as they were offered. He didn't so much pick the Friends because we were one of the three peace churches to which he felt attracted as he gradually discovered that here is where he was.

How does the meeting nourish you? It gives him comfort in knowing that there are other people who share his relationship to God and each other.

How do you nourish the meeting? He's not sure yet. He's widely read in many eastern sacred texts, and follows the Buddhist tradition that the only work you need to do is on yourself. The idea is to polish you own mirror, and you then cannot help by reflect the goodness of others. He likes to think that the work he does on himself will add to the community in that way. He makes a financial contribution; but, after many years in government as a city planner, he's worn out whatever inclination he may have had to work on committees.

What skills do you have that the meeting could draw on? He's not certain; never having had the experience of being a "member". (Although that may be something he is growing closer to contemplating.) He likes doing research; but has no idea how that might be helpful.

Marcia Master

How did you come to the Quakers? She and Barry were looking for a community that spoke to their condition. While living in Nashville, they visited several different churches and were particularly drawn to our testimonies of the light of God in everyone, simplicity, and continuing revelation.

How does the meeting nourish you? By providing a supportive community, especially since her surgery.

How do you nourish the meeting? She has been clerk of the meeting, worked with the younger children in first day school, and is presently in charge of the library. She plans to limit herself to her current level of participation until after she's completed all of the planned surgeries. She makes a financial contribution.

What skills do you have that the meeting could draw on? She is good at listening and synthesizing people's concerns.



Asheville Friends Meeting

Weekly Meeting for Worship: First Day singing at 9:40, regular worship at 10 a.m. 227 Edgewood Road, Asheville (258-0974).

Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business takes place on 3/14 and 4/11, beginning as promptly as possible.

We will break with a full meal around 1 p.m.

Sandwich Sunday: Loaves, fishes, and fellowship after Meeting for Worship on fourth First Day (3/28). Your presence is encouraged, there's always plenty of food!

Midweek Worship and Sharing each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. 30 minutes of silent meeting reflecting on peace, followed by 30 minutes of worship sharing, then a stone soup meal. WestWood Co-Housing Community, 43 Vermont Court. For directions contact Ursula Scott (253-7490, uscott@buncombe.main.nc.us).

Other Nearby Meetings

Swannanoa Valley Monthly Meeting: each First Day at 9:30 a.m., Common Light Meeting Place.

Boone Monthly Meeting: each First Day at 10 a.m., at the home of John and Judy Geary, 175 Edgewood Drive.

City View Friends Church: each First Day at 10:30 a.m., 59 Tremont Street in West Asheville.

Brevard Monthly Meeting: each First Day at 11 a.m. at the Sharing House, corner of Oakdale and Duckworth.

Celo Monthly Meeting: each First Day at 10:45 a.m., 445 Hannah Branch Road.

Clemson Worship Group: each First Day at 9 a.m., Clemson Unitarian Church.

New Moon Worship Group: meets at the Barnardsville United Methodist Church each First Day at 4 p.m. Call for details 626-2572.

