

ATLANTA FRIENDS MEETING NEWSLETTER



October 2017

New Quaker Voluntary Service Fellows

Submitted by Liz Nicholson, Atlanta City Coordinator

Alicia Rabideau, Connor Rohwer, Emily Weyrauch, Katharine Bailey, Maisie Kise, Natalie McLaughlin, Oliver Owens, and Olivia Chalkley are the amazing young adults who arrived in Atlanta in early September and have begun settling into their year with Quaker Voluntary Service! QVS is a year-long service program for young adults to live in intentional community, become a part of the life of a local Friends Meeting, and work at social justice non-profits for 11 months. This group is the SIXTH group that Atlanta Friends Meeting has welcomed, and we could not be more excited to get to know the unique gifts, questions, and relationships each of this crew will bring to our community this year. Please welcome them when you see them and stay tuned to hear more about opportunities to connect, get to know them, and hear about the radical and transformative work they are doing in their community and in wider Atlanta for justice. Below is a bit of information about each of these folks! For more info about QVS, visit our website

at www.quakervoluntaryservice.org or like us on

Facebook www.facebook.com/quakervoluntaryservice.



Alicia Rabideau graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine this past May with a degree in Gender Studies and Sociology. As a student, she explored her faith as a Multifaith fellow, engaged in countless discussions on colonization and intersectional feminism

anywhere from the classroom to the dance floor, and led the Democrats Club in encouraging students' political involvement in a crucial election year. The city of Lewiston has also been an essential part of her experience at Bates, informing her understanding of home and community, as well as offering opportunities to organize with Maine People's Alliance, help develop a social enterprise with the Center for Wisdom's Women, and lead a local Girl Scout troop. In the last four years, she also had the immense privilege of studying human rights abroad in Katmandu, Amman, and Santiago, an experience which has informed her commitment to justice and global radical love. Her most recently developing passion is increasing the

Atlanta Meeting of the Religious
Society of Friends (Quakers)
All are welcome

Meeting for Worship
Each First Day (Sunday)
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
701 W. Howard Ave.

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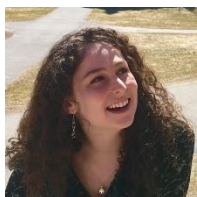
Do your actions reflect your beliefs?
What is your life saying to others?
When pressure is brought upon you
to lower your standard of integrity,
how do you resist it?

- **Quaker Spiritual Disciplines -**
QuakerSpeak
<http://quakerspeak.com/quaker-spiritual-disciplines/>
- FGC Resources – Integrity
<http://www.fgcquaker.org/cloud/resources/integrity>

transparency of and access to the law, so she is particularly thrilled to spend a year working and growing with the [Southern Center for Human Rights](#).

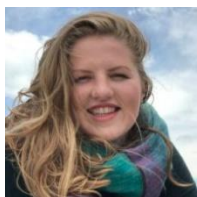


Connor Rohwer graduated from Carleton College, in Northfield, Minnesota, where he majored in English and concentrated in Education Studies. At Carleton, he helped manage the student farm, read books and puzzled over math problems with students in local elementary schools, intermittently wrote poetry, and occasionally drew comics. He loves stories, nature, and food in all their various forms. He does not particularly love cold weather, and he can't wait to move south to a more salubrious climate. Speaking in true Minnesotan parlance, he cares a whole heck of a lot about kids and education reform, and he is greatly looking forward to learning more through his work with [The Kindezi Village](#) this year.



Emily Weyrauch grew up in the woods of Weston, CT. She graduated from Bowdoin College in Maine in May 2017, where she studied English and Education. During college, she worked at the Women's Resource Center and edited the student newspaper. She wrote a series about coeducation at Bowdoin, telling the stories of the first women at the college and the challenges they faced at a historically male institution. She also created a new reporter's training program to foster a more diverse newspaper staff. Emily spent a summer as writer-in-residence at the Bowdoin Scientific Station on Kent Island in the Bay of Fundy, living communally with scientists and artists far away from the mainland in a place full of birds and music and books and laughter and freshly-baked bread. Highlights from her college experience include spending nights carving woodblocks in the printmaking studio, dressing in drag for a presentation on the left-wing Spanish politician Pablo Iglesias, and throwing a party to celebrate Rihanna's birthday.

The daughter of a Jewish mother and a Lutheran father, Emily was raised Unitarian Universalist, and has been going to Quaker meetings recently in Maine. She looks forward to paying more attention to her own spirituality and allowing it to grow this year through intersectional anti-violence work with [Georgia WAND](#).

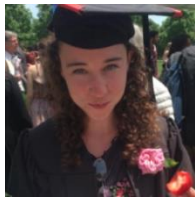


Katharine Bailey is a proud product of Wilson, North Carolina and an alumna of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She majored in Psychology with a minor in African, African American, and Diaspora Studies. She describes herself as a (re)searcher, activist, and friend. Her most notable achievements include scoring a goal during a water polo match and designing a campaign to engage the UNC community on topics of racial inequality. She enjoys stretching the boundaries of what it means to be a Southerner and considers herself an honorary San Franciscan. Her time and curiosity is devoted to understanding and combating the annihilistic nature of whiteness and its alliance with dominating forms of oppression. Initially jarring, the volume of her laughter eventually becomes endearing. She is a struggling Spanish speaker after spending eight months in Ecuador as an English assistant and will not stop butchering her sentences until she reaches some acceptable level of fluency. Katharine is looking forward to getting to know Atlanta and learning from the amazing team at [Habitat for Humanity](#).

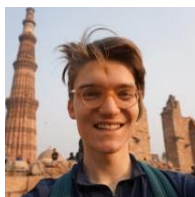


A recent graduate from the University of California Davis, **Maisie Kise's** degrees in American Studies, Community and Regional Development, and Film Studies reflect her interest in the intersections of community-centered activism and art. Maisie has been a filmmaker and research intern for the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water; a writer, performer, and stage manager for the theatre production V*Stories; Publicity Coordinator at Third Space Art Collective; and cooperative housing resident, workshop facilitator, and board member for the Solar Community Housing Association. Maisie has also participated in Chicago's chapter of Showing Up For Racial Justice as a facilitator and outreach volunteer as well as engaged regularly in local racial, economic, and LGBTQIA activism in the Sacramento and Bay Areas. An advocate of transformative justice and collective

liberation, Maisie looks forward to dedicating her future to building communities of accountability and healing. Maisie's sense of self and spirituality is rooted in the daily practices of filmmaking, dancing, writing, relationship building, and laughing that restore balance to her life. Maisie was raised in Philadelphia, PA, where she attended Quaker schools, and moved to Carmel, CA ten years ago. She will be working in South Atlanta with [Focused Community Strategies](#) in the coming year.



Natalie McLaughlin is from Phoenixville, Pennsylvania and she is a member of Radnor Meeting. She graduated from Westtown School in 2013, and from Swarthmore College in 2017. At Swarthmore she studied Sociology and Anthropology and ran with the college's cross country and track and field teams. She is hoping to continue her education in sociology, possibly studying social movement theory. She will be working with [The American Friends Service Committee](#) on housing justice issues during her year as a QVS Fellow.



Oliver Owens grew up in Metuchen, New Jersey. He graduated with a degree in sociology from the University of Maryland in May 2017. His honors thesis was on social stratification in India, where he spent the spring semester in 2016. On campus, he was part of Erasable Inc., an all-improv performance group, and also became a member of the Maryland Population Research Center. He dabbles in drawing and writing. Oliver has organizing experience with the Student Labor Action Project and Washington, DC labor unions; he's looking forward to organizing more this coming year, when he'll be working as a QVS Fellow with the [Sierra Club](#) in Atlanta.



Originally from Baltimore, Maryland, **Olivia Chalkley** recently graduated from Guilford College with a degree in English Literature, as well as minors in Community & Justice Studies and Quaker Studies. After being introduced to Quakerism at the age of fourteen at Stony Run Meeting, she has followed her faith and practice to Opequon Quaker Camp, the Quaker Leaderships Scholars Program at Guilford, and now QVS. Olivia spends her time reading a lot of thinkpieces and novels, walking around in the woods, Tweeting, and geeking out about liberation theology. Olivia is so excited to put theory into practice working with [9to5](#) this coming year!

Wondering How Friends are Faring in Florida and Texas?

Submitted by Julia Ewen, Social Concerns Committee

Here's what I've found regarding Friends in Florida and Texas and Quaker-led relief efforts: Southeastern Yearly Meeting (Florida and South Georgia) report that there are no reports of substantial damage to the member meetings' meetinghouses or Quaker casualties to the storm. They will be having an executive committee meeting in about two to three weeks and will know more then about what sort of help Quaker might need and what sorts of relief and recovery services Quakers are organizing or supporting there.

South Central Meeting's web page has a detailed update on the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Several meeting houses/Friends churches have sustained severe damage and several thousand Friends' homes have been flooded. They are doing relief service work for their communities while digging out from under themselves. For details about how to contribute funds to the relief and recovery effort through SYCM go to their website.

In addition, there are two Quaker Relief Services: one through NC Yearly Meeting (FUM) and the other through Evangelical Friends Eastern Region. These disaster services will be sending supplies and volunteers into the disaster zones to repair and rebuild homes in about 9 to 12 months from now. They wait until people have had chance to know what help will be forthcoming from FEMA and other insurance and for roads and infrastructure to be enough recovered to get building supplies to worksites as well as volunteers.

Contact info for the NC YM service is: Wiley Shore, director. 336-244-0528, wshore@yadtel.net. Contact info for the Evangelical Friends service is: EFCER [330-493-1660](tel:330-493-1660) [5350 Broadmoor Circle](http://5350BroadmoorCircle.com) NE, Canton OH 44709.

Write on your check "Hurricane relief" on the memo line and if you have a preference for which disaster area, Florida or Texas, you can specify.

NCYM disaster service limits itself to pretty much the southeast, but I think that that the Evangelical Friends may be sending volunteers and relief/recovery materials to the Caribbean disaster areas also. Forgot to inquire specifically when I was on the phone with them today.

I have given this info to Liz Perch, our SAYMA office coordinator, in case other SAYMA Friends would like to aid Quakers in the disaster areas and support Quaker relief work.

Social Concerns Committee will be sending some money to relief/recovery projects but it looks like as of now that these Quaker disaster relief services will not be among those funded from our present committee budget.

I personally would like to encourage Friends to reach out to Friends in the disaster areas through the contacts in this email and to individually support Quaker led-relief efforts.

Lives and Callings: the Spiritual Journey – October 1st

All are invited to come to the meeting library at 9 am on the first Sunday in each month to listen to how one Friend in our meeting answers questions of God's leadings as well as questions about what brings them to this meeting, what led them to become a member or why not, and what they believe now. Susie Lippold will share on October 1st.

Alternatives to Violence (AVP) Workshop – October 7-8th

We are trying to train new facilitators to work with youth, community, and especially in prison settings. It takes three workshops to earn your facilitator status. The AVP Workshop series consists of 3 workshops: Basic/First Level, Advanced/Second Level and Training 4 Facilitators. Those who complete all three workshops are eligible to apprentice on workshop facilitation teams and to become AVP facilitators. The October workshop will be a Basic/First Level workshop only. If you have already attended an AVP workshop and earned your Basic certificate, see our workshop calendar for Advanced/Second Level workshop dates.

- **When:** October 7-8, 9:00am-6:00pm (Saturday & Sunday)
- **Where:** Kennesaw State University
- **Why:** To learn how to respond nonviolently to situations where injustice, prejudice, frustration, and anger can lead to violent behavior.
- **What:** Learn proven strategies and methods for implementing nonviolent alternatives in your life.
- **How:** Two day workshop where participants learn via interactive exercises, games and role-plays new ways to find alternatives to violence.
- **Who:** Open to all aged 18 and over.
- **Cost:** Requested contribution: \$30.00. Lunch is provided both days. No one excluded due to lack of funds.

For more detailed information:

- **On the Web:** Facebook at "AVP Atlanta" and www.avpusa.org
- **By Phone:** Call Karen at [404-797-8079](tel:404-797-8079)
- **To Register:** Email georgiaavp@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATES! AVP 2017 Community Workshop Calendar

Dates*	Location**	Details
November 4-5	Columbia Theological Seminary	Advanced/Second Level, open to participants who have completed the Basic/First Level workshop
December 9-10	Grady Memorial Hospital	Basic/First Level, open to all aged 18 +

* All workshops take place Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-6:00pm

**Exact workshop locations will be announced to registered participants.

All facilitators at AVP workshops are unpaid volunteers.

Atlanta Pride Parade October 15th

Atlanta Friends Meeting will be marching in the Atlanta Pride Parade October 15th with the meeting banner. This is a really important witness for those who struggle with what their religious organizations have said about being LGBTQ and also a lot of fun.

The parade steps off from Peachtree and Ralph McGill (Civic Center MARTA station) at noon. We will be in the second half of the parade and people should be able to leave right at the rise of meeting and still make it to the start of the parade route in plenty of time. More details will be in the announcement sheet closer to the date or contact Nina Gooch. Pride's website: <http://atlantapride.org/>.

Finding Spirit-Led Unity: the Clerk's Role - Workshop November 11th

Our Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business relies on our faith in continuing revelation, the belief that the Light within can lead us to corporate as well as individual decisions. How do we do this, what is the role of the clerk in the search for Spirit-led unity and how can we all support the clerk and the process?

In this workshop, we will address the clerk's role to:

- prepare the agenda
- attend to the meeting process and worship
- clarify the issues considered
- address conflict
- listen, integrate differences
- test for and state the sense of the meeting

Come explore these challenges on Saturday November 11 from 10-4 at the Atlanta Friends Meeting with Mary Ann Downey and Bill Holland. A contribution of \$35 covers the cost of the book, Facilitator's Guide to Participatory Decision-Making and handouts Finding Spirit-Led Unity: The Clerk's Role. Tea and fruit provided. Bring your own lunch and a snack to share. To register, email your request to madowney@mindspring.com by November 6.

Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business – September 17th, 2017

Recorded pending approval

Attendance: Juan Allende, Micheal Allison, Cathy Amanti, Katherine Bailey, Olivia Chalkley, Jalisa Clark, Steve Collins, Cheryl Cowherd, Jennifer Dickie, Mary Ann Downey, Danae Evans, Julia Ewen, Sally Ferguson, Susan Firestone, Waman French, Clive Gordon, Joshua Gough, Claire Hannapel, Bill Holland, Bill Hooson, Art Jones, Lee Kenworthy, Suzan Kenworthy, Tom Kenworthy, Teri Key-Hooson, Maisie Kise, Rich Klima, Michael Kramer, Elizabeth Lamb, Patti Lee,, Becky Lough, Alison Mawle, Susan May, Jonah McDonald, Kelsey McNicholas, John M. Michael, Karen terHorst Morris, Liz Nicholson, Kumar B. Naupane, Ron Nuse, Oliver Owens, Connor Rohwer, Aaron Ruscetta, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Rebecca Sullivan, Brittney Thornburley, Rebecca

Thornburley, Myrna Trapp, Sarah Walton, Emily Weyrauch, Pat Williams, Lissa Place (Clerk), Bethany Morrison (Recording Clerk) (54 Friends).

Letter from Ministry and Worship Committee to Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business:

On behalf of Ministry and Worship Committee, Sally Ferguson read a letter composed by the committee to the September Meeting for Business:

Last month MfB labored with the question of planting a Black Lives Matters sign in front of the Meetinghouse. Strong opinions were expressed for and against taking this action. It was a difficult meeting, and some participants felt the meeting was missing a spirit of worship, that the effort to move forward may have come at the cost of sacrificing spiritual unity on this issue. The proposal is on the agenda for today's MfB.

*The purpose of this report is to address **process**, not **content**. Through personal experiences, we have seen the Quaker process of worshipful decision-making successfully address differences, as Way opens. Sometimes we forget Meeting for Business is a meeting for worship – Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business. Individually and collectively we can continually move towards deeper understanding and implementation of Quaker process. As with any thoughtful gathering, it is appropriate to be polite, patient, good listeners, and humble in our own opinions and understandings.*

Ideally each meeting for worship (be it a Meeting for Business or regular meeting):

begins with quiet and reverent assembling,

proceeds based on a silent and attentive search for divine guidance,

is served by spoken ministry inspired as Way opens and addressed to the conditions of those present, and

closes at an appropriate time, as Spirit leads.

In MfB, are we able to lovingly listen to each other and give unhurried & patient thought to each participant?

Are we able to keep in mind we are at a meeting for worship - and that we should rise to speak being mindful of the leadings of Spirit?

What can we learn as individuals and as a community from difficult meetings?

Do we pause to consider whether Spirit is guiding us?

Every group encounters pressures that can distract from faithful action. If these pressures are not managed, they can weaken or destroy an organization. M&W - along with others in meeting - seek to understand and address our inevitable differences in our expression of the spirit.

Announcement on Behalf of SAYF: Aaron Ruscetta read a letter written by Wren Hendrickson, a member of the Southern Appalachian Young Friends Steering Committee about the urgent need for Friendly Adult Nurturers (FANs) to volunteer at SAYF overnight retreats. She writes that “we are dangerously short on adult participation” and that “SAYF is actually in danger of not being able to continue.” On behalf of the teenaged members of SAYF, SAYFers Lucas and Patrick shared the importance of the SAYF experience and the FANs to them.

The next opportunity for adult Friends to volunteer is the SAYF retreat from October 13th through October 15th, which AFM is hosting. Please reach out to Aaron Ruscetta (404-315-0405) or Wren Hendrickson (919-602-1587) to volunteer or to inquire for more information.

Discernments

Black Lives Matter Sign: In the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in Seventh Month, Jennifer Dickie brought a request to plant a Black Lives Matter sign in the front yard of the meetinghouse. This month the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business considered the question of whether to move forward and plant the yard sign, to lay down the issue, or to hold a threshing session for Friends to discuss the issue without the pressure to come to day-of decision about the sign.

There continued to be broad and strong support at Meeting for Business for Eighth Month for planting a Black Lives Matter yard sign in the front yard of the meetinghouse. The Meeting considered their next step and the issue of the sign with rich vocal contributions, which often focused in particular on Quaker process and the speed at which AFM comes to decisions on issues where a few Friends have voiced concerns.

At the end of the discernment process, AFM approved the following minutes:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-01:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the planting of a Black Lives Matter sign on the meetinghouse property.*
- **Minute 09-17-2017-02:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting calls on the Clerk to coordinate a threshing session by the end of the year around the following query: Where there is distrust, injustice, or hatred, how am I an instrument of reconciliation and love?*

Jennifer Dickie has volunteered to plant the sign.

Ministry and Worship Committee: On behalf of Ministry & Worship, Sally Ferguson brought forward the following name for membership:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-03:** *On the recommendation of the Ministry and Worship Committee, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Sara Patenaude as a member of the Atlanta Friends Meeting.*

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Ron Nuse brought forward the following names for approval:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-04:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Claire Hannapel for the position of Coburn-Allen for the position of religious education teacher (preschool) for July 2017-June 2018.*
- **Minute 09-17-2017-05:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approve Lynn Leuszler for the position of Treasurer, which is a one-year extension of his current position ending in December 2018.*
- **Minute 09-17-2017-06:** *Atlanta Friends Meeting approves Aaron Ruscetta for the position of Webmaster for January 2018-January 2019.*

Administration Committee: On behalf of the Administration committee, Steve Collins brought forward the new Atlanta Friends Meeting Signage Policy, which he introduced in a report at the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business in Eighth Month. The committee had made a few minor changes to improve the clarity of the policy based on meeting feedback. In addition, the committee added the following statement to the policy: “In the case of a sign that includes a statement of faith, belief, or promotion of cause, the Administration Committee may decide to refer approval to Meeting for Business.”

- **Minute 09-17-2017-07:** *Following its approval by the administration committee on Sept. 12, 2017, the Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the Atlanta Meeting Exterior Sign Policy.*

Reports:

Nominating Committee: On behalf of nominating committee, Ron Nuse brought forward Brittney Thornburley for the position of nursery liaison for a one-year term (July 2017-June 2018).

He brought forward Brent Wolff for the position of Directory Editor and Membership Recorder, which would be a one-year reappointment beginning in January 2018.

Ron brought forward Steve Collins for the position of Clerk of the Administration Committee for a three-year term beginning January 2018.

Finally, he brought forward Dee Debra for the position of Assistant Treasurer, which would be a one-year extension beginning in January 2018.

The names above will be brought forth next month for discernment and approval.

Memorial Minute: Mary Ann Downing brought forward the following memorial minute for Maria Ladd, who passed away on Wednesday, June 28th, 2017:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-08:** *Maria Barbara Lenz was born in Pomerania, Germany, in the town of Wittkow, on December 3rd, 1925. After getting an education through her younger years, she was the last to leave her family farm during World War II, where her father, Anton Lenz, a seed potato farmer, and her mother, née Martha Brose, had predeceased their nine children. As the Russians stormed in from the Eastern Front, she left home in 1945, got a ride on the back of a truck to the train station of the local town, eventually making her way to Bremen. As a refugee in Bremen, she first encountered Quakers at a soup kitchen, and clothing center and went to college there to become a teacher. She met and married Edward T. Ladd, a civilian working with the Allied Military Government. They moved to New Haven Connecticut in 1948, and to Atlanta in 1958 when Edward became head of the Education Department at Emory University.*

She became active in the work of Atlanta Friends Meeting for integration of the Atlanta public schools under the leadership of John Yungblut. With Dwight Ferguson as a mentor, she was hired by the meeting in 1978 to work 20 hours a week to coordinate the meeting's outreach for Social Concerns. She reported, "The job was demanding, but it gave me a good education!" Maria worked with community organization with parallel concerns, especially the Christian Council, and on behalf of the Meeting, acquired a film, "War Without Winners", showing it in many forums and workshops including the dedication of the King Center in Atlanta.

She was also active with the southeast regional American Friends Service Committee, in local work for Friends Committee on National Legislation programs and with the World Council of Churches. In 1984, with support from the Meeting, Maria went to the Soviet Union as one of 262 church delegates in an exchange program between the World Council of Churches and the Russian Orthodox Church. She remained active in the meeting until her move to Friends House in Sandy Springs, Maryland for retirement. When she offered her spiritual journey to Atlanta Friends she posed the questions, how do we meditate and how can we be still. Her answer was that meditation is about emptying our minds, letting go of our attachments and our individualism. She was a deep thinker, and her messages in Atlanta Meeting offered insight and wisdom from a centered place.

She was a mother of two children, Christopher and Monica, and a grandmother, a supporter of civil rights, a party-giver for academic, political, and social gatherings, a potter, a graduate of the Atlanta College of Art, a sculptor, an instructor of art history at Atlanta Area Technical School, and always a gardener. She asked pointed questions, was an elegant dresser, and committed to peace and justice.

She was predeceased by her husband, Edward in 1973 and is survived by her children Christopher Ladd (Christine), Monica Ladd (Oliver Frederick Clark), grandchildren, Maria Alexandra Clark, Joanna Lenz Ladd, Thatcher Bondi Ladd and Nikita Robitscher Ladd .

This minute will be published in the Friends Journal.

Memorial Minute: Mary Ann Downing brought forward the following memorial minute for Dr. Harry Groff Lefever, who passed away in February, 2017:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-09:** *Dr. Harry Groff Lefever, 85, long-time resident of Atlanta's Candler Park neighborhood, died Feb. 3, 2017, at home in Athens, GA. Dr. Lefever enjoyed a long life studying, teaching, and writing about civil rights and sociology at Spelman College in Atlanta.*

*He was born Dec. 7, 1931, in Lancaster, PA, and studied at Lancaster Mennonite High School before going on to earn a B.A. from Eastern Mennonite College (now University) in Harrisonburg, VA, an M.A. from the University of Chicago, and a Ph.D. from Emory University in Atlanta. He taught at Eastern Mennonite College from 1963 until 1966. He served as professor of sociology at Spelman College from 1966 to 2003, when he was awarded the rank of Professor Emeritus. Due to his love for teaching and the academic environment, he continued to teach at Spelman part time until 2009 Harry married Esther Peachey on June 10, 1954. In 1956 they traveled to Vietnam with a team from the Mennonite Central Committee. There they worked with a medical team and organized work camps and seminars with Saigon University students until 1959. Dr. Lefever continued to travel throughout his life, visiting India in 1981 to study the history of India and the development and influences of religion. He lived in Tortuguero, Costa Rica, for nine months gathering information and recording oral histories for his first book, **Turtle Bogue**. Other travels took him to Japan, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Burma, India, the Middle East, and Europe. He also traveled to Nicaragua, the islands of San Andres and Providencia in the western Caribbean. His interest in the Civil Rights Movement and its impact on the city of Atlanta led to two more books, **Undaunted by the Fight** and **Sacred Places**.*

*In the early 1970's, Harry and Esther found a home and friends in the Candler Park neighborhood of Atlanta and joined others from there that were attending the Atlanta Friends Meeting. Harry had Quaker neighbors as a child and some of their work in Vietnam was coordinated with projects of American Friends Service Committee. They were attracted by the meeting's witness against the Vietnam War, draft counseling, and efforts to help refugees. While Harry spoke of missing the music and rituals of his Mennonite faith and thought Quakers gave too much emphasis to mysticism, he served the meeting in a variety of ways including the History Committee. In the foreword to **As Way Opened: A History of Atlanta Friends Meeting, 1943-1997**, he wrote, "the following story reflects the subjective interpretations of those who retrieved the records, those who remembered the events and those who wrote the narrative. " When Harry shared his spiritual journey, he said, "God speaks to us through our mind, body and spirit and in our social relations. Life is a pilgrimage with many intersections. We make the road by walking. I kept moving and the road opened before me."*

He was a dedicated professional who cared about investing in his community and making the world a better place. Committed to living simply and conscientiously, he was involved in many social issues, including serving as a leader in the Candler Park Neighborhood effort to prevent a freeway from dividing the community. His concerns extended beyond his own community, and he contributed to a variety of charitable funds to help the less fortunate in other parts of the world. He was a caring father and grandfather, and he will be missed. He is survived by brother Paul G. Lefever, sister Ana Hershey, sister Alma Weaver, and his children, Kristina, Carla, Erika and Dimitri Lefever, as well as his three grandchildren.

Copied from obituary that appears in *Lancaster Online* February 10, 2017 with additional material from the records of Atlanta Friends meeting. This minute will be published in the Friends Journal.

Ad Hoc Archivist Committee: On behalf of the Ad Hoc Archivist Committee, Bill Holland shared a set of goals developed by the committee. Because the committee is relying on receiving information from other parties and because of the difficulty gauging how long the organization tasks will take, the committee has not created a formal timeline for these goals:

- I. Reconstruct Business Meeting Minutes
 - A. See what of our minutes Swarthmore currently has.
 - B. Track down previous recording clerks to obtain the finished minutes and attachments from as many Business Meetings as possible.
 - C. Ask committees what of their minutes should be kept and ask for copies.
- II. Create a clear list of guidelines of what records to keep and how to keep them.
 - A. Give the guidelines to the committees.
 - B. Put the guidelines in the handbook.
- III. Start organizing the file cabinets, using the established guidelines.
 - A. Schedule work days asking Friends to come to the Meeting House and help us sort.
 - B. Bring file cabinet drawers home to work on in spare time.
- IV. Decide which files should be digitized and which should be sent to Swarthmore.
 - A. Digitized files will need to be converted to PDF-1A.
 - B. Swarthmore will house both digital files and physical copies.

Minutes of August 2018:

- **Minute 09-17-2017-10:** *The Minutes of the Eighth Month 2017 Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business were approved with no corrections.*

Announcements: A Friend announced that the Atlanta Friends Meeting will host the annual pancake brunch fundraiser for the Atlanta Friends School next Sunday, September 24th from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Meeting closed with Silent Worship.

Respectfully submitted,
Bethany Morrison, Recording Clerk
Lissa Place, Assistant Clerk



Those wishing to have requests for
Holding included in this monthly
newsletter may give the names to a
member of Care & Counsel.



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Calendar for Tenth Month (October) 2017

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day (Sunday)	10:00 a.m. – Meetinghouse (AFM), with a smaller group in the Library. 1:30 p.m. - Stone Mountain Friends Church (Evangelical), at Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, 5135 Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Every Third First Day	12:30 p.m. – Carrollton Friends Worship Group. St. Andrew's UMC Youth Center, 1106 Maple St.; contact Jean Hudson, judson30116@yahoo.com or 678-378-3368; carrolltonfriends.org .
Every Second First Day	10:30 a.m. – Macon Friends Worship Group. Contact Diana Hensley, 478-227-8892; maconquakers.org
Sixth Day (Friday)	11:00 a.m. – East Lake Commons, Decatur. Contact Bert Skellie at bertskellie@gmail.com or 404-680-4799. (Mid-August through May), 9:00 a.m. – Friends School of Atlanta. Community Meeting Room, 862 Columbia Dr., Decatur, 404-373-8746.

Regular Events at the Meetinghouse

Every First Day (Sunday)	9:00 - Adult Religious Ed, Library 9:30 - Singing, Classroom A/B 10:00 - Meeting for Worship 5:00 - Atlanta Mennonite Fellowship, Meeting Room
Second Day (Monday)	Every other Monday at 6:30 - Spiritual Nurture Group, Library (contact Lewis Fuller for info on how to join)
Third Day (Tuesday)	6:00 - Alex Zinnes Yoga, Nursery Second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 - Deep Waters Center for Prayer & Exploration, Meeting Room
Fourth Day (Wednesday)	8:30 a.m. Morning Worship, Library First and third Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. Worship at David & Freer Jarvis' home 7:00 - 8:30 pm: Semi-programmed worship at AFM. Contact Ashley Wilcox: ashleymwilcox@gmail.com , 206-300-5836.
Fifth Day (Thursday)	7:00 p.m. Bible Discussion, Library
Sixth Day (Friday)	Every third Friday, Meeting for Business, Meeting Room
18 th of Each Month	Newcomers Welcome Dinner, rotating location

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If you would like to be included in the AFM database and receive the Newsletter by mail and/or appear in future AFM Directories, please send your name and contact information to Emily Lawson at elawson7@gmail.com or 404-200-8479. Please indicate if you want to be in the directory, receive the newsletter by mail, or both. Emily Lawson is also the contact to request mailing list removal.

Contributions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting may be placed in the slot marked "Contributions" in the greeting area of the Meetinghouse or mailed to the Treasurer at the above address. Thank you!

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