Atlanta Friends Meeting Newsletter

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. Decatur, GA 30030

May 2010i

Query: Do you as parents prepare your children to meet their responsibilities in a constantly changing world? Does the meeting support and provide resources for families who have members with special needs? SAYMA Faith and Practice



Friends Memorial Service for Ceal Wutka, April 9, 2011

Friends and family filled the Meeting room to witness the life of Ceal Wutka. Amid tears and laughter the audience heard testimony to her many ministries and smiles. A word kept occurring to me as the expressions of her presence in other's lives were shared: ebullient – "cheerful and full of energy." The service began with a hymn by Saniel Schutte, 1981, "Here I am Lord," an appropriate description of her ministry.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry,
All who dwell in darkness now
My had will save.
I who make the stars of night.
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?

Here I am. Lord. It is I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
The turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. It is I Lord. I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where your lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My had will save. Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I sent?

Here I am, Lord. Its is I Lord. I have heard your calling in the night. I will go, Lord, where you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

The service ended with Mark Wutka leading The 23rd Psalm

Minute from FGC's Committee on Nurturing Ministries

Subcommittee for Deepening, Third month 25, 2011

Friends are thankful for the life of Ceal Wutka. Ceal was a unique blend of child-like enthusiasm and the wisdom and kindness of a spiritual elder. There was a gift of freshness about her, sharing her profound joy of learning with others, and incorporating what she learned into her own already Spirit-filled life. She was able to offer a cloak of prayer to help cover the meetings of which she was a part. She loved meeting, encouraging, and nurturing new people as they found their way into meetings and onto committees. She noticed gifts of others and found sweet and gentle ways of lifting them up, naming them, and encouraging a person in offering those gifts to the Body. She also recognized and named the need for spiritual support, and offered such support lovingly, gently, and without fanfare. She was enthusiastic and always reliable in her religious service, following through on her commitments. The love and joint ministry she shared with her husband, Mark, was inspiring and brought joy to those among whom they traveled. The gifts she shared came from a place of deep love and genuine joy. We will miss her.

Announcements

At the May Potluck on May 1, some Friends are cooking central African dishes as part of our welcome of new Friends from Burundi (by way of Arizona). Bring your own favorite dish or try cooking something new! Central African cuisine has both meat and vegetarian dishes, with ingredients that include fish, chicken, beans, plantains, sweet potatoes, cassava, peas, corn, cabbage, and onions. Fresh fruits and vegetables are welcome. Recipes can be found on the internet, such as at http://www.celtnet.org.uk/recipes/burundi.php Join in the fun & make the May Potluck an African Celebration!

Adult Religious Education May-July2011

On May 1, John Roberts will offer his spiritual journey. During May, June and July, we will read and discuss the book, If the Church Were Christian: Rediscovering the Values of Jesus by Philip Gulley. In this book, Quaker pastor Philip Gulley explores how the church has lost its way and examines the values of Jesus to revel the extent to which the church has drifted from his teachings.

Financial Assistance for Meetings

On behalf of Ministry and Worship, I wish to say that anyone seeking financial assistance from AFM to attend SAYMA yearly meeting, or the Gathering (FGC) this year needs to notify Ministry and Worship how much assistance they are requesting, before M&W meets on May 1st, 2011. Funds are often matched by SAYMA or FGC, but it is usually first come, first sirve; it behooves Friends to make their requests as soon as possible. Please email me, Jenny Foster, (jennifer.foster@emory.edu) with your request.

At the April Movie Night, about 40 of us enjoyed watching the movie Friendly Persuasion together, watching it on the new "big screen". Whether we have a Movie Night on May 13th will depend on whether three or more movie-lovers step forward and offer to do most of the set up work. Orientation and technical assistance will be provided. Those doing the set up will be empowered to select the movie! Contact Georgia Lord (h) 770-934-7523 if you are interested.

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Meeting Library Holdings about the Quaker Peace Testimony

Books For Adults:

- * Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Create Your Life, Your Relationships, and Your World in Harmony with Your Values edited by Marshall Rosenberg 153.6/.R15
 - * Speak Truth to Power by the American Friends Service Committee 172/.A4
 - * Conquest of Violence: The Gandhian Philosophy of Conflict by Jan Bondurant 172/.B6
 - * Nonviolence in America: A Documentary History by Staughton Lynd 172/.L9
- * Friends' Peace Witness in a Time of Crisis by Friends World Committee for Consultation 201.7273/.I18
 - * Practicing Peace: a Devotional Walk through the Quaker Tradition by Catherine Whitmire 248.4/.W8
 - * Christian Pacifism after Two World Wars by Leyton Price Richards 261/.R52
 - * Revolution through Peace by Dom Helder Camara 261.8/.C
- * The Peace Testimony of Friends in the 20th Century by Friends Coordinating Committee on Peace 261.8/.F7
 - * Faith and Violence: Christian Teaching & Christian Practice by Thomas Merton 261.8/.M4
 - * Ammunition for Peacemakers: Answers for Activists by Phillips P. Moulton 261.8/.M6
 - * Peacework: Prayer, Resistance, Community by Henri Nouwen 261.8/.N15
 - * New Call to Peacemaking: A Challenge to All Friends edited by Norval Hadley 261.8/.N48
 - * The Theological Basis of Christian Pacifism by Charles Earle Raven 261.8/.R38
 - * The Law of Love and the Law of Violence by Leo Tolstoy 261.8/.T6
 - * Answering Terror: Responses to War and Peace after 9/11/01 edited by Sharon Hoover 277.3083/.H15
 - * Prophets and Reconcilers: Reflections on the Quaker Peace Testimony by Wolf Mendl 289.6/.M45
 - * Nonviolence: A Christian Interpretation by William R. Miller 301.24/.M5
 - * A Force More Powerful: A Century of Nonviolent Conflict 303.6/.A3
 - * The Struggle for Humanity: Agents of Nonviolent Change in a Violent World 301.6/.L3
 - * Warriors of Peace by Joseph Jean Lanza del Vasto 301.6/.L3
 - * A Manual on Nonviolence and Children compiled by Stephanie Judson 303.61/.J21
- * The Peacemaking Struggle: Militarism & Resistance edited by Ronald Stone and Dana Wilbanks 301.63/.P4
 - * A Non-Violent Action Manual by William Moyer 303.4/.M68
- * Keeping the Peace: Practicing Cooperation and Conflict Resolution with Preschoolers by Susanne Wichert 302.3/.W5
- * The Power of the People: Active Nonviolence in the United States edited by Robert Cooney & Helen Michaelowski 303.4/.P5
- * The Future of Peace: On the Front Lines with the World's Great Peacemakers by Scott A. Hunt 303.6/.H21
- * Building a Peace System: A Book for Activists, Scholars, Students and Concerned Citizens by Robert A. Irwin 303.6/.I7
- * The Unconquerable World: Power, Nonviolence and the Will of the People by Jonathan Schell 303.6/.S3
 - * The Politics of Nonviolent Action (3 volumes) by Gene Sharp 303.6/.S53
- * Getting to Peace: Transforming Conflict at Home, at Work, and in the World by William Ury 303.6/U18
 - * Reweaving the Web of Life: Feminism and Nonviolence edited by Pam McAllister 305.4/.R4
 - * Cultures of Peace: The Hidden Side of History by Elise Boulding 306.2/.B15
 - * Exploring Nonviolent Alternatives by Gene Sharp 322/.S5 and 322/.S8
 - * Nonviolent Resistance by M.K. Gandhi 322.4/.G3

- * Victory without Violence: True Stories of Ordinary People Coming Through Dangerous Situations without Using Physical Force compiled by A. Ruth Fry 322.4/.V5
 - * Nonviolence in America edited by Staunton Lynd and Alice Lynd 323/.L1
 - * Realistic Pacifism by Leyton Price Richards 327/.R53
 - * Ways Out: The Book of Changes for Peace edited by Gene Knudson-Hoffman 327/.W6
 - * Peace Pilgrim: Her Life and Work in Her Own Words 327.1/.P43
 - * The Handbook of Non-Violence by Robert A. Seeley 327.1/.S4
 - * The Power of Nonviolence: Writings by Advocates of Peace edited by Howard Zinn 327.1/.Z5
 - * Winning without War by Amitai Etzioni 327.73/.E8
 - * Pacifism in the United States from the Colonial Era to the First World War by Peter Brock 341.1/.B7
 - * The Pacifist Conscience edited by Peter Meyer 341.1/.M1
 - * No More War by Linus Pauling 341.73/.P3
- * Peaceful Parents, Peaceful Kids: Practical Ways to Create a Calm and Happy Home by Naomi Drew 649/.D18
 - * The Power of Nonviolence by Richard B. Gregg 954.03/.G
 - * American Anti-War Movements by Joseph R. Conlin 973/.C65

Books for Children:

- * What is Peace? by Etan Boritzer J 158.1/.B15
- * Ain't Gonna Study War No More by Milton Miltzer J 303.6/.M9
- * Peace Begins with You by Katherine Scholes J 303.6/.S3

Pendle Hill Pamphlets:

- * Pacifism by Gunner Sundberg Pendle Hill Pamphlet #56
- * Covenant of Peace by M. Friedman Pendle Hill Pamphlet #110
- * The Study of War as a Contribution to Peace by Wolf Mendl Pendle Hill Pamphlet #247
- -- Compiled by Cal Gough, Library Clerk

"The effort of Christianity to survive Copernicus and Darwin is the basic drama of the last three hundred years. What are the struggles of states and classes beside that Armageddon of the soul?" Will Durant, *The Reformation*, 1957, p939-40

Speaking of the First World War, war historian John Keegan concluded, "The war's political outcome scarcely bears contemplation: Europe ruined as a center of world civilization, Christian kingdoms transformed into godless tyrannies, the superficial difference between Bolshevik and Nazi ideologies counting not at all in their common cruelty to decent folk. All that was worst in the century which the First World War had opened, the starvation or exile of class enemies, the extermination of racial outcasts, the persecution of incorrect thinkers and artists, the extinction of small national sovereignties, the destruction of parliaments and the elevation of commissars, gauleiters and warlords to power over voiceless millions, had its origins in the chaos it left behind." pp404-405 An Illustrated History of the First World War Of the 8.5 million combatants killed 126,000 were Americans. The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-19 killed between 20-40 million world wide. (Editor)

Atlanta Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business April 17, 2011 Recorded Pending Approval

Query: Bill Holland presented the query: "Do we love and accept diversity as a gift of God? Do we want to listen to each other? Are we careful to speak to each other from the Light?" (William Kreidler, New England Yearly Meeting)

In attendance were: Paul M. Baker, Steve Collins, Lili Crimes, Mary Ann Downey, Herb Edwards, Julia Ewen, Jenny Foster, Roland Heath, Tom Kenworthy, Elizabeth Lamb, Sally MacEwen, Paul Mangelsdorf, Beth Martinson, Susan May, Margie Rece, John Roberts, Peter Sederberg, Bert Skellie, Karen Skellie, Myrna Trapp, Perry Treadwell, Denny Webster, Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk), Bill Holland (Assistant Clerk) (24 Friends)

Naming Committee: On behalf of the Naming Committee (Myrna Trapp, David Jarvis, and Sally Ferguson), Bill Holland reported the following are recommended for appointment to Nominating Committee: for 2011: Folami Prescott-Adams; for 2011-2012: Steve Collins; for 2011-2013: Roland Heath, Karen Gold, Heather Jeziorowski, Beth Ruddiman, and Herb Edwards. Final approval will be sought in Fifth Month.

Nominating Committee: On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Steve Collins recommended Peter Sederberg for Treasurer; final approval will be sought in Fifth Month. Nominating Committee also sought final approval Laura Norlin for Clerk of Care & Counsel.

Ministry and Worship: On behalf of Ministry & Worship, Steve Collins brought forth 4 items. Ministry & Worship has received a letter of transfer for Laura Norlin from Grand Rapids Meeting (Lake Erie Yearly Meeting). A clearness committee met with Laura prior to her requesting the transfer. Final approval for the membership transfer will be requested in Fifth Month. Ministry & Worship has received a letter applying for membership from David Payne. David has met with a clearness committee, and they have found him clear for membership. Ministry and Worship recommends approval. David has been asked to write a brief autobiographical sketch for inclusion in the newsletter. Final approval for David's membership will be considered in Fifth Month. Ministry & Worship requests final approval for the transfer of membership for Peter Sederberg from Columbia Friends Meeting (South Carolina).

Minute 04-11-02: Atlanta Friends Meeting accepts the transfer of membership of Peter Sederberg from Columbia Friends Meeting. We welcome Peter into our community.

Ministry & Worship also presents for consideration revisions to the Atlanta Friends Meeting marriage guidelines. The changes are designed to make the process more clear and to more clearly delineate the guidelines for marriage/joining and suggestions for the wedding day. Substantive changes include clarification of the roles of various committees and clarification of the process for approving vows. Comments and suggestions are welcomed, and should be directed to Steve Collins or other members of Ministry & Worship. Additional consideration will continue in Fifth Month.

Quaker Quest Ad Hoc Committee: on behalf of the ad hoc Committee on Quaker Quest and Outreach, Sally MacEwen reported that there appears to be sufficient interest and commitment evidenced in the February forum on Quaker Quest to invite a Quaker Quest team to come to Atlanta and conduct an experiential workshop. This workshop will not commit us to any particular action afterwards.

Minute 04-11-03: On the recommendation of the ad hoc committee on Quaker Quest and Outreach, we invite the FGC Quaker Quest Team to conduct a one-day workshop on the Quaker Quest program for members and attenders of Atlanta Friends Meeting. We look forward to being open to where this may lead.

Treasurer's Report: On behalf of the Treasurer, Paul Mangelsdorf reported that there has been \$24,630

raised through March 31 and expenses of \$29,866. Total income thus far in 2011 represents 17.3% of the budget. Contribution are at \$15,672, and represents 13.0 % of what has been budgeted for, while rental income is running substantially ahead of what has been budgeted for the year (42.4%).

The Finance Committee has considered the request for the additional \$1000 contribution to the FGC capital campaign. A number of factors were considered, including funds from which monies could be drawn and an opportunity for a matching contribution. The Committee supports the additional contribution, and recommends that the funds be drawn from the General Fund, which currently has a \$6,000 surplus. Currently, Atlanta Friends Meeting annually supports SAYMA, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Friends Journal, FCNL Foundation, Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC), and Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Minute 04-11-04: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the Finance Committee as the route by which requests for additional funds outside of the regular budget are considered.

Minute 04-11-05: Atlanta Friends Meeting Approves the one-time special contribution of \$1,000 to the Friends General Conference capital campaign

Approval of Minutes of Third Month Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business:

Minute 04-11-06: Atlanta Friends Meeting approves the minutes of Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business for Third Month with no corrections.

Other items: The State of the Meeting report has been submitted to SAYMA.

Meeting closed with silent worship.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Holland (Assistant Clerk) Caroline Noyes (Recording Clerk)

David Payne's Autobiography excerpted from his letter requesting membership in AFM

On a Saturday in November 2010, I was visiting Philadelphia, including the Germantown meetinghouse, where I borrowed a copy of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting's *Faith and Practice* (2002). Later that day, a bookstore clerk brought me Ben Pink Dandelion's *Introduction to Quakerism* (2007). Though I knew virtually nothing about Ouakerism, I read these books with an intense interest.

Back in Atlanta on Monday, I identified myself as an attender to Ceal Wutka, who welcomed me warmly. She approved the materials I had studied and assured me that the meeting would support my development. We then shared twenty minutes of silence, during which I recognized myself as a Quaker for the first time.

Since that day, the pleasurable discipline of communal listening has deepened its hold on me. I have also extended my reading, highlights of which have been the Braithwaite history, John Woolman's journal, Larry Ingle on the Great Separation, and David Boulton on nontheist Friends.

I feel a responsibility to say that although I have long studied and written about the Christian tradition, I am not a Christian in any doctrinal sense. As a lifelong seeker of enlightenment, moreover, I cannot participate in magical thinking, some of which I have heard at this meeting. But I will lend a listening ear to any position held in good faith. As Jesse Holmes said in 1928: "It is a Society of Friends. Friends claim no authority but owe each other friendliness. ... Our unity consists in having a common purpose, not a common creed."

I spent much of my youth singing in the choir in my family's Episcopal church in West Hartford, Conn., but have not attended regularly since I left my parents' house over thirty years ago.

After graduating from Yale in 1983 and getting my law degree from the University of Chicago, I practiced law briefly in LA before moving to New York to pursue a PhD in English at Columbia. I met my wife Audrey Goodman in my first class there; we were married in 1992. We moved to Atlanta in 1997 when Audrey accepted an offer to teach at Georgia State. Our daughter Ruth was born in 2001, and our son Charlie two years later.

In 2004, I returned to the law, passed the Georgia bar, and began working at the Georgia Court of Appeals, where I have remained ever since. My book on the Victorian novel, *The Reenchantment of Nineteenth-Century Fiction,* was published by Macmillan in 2005.

I am grateful for the welcome I have received from many members of the meeting, and especially Ceal, Paul, Perry, Nan, Sue, Sally, Lynn, Georgia, Jonah, Joan, and Laura, as well as every member of my clearness committee (Bill, Jenny, Denny, and Mary Ann).

Calender for 5th Month 2011

Area Meetings for Worship

Every First Day, 10:00 a.m.— In the Meeting Room and a small meeting in the Library.

Every First Day, 12:30 p.m. — Carrollton Friends Worship Group, St. Andrew United Methodist

Youth Center, 1106 Maple St, Carrollton, lessell.bray@gmail.com or 770-830-8705.

Every 2nd and 4th First Day, 10:00 a.m. — Canton Friends Worship Group, 360 E. Marietta St, Canton, 779-720-4669 or wrldpeas@mindspring.com

First Thursdays at AFSC office, 60 Walton ST. NW, Atlanta, 10303

Thursdays (Except 1st Thurs. of the Month)- 12:10 pm: East Lake Commons. Contact Bert Skellie, 404-378-5883, bertskellie@ gmail.comfor directions.

Every Sixth Day, 8:45 a.m.— Friends School of Atlanta, 862 Columbia Drive, Decatur, GA 30030, 404-373-8746.

Wednesday Morning Worship, 8:30 – 9:00: In the library at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse.

Contact Jonah McDonald, 404-377-2474, afmquakers@hotmail.com

Wednesdays, 7:00 pm: Meeting Room. Contact Christina Repoley: 404-840-3005 or christinarepoley@gmail.com.

Weekly Events

Every First Day (Sunday)

9:00 Adult Religious Education

9:15 Singing, Classroom A/B

10:00 Meetings for Worship

Every Wednesday

8:30-9:00 Morning Silent Worship, Library

Every Second-Fifth Day (Monday-Thursday)

8:30-12:30 Smart Toddlers, Nursery playground

Every Third Day (Tuesday)

7:30pm Silent Meditation, Meeting Room

7:30pm Bible Study, Library

Every Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:00-8:30 Mid-Week Semi-Programmed Worship Mt. Rm

Other Events

5/1, First Day, (Sunday) Potluck

11:30-2:00 Green Friends, A&B

5/4, Fourth Day (Wednesday)

6:45–9:45 Administration, Library

5/5, Fifth Day (Thursday)

7:30- 9:00 Meeting for Peace, Jr. High

5/8, First Day, (Sunday)

11:30 – 12:3Listening Ear Atrium

11:45-2:00 Finance, Library

11:30-2:00 Care and Counsel, Jr. Teen Rm.

11:45-1:15 Ministry & Worship

11:45–2:00 Religious Ed, Nursery

5/11 Fourth Day (Wednesday)

7:30-9:30 ORAIIARH, Library

5/13, Sixth Day (Friday)

7:00-19:00 Movie Night, Meeting Room

5/14, Seventy Day, (Saturday)

4:00 ---- Jr Young Friends Overnight

5/15, First Fay (Sunday)

11:45 Meeting for Worship with attention to

business

5/18, Newcomers Dinner

5/22, First Day, (Sunday)

11:45-1:45 CUR-AFM Jr High

5/29, First Day (Sunday) Worship with the Children

Please confirm unique events by checking the announcements sheets and or contacting the Meeting Office Coordinator

When the tax collector came to call

"Her [Susan B. Anthony] father, Daniel, was a Quaker farmer so devout that toys, games, and music were all barred from his house for fear that they might distract the children from what was called the Inner Light—the God who lived within every soul—and so committed to pacifism that he refused to vote or pay taxes to a government willing to wage war. When the tax collector came to call, he placed his purse on the table and said, 'I shall not voluntarily pay these taxes. If thee wants to rifle my pocketbook, thee may do so." *Not For Ourselves Alone The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan Be Anthony*

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NAMETAGS: If you would like to have a permanent nametag made, leave a request in one of the baskets on the front table. Indicate whether you prefer one that hangs around the neck or that pins. When Carol Gray has made one for you, it will be placed in the black file box on the greeting table.

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The web site for the meeting is atlanta.quaker.org where the newsletter can be found at events

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Readers are encouraged to submit letters, articles, poetry, calendar notices and anything else of interest to Friends. Items should be sent directly to: Perry Treadwell perryt@bellsouth.net 404-325-1504 preferably in plain text in the body of the email.

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