Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Fifth Query, Personal Way of Life

Do you live in accordance with your spiritual convictions? Do you seek employment consistent with your beliefs and in service to society? Do you practice simplicity in speech, dress and manner of living, avoiding wasteful consumption? Are you watchful that your possessions do not rule you? Do you strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?

Do you strive to develop your physical, emotional and mental capacities toward reaching your Divinely given potential? Do you cultivate healthful and moderate habits, avoiding the hazards of drugs, intoxicants, and over-indulgence generally? Do you try to direct such emotions as anger and fear in creative ways?

WELCOME TO VISITORS!
If this is your first time worshiping with us, please sign the guest book and indicate whether or not you’d like to receive our monthly newsletter. Please include an email address if you have one. If you wish, introduce yourself when invited at the rise of worship. Everyone is invited to stay for a free simple lunch after worship - it’s a good opportunity to learn about Homewood.

NEWS OF FRIENDS
Teresa Dutton’s brother died suddenly on Sunday, May 13. There will be a memorial service at a later date. Our condolences and prayers are with Teresa.

SIGN UP on the HOSPITALITY BOARD to prepare a May or June simple lunch. Volunteers are also needed to help clean up. Thank you!

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 20):
FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Quaker history puppet show preparations with Giovanna. Second Adult volunteers are needed for First Day School. Please contact John McKusick if you can help.

STRIDE COMMUNITY PICNIC, TODAY, 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. in Druid Hill Park, Sundial Pavilion. This fun event is open to all, and Homewood supports STRIDE (Strengthening Transformative Relationships in Diverse Environments). All donations go to Baltimore STRIDE’s work to increase genuine diversity at Baltimore Yearly Meeting summer camps and access to nature for all. There will be food, games, crafts, a raffle, and hiking and walking.
**PEACE VIGIL**
Every Friday, 5-6 p.m. Since 9/11/2001, we have held a vigil for peace every Friday evening. Join in at any time during the hour. The current focus is “BLACK LIVES MATTER” and “We Are All One People.”

**WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: MAY**
The Wicker Basket recipient for May is Doctors Without Borders or Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), an international medical non-profit which delivers emergency medical aid to people around the world. They are currently one of the few humanitarian organizations working in Yemen, where years of grinding conflict have had a devastating effect on the nation’s health system. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: https://facebook.com/BQPJC.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING** are much appreciated. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our donations to designated service organizations. Please place in the box in the meeting room or deliver to the office. Thank you.

**REMINDER:** Everyone must observe Homewood Meeting’s Youth Safety Policy: see https://homewoodfriends.org/member-resources/policies/youth-safety-policy/.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL**
May 27: Quaker history puppet show preparation with Giovanna continues.
June 3: End of year puppet show at rise of meeting.

**EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT,** May 27, 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE,** May 27, 12:15 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room.

**QUAKERS IN RECOVERY,** last Wednesday of each month, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Susan B. Anthony Room. For more information about this newly formed group, contact Kevin-Douglas Olive at kdolive@hotmail.com or 443-930-6277. **This month: MAY 30.**

**SIGN UP FOR FRIENDLY 7s and 8s:** The Homewood Outreach Working Group is organizing this social event that will begin in a few weeks. The groups will gather for potlucks once a month for three months. Signup sheets are in the meeting room.

**SAVE THE DATE: BALTIMORE CEASEFIRE PUBLIC MEETING,** June 12, 7:00 p.m. in the dining room. Jo Brown of the Peace and Justice Committee explains that, beyond providing general information, this meeting will be a forum to exchange ideas and to plan for the August Ceasefire. All are welcome.

> “Simplicity, when it removes encumbering details, makes for beauty in music, in art and in living. It clears the springs of life and permits wholesome mirth and gladness to bubble up; it cleans the windows of life and lets joy radiate.”
> --Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (1955)