Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Tenth Query: The Peace Testimony

Do you endeavor to live "in virtue of that life and power which takes away the occasion of all wars"? Do you work to make your peace testimony a reality in your life and in your world? Do you weigh your day-to-day activities for their effect on peace-keeping, conflict resolution and the elimination of violence? Are you working toward eliminating aggression at all levels, from the personal to the international?

Welcome to Visitors!
If this is your first time worshiping with us, please complete a blue welcome sheet and indicate whether you’d like to receive our monthly newsletter. If you wish, introduce yourself when invited at the rise of worship. Everyone is welcome to stay for a free simple lunch after worship - it’s a good opportunity to learn about Homewood.

From the Hospitality Committee:
We invite everyone in the Meeting to take turns facilitating simple lunch; you do not need to prepare fancy dishes, just to pull together the foods that are available. Please sign up on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

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.”

Events Today (October 27):
First Day School: Children will leave meeting for worship with Maddie and Susie Higgins at 10:50 a.m. for a craft project. Children will return to the worship room at about 11:40 to connect with their parent(s).

Visit with BYM General Secretary & Development Director during simple lunch. Join Ned Stowe and Mary Braun for an informal conversation about the future of Friends and how we (Homewood and BYM) can advance it together. Vision, inspiration, opportunities, issues, challenges.

Upcoming Events:
Mid-Week Meeting for Worship: October 31, 7 p.m. in the library. Please join us!

Eleventh Month Interim Meeting: November 2, Stony Run Meeting. Friends will begin gathering at 10:00am. Committee meetings will begin at 10:30. Check the Yearly Meeting website for more information (www.bym-rsf.org/events/interim/eleventh19.html).
KEVIN-DOUGLAS OLIVE has a new phone number (410-240-3937) and would love to hear from f/Friends.

**WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: OCTOBER**
The Wicker Basket recipient for October continues to be San Diego Rapid Response Network. For more information, go to http://www.rapidresponsesd.org/. Find Baltimore Quaker Peace and Justice Committee on Facebook: https://facebook.com/BQPJC.

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

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEETING** are much appreciated. Contributions support the maintenance of the Meeting and our donations to designated service organizations. Please place cash and checks in the box in the meeting room or deliver to the office. **PayPal is available on the Homewood Meeting website.** Look for the word "Donate" in our Website’s menu bar, which is near the top of every page. Thank you.

**HELP CURE THE PLASTIC PLAGUE STARTING ALMOST NOW:** Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7-8:30 p.m. and Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7-8 p.m. in the library. Sponsored by GOAT, this two-part, interactive workshop is aimed at actions you can take. Learn the nature of plastic pollution, work out responses, and start to implement them with help from the group. RSVP to Mina in the office.

**HYMN SINGING** on Sunday, November 3 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlk. Join us!

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** Sunday, November 3, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK:** November 3 (first Sunday). Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

**“PEACE AND THE WORK OF ART”: OPENING RECEPTION OF JO BROWN’S ART SHOW:** Sunday, November 3, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the dining room. All are invited to attend. The show will run through November 17. Hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and by appointment. More information in the October newsletter.

**COMBATANTS FOR PEACE SPEAKING TOUR:** Wednesday, November 6, 7-9 p.m. in the meeting room. Palestinian Co-founder Sulaiman Khattab and Israeli Director Tuly Flint will share their stories of personal transformation as well as the work they are doing to bring peace, justice, and equality to their homeland. Please RSVP to homewoodfriends@gmail.com. Co-sponsored by Homewood Friends Meeting, Hinenu: The Baltimore Justice Shtiebl, and Baltimore Palestine Solidarity.

“Anger is an index of our discontent that needs to be heeded and carefully channeled. We should find the difficult middle way between uncontrolled anger, which erupts in violence and oppression, and suppressed anger, which may result in silencing individuals to avoid confrontations, ultimately amounting to a greater violence to all involved.”

--Baltimore Yearly Meeting, 1988