Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Twelfth Query: Environment:

Are you concerned for responsible use of natural resources and their nurture for future generations? Do you try to avoid wasteful consumption and pollution? Do you seek to preserve the beauty and balance of God's world?

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<th>Welcome to Visitors!</th>
<th>Events Today (December 22):</th>
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<td>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.</td>
<td><strong>Experiment with Light:</strong> 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters. <strong>Christmas Nativity Play at the rise of meeting.</strong> The children of First Day School will present the Nativity of Jesus play shortly after the rise of meeting today in the meeting room. Children should go directly to First Day School to finalize preparations for the play.</td>
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<td>Trustees Committee has funds to support children and adults who would like to attend Quaker gatherings, camps, and educational institutions. These funds are intended to supplement resources available to the participant from other sources. For more information and for the application form, please see our website page: <a href="https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/">https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/</a>.</td>
<td>No First Day School program on December 29th! Childcare will be provided in the nursery room. <strong>Welcoming for Peter Sheehan:</strong> 12:30 p.m. in the library. Please join us.</td>
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<td>Please Wear Your Name Tags: Nominating Committee reminds us that they are a helpful community builder, and they help those of us who have difficulty with names. Thank you!</td>
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<td>UPCOMING EVENTS:</td>
<td><strong>Mid-Week Meeting for Worship:</strong> Thursday, December 26, 7:00 p.m. in the library.</td>
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<td><strong>The Office Will Be Closed</strong> the week of Monday, December 23. Regular hours will resume on Monday, December 30.</td>
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FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:
Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch 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.”

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: The Wicker Basket recipient for the remainder of the year continues to be San Diego Rapid Response Network. For more information, go to http://www.rapidresponsesd.org/.

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.

GEDCO’S CARES FOOD PANTRY: The Pantry is low on the following items: canned fruit, canned vegetables, soups, canned tuna and meats, condiments and canned pasta meals. Please leave contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.

Letter Writing Session:
Sunday, December 29 during simple lunch. As we have done in previous years, there will be a letter-writing on behalf of prisoners of conscience. We will have typed copies of letters from Amnesty International that simply need signing and an envelope addressed. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Such letters have been shown to be effective. From the Amnesty website: “We have a record of real achievement. We know this because the people we help tell us that our pressure has had an effect. Sometimes governments are persuaded to change their laws and practices. Sometimes our solidarity keeps hope alive. Hope is a precious weapon for prisoners battling to survive, relatives trying to obtain justice on behalf of their loved ones or human rights defenders working in dangerous and isolated circumstances.” Facilitated by Stan Becker and Megan Shook.

NEW YEAR’S EVE QUAKER ARTS COFFEE HOUSE: Tuesday, December 31, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the dining room. Potluck, hot beverages, songs, poetry, games and fellowship. Friends, families, and friends of Friends all welcome! Sponsored by the Working Group for the Arts.


CAROL SING AT STONY RUN TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. in their meeting room.

So the Lord God of life and power keep you firm and constant every one...in everlasting love, with which God hath loved you, that you be not soon shaken in this time of tempest, but that upon the rock of ages you may stand rooted and grounded upon God, unmovable, whose faithfulness endures forever....

Margaret Fell, 1658