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?

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.

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: https://homewoodfriends.org/memberresources/scholarships/.

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!

EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 29):

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: No First Day School program today! Childcare will be provided in the nursery room.

LETTER WRITING SESSION: today, 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.
**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.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**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.

**MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP:** Thursday, January 2, 7:00 p.m. in the library.

**HYMN SINGING** on Sunday, January 5 (first Sunday), 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

**HEIFER INTERNATIONAL FUNDRAISING:** Sunday, January 5 during simple lunch. Green Organizing Action Team (GOAT) will be raising money to purchase a goat for a family in a developing country through Heifer International. Information about the organization can be accessed at Heifer International.

**MEETING FOR BUSINESS:** Sunday, January 5, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

**YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK:** January 5 (first Sunday). Contact Maya Munoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

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

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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, unmoving, whose faithfulness endures forever….

Margaret Fell, 1658