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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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/.

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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.

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EVENTS TODAY (DECEMBER 8):

**QUAKER BOOK CLUB:** 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. QBC continues with Stephen Cary’s *The Intrepid Quaker*. We will discuss Chapters 7 and 8. More information is in the December newsletter.

**HYMN SINGING (postponed from December 1):** 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

**FIRST DAY SCHOOL:** Today, the children will continue to prepare for the Christmas nativity play that will be presented at the rise of meeting for worship on December 22nd. The children should join their parents in meeting for worship and leave with John and Maddie at 10:50. If you are interested in helping with Christmas play costumes, please contact a member of the Religious Education Committee.

**POTLUCK LUNCH** today.

**HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE:**
12:30 - 1:00 p.m. in the library. The Meeting for Healing format for the group will continue. If you have questions, please contact Susan Smith, Cathleen Hanson or Stan Becker.
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: soup, cereal, & grocery bags (plastic, paper, or reusable). Please leave contributions in the box in the main floor hallway.

Baltimore Quaker Peace and Social Justice Committee (joint with Stony Run) will meet in the dining room at 12:30 p.m. today. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
HELP CURE THE PLASTIC PLAGUE STARTING ALMOST NOW: Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in the library. This is the second of a two part workshop. It’s hoped that everyone who attended the first session can return, and others are welcome.

In this session we’ll respond to questions that arose in part 1; discuss our own efforts at change, especially as they might be strengthened by our religious tradition; and practice talking to others about our concern. We will explore possible advocacy related to plastic pollution that could be undertaken by Homewood Meeting.

MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Experiment with Light, Thursday, December 12.

WELCOMING FOR ELLYN STOKES ROSS: Sunday, December 15, 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room or library - TBD.

EXPERIMENT WITH LIGHT: December 22, 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY: Sunday, December 22, at the rise of meeting.

WELCOMING FOR PETER SHEEHAN: Sunday, December 22, 12:30 p.m. in the library.

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