Faith and Practice of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, the Second Query: Meetings for Business:

Are meetings for business held in a spirit of worship, understanding, and forbearance? When direction seems lacking, is this seen as a challenge to a more prayerful search for truth? Do we humbly set aside our own preconceived notions as to proper action, seeking instead Divine guidance as to the right course? Is the Meeting aware that it speaks not only through its actions but also through its failure to act?

Do you participate regularly in meetings for business, discharge faithfully your committee responsibilities, and assume your share of financial support of the Meeting?

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/.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE:
Please sign up to prepare a simple lunch on the Hospitality easel. Many hands make light work!

EVENTS TODAY (FEBRUARY 2):

HYMN SINGING: 10:00 - 10:20 a.m. in the meeting room, led by Dave Sydlik. Join us!

FIRST DAY SCHOOL: Today's topic for First Day School is “Finding the Inner Light in you and others.” The children will also make silhouettes as part of the session. Children should go to meeting for worship for the first 20 minutes and then leave for First Day School with Maddie and Kendall at 10:50 a.m.

MEETING FOR BUSINESS: 12:30 p.m. in the meeting room. Childcare is available.

YAF (YOUNG ADULT FRIENDS) POTLUCK tonight. Contact Maya Muñoz (301-703-0522) or Dave Sydlik (484-264-8489) for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Thursday, February 6, 7:00 p.m. in the library.
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.”

SAVE THE DATE: QUAKER PROCESS IN DECISION MAKING, Sunday, February 23, 12:30 in the library. Because we want to create an opportunity to support consistent Quaker practice among committees, the Ministry and Counsel Committee will hold a guided discussion on Quaker process in decision-making. All committee and working group clerks are expected to attend. Others are welcome to participate, especially those who may be considering taking on leadership responsibilities or those who simply want to know more about how Quakers discern direction corporately (as a group) and come together in unity to move forward in action. The handout that will be discussed is on the table in the meeting room by the door.

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.


QUAKER BOOK CLUB (second Sunday): February 9, 9:15 a.m. in the dining room. QBC will discuss Pendle Hill Pamphlet #455, Trying to Be Truthful by Chel Avery. Copies are available in the Pendle Hill rack in the foyer. You can put your $7 payment in the PH box.


HOLDING IN THE LIGHT PEOPLE TOUCHED BY MURDER IN BALTIMORE (second Sunday): February 9, 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.

RAIN BARREL WORKSHOP: Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m. in the library. Harvesting rainwater from your roof not only saves money on your water bill, but it also helps your downstream neighbors! Learn all about the benefits of rain barrels with Blue Water Baltimore. We will demonstrate how to build and install a rain barrel and will provide information on how to purchase a fully assembled barrel or a DIY kit through our native plant nursery. The third in a series of GOAT workshops.

CHESAPEAKE QUARTERLY MEETING: Sunday, February 16 at Little Falls Meeting. The program is titled “Finding Our Voices in Annapolis...2020.” Flyers are available in the meetinghouse.

WICKER BASKET COLLECTION: The Wicker Basket recipient for January through March is Heifer International, to purchase a goat for a family in need. For more information, go to https://www.heifer.org.

There is a Principle which is pure, placed in the human Mind, which in different Places and Ages hath had different Names; it is, however, pure, and proceeds from God. It is deep, and inward, confined to no Forms of Religion, nor excluded from any, where the Heart stands in perfect Sincerity. In whomsoever this takes Root and grows, of what Nation soever, they become Brethren.

John Woolman