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/.

Enrollment for the BYM summer camping programs has begun. For more information, dates, rates, or to register, please visit the website at bymcamps.org.

Events Today (February 16):

Experiment with Light: 9:15 a.m. in the library, led by Susan Russell Walters.

First Day School: The program for today is titled "If honesty is the best policy, why is it hard sometimes to tell the truth?" Through story and discussion, Maddie will lead the children through an exploration of truth telling and being true in your word from a young person's viewpoint. Children should attend meeting for worship until 10:50 a.m. and then leave with Maddie and Susie for First Day School.

Chesapeake Quarterly Meeting: today at Little Falls Meeting. The program is titled “Finding Our Voices in Annapolis...2020.” Flyers are available in the meetinghouse.

Upcoming Events:

The Office Will Be Closed on Monday, February 17 for Presidents’ Day.
DEBBIE COOPER’S NEW ADDRESS and phone numbers are available in the office. Please call Mina for the information. They also will be included in the updated directory, which will be available soon.

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](https://www.heifer.org).

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.”

BOOK DISCUSSION SERIES on Ibram Kendi’s *How to Be an Antiracist* is coming up in February, March, and April. See the flyers in the meetinghouse for more information.

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.


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

| MID-WEEK MEETING FOR WORSHIP: Thursday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. in the library. |
| 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. |

FROM THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE: The Library Committee encourages you to return your books! If you have any outstanding books that you have finished or will not finish, please return them so that others may enjoy them. This will also help us better assess which books remain in our collection, and which have wandered off. You will not be fined for a late return; instead, you will be thanked!

BYM IS LOOKING for a caretaker for Catoctin Quaker Camp. Please click the link for a description: [https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/campproperty/caretakerjob.html](https://www.bym-rsf.org/what_we_do/committees/campproperty/caretakerjob.html).

MEDICAL KITS are now available in the library, the kitchen, and the upstairs hall. Please feel free to use them if there is a medical emergency.

*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