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CALENDAR

First-day - 8:00-8:55 AM – Early Meeting For Worship

- 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship. Children worship with us for the first 20 minutes, then go to First-Day School classes.

- **9:00 AM – Meeting For Worship, starting June 7** Children worship with us for the first 20 minutes, then go to First-Day School classes. (see below)

First and Third First-days – 9:15-9:45 AM – Open hymn-sing in the meeting room

Second First-day – 11:35 or so – Meeting For Worship For Business

Third First-day – Cooperative Meal

First First-day – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship, Cornwall Worship Group, Paymaster's Building, Cornwall Manor

Last First-day – 10:00 AM - Meeting For Worship, Willow Valley Worship Group (Joyce Collins 464-6363 for more information)

FORUMS

May 17 – Social time/cooperative meal. Everyone's invited.

May 24 – Social time (Memorial Day weekend)

May 31 – Annual art show: opening day (see below)

June 7 – Poetry sharing (see below) & art show continues

June 14 – Meeting for worship for business

June 20 – Meeting picnic

ACTIVITIES

Every Saturday – 11:00-Noon – Vigil For Peace in Lancaster. For more information, call Charles Lane 394-5912

Sun. May 17 – 12:00 PM (after Cooperative Meal) – Worship and Ministry

Mon. May 18 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse

Tue. May 19 – 7:30 PM – Spirituality & Science in meetinghouse (see below)

- ACTIVITIES CONTINUED -

Mon. May 25 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse

Sat. May 30 – 10:00-Noon – Bring artwork for annual show (see below)
 Sun. May 31 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley
 Mon. June 1 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Sat. June 6 – 9:00-4:00 – Quaker Quest in York (see below)
 Sun. June 7 – Peace and Social Concerns Committee in meetinghouse (see below)
 Sun. June 7 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Cornwall Worship Group (see below)
 Sun. June 7 – Peaceful Families Committee in meetinghouse (see below)
 Mon. June 8 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Tue. June 9 – 7:15 PM – Care & Counsel Committee in meetinghouse
 Sun. June 14 – 10:35 AM – Meeting For Business
 Mon. June 15 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Tue. June 16 – Deadline for June-July newsletter
 Wknd June 19-21 – Conservative Friends gathering (see below)
 Sat. June 20 – 9:00-Noon – Gardening Day at the meetinghouse (see below)
 Sat. June 20 – 9:00-10:30 AM - Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) meeting
 Sat. June 20 – Afternoon – Juneteenth celebration at Stevens College (see below)
 Sun. June 21 – Worship and Ministry (see below)
 Sun. June 21 – Meeting picnic. Stay tuned for time and place.
 Mon. June 22 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Sat. June 27 – 9:00-Noon or so – Service project in 6th Ward Park (see below)
 Sun. June 28 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley
 Mon. June 29 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Sun. July 5 – 2:00-4:30 PM – Shape Note Singing in meetinghouse (see below)
 Sat. July 11 – Young Friends canoe trip (see below)
 Wk. July 13-17 – Camp FoxTales

**LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING
 THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 HELD AT LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
 ON FIFTH MONTH 10**

At about 11:40 am, after a brief period of silent worship, Clerk Elizabeth Gates took up the business of Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and approved, and minutes for Fourth Month were approved as read. There was no April newsletter, so the minutes for April will not be published in the upcoming newsletter.

Worship sharing on queries on education

Queries

1. What help do we provide for the children and adults in our meeting to pursue the education they seek, whether academic, technical or vocational?

2. How do I educate myself in my day-to-day life with a willingness to absorb new information and the openness to be changed by it?

3. How do I show my concern for the improvement of public education in my community and in the world?

Responses:

- The second query about self-education was with me this morning. I spend my work-days absorbing new information and putting it to work. I love that. But this query touches a different place or process that is not active or aggressive, but is something stiller. It's not just cataloging new information. Instead, this query speaks to letting a reality touch my thinking in a way that chemically alters me, makes me slow down and think of ramifications, think what piece of me engages with it. It has to do not with facts but with interactions: what am I learning about this person, this conflict? It's about sitting with it and seeing it a different way.

- Good Schools PA is doing a great job helping support public education. Go to their website goodschoolspa.com.

- I was intrigued by the thought of openness in learning. I have a master's in teaching and taught for many years in public schools. I was aware of "teachable moments," moments when a child is open to learn, but I didn't understand it till I home-schooled my children in

Kenya. Once I thought I'd teach them to play the recorder. It was a failure! But a year later my younger son came to me and said, "I want to learn to play the recorder." It was a teachable moment; he was ready. He was playing the recorder beautifully within a week. So I think that opportunities to learn about God, Quakerism, prayer and other topics work when someone is ready, when it is the moment they need in their life. And we can't predict when that will be.

- In regard to the second query about self-education, I see education not so much as filling a pail as kindling a fire. Kindling a fire is not so much from formal education, but is something each of us is called to do in our own lives and interactions with one another.

- Meeting has scholarship and loan funds to support education, and it's almost time to be thinking about applying for them. There is information in a folder in the Meeting library.

- I think often of the blessing of having the Milner Fund so Meeting people can go to Pendle Hill Inquirers' Weekends. This is open to anyone in Meeting.

- I was struck by the words of my parents at York Meeting: "We have so many people coming from so many backgrounds. Quaker education has helped make them become comfortable with Christianity."

Clerk suggested we read these timeless queries again, consider them and be challenged by them.

Transfer of membership. Clerk read a letter from Swarthmore Meeting regarding the transfer of membership of Marilyn Christianson Weinstock-Collins, whom we know as Chris, to Lancaster Meeting. Her welcoming committee is Peggy Bright, Lois Frey Gray, and Amanda Kemp (convener).

Wedding under the care of our Meeting. Jim Herr reported that the clearness committee for the wedding of Leah Trimble and William Fisher had a wonderful meeting with the couple. Both are in their thirties and are very aware of what they are doing. They will be married under the care of Lancaster Monthly Meeting in an outdoor wedding in Washington DC, a locale they love. Care & Counsel has appointed a Committee of Overseers consisting of Cindy and Jim Herr, Anna and Joe Moore, and Debby

Spence.

Consideration of the Ad Hoc Committee's report. Clerk read the following minute, which is the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to Meeting:

An Ad Hoc Committee on Addressing Suffering in the Economic Crisis was formed. It included representatives from the Finance Committee and Care & Counsel Committee. This committee was charged to:

1. Survey members and attenders to determine the extent and nature of the needs arising from the crisis that the Meeting might address.

2. Gather information on the needs rising from the economic crisis in the larger community.

3. Compile, in consultation with Care & Counsel and Finance, a list of resources available in or to the Meeting to address such needs.

4. Consider a variety of ways of addressing such needs.

5. Propose a plan to address such needs through existing Meeting committees, the Ad Hoc Committee itself, and otherwise as the committee feels led, and report such plan as soon as possible.

The Ad Hoc Committee which prepared this minute asks to be laid down.

A Friend asked who will take up this work if the Ad Hoc Committee is laid down. The response was that a new ad hoc committee could be formed for that purpose. Another Friend asked how will this second committee know when its work is done. That is not known. Several Friends spoke of this as an opportunity to do some work in our community, a way for our community to work together and remember why we love each other, and a way to remember our testimony of simplicity. Meeting then approved the formation of a new ad hoc committee to carry out the tasks outlined in the minute, while recognizing that the new committee's charge is not yet clear. Meeting also approved laying down the first ad hoc committee.

We then considered when and how to form this new committee. Some felt it should be done immediately, others that we should move more slowly. It was decided to begin by pub-

lishing information in the May newsletter on available Meeting resources and the existence of structures to help, so that if anyone knows of a crisis, they should contact Care & Counsel. Grayfred Gray will also send out this information on his e-list. Existing committees, including Care & Counsel, Finance, and Peace & Social Concerns, should be thinking about someone from their committees to serve on the new ad hoc committee. Individuals who are interested can let Nominating Committee know that. Meeting approved having Nominating Committee form this committee, which needs to be made representative of the whole meeting through a process of spiritual discernment. Nominating Committee will bring these names in June.

A Friend asked us to be thinking about how we can help those who are not asking for help.

Nominating Committee report. Cynthia Lowing presented Nominating Committee's preliminary report. Please let Cynthia or any other member of the committee know if there are any errors in your own listing. Nominating Committee will present its final report in June.

Treasurer's report. Clerk presented the treasurer's report for the period January through April, 2009. Income was \$13,706 and expenses were \$18,358, with a shortfall of \$4,652. Meeting approved the report, and Clerk urged us to continue our financial support of Meeting.

Report on Caln Quarter's annual retreat at Camp Swatara. Clerk asked for spontaneous comments. People commended the opportunities for children and youth and for everyone, being with so many Quakers. There was interest from other Meetings in our Peaceful Families Committee. This was the 50th anniversary of Caln Quarter's retreat. About 30 years ago Ray Trayer found Camp Swatara for the retreat. Plenary sessions included Joe DiGarbo's report on the "Heeding God's Call" gathering and a performance of Amanda Kemp's "Show Me the Franklins." **Minute:** Meeting is deeply grateful for the hard work of the Camp Swatara Planning Committee.

After a brief period of silent worship, Meeting for Business ended at about 1:10 pm. There were 41 present.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Gates, Clerk

Maria Cattell, Recording Clerk

Present: Nancy Bieber, Peggy Bright, Stan Carnarius, Andrea Carty, Maria Cattell, Joyce Collins, Esther Cope, Joseph DiGarbo, Anna Marie Fischer, Christopher Fitz, Elizabeth & Thomas Gates, Albert Geier, Grayfred & Lois Frey Gray, James Herr, Debra Hewes, Millicent Holzinger, Eugene & Judith Homan, James Kallish, Amanda Kemp, Elise Leytham, Robert Lowe, Cynthia & Robert Lowing, Anna & Joseph Moore, Marilyn Morrison, Robert Neuhouser, Ernest Nute, Carl & Rachel Perry, Meyric Rogers, Francis Rosch, Joanna & Loren Sadler, Donna Scanlon, Deborah Spence, Raymond Trayer, Anne Wallace-DiGarbo.

CURIOSITIES

NAME IN PRINT – There's a new member/attender list in the works. Please check it today, May 17, on the round table in the Gathering Room, to make sure your entry is correct. If you're not on the list and want to be, write down the pertinent information on the page provided there. You can also call Grayfred Gray with your information. 290-7723

\$ HELP – The following is a list of funds that can be utilized for financial assistance of our community members in need. Please contact the clerk, or anyone on Care and Counsel, if you need help or know someone who does.

A. Funds that are a part of Lancaster Monthly Meeting (LMM):

1. The Rachel Fund, administered by Care and Counsel, provides short term, interest free loans to any member of LMM. The borrower need not give a reason for the loan; however he or she should see a clear way to repay the loan within a 60-day limit before making an application

2. The Care and Counsel Fund, also administered by Care and Counsel, is a small fund which can be drawn upon to provide grants to members and attenders in need. It is a grant, not a loan.

B. Funds available through Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM):

1. The John Martin Trust provides both grants and loans. Care and Counsel is responsible for making application to this fund,

and has done so several times on behalf of individuals in need. Only loans are made when the applicant has over \$10,000 in assets; otherwise a grant is given. Grants/loans are given for a six month term, January to June and July to December. The committee administering this fund requests that applications be made one month prior to the beginning of the terms. The maximum grant is \$5000 per term, and recipients can repeat their request. This fund “assists any PYM Friends (primarily elderly) who truly need assistance; who have expenses beyond their means such as those created by illness, accident or long-term care.”

2. The PYM Emergency Fund is a onetime grant given to members of PYM, designed to provide quick help for people in acute financial need. A request is made by a clerk of a PYM Meeting or a Clerk of Care and Counsel. The request is made to the PYM grants coordinator at PYM, by a phone call followed by a letter or e-mail with a brief explanation of the need. Decisions about this grant are made by the General secretary of PYM, and are handled very quickly and confidentially. The Fund cannot support ongoing grants or non-crisis assistance; maximum one-time grant is \$1,200.

MISSING NEWS – This newsletter combines information from April, May, and June. Various complications in your editor’s personal life took precedence over publication last month, for which he begs your pardon.

EARLY TIMES – You may have noticed the big bold headline on page one. This draws attention to the fact that our solution for the summer heat challenge—remember the Cool Committee?—involves meeting for worship at 9:00, in the cooler part of the day. There is an air conditioner in the library, which may be turned on by anyone who wishes conditioned air. The doors into the meeting room will be left open. We’ll return to our usual pattern of 10:00 worship on Sept. 6.

Which brings us to the social time after worship. As usual, from June 7th to the end of August snacks and drinks will be provided by volunteers who sign up on the calendar in the kitchen. The regimen is relatively simple and it’s fun to work with another person or family to get acquainted. Here are highlights from the

procedure list you’ll find on a bulletin board beside the refrigerator:

Check dishwashers and put clean dishes away.

Prepare coffee. Use opened containers in fridge/freezer first. Turn on pots at 9:00 AM. Filled cream pitchers go in fridge until after meeting.

If you bring snacks, that’s great. Otherwise, use opened snacks first. Additional snacks are in cupboard. Put them on plates or in baskets; include spoons for serving when needed. Use opened juices first, additional juices in cupboard. Put out pitchers of ice water. If you find staple supplies are low, please put them on a shopping list on the refrigerator. If the holding bins are low, empty ice cube trays and refill them.

Cleanup includes loading the dishwasher, adding detergent, and starting the cycle. Put away snacks. Clean coffee pots. Put away tea and other supplies. Wipe tables and counters. Put recyclables outside in green bin and compost in big green compost turner. Take home soiled towels, laundry, and return.

See? It’s not that hard. So please sign up. If you have questions, call Jean Eaton 290-6643 or Marilyn Morrison 898-6211.

VACATION – Bible Study and Reading Roundtable are on break until September.

OTHER TIMES – Several activities that have been standard for a while will have to change with the new meeting time. The open hymn-sing on the first and third Sundays, for instance, may happen after worship, or may go on summer recess. Peace and Social Concerns Committee will probably continue to meet on the first Sunday; at what time is the question. Same for the Peaceful Families Committee, and the Worship and Ministry Committee on the third Sunday.

SUMMER YEARLY – The proposed PYM budget for consideration at the July sessions is posted on the bulletin board for Friends to consider. Please plan to attend some or all of those residential sessions July 29 - August 2 at DeSales University in Center Valley, PA. (PYM is in the third year of a five-year experiment with having both March and Summer Sessions.)

Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to create an incredible sessions experience for children. No experience is needed. The Children's Sessions Planning Group and PYM staff will support volunteers with an orientation/retreat in July, curricula plans and activities, and fellowship with other Children's Sessions staff. The Children's Sessions focus this year is earth care. Children's Sessions volunteers receive a fee waiver covering up to the full cost of attending Sessions. There are different levels of time commitment. Find one that works for you and join us as we worship, play, and learn about earth care in the Spirit! Contact Children's Sessions Coordinator Elizabeth Piersol Schmidt: childrensessions@pym.org 215-241-7236

VISIT MONTHLY – The Cornwall Worship Group eagerly welcomes visitors. The group, which includes a few residents of Cornwall Manor and a few people from the surrounding area, meets at 10 AM on the first Sunday of each month, in the Paymaster's House at Cornwall Manor. For more information, contact Esther Cope esc@paonline.com 270-9459.

ROOM USE – The Social Committee requests the following of all who use the Community Room. Please put in cupboards all but 4 tables and 16-18 chairs when you're done. ...Careful with the childproof locks installed on 2 kitchen cupboards and the knife drawer. ...Read labels to know what is in the cupboards. ...Please use open coffee, half & half, juices, snacks, etc., before opening new packages. ...Please take all leftovers home. ...If you contribute unopened products to the kitchen, please mark them with month and year. ...Thank you for your cooperation. More and more people are using the building and little things mean a lot.

GREEN CHECK – The Environmental Concerns Committee suggests you may want to find out how much energy you use at home by visiting the following websites and calculating your energy usage. The information comes from James Dulley whose column appears in the Lancaster newspapers. Carbon Footprint, www.carbonfootprint.com; EPA: www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/indcalculator.html; Global Footprint Network, www.footprintnetwork.org; and, Nature Con-

servancy, www.nature.org.

It's spring, time to muck out the heifer barn and clean your house top to bottom. So which cleaning products should you use? Phosphate- and chlorine-free products are less damaging to the environment in their manufacture and their disposal. Those that can be used with cold water and come as to-be-diluted concentrates in reduced packing have less impact with respect to global warming. For many jobs, ordinary baking soda is a good choice. Since "green" cleaners are an active field of research for both small and large producers, new information and products are becoming more easily available. In the future, "green" cleaners are likely to be universally preferred for most applications. The more often "green" cleaners are chosen now, the sooner that future will arrive.

EVERYONE READS – The "One Book, One Yearly Meeting" working group has selected the new book *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy* as the 2009 title. This is the second year for PYM's "One Book" initiative for religious education. Monthly Meetings are invited and encouraged to build connections among Friends of all ages by facilitating conversations, discussions and activities around *Right Relationship* and a companion book selected for children, *Earth Care: World Folktales to Talk About*. The working group has created a FREE, downloadable curriculum available at www.pym.org/education/onebook. This curriculum includes queries, book extracts and activities for adults, children and multi-generational groups. Both books are available at a 10 percent discount through QuakerBooks of FGC, www.quakerbooks.org, 1-800-966-4556. Free copies can be borrowed from the PYM Library, library at pym.org, 215-241-7220.

PLANNED

SPIRITSCIENCE – The Spirituality and Science study group will meet next Tuesday, May 19th at 7:30 in the meetinghouse. They will conclude their discussion of Ervin Laszlo's book, *Science and the Akashic Field*, covering the final section, "Over Four Decades in Quest of an Integral Theory of Everything—an Autobiographical Retrospective." Also, if time per-

mits, they will plan the approach to their next book, *Measuring the Immeasurable—The Scientific Case for Spirituality*, which will be considered in Sept. All are welcome at this meeting. Any questions, call Adele Berardi 391-8915.

ART CALL – Members, attenders, all ages—everyone is welcome to contribute to Meeting’s annual art show! Please bring your contributions to the meetinghouse between 10 AM and noon on Sat., May 30. If you cannot bring them at that time, contact Connie Heiden 682-3722. Connie will be hanging the show again this year (thanks, Connie!).

KNOW IT POET – Our June 7 forum will be the annual poetry sharing, to be gently guided by Grayfred and Lois Frey Gray. Come with your own poems or favorite poems by others to read aloud as the spirit moves, or just come to enjoy. It will be intergenerational and diverse in every way; all are welcome to participate. It’s bound to be a spiritual lift and often a source of laughter. Please note, with this being the day for our first earlier meetings for worship, the forum will begin (and end) about an hour earlier than usual.

SEEKER SEEKING – Quaker Quest, the new and exciting in-reach/outreach program developed in England, has captured the attention of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings throughout PYM. The Yearly Meeting has enthusiastically taken up the task to spread this message of good news and to help Meetings reach out to seekers. For more information see <http://www.pym.org/quakerquest/index.php>

Thanks to Friends General Conference (FGC), you have a chance to get a taste of the program at York Friends Meeting on Sat. June 6. It will be a full-day preparatory workshop from 9 am to 4 pm. This workshop has great value as “in-reach” as a means for examining our own faith community, our personal relationships to it, and what it offers to newcomers. If you would like to attend, please contact Leada Dietz at leadadietz at epix.net or 515-0631 or through www.yorkfriendsmeeting.org.

CONSERVATIVES – There is another Quaker group, called Keystone Fellowship Monthly Meeting, that holds meetings in various locations, generally in Lancaster, Chester, and

Cumberland Counties. With no meetinghouse of their own, they meet most weeks in members’ homes or in local meetinghouses, such as the one in Bird-in-Hand. The Monthly Meeting is part of Stillwater Quarterly Meeting, which is part of Ohio Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends. Ohio Yearly Meeting is a conservative yearly meeting tracing its roots to the Wilburite branch of Friends. They warmly invite visitors to their meetings for worship, meals, and time of fellowship together. To learn more, visit www.keystonefellowship.org

The group is planning a weekend-long gathering of Conservative Friends from all over, to be held in Lancaster, June 19-21. Contact Terry Wallace thswallace at aol.com for more information.

FREE AT LAST – On Sat. June 20 at Stevens College of Technology, there will be a celebration of Juneteenth, the anniversary of emancipation of slaves in this country. A fund raiser for the Crispus Attucks Center, this event will feature taste treats from “men who cook.”

FLOWER SMELLERS – The Garden Committee is trying something new this year. They have scheduled a gardening day on the 3rd Saturday of the month, in the morning, starting yesterday. Anyone may come including kids. If you have been assigned a plot, this would be a great time to work on it. Someone from the committee will be on hand to supervise or give advice if anyone needs it. It is so much more fun gardening with others, and this will also be a chance to increase your gardening skills by working alongside some very knowledgeable gardeners.

SERVING – At our business meeting in April, we decided to attempt two Meeting-wide service projects. One, serving as electrician-helpers for several Habitat For Humanity houses being built this summer, has yet to begin. If you’re interested, please sign up on the round table in the Gathering Room or contact Phil Eisemann 733-3022.

The other project involves some refurbishing work in the 6th Ward Park on Ross St. in Lancaster. Quite a number of people turned out for this on May 9, but were turned away because of a minor glitch. The good news is we have rescheduled for Sat. June 27th. If you

want to help please contact Joe Moore 898-2704 josephmoore26 at aol.com

SING LATER – Sacred Harp/Shape Note Singing will take a break in June. It will resume as usual July 5.

BOATS? – The High School Young Friends would like to borrow canoes for an outing July 11. If you are willing and able to lend yours, please contact Elsie Eberly or Shane Knudsen.

CAMP IN – Our wonderful Camp FoxTales will take place this year from July 13-17. For more information, please call Beth Reeves 295-3706.

OVER THERE – PYM's Education Standing Committee invites you to join next year's Quaker Pilgrimage to England, an 8-day trip in late June 2010. Join trip leaders Irene McHenry (Millville Meeting, PA) and Sarah Sweeney-Denham (Germantown Meeting, PA), both staff of the Friends Council on Education, to experience the roots of the Religious Society of Friends. Plans are underway for our 2010 Quaker Pilgrimage, exploring England's "1652 Country" with a guide from Britain Yearly Meeting. We expect the cost for the 8-day Pilgrimage to be in the range of \$1600-\$1800 per person. This includes all room and board, local bus travel to historic sites, guides, site entry fees, etc. It does not include airfare. Some financial aid is available. Our hope is to finalize the schedule, set the fee and open registration by September 2009, at which time participants will reserve a space with a non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person. To indicate interest (or to ask questions), please contact Sarah at friendscouncil.org or (215) 241-7245 by May 31, 2009.

MEMORIAL MINUTE **Mary Garrett**

Mary Frances Garrett, 93, died on January 29, 2009, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Mary was born April 15, 1916, in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. Daughter of the late Arthur S. and Hannah W. Garrett, and sister of the late Charles Garrett, George S. Garrett and Margaret G. Tatum, Mary was survived by her sister Elizabeth B. Moguee, her nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She graduated from Upper Darby High School and lived near family for many years. Her nieces and nephews have fond

memories of special trips with Mary to Philadelphia or just down the street for an ice cream. She was very much a part of their lives.

Mary was fearless and independent. As a child at the shore she didn't hesitate to go into the water while her younger sister remained high on the dunes. She loved to travel, and to get people to smile. She had a wry sense of humor and often said her second name was "Trouble." Mary was born with a cleft palate that made her speech difficult to understand, but she good-naturedly repeated things as long as it took, and never let this potential handicap stand in the way of cheerful conversations with others.

Mary was employed for 25 years as a secretary/receptionist at Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, in the outpatient department. In 1960, she was unanimously elected to the Society of Ex-Residents of the Pennsylvania Hospital, an honor to which only two other people had been named since its establishment in 1885. She was also cited by the American Red Cross for her many hours of volunteer service.

In her early seventies she saw an ad for Lancashire Terrace; she moved to Lancaster in 1987. At Lancashire Terrace she was always ready to lend a hand whenever needed. She volunteered for the business office, doing most of the filing in the office and filling out new file jackets.

She was a member of Lansdowne Monthly Meeting until she moved to Lancaster and transferred her membership to Lancaster Monthly Meeting. For many of us at Lancaster Meeting she was a role model in doing small things with the greatest love, inspiring us to face our own sometimes difficult circumstances. She seemed to know when we were struggling and reached out to us. Mary was a rock in our meeting. She exemplified those words of George Fox about "walking cheerfully in the Light and answering that of God in everyone."

Family and friends described Mary as friendly and playful, gentle, with an unassuming presence and a wonderful smile. She looked others in the eye with a genuine concern for them. She never failed to inquire about family members of those she saw, and remembered them with cards, small gifts, and phone calls. For her own family she had great

affection and appreciation.

She possessed an honesty about herself and others that was always with her, and grew through her faith as a Quaker. She was always cheerful and thoughtful. She gave all a lesson in putting one foot in front of the other and dealing with what life gave her with a smile. Mary attended to others, but she was attentive to God, and held that single lifelong conversation.

(--Cynthia Lowing, Rachel Perry, Esther Cope)

BEQUESTS

Approved by the Finance Committee -2/2009, Approved by Meeting 4/12/2009

When writing their wills and deciding how they wish their funds to be distributed following their death, some Friends may wish to make a bequest to the meeting. We welcome such gifts.

We want Friends to be assured that we will handle bequests with care and will seek to discern their best use. Below is the procedure that will be followed when bequests are received.

1. When the Treasurer receives funds, they will be placed in a discrete account separate from other LMM accounts and will be held there until a decision has been made as to how the funds will be used. The funds will be placed in CD's or other safe investments.
2. **Unrestricted gifts:** When unrestricted bequests are received, the Finance Committee, or a subcommittee thereof, will carefully discern the best use those funds. As a part of their discernment, they will take into account the interests of the grantor, but their primary concern will be the needs of the meeting at that time. They will make a recommendation to the Business Meeting on the use of the funds; the final decision lies with the Business Meeting.

3. **Restricted gifts:** Some Friends may have specific desires regarding the use(s) of their gift. When a bequest specifies how the funds are to be used, the Finance Committee needs to discern whether or not to accept the bequest. It is important to be honest about whether or not the Meeting will be able to honor the desire of the grantor. Based on their discernment, the Finance Committee will recommend to the Business Meeting whether or not to accept the bequest and how to implement use of the funds should they recommend acceptance. Here again, the final decision rests with the Business Meeting.

4. **Recommended use gifts:** In some cases, the grantor may suggest, but not require, that the funds be used in a specific way. In this case, the Finance Committee will review the suggestion in light of the needs of the meeting. The committee will recommend to Business Meeting how the funds should be used; they will be guided but not be bound by the suggestion of the grantor.
5. In all cases, the Finance Committee will make its recommendation to the Business Meeting within a year of receipt of the bequest.

When considering making a bequest to the Meeting, we gently suggest that you consult with your family about your intentions. It may also be helpful to consult with a small group of Friends or with the appropriate Meeting committee. The more clearly you describe and define your desires, the easier it will be for the Meeting and members of your family to honor your wishes. It may be helpful for you to write a letter clearly defining your intentions and giving a copy to the Meeting and to your family for them to consult at the appropriate time. In all cases, the Meeting and the Finance Committee after prayerful consideration, will endeavor to carry out the wishes of the donor.