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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

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

Third First-day – Cooperative Meal—everyone welcome

Third First-day – Letter writing campaign from FCNL

First First-day – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship, Cornwall Worship Group in Cornwall Manor Bradley Lounge.

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

Every Fourth-day – 7:00 PM – Mid-week Meeting For Worship

## **FORUMS**

March 20 – Cooperative Meal and social time—ALL are welcome

March 27 – Outreach Committee: Outreach for Everyone

April 3: Finance Committee

April 10 – Meeting For Worship For Business

April 17 – Cooperative Meal and social time—ALL are welcome

## **ACTIVITIES**

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

Sun. March 20 – 11:30ish AM – Cooperative Meal in Community Room – everyone welcome!

Sun. March 20 – 12:15 PM – Peace & Social Concerns Committee in meetinghouse

Sun. March 20 – 12:15 PM – Lancaster Care Group For Death & Dying in meetinghouse

Sun. March 20 – 3:00 PM – Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness Peace Forum (see below)

Wed. March 23 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship

Sat. March 26 – Peace events in Philadelphia (see below)

Sun. March 27 – 9:00 AM – First-day School Committee in the basement

Sun. March 27 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley

**- ACTIVITIES CONTINUED -**

Wed. March 30 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship  
 Sat. April 2 – 8:00-Noon – Spring Work Day (see below)  
 Sun. April 3 – 10:00 AM – Meeting for worship at Cornwall Worship Group  
 Sun. April 3 – 9:00 AM – Environmental Concerns Committee in meetinghouse  
 Sun. April 3 – 12:50-1:50 PM – Peaceful Families Subcommittee in meetinghouse  
 Sun. April 3 – 2:00-4:30 PM – Shape-Note singing in meetinghouse  
 Mon. April 4 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse  
 Mon. April 4 – 7:00 PM – Worship & Ministry in meetinghouse  
 Tue. April 5 – 7:15 PM – Care & Counsel in meetinghouse  
 Wed. April 6 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship  
 Fri. April 8 – Deadline for Camp Swatara registrations (see below)  
 Sun. April 10 – 11:35 AM – Meeting For Business  
 Sun. April 10 – 4:00-7:00 PM – CD release party for Amanda at Moores' (see below)  
 Tue. April 12 – 7:30 PM – Science & Spirituality in meetinghouse (see below)  
 Tue. April 12 – Deadline for March-April newsletter  
 Wed. April 13 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship  
 Sat. April 16 – 6:00 PM – Healing Racism Working Group potluck. Call Brian Hernon for info.  
 Sun. April 17 – 9:00 AM – First-day School Committee in the basement (see below)  
 Sun. April 17 – 11:30ish AM – Cooperative Meal in Community Room – everyone welcome!  
 Sun. April 17 – 12:15 PM – Peace & Social Concerns Committee in meetinghouse  
 Sun. April 17 – 12:15 PM – Lancaster Care Group For Death & Dying in meetinghouse  
 Wed. April 20 - 6:30 PM - Knitting Circle in high school room  
 Wed. April 20 – 7:00 PM – Mid-week meeting for worship  
 Fri. April 22 – Deadline for Peace Essay Contest entries (see below)  
 Sat. April 23 – 10:00-4:00 – PYM Family Field Day (see below)  
 Wknd. April 29-May 1 – Caln Quarter at Camp Swatara (see below)  
 Sat. April 30 – 9:00 AM – Race Against Racism in Lancaster (see below)

**LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING  
 THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS  
 HELD AT LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA  
 ON THIRD MONTH 13, 2011**

At noon, after worship sharing on queries on spiritual nurture, ministry, and religious education, and a brief period of silent worship, Clerk Joseph Moore took up the business of Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and approved, and minutes for Second Month were read. There were a few errors in the report of membership statistics as given in the minutes. However, because names were not read at the meeting, the minutes will be corrected to reflect that. A corrected statistics report with names will be coming next month; David Lahr, for instance, is a birthright Friend, not an associate member, so at age 21 he continues as a member.

The clerk thanked James Herr, who was filling in as recording clerk for Maria Cattell while she is in Africa. Joe pointed out that Jim records for Caln Quarterly Meeting and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

**Membership matters.** In the first step of transferring his membership to Lancaster, George Noffer sent a letter to the clerk of Haverford Monthly Meeting asking for release. The clerk read bits of a return letter from the Care and Counsel Committee of that Meeting which expressed understanding but regret at losing George from their community. Our Meeting eagerly accepted George's transfer. Anna Moore will convene a welcoming committee that will also include Tom Latus and Ernie Nute.

Barbara Frey, a native of Lancaster and former member here, transferred her membership to Ft. Myers, FL when she and her husband moved there in 2002. In 2007, the Freys moved to a retirement home in Lititz, but Barbara kept her membership in Ft. Myers Monthly Meeting. Although she had hoped to wait for a return to better health before coming back to our Meeting, it hasn't happened. Now, as her health deteriorates, Barbara received a release from Ft. Myers Meeting and asked to transfer back to Lancaster in order to have Quaker care in her last days. Meeting gladly accepted her request. The Lancas-

ter Friends Care Group for Death and Dying, now holding her under their care, will take our welcome to her today.

Co-clerk of Care and Counsel Committee, Anna Moore, reported that a clearness committee—Karen Zimmerman, Debby Spence, and Jim Herr—met with Deirdre Foley Citro, who has found this Meeting to be a spiritual home. Deirdre has been very thoughtful about this, including going to an Inquirer's Weekend at Pendle Hill. She found the most difficult part of the process of seeking membership was writing a letter to her former minister. Deirdre's husband is on his own spiritual path, but supports her fully. Care and Counsel highly recommends Deirdre. We will take up her request for membership next month.

**Fund information.** In introducing the Finance Committee, Clerk suggested we limit our discussion, knowing there will be a forum with Finance on April 3. The Committee provided three handouts to detail the money and funds currently in Meeting's coffers. There were a few points of clarification: The Matter/Trayer Fund is specifically for people studying education and is a grant fund. No one seems to know the origin of the Education Fund. It was pointed out that none of these Funds are for ongoing operation of the Meeting. The Long Range Planning Committee is currently working to develop a fund, to be included in the budget, for capital expenses such as a new roof or tree trimming. In the recent past these expenses, such as removal of a big tree, have been covered by the Milner Wise-Stewardship Fund. A Friend expressed concern that a great deal of money, particularly in the Garret and Husted Bequests, is in the bank and not being put to use. An ad hoc committee is coming to recommendations for that money. Clerk pointed out that this presentation by Finance is the first step in a process, not the end. He recommended contacting members of the Committee with questions, comments, or suggestions. Great appreciation was expressed for this clear and detailed report.

**Quaker chaplain.** When he became a member of Meeting, Haydn McLean gave up his position as a Methodist minister. He continues to apply for jobs as chaplain in hospitals and nursing homes. In order to get some of these jobs, there is a requirement for him to be associated with a religious body. Joe read a minute of support for Haydn to use with his application to the Association of Professional Chaplains. Meeting heartily

approved this minute.

**Beautiful gardens.** Debby Spence gave a detailed report of the activities of the Garden Committee. Their main objective is to design, plant, and maintain the gardens on meetinghouse property, with maintenance being far and away the biggest job. Pruning, mulching, and weeding are done by many people, both at the Spring and Fall workdays and during the monthly garden days initiated in 2010. As the Committee redesigns areas they take care to make them more eco-sensitive, using native plants to foster biodiversity. Plans for our property include: building steps up to the sliding board, finding plants to grow in the shady/dry memorial garden, constructing a four square vegetable garden with help from First-day School, beautifying the retention basin in ways that are legally permitted, and showing off our "right plant philosophy" in the Demuth Garden tour at some time in the future. The Garden Committee asks anyone who wishes to donate plants to Meeting to contact a member before planting anything. Debby pointed out that we have a surprising number of people in our Meeting with professional knowledge of gardening, and she thanked everyone who has ever helped with design and care of the gardens. Friends expressed appreciation to this Committee for their wonderful work, which makes our property look beautiful all year.

**Preparation group.** Debra Raudenbush reported on the Care Group For Death and Dying. They are working to help families during the time of a loved one's passing. Participation is limited to Lancaster Monthly Meeting members and attenders, and their family members. The group is developing a registry for participants, with a fee, and a "designated agent form" to be kept on file. The ministry of the Care Group includes all phases of care for end-of-life from transition planning, through home vigils and body removal, to shrouds, cremation and cemetery ground digging. They currently have three teams in place: the body removal team, the body preparation/home vigil team, and the shroud making team. Recently the Care Group had an opportunity to serve the family of a Quaker, and Debra read a letter of appreciation that told of all the pieces involved in the process, from which the family felt a strong healing. It was pointed out that this group is a leading for some, but is an important part of our community for consideration and support.

After a brief period of silent worship, Meeting for Business ended at about 1:15 pm. There were 29 present.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Moore, Clerk

James Herr, Recording Clerk pro tempore

**Present:** Deirdre Citro, Joyce Collins, Joseph DiGarbo, Faith d'Urbano, Jean & William Eaton, Elsie Eberly, Mary Anne & Philip Eisemann, Elizabeth & Thomas Gates, James Herr, Debra Hewes, James Kalish, John & Kay Lahr, Charles Lane, Thomas Latus, Cynthia Lowing, Haydn McLean, Anna & Joseph Moore, David Morrison, Robert Neuhauser, George Nofer, Ernest Nute, Carl & Rachel Perry, Debra Raudenbush, Deborah Spence, Anne Wallace DiGarbo, Karen

### COMING ALONG

**ALIVE TODAY** – Lancaster Friends Care Group for Death and Dying (see above) meets monthly after cooperative meal in the Community Room. Today they will spend much of the meeting with an exercise—meditation and reflection—on death and dying. As the group ministers to others, they are faced with their own mortality. This exercise will be a meaningful part of our process. If you are unable to make this meeting, but would like more information about the group, contact Deb Raudenbush: deb\_raudenbush at cocalico.org

**PEACEFULLY** – This afternoon, March 20, at 3:00, Dr. Charles Marsh will present “The Meaning of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Contemporary American Christianity” as the Annual Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW) Spring Peace Forum. It takes place at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S Duke Street, Lancaster. For more information on Dr. Marsh, visit [www.livedtheology.org/staff.html](http://www.livedtheology.org/staff.html)

**NOT IN SESSION** – The last weekend of March is a traditional time for Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) to gather together at the Arch Street Meetinghouse. The trees on the grounds were chosen because they bloom at precisely that time of year. For much of our history as Quakers in PA, we have held annual sessions at this time, in this place. As Yearly Meeting sessions are now being held in residence in the summertime (July 27-31, 2011) this weekend in March provides an opportunity for something new in our community. Two events will be hosted at Arch Street next Saturday, March 26th:

Every Spring the Peace & Concerns Standing Committee facilitates an event on a theme that is central to its work. This year the Committee is celebrating the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the peace testimony. The day will feature worship, music, small groups and speakers including Dan Seeger speaking on “The Peace Testimony in a Time of Terrorism,” Wade Wright on “Preparing to Work in the World,” Barbara Simmons on “Building a Peace Center” and Getry Agizah from the Friends Church Peace Teams in Kenya on African Great Lakes Initiative peace work. You can view the details and schedule for the day at the PYM website [www.pym.org](http://www.pym.org). You can also register for meals (lunch, \$10; dinner \$15). For more information contact Patricia Finley, Clerk, PYM Peace & Concerns Standing Committee, (610) 642-2941; finleyp at temple.edu

In the evening, the first William Penn Lecture of this century will be held in the East Room of Arch Street Meetinghouse. The original lecture series began in 1916 and were held annually through 1966. These lectures are warmly remembered by Friends who attended them as occasions to look forward to fellowship with our community, inspiration and a challenge to live into our faith. The first speaker for the revived William Penn Lecture will be George Lakey. His talk is entitled “Powerful Beyond Measure: The legacy of Quaker Leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” For more information go to the PYM website or contact Christie Duncan-Tessmer, Associate Secretary for Program & Religious Life, at christiedt at pym.org or 215-241-7008

**RECRUITING?** – Outreach Committee gave a report to meeting for business last December that generated conversation sufficient to devote a Forum to the topic of Quaker Outreach. The conversation will continue on March 27.

This Forum will be divided into two segments, one of which will invite those present to respond to two questions. The second half of the Forum will invite responses from the attendees on general outreach topics related to how Quakers are doing, or can do, outreach. What issues influence how Quakers engage in outreach? What are the internal (polity, theology, etc.) and external (public perceptions, historical Quaker attributes, etc.) pressures that shape our expectations for outreach? Is it appropriate for Quakers to indicate how welcoming we are to specific social subgroups? Come and enjoy a lively and engag-

ing conversation with Friends.

**DIG IT** – As Debby Spence mentioned in her report listed above, the Garden Committee depends heavily on people helping at the Spring Work Day. It will be in two weeks, April 2, from 8:00 AM until noon. There's always lots to do, but it's always fun with a big group of people. Won't you join us? Bring work gloves and any tools you think might help.

**LET LOOSE** – Amanda Kemp has produced her first CD entitled "Phillis Wheatley: From Africa to America and Beyond." Joe and Anna Moore invite everyone to celebrate this milestone with a CD Release Party at their home, Sunday, April 10, 4:00-7:00. They'll offer snacks and light supper. Please RSVP to Anna or Joe Moore, 898-2704. For more information on Phillis Wheatley, visit [www.theatrefortransformation.org](http://www.theatrefortransformation.org).

**CHANGE UP** – Due to the Easter holiday, the First-day School Committee will NOT meet on the fourth Sunday next month. They will meet the third Sunday, April 17 at 9 am in the basement.

**HELP PEACE** – Every month at cooperative meal a collection is taken for a worthy cause. In April you'll have an opportunity to donate funds for the ongoing work of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) in Guatemala. Anne Wallace-DiGarbo and Joe DiGarbo want to match whatever is contributed at the April meal...Last year LMM raised \$735 which supported Val Liveoak's co-facilitating 3 basic and 2 advanced levels of AVP in Guatemala and the apprenticeship of a Guatemalan facilitator at AVP trainings in El Salvador. ...Val Liveoak will be giving a workshop at Camp Swatara this year.

**ADVENTUROUS SCIENCE** – The Spirituality and Science study group will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 in the Community Room. They continue a discussion of *The Biology of Transcendence* by Joseph Chilton Pearce. This month's focus is part three—*Beyond Enculturation*—including the preface "Adventures of Spirit and Truth," Chapter 9 "Laski's Revelation," and Chapter 10 "Always Becoming." All are welcome. Any questions, call Adele Berardi at 391-8915.

**WRITE RIGHT NOW** – Just a reminder that entries for this year's Peace Essay Contest can continue to come in through April 22. The contest is open to all Lancaster County high school students, and the theme is "World Peace: How Can

This Dream Become a Reality for Me?" There are prizes for the top three essays in each of two groups of students: freshmen/sophomores and junior/seniors, with an awards ceremony on May 15. Essays can be submitted by mail or email. Mail to: Lancaster County Peace Essay Contest, P.O. Box 1331, Lancaster, PA 17608-1331 or email [peaceessay@gmail.com](mailto:peaceessay@gmail.com). For more information and rules, contact Beth Reeves 295-3706 [hernonreeves@hotmail.com](mailto:hernonreeves@hotmail.com) or Robert Lowing 394-6070 [r.lowing2@verizon.net](mailto:r.lowing2@verizon.net)

**PLAY DATE** – PYM is having a Family Field Day, about fellowship and play, Saturday, April 23, 10:00-4:00, at the Burlington Conference Center, Burlington, NJ. It's a chance to engage with Friends from all over the Yearly Meeting in games, song, shared food, and conversation. Field Day is open to all ages, though Friends under the age of 16 must have an adult taking part in the event as well. Come play Frazleyrham (a fantastic team/cooperative game the combines ultimate Frisbee, basketball, football, and is wildly fun), strum a guitar and sing, do arts and crafts, make a human table, and sample potluck dishes from new friends. Bring your kids, bring your friends, bring your friend's kids, and bring your kid's friends! The only cost, other than getting to Burlington, NJ, is a potluck item. Register and let them know what you'll bring at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/PYMFieldDay2011](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PYMFieldDay2011) Contact: Ben Camp at 215-241-7228; [benc@pym.org](mailto:benc@pym.org).

**CAMP TOWN** – The annual gathering at Camp Swatara of Quakers from Caln Quarter is getting closer. Usually taking place over the weekend with the first Saturday in May, this year it's on April 29, 30, and May 1. Camp Swatara is a summer camp run by the Church of the Brethren about one hour due north of Lancaster in a beautiful setting at the base of an Appalachian Mountain. Although much of the facility is made for summer campers, it is no longer extremely rustic and the food is at least decent. The real pleasure, however, comes from the people. About 200 men, women, and children—lots of children—attend. Other than a few Young Friends who come from Philadelphia, they're all associated with Quaker Meetings in Caln Quarter, from Harrisburg to Downingtown. Activities include a business meeting, workshops on all sorts of interesting things, a contra dance, and free-time to relax and enjoy. The theme for the weekend this year is Faith in

Practice.

Those who are connected by email to this newsletter received the brochure with registration and the workshop list on Friday evening. Others received it from Grayfred Gray a few days earlier. For those of you reading this on a printed copy from the meetinghouse, you'll find a small stack of brochures on the same table where you found this. And it's almost to time to hurry—the registration deadline is April 8.

**RACE WITH RON** – This will be the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the YWCA 5k walk/run “Race Against Racism.” Ron Ashby will be participating this year and, with help from the Healing Racism Working Group, wants to coordinate as large a group from Meeting to join him as possible. Although called a race, you really do it at your own pace. Held on April 30<sup>th</sup>, the Race has a fee of \$22.00, after 4/15 \$25.00. DO NOT let money stop you!!! There are scholarships available. Think of how wonderful it would be if just half of Meeting showed up for this event! Consider this Query on care in the home: “Do I choose recreation and a manner of living that enriches the mind and spirit; and shows a high regard for family, community and creation?” Find out more about the race at [www.ywcalancaster.org](http://www.ywcalancaster.org) Contact Ron for more information: ronashby at gmail.com; 295-9956; cell: 314-1261

**SUMMER TRAVELS** - The huge annual gathering of unprogrammed North American Friends under the care and guidance of Friends General Conference (FGC) takes place this year July 3-9 in Grinnell, Iowa. Registration begins April 1. Check out [www.fgcquaker.org/gathering](http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering) for more information. If you want to go and/or have definite plans, please contact Grayfred Gray for possible transportation sharing.

### LOVELY INFO

**HELP!** – For those of you interested in contributing to the thousands of people affected by the combined disaster of earthquake-tsunami-nuclear reactor destruction in Japan, please consider InterAction, a body that connects the major relief and development agencies in the US (faith-based and secular) It describes itself as “the largest alliance of U.S.-based international nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) focused on the world’s poor and most vulnerable people.” If you are looking to make a financial contribution, this web page is a guide to which member agencies are

currently working there, or poised to work there as soon as it becomes clearer what assistance is most needed. You will also be able to see priorities and particular expertise of the different agencies. [www.interaction.org/crisis-list/interaction-members-support-japan-earthquake-response](http://www.interaction.org/crisis-list/interaction-members-support-japan-earthquake-response). You can find a complete list of member agencies elsewhere on the website. Frequently member agencies not working in a particular country pass on contributions for a particular disaster to another member agency that *is* working there.

**PARKING HISTORY** – I know many of you remember this, but others were not around when we built the addition to the meetinghouse that includes the Community Room. In order to get a permit, given that we don’t have enough parking for all the people who might come here, we received written permission from the Wheatland Shopping Center to use a piece of their parking lot on Sundays. The township officials told us that we were never to park in the street. They didn’t say what they would do if we didn’t listen, but please help us not find out.

**WEBLICIOUS** – Have you looked at [www.lancasterpaquakers.org](http://www.lancasterpaquakers.org)? Lots of great stuff.

**MONEYLICIOUS** – The Middle School class of First-day School took over last month’s cooperative meal and staged a “rice and beans compassion café.” Attenders were extremely generous; the group raised \$1,400 for The Heifer Project and Amazon Watch.

**NO PAYMASTER** – The Cornwall Worship Group will continue to meet in Bradley Lounge of Cornwall Manor year round. Ease of access to the Lounge for some of our participants has prompted this decision. The Worship Group seems to be getting 10-12 people now!

**COMMIT!** – Most everything around here gets done by committees. Our hard working Nominating Committee guides everyone to find the group in which they’re most comfortable helping. You can assist this guidance process by filling out one of the forms sent with Grayfred’s email or find a printed version on the table in the gathering room. You can submit it either as paper or electronically to the address at the bottom of the form. The Committee needs your response by April 3 to keep on top of their deadline of the June meeting for business. It is important that even those who are staying on the same commit-

tees complete the form because this will save Nominating Committee some time and effort.

**PLAN AHEAD** – Jim Kalish will have a workshop at Annual Sessions of PYM called “Sex Offenders – Reducing Victimization Through Restorative Justice.”

**WHY WE DO IT** – Here’s an interesting quote from Dr. Donald Kraybill’s address to the annual membership meeting of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW): “The reason we engage in peacemaking is because it is the right thing to do. It’s the right thing to do because it alleviates suffering, reduces harm, and enhances social well-being.”

**ANGEL ANGLE** – In a common-ground movement, spiritual people have been sending angels around the world from one person to another. It has been an effort to bring light and love to the world in a difficult time. Ursula Wanner, who has participated in this project, feels they bring love and an uplifting, and she wants to share the project with anyone interested. She is coordinating a thread, or threads, for those wishing to participate. Call her at 538-0161, email theopeningpath at gmail.com or catch her at meeting.

**LOST?** – Perhaps someone knows. Perhaps most do. Your newsletter editor and the person who made the sign, however, do not know what happened to the 6 lb. bronze model of a 9 ft. statue in the north garden of the United Nations, called “Swords Into Plowshares.” We miss seeing it on the pedestal beside the water fountain.

**BOOK BACK** – While doing your spring cleaning this year please be on the lookout for books that need to be returned to the Meeting’s library

- Thank you, The Library Committee

**HOME AVAILABLE?** – I know it’s a long shot, but a fellow PYM Recording Clerk is moving from northern PA to be close to her daughter who lives in Red Lion, York County before her grandchild is born. She and her husband hope to attend our Meeting after they move, but their current challenge is to find a house they like. Perhaps you know someone looking to sell who would want a (fairly) nice Quaker couple to take possession. They’re looking for a house with maybe three bedrooms, 1 and a half or two baths, a wood-burning fireplace, and an enclosed back porch with a

view. A living room and kitchen would be nice, too! Not too far from Red Lion. If you have interest, please let me know Jim Herr 569-7848 herrs at bellatlantic.net.

**CLEANUP** – Just a friendly reminder that, to avoid disturbance, cups and plates will not be collected in the meeting room. Please use disposable containers or take the regular kind to the kitchen when you’re done, wash them and put them in the drying rack. The social committee thanks you.

**QUESTION?** – The queries for April, 2011 concern care for the Meeting community

Are love and unity maintained among us? To what extent does our Meeting ignore differences in order to avoid possible conflicts?

Do we treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?

How do we as a community arrange life in our Meeting so there is opportunity for all to learn and absorb by example what it means to live a life of Spirit-led commitment?

-Adapted from PYM *Faith and Practice* 2002

Haydn McLean sent this note in response to the Meeting’s endorsement of a minute (see above):

I am grateful for the support of the Care and Counsel Committee, Anna Moore and Nancy Bieber co-conveners, and, for the encouragement shown to me through the process of seeking endorsement from Lancaster Monthly Meeting. I am further appreciative of the March business meeting for affirming my endorsement for chaplaincy.

Endorsement is the process through which a chaplain is recognized by a religious body as a person in good standing while relating to a spiritual or religious community for support, oversight, and accountability. This is required in application for membership in The Association of Professional Chaplains. For additional information on The Association of Professional Chaplains, its work and membership requirements, please see [www.professionalchaplains.org](http://www.professionalchaplains.org) or be in touch with me, hjmclean at comcast.net.

Again, I thank the Care and Counsel Committee and the meeting for business of the LMM for their support.

- Haydn McLean