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CALENDAR

First-day – 7:45-8:45 AM – Early Meeting For Worship (see below)

- **9:00 AM – Meeting For Worship, until September** Children worship with us for the first 20 minutes, then go to multi-age First-Day School classes.

Every First-day through August – after refreshments (or after meeting for business) – Open hymn-sing, outside if the weather cooperates. All are welcome.

Second First-day – 10:35 or so – Meeting For Worship For Business

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

On break until September.

Aug. 9 – Meeting for worship for business

ACTIVITIES

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

Mon. July 20 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse

Sat. July 25 – 5:00 PM or so – Healing Racism Group at Elise Leytham's (see below)

Wknd. July 25-26 – AVP Basic Workshop in meetinghouse (see below)

Sun. July 26 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley

Mon. July 27 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse

Wed.-Sun. July 29-Aug.2 – Summer Sessions of Yearly Meeting (see below)

Sun. Aug.2 – 10:15 AM or so Peace and Social Concerns Committee in meetinghouse

Sun. Aug.2 – 10:00 AM – Meeting for worship at Cornwall Worship Group

Sun. Aug.2 – 2:00-4:30 PM – Shape Note Singing in meetinghouse

Mon. Aug.3 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse

Tue. Aug.4 – 7:15 PM – Care & Counsel Committee in meetinghouse

- ACTIVITIES CONTINUED -

Wed. Aug. 5 – Knitters’ Day Out (see below)
 Sun. Aug. 9 – 10:35 AM – Meeting For Business
 Mon. Aug. 10 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Tue. Aug. 11 – Deadline for August-September newsletter
 Sat. Aug. 15 – 9:00-Noon – Gardening Day at the meetinghouse
 Sat. Aug. 15 – 1:00 PM – Refugee Forum in meetinghouse (see below)
 Sun. Aug. 16 – 10:35 AM – Worship and Ministry
 Mon. Aug. 17 – 7:00-8:30 PM – Spiritual Oasis in meetinghouse
 Wed. Aug. 19 – 7:00 PM – Knitting Circle at Eunice Wells’ house (see below)
 Sun. Aug. 30 – 10:00 AM – Meeting For Worship at Willow Valley
 Sat. Oct. 10 – 9:00-4:00 – Meeting retreat to consider Quaker Quest (see below)

**LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING
 THE RELIGIOUS SOCIETY OF FRIENDS
 HELD AT LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
 ON SEVENTH MONTH 12**

At about 10:45 AM, after a brief period of silent worship, Clerk Joseph Moore took up the business of Meeting. The agenda was reviewed and approved, and minutes for Sixth Month were read, corrected and approved.

Expectations and/or hopes for incoming

Clerk: Our new Clerk, Joseph Moore, asked us to express our expectations and hopes for his service as clerk. The following ideas came forth:

- There is an ongoing tension between the need for structure and the need for spontaneity; we expect both Clerk and each of us to be sensitive to this tension.
- As an example, how can people bring their concerns to business meeting? Suggestions included contacting Clerk ahead of time, having Clerk circulate the agenda ahead of time with an invitation to suggest additions, and asking to have the concern included when the agenda is reviewed early in the business meeting. In the latter case there should be only a very brief statement with discussion reserved for later in the meeting.
- We hope Clerk will ask Meeting if we want to put aside for another time a discussion which seems not to be going anywhere.
- We hope Clerk will find a way of clerking that uses his particular gifts and that we will support him and hold him in the light and offer our own gifts to help him in the work of clerking.
- Clerk should determine what works best

for him.

- We recognize that clerking the business meeting is only part of the work of the clerk and that we need to hold Clerk in the light for the “invisible” work he will be doing.
- We are pleased with your being Clerk.

Clerk then gave us his views of clerking. One of the biggest challenges is getting the sense of the meeting. Let us all work together to that end. To help me, if you approve, please *say* “approved.” Instead of repeating ideas, please use “That Friend speaks my mind.” Sometimes I may ask you “Is that your sense of the meeting?” And we will need to honor individuals who may not move with the rest of us.

I will close about half of our meetings for worship and will ask Worship & Ministry and our Assistant Clerk Tom Latus to close the others—especially on business meeting day.

I’ll be feeling my way on dealing with the many concerns which come to me as clerk. For example, I want to utilize the strengths of our community so I may suggest that you take your concern to a committee rather than to the meeting as whole.

Worship sharing on queries for social responsibility and witness:

Queries:

1. How does our meeting work to overcome social, legal, economic and political injustices locally and in the wider world?
2. Am I mindful of how my lifestyle and my investments can contribute to the improvement of the human condition, or to the exploitation of others?

Responses:

- This Meeting has a history of oscillating

between study or contemplation and taking action. At present we seem to be in the study mode. I think we should consider whether we are spending too much time on study.

- There is much injustice locally and beyond our community. The Meeting community needs to ask itself if there are activities beyond Meeting in which we could all participate. We need to ask ourselves: "What can I do to help correct injustice?"

- A lot of us participate in the larger community. I hope that our Meeting as a community, not only as individuals, will do the same.

- Everyone does what they are able to do. It may not be feasible for everyone to do this or that. As individuals we should try to do as much as we can and also acknowledge that what we are currently doing is the right thing for us. Right now what I can do and need to do is to work on being a better parent to my children.

- How is Lancaster Monthly Meeting (LMM) accommodating those living with mental illness? What can Meeting do to promote acceptance of mental illness beyond our Meeting community?

- "Everyone does what they are able to do." I used to have a problem with that. But then I realized that it's true. Sometimes what we can do is to help others become able to do more.

- A question we can ask is "Am I mindful?" But sometimes I feel so mindful I'm paralyzed. Twenty years ago I did medical work in Honduras, where bananas are grown on big plantations with foreign owners. I wrote an article for *Friends Journal* titled "A scruple concerning bananas." I asked: should we all be boycotting bananas? Then for 3 years I lived in Africa, where everyone has bananas in their home garden and a visitor may be given a whole banana stem as a special gift. It changed the meaning of my question: should we all be boycotting bananas?

Clerk thanked us for our serious consideration of these queries, saying that "continuing revelation" came to my mind as he thought about how our concerns change over time.

Finance Committee mid-year budget review: Ernie Nute said that Finance Committee considered whether we should trim our budget in light of our donations being down so far this

year. The short answer is no. The current combined total of our reserve fund and our checking account balance is almost enough to cover expenses through the end of the year. Typically we receive about 50% of donations from October through December so we should be fine and not need to deplete our reserve fund. The committee will reconsider this matter on a regular basis.

Quaker Quest: For Worship & Ministry, Tom Latus reported that he and Tom Gates attended a workshop at York Meeting to learn about Quaker Quest. Quaker Quest, begun by Britain Yearly Meeting, is both an inreach and an outreach program. The inreach aspect lays the groundwork for the outreach. In the U.S., Quaker Quest is under the auspices of Friends General Conference and is being offered in a number of U.S. and Canadian meetings.

Both Toms found the workshop very worthwhile. This has led Worship & Ministry to schedule an all-day retreat for Lancaster Meeting on October 10, 2009. There will be facilitators from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM). The workshop will help us decide if we want to engage in Quaker Quest but it will also be a good experience on its own. Also, we could invite Friends from other Meetings; please let Worship & Ministry know if you would like to do that.

For more information, see the websites of FGC www.fgcquaker.org and PYM www.pym.org and talk with either Tom.

Summer worship—a concern: When Meeting decided to hold summer worship at 9 AM, it was agreed we would evaluate the results at our September business meeting. A Friend raised the possibility of evaluating it now. Several Friends spoke about the impact of this time on the First Day School rather than waiting until September. Meeting approved seeking feedback from the FDS Committee now. Joe DiGarbo volunteered to contact the FDS Committee. Other than this, we will stick to our original plan of evaluation at the September business meeting.

Care & Counsel update on Donald: For Care & Counsel, Anna Moore reported on the situation with Donald, the homeless man who has been sleeping on our porch for many years. Our main concerns for Donald are housing,

nutrition, mental health and personal safety. Anna has had conversations with Donald, though it is not easy to communicate, and has learned he has a case manager who is apparently willing to work with us. Care & Counsel will have ongoing assessments as they try to deal lovingly with Donald.

An unknown person put a box for Donald's belongings on the porch. Friends suggested we consider alternatives such as buying Donald a good sleeping bag or trying to get a rented room for him. Other Friends said that providing anything changes our legal responsibility and we should have legal advice, which Care & Counsel has not yet done. For now, we will continue to leave this matter in Care & Counsel's hands.

PYM Summer Sessions: Clerk asked for volunteers to be Meeting's representatives to PYM Summer Sessions. Maria Cattell and Tom Gates agreed to do that and report back to Meeting in August.

Minute of Appreciation for outgoing Clerk Elizabeth Gates: Meeting approved the following minute:

Lancaster Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends minutes its deep appreciation and gratitude to Elizabeth Gates for her five years of faithful service as Clerk of our Meeting. From July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2009, we have depended on her wisdom and firm grounding in the Spirit to guide us through the varied and sometimes challenging business of the Meeting. She brought a deep commitment to carrying out her responsibilities as clerk, and a thoughtful, insightful listening as we worked to discover God's truth for our way forward. But we also appreciate and are deeply grateful for the loving sensitivity and deep caring she brought to the daily life of our community, our joys and griefs, our challenges and openings. For these five years, Elizabeth lovingly served as Clerk of our Meeting. We trust that we will continue to benefit from her loving presence and from her many gifts as she continues to minister among us and in the wider ministry among Friends to which she is called.

With heartfelt thanks!
Lancaster Monthly Meeting

After a brief period of silent worship, meeting for business ended at about 12:15 PM. There were 47 present, including 10 visitors.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Moore, Clerk
Maria Cattell, Recording Clerk

Present: Ron Ashby, Nancy Bieber, Michael Bomberger, Maria Cattell, Joyce Collins, Joseph DiGarbo, Jean & William Eaton, Elsi Eberly, Anna Marie Fischer, Thomas Gates, Albert Geier, Grayfred & Lois Frey Gray, Mark Grimm, James Herr, Debra Hewes, Charles & Millicent Holzinger, Mark Horst, Cynthia Hummel, John & Kay Lahr, Charles Lane, Thomas Latus, Patricia Lea, Elise Leytham, Robert Lowe, Anna & Joseph Moore, Marilyn Morrison, Robert Neuhauser, Ernest Nute, Meyric Rogers, Loren Sadler, Barbara Spiegelberg, Erma Weaver; and the following visitors: Jacqueline Stillwell (Monadnock Meeting of New England YM and The Meeting School in NH) and Diane & Dan Buckley, Joseph T. Dougherty, George R. Garbrick, Ken Giovanelli, Mel Leanza, Jane Oberle, Julie Rasp, E. J. Tsch (all from the Secular Franciscan Order in Lancaster).

COMMITTEE LIST

On the following sheet you'll find the list of Meeting Committees and their members. When you consider the list, you'll notice the Childcare and the Outreach committees are still without conveners. In addition, the Ad Hoc Committee on Support in Economic Recession has no convenor and (continued)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP & OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES
LANCASTER MONTHLY MEETING 2009 - 2011

Clerk: Joe Moore 10

Assistant Clerk: Tom Latus 10

Recording

Clerk: Maria Cattell

Treasurer: Karen Zimmerman

Assistant Treasurer: Chris Fuller

Recorder: Cynthia Hummel

Carol Rettew

AD HOC

**(Support in Economic
Recession)**

Charles Lane
 Bob Neuhauser
 Myke Rogers
 Tom Tucker

CAMP FOX TALES

Beth Reeves (c)
 Andrea Carty
 Elsie Eberly

CARE & COUNSEL

Nancy Bieber (cc)
 Anna Moore (cc)
 Liz Gates
 Jim Herr
 Kay Lahr
 Ernie Nute
 Rachel Perry
 Debby Spence
 Karen Zimmerman

Youth Enrichment Fund

Rachel Perry
 Ernie Schreiber
 Scott Walck

Comfort & Assistance

Anna Moore (c)
 Rose Bert
 Thea Bert
 Liz Gates
 Tom Latus

**ENVIRONMENTAL
CONCERNS**

Kim Bair (c)
 Maria Cattell
 Carolyn Cook
 Mary Margaret Kelly
 Rich Kettering
 Pat Lea
 Shirley Mast
 Carol Shane
 Ed Shane
 Debby Spence
 Barbara Spiegelberg
 Erma Weaver

FINANCE

Ernie Nute (c)
 Chris Fuller
 Liz Gates
 Charles Lane
 Cynthia Lowing
 Myke Rogers
 Bob Neuhauser
 Karen Zimmerman

Loans & Scholarships

Chris Fuller (c)
 Charles Holzinger
 Bob Lowing
 Cynthia Lowing

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

Karen Alderfer (cc)
 Andrea Carty (cc)
 Charlie Bonner
 Christie Crumpler
 Laura Gibble
 Shane Knudsen

FORUM

Donna Scanlon (c) 10
 10

GARDEN

Debby Spence (c) 10
 Kim Bair
 Maria Cattell
 Jean Eaton 10
 Gene Homan 10
 Judy Homan 11
 Mark Horst
 Marilyn Morrison
 Lori Weaver 10
 10

LIBRARY

Albert Geier (cc) 10
 Cynthia Lowing (cc) 10
 Mary Ann Eisemann 10
 Brian Hernon 10
 Jo-Ann Schreiber 10
 10

Archives/Scrapbook

Cynthia Lowing
 Jo-Ann Schreiber 10
 10
 10

**LONG RANGE PLANNING
(PROPERTY)**

Ernie Nute (c) 11
 10
 Bill Eaton 10
 Phil Eisemann 10
 Kirk Hummel 11
 Charles Lane 10
 David Morrison
 Myke Rogers
 Debby Spence

MILNER FUND

Nancy Bieber
 Esther Cope
 Mahlon Fuller
 Steve Ratcliffe

NEWSLETTER

Jim Herr (c)
 The Scanlon Family

NOMINATING

Tom Gates (cc)
 Donna Scanlon (cc)
 Mary Ann Eisemann
 Albert Geier
 Kay Lahr
 Ernie Schreiber

OUTREACH

Joyce Collins
 Tom Gates
 Grayfred Gray
 Shane Knudsen
 Elise Leytham

Signboard

Grayfred Gray

PEACE & SOCIAL CONCERNS

Bob Lowing (c)
 Michael Bomberger
 Joe DiGarbo
 Tom Gates
 Tony Haverstick
 Charles Holzinger
 Millie Holzinger
 Jim Kalish
 Bob Neuhauser
 Tom Pontz
 Steve Ratcliffe
 Beth Reeves
 Bud Rosch
 Barbara Spiegelberg
 Chris Weinstock-Collins

Peaceful Families

Grayfred Gray (c)
 Peggy Bright
 Stan Carnarius
 Mark Horst

PERSONNEL

Laura Gibble (c)
 Myke Rogers

Childcare

Charles Bonner
 Andrea Carty
 Laura Gibble
 Alice Meckley
 Rebekah Schiller

SOCIAL

Jean Eaton (cc)
 Marilyn Morrison (cc)
 Steve Alderfer
 Joyce Collins
 Ben Crumpler
 Mary Ann Eisemann
 Phyllis Ezard
 Sara Hernon-Reeves
 Cynthia Lowing
 Carl Perry
 Pat Reed
 Lucy Scanlon
 Blake Yohe

WORSHIP & MINISTRY

Tom Latus (c)
 Karen Alderfer
 Michael Bomberger
 Faith D'Urbano
 Chris Fitz
 Erika Fitz
 Tom Gates
 Albert Geier
 Lois Frey Gray
 Stock Weinstock-Collins

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OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

MAILING LIST

Donna Scanlon 13
 Karen Zimmerman

MEETINGHOUSE

SCHEDULER 10
 Jean Eaton

MEMBER/ATTENDER LIST

Grayfred Gray 10
 11

MEMORIAL LIST

Marilyn Morrison 12
 12

**EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS
 (LMM APPOINTMENTS)**

CAMP SWARTARA

PLANNING 10
 Brian Hernon (c) 10
 Shane Knudsen
 Debby Spence
 Scott Walck 10

COMPEER

Pat Lea 11
 10

CORC

Charlie Bonner (c) 11
 Cindy Herr 11
 10

INTERIM MEETING/PYM

Maria Cattell 10
 Bob Lowing 10

LANCASTER COUNTY

COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Tom Gates 10
 Pat Lea 11
 Bob Lowing

TRUSTEE, EAST LAMPETER

July 19, 2009

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MEETING

David Morrison

**RESPONSIBILITIES
BEYOND LMM
(NOT LMM APPOINTED)**

AVP
Joe DiGarbo
Anne Wallace DiGarbo

CALN QUARTER
Jim Herr, Recording Clerk

FCNL CONTACT
Scott Walck

PENDLE HILL BOARD
Amanda Kemp

**PYM PEACE & CONCERNS
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Maria Cattell

ASSISTANT CLERK OF FWCC
Liz Gates

PYM RECORDING CLERK
Jim Herr

**CONTACT INFORMATION
FOR LMM GROUPS OPEN TO
EVERYONE**

**HEALING RACISM
WORKING GROUP**
Ron Ashby
Deb Hewes
Amanda Kemp
Beth Reeves

SPIRITUAL OASIS
Grayfred Gray

(continued) only 4 (male) members. Are you led to serve as convener of one of these committees whose work is important to the growth of the Meeting, or as a member of the Ad Hoc Committee? If so, contact Cynthia Lowing 394-6070 cjlowing@verizon.net or Joe DiGarbo 627-0837 jdigarbo@gmail.com

HEY, CHECK THIS OUT!

RACIAL HEALTH – LMM Healing Racism Working Group has as its purpose to recognize and work to heal racism. This work involves both inward (spiritual) and outward (social action) components. Efforts are focused on three separate but related dimensions of racism: (1) at the individual level, (2) community (the Meeting and Lancaster area), and (3) institutions and society at large (Friends larger network of PYM and beyond, private and public institutions at the state and national levels.)

The group meets on the third Saturday evening of each month for shared meal, socializing, and business. Which means, next Saturday, July 25, they'll have their monthly pot luck at the home of Elise Leytham and Sean Peterson, starting at 5:00-6:00 PM. Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided — bring a pot luck item and lawn chairs! Elise and Sean's house, 1st floor of 426 Chestnut Street, Columbia, is the Victorian with the green awning between Dr. Perry's dentist office and Hermansader's Victorian Gallery. Come around the side of the house to the back yard – we'll be there! Can't wait to see you!

VERY ALTERNATIVE – The Basic Workshop of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) will

be offered at the meetinghouse next Saturday and Sunday, July 25 and 26 from 9-5pm each day. Lunch and snacks will be provided. A free-will offering is requested for those who can afford to contribute. Please contact Joe DiGarbo at 627-0837 or email him at jdigarbo@gmail.com if you would like to attend, have any questions about the workshop.

MORE FRIENDS – There are two upcoming opportunities for members and attenders of Lancaster Monthly Meeting (you) to interact with Quakers from a wider area. In two weeks, July 29th-August 2nd, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting is having its Summer Sessions at DeSales University near Allentown. This will be a gathering of about 600 people from throughout the Yearly Meeting region—from State College, PA to the middle of New Jersey, and south to Sadsbury, MD. It's an easy-going time, with meetings and workshops, and plenty of opportunity to sit and talk to one another. Come for any part of the time, or the whole thing. Register online at www.pym.org.

A smaller group, perhaps 50 or so, will gather for the summer meeting of Caln Quarterly Meeting in the old Caln meetinghouse on Rt. 340, about 3 miles east of Coatesville, Sunday, Aug. 16. Worship will begin at 10:00, with a meeting for business, brown bag lunch, and a program following. Here the Friends will be from closer to home—Downingtown, Reading, Harrisburg, etc. Interesting folks in an interesting old meetinghouse built in 1726. Info at www.calnqm.org

PEARL ONE – There is a little-known Knitting

Circle in our Meeting, which meets the third Wed. of each month at 7:00 PM, and has done so for 3 years or so. They used to meet in Debra Raudenbush's home in Leola, but have just moved to Deb's aunt Eunice Wells' house: 12B Terrace Drive, Lancashire Terrace Retirement Village, Lititz (really Neffsville) just off Rt. 501. Regular attenders to the Circle include Joanna Sadler, Maria Cattell, Anna Moore, Erika Fitz, and Debra Raudenbush. Beginners, and other experienced knitters, are always welcome.

The Knitting Circle's 3rd Annual Knitters' Day Out will be on Wednesday, August 5. They plan to visit Wendy Ellis's yarn shop in Intercourse, and 2 other local yarn shops with lunch out at some nearby quaint spot (and probably ice cream at Carmen and David's on Prince Street!). Please contact Debra if you'd like to join the day 661-7869 debra106 at frontiernet.net

the Loans & Scholarships Committee.

EXILED – The United Nations Association of the USA's Central PA organization invites the public to a Refugee Forum at Lancaster Friends Meeting on Sat., Aug. 15, 1:00 PM. The forum will try to deal with aspects of dealing with refugee situations with three principal facilitators. Sheila McGehan, Director of Church World Services in Lancaster, will talk on the process of connecting with refugees in refugee camps abroad and arranging for their relocation into Lancaster County. Rev. Kerry Leeper, Associate Pastor, First United Methodist Church, will explain the role of the sponsoring church groups in their responsibilities for the welfare of new refugees. Dr. Elias George, retired professor from Franklin and Marshall College, grew up as a young boy in a refugee camp in Amman, Jordan. All three individuals will give brief talks on the processes involved and their personal experiences, but the plan is to have an open Q/A and discussion. The theme will revolve around how to deal with ongoing necessity for refugee camps around the world, with new crises for displaced persons emerging in.

ACADEMIC BUCKS – LMM has various funds available to help students pay for schooling. Now is the time to apply for scholarship loans and grants. Necessary forms are in a folder in the library, and/or ask a member of

