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Calendar

All events and meetings take place at the Meeting House unless otherwise noted.

Singing 9:45 am, Meeting for Worship 10 am
Second Hour or Carry in Potluck @ 11:40 am

- Oct. 5 Game Night for Young Friends at Cincinnati Friends meeting house- 6:30PM to 8:30PM.
(See page 3)
- Oct. 7 Carry in Meal after Meeting for Worship: FUN Committee appreciates and encourages locally grown food when possible. Special presentation and photos by Kaitlyn Funck from her recent Quaker Youth Pilgrimage
- Oct. 13 and 14 Joint Quarterly Meeting at Happy Hollow Camp in Brown County, IN (see page 10)
- Oct. 14 Second hour: Tim Leonard: God Language
- Oct. 19 Nelly del Cid at Cincinnati Monthly Meeting. Gather at 7:00, program at 7:30
(see page 7)
- Oct. 21 Meeting for worship with attention to business
- Oct. 28 Second hour: In reach: God Language

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Tenth Query from OVYM Book of Discipline, 1978: Simplicity, Stewardship

Do you endeavor to live in harmony with nature, avoiding pollution and the destruction of our environment? What are you doing about your use of the world's irreplaceable resources? Are you concerned for family and population planning so that future generations will be able to live on the resources available to them?

**Summary of Minutes from the Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business
Ninth Month 9, 2012
Community Friends Meeting**

Present: Frank Huss (Presiding Clerk), Paul Buckley (Recording Clerk), Evangeline Hoffmann, Sarah Hoffmann, Tim Leonard, Eric Wolff, Bill Cahalan, Lisa Cayard, Sue Brungs, Eugene Marquis, Eugenia Mills, Alvin Jose, Deborah Jordan, Ken Bordwell, Byron Branson, Wilhelmina Branson, Lynn Funck, David Funck, Mary Anne Curtiss

1. The business meeting opened with a period of worship.
2. The Quaker Collection at Wilmington College has reviewed and organized the papers of Virgie Hortenstine. Also added to the collection are Canby Jones' papers on the Haas Work Project.
3. Eric Wolff, House & Grounds Committee, reported that an ancient buckeye and several smaller trees on the meetinghouse grounds will need to be taken out. The question of how much of the tree to leave standing was raised. Current policy is to cut the tree at the highest possible level, consistent with safety and a proper concern for our neighbors. After discussion, application of that policy to the buckeye was approved.
4. The related question of which issues should be decided by our committees and which need to be referred to the monthly business meeting was raised. Committees need be tender to the potential need for wider consideration. It was noted that House & Grounds and Ministry & Counsel Committees have a joint liaison committee for the caretakers. Using this as a model, the suggestion was made that a liaison from Friends in Unity with Nature be included when major issues are decided by House & Grounds. The discussion that ensued was valuable, but no formal minute from the business meeting was needed.
5. Nelly del Cid, who coordinates the Alternatives to Violence (AVP) and Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) workshops for Friends Peace Teams in Honduras, will be visiting the area, probably in October. She is seeking speaking venues and hospitality. This was referred to the Peace & Social Concerns Committee last month.
Donne Hayden of Cincinnati Friends has offered their meetinghouse for such an event. There was concern about the vagueness of the content of a presentation. Deborah Jordan offered to collect more information to allow an informed decision. The business meeting approved Peace & Social Concerns to decide how to proceed. This may include a request to the Cannon Fund for \$150 in support.
6. Eric Wolff, on behalf of House & Grounds, noted that painting the exterior of the meetinghouse is looming. He estimated that the cost might be as much as \$20,000. It would be prudent to build up funds to cover this expense. He proposed the creation of special fund.
In answer to a question, it was explained that the Building Reserve Fund was established to pay for unexpected building expenses – not those that are anticipatable. An expansion of the purpose of the reserve fund to cover those expenses was suggested. An ad hoc committee of Eric Wolff, Paul Buckley, and Mary Anne Curtiss will consider this suggestion and report back to the monthly business meeting.
7. Mary Anne Curtiss presented the Treasurer's Report
 - Although the bank balance/annual budget ratio at the end of August was less than the target of 10%, this is not bad for this time of year.
 - House & Grounds has some large expenses in September, but is still within its budget.
 - Some people are still having problems registering for the Kroger donation program. Sarah Hoffmann can help.
 - Use of Meetinghouse income is less than budgeted – this is likely to continue.
8. Miami Quarterly Meeting
 - The joint quarterly meeting will be at Happy Hollow on October 13-14.
9. Announcements
 - Paul Buckley will be presenting a 10-session course on Quakerism at Cincinnati Monthly Meeting on alternate Thursday evenings from 7-8:30, starting on October 18th.
 - The clerk expressed thanks for all those who brought food.
10. The business meeting closed with a period of worship.



Paul Buckley, Recording Clerk

Game Night for Young Friends

This provides an opportunity for Young Friends from all three Cincinnati Quaker Meetings together. The time is the usual 6:30PM to 8:30PM and the usual location at the Cincinnati Friends Meeting House. The agenda includes: food, games and socializing. Young Friends are welcome to bring a favorite game. Please RSVP by emailing tetling@gmail.com (Travis) or calling [859 866 3569](tel:859-866-3569) (Travis' phone) so that there will be the right amount of food.

The Journey of Aging, submitted by Marjorie McKelvey Isaacs

On 9-16-12 Jean Crocker-Lakness presented information on Aging which she received at the pre-FGC workshop on Aging this past summer. A lively discussion followed. The following ideas were shared by different people attending.

-Aging Gracefully as a Quaker

-Many older Quakers set a remarkable example of being active, vibrant, effective people. However, the illnesses of old age can change perspectives.

-Tasks to accomplish:

1. There are losses associated with aging. How do I gracefully let go of capacities and relationships no longer possible?
2. Continue to develop new relationships with people new to your life, particularly younger ones.
3. To the best of your ability, feel life is a gift
4. Look ahead and prepare for possible losses of capacity. What alternatives will enable you to do as much as possible and be independent as possible? Monthly Meeting could be advisory.
5. Query: How can Meeting support aging members in the process of getting older?
6. Develop the ability to attend to others' needs as well as accept others' help positively.
6. Planning ahead of many kinds can ease stress:
 - A. Choose a nursing home while you are still alert enough to make the best decision. Quaker Heights may be a good local option.
 - B. Aging in Place (not going to a nursing home or assisted living, but determining what services and changes in current housing would create the minimum life disruption
 - C. Create in addition to a Legal will, an Ethical Will: what values and lessons do you want to hand down?
 - D. Moving to an intentionally multi-age community, such as some that have started in other parts of the country: contact: Deborah Frazier at: Friends Found @comcast.net; the Cohousing Association of the United States: www.cohousing.org
 - E. Inform the Meeting of any plans you might have about healthcare options. Discuss whether you would like to take advantage of the plots available at Spring Grove Cemetery. Eric Wolff, Frank Huss, JP Lund, and Franchot Ballinger are the contact people for obtaining a cemetery plot at Spring Grove Cemetery, where a number of plots are allocated specifically for Quakers.
 - F. Advance directives - Living Will - what measures would you want healthcare professionals to use in keeping you alive? There are special forms to complete on these questions; copies need to be sent to your physicians and be available to others who might care for you.
 - G. Pre plan and/or pay a funeral. There was lively discussion about what could be done with the physical body once the spirit has departed. Donate to science. Natural burial (without the casket and concrete vault required by cemeteries or the embalming fluids required by funeral homes) was discussed. There are in other parts of the country "Memorial Ecosystems" which have natural burial. Information on low cost burials is available from the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Greater Cincinnati www.FCAGC.org email: FCAGC@aol.com
 - H. Emergency contacts: should be in wallet or on smart phone

- In New York and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings there are people trained to visit elderly people in their homes to help determine what the next best step might be. Their program is called ARCH (Aging, Resources, Consultation, Help) and has a goal of having a trained Quaker visitor within 1 hour travel to anyone in these 2 yearly meetings. There are resources available on their web site: www.QuakerAgingResources.org

-In this era, intentional plans about death may be more important due to the power of technology to maintain vital functions beyond the time when one would have died naturally in the past. There may be some question as to whether there is quality of life even though life can be sustained. Aging therefore does need to be a spiritual journey. A spiritual connection might make a difference. The ability to detach from constantly "doing" and affirm the value of "being." New ideas about how to not prolong life beyond what would be natural were discussed. These might include intentional decision to stop eating.

There seemed to be a sense of the group present that our Meeting should have an ad hoc committee to address these matters and determine how we might support the process of aging in our members. An ad hoc committee was formed consisting of: Jean Crocker-Lakness, Sarah Hoffmann, Deborah Jordan, and Eugenia Mills.

Pamela Richards Welcoming: Our Newest (New) Member
submitted, in love, by Jennifer Snow Wolff

Pamela Richards was welcomed as a new member of Community Friends Meeting on August 3rd at 7pm at the Friends Meeting house.

Martha Stewart's table setting (visited Cincinnati week of September 15th) paled compared to the table set by Committee clerk Marjorie McKelvey Isaacs for Pamela Richard's Welcoming Party. She brought an embroidered tablecloth with cloth napkins, sparkling grape juice, Challah and tall, elegant candles. Pamela requested a Shabbat ceremony as part of her welcome, and Marjorie was able to say the Torah portion (*prayer, rather than "torah portion" is accurate.*) in Hebrew.

Pamela took Jennifer food shopping, who then shared her guidelines about food for diabetics with the committee. Much of what she advised bringing was purchased in that trip. The resulting menu of 'finger-food' was ideal for a hot evening in a un-air conditioned Meetinghouse, and those present enjoyed foods such as guacamole dip, crackers and sweet vegetables.

Kate Anthony suggested a separate time from Meeting would be more focused on Pam, more "her time." Kate's garden also provided beautiful flower bouquets and she brought a dessert of fresh fruit salad, also from her garden.

Surprise guests were caretakers Elizabeth, John David, and John Sniegocki, who expressed their regrets and expected to be out of town for his parents 50th anniversary, but unfortunately (or fortunately) John David sustained an injury requiring a trip to the ER and they attended.

Playing 'Charades' (which Pamela requested) a lot of fun. We didn't keep 'score' but had a great time as the suggested titles were challenging, funny and unusual.

The meditation photo book, *Spring into Thinking*, that Marjorie had written with Eugenia was the perfect gift for the artistic Pamela, hopefully to be signed with messages by members of the Meeting to Pamela at a later time.

This past week, a cloud (with a silver lining) appeared. Complications from lacking a \$200 diabetic medication very recently landed Pamela in the hospital with a stroke. Meeting member, Sarah Hoffmann, a nurse in Neurology was able to rush the needed drug to Pamela who made an amazing recovery the next day. She was on the phone with Jennifer reflecting that now, she and Jennifer, shared another bond in their growing friendship, having a brain injury.

The Meeting has a second opportunity to send their love and well wishes to Pamela:

Jennifer sent Pamela a book via Sarah, "My Stroke of Insight" which was written by a brain surgeon who sustained a brain injury and was able to describe falling into it and recovering from the perspective of a physician who knows neurology. The book originally came from Wilhelmina and Byron, who also had a stroke. Jennifer hoped to bring the book to share at a Brain Injury Meeting. But never made it to one Meeting which is held at Drake hospital. But she gave the book with colored pens for Pam to write her own comments and experiences as she reads.

Her contact info (she is not in the current directory): **phone:** 513-503-2920

Address: 1777 William H. Taft Road, Cincinnati, OH 45206

Email: pamela.richards@candletothesun.com



QUAKER CONVERSATIONS:

A "Quaker Conversation" group will meet beginning October 7th and will be held every first Sunday of the month from 1:15 - 2:45pm, at Cincinnati Friends meetinghouse (8075 Keller Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243). The focus will be on interfaith conversation and will include guests from faiths/denominations, such as Islam, Buddhism, Baha'i, Judaism, and Catholicism. All are welcome to attend. The October 7th Conversation topic is Christian-Muslim relations in Cincinnati (& elsewhere) with local Muslims as guests. Light snacks will be served. Advanced reading materials include: anything by John Esposito, specifically "What a Billion Muslims Really Think" and "What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam". We also suggest the Karen Armstrong biography of the prophet Muhammad. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Moore at bandpm@hotmail.com or 859-609-2066.

People around the meeting: Elyce Benke

Elyce walks to the Meeting from Norwood, cutting through Xavier University and the woods behind the meeting house. Much to her delight, she was able to capture this deer in a photo! Elyce has been attending Meeting since this past spring. She tells me that she has always been interested in Quakers, but never before attended a Meeting. She is especially interested in the Peace Testimony.

QUAKERISM**A Course with Paul Buckley**

Cincinnati Friends Meeting is pleased to offer to all Friends in Cincinnati and to anyone interested in finding out more about Friends.

Paul Buckley of Community Friends Meeting, Quaker author and Adjunct Instructor in Quaker Studies at Earlham School of Religion, is well-known among Friends for his book *21st Century Penn* and his works on Elias Hicks. This course will meet every other Thursday evening (7:00-8:30) for a total of ten sessions, beginning October 18. Each session contains “stand-alone” material, so if you miss a session or two, you can still attend at any time. Requested donation: \$5 per session or \$45 if pre-paid. (Scholarships available.) If you have questions, please contact Donne Hayden 513-207-5353 or cfmpublicfriend@gmail.com

From Eileen Bagus: “we would like to strongly recommend anyone in Meeting who wants to deepen their understanding of our faith to take the course” A course syllabus follows on the next page.

A Short Course in Quakerism

Quaker History

- a) Where did the Religious Society of Friends come from? How was it different from other sects back then?
- b) What do the experiences of Quakers in earlier times have to do with us today?
- c) Why did Friends separate into different groups?
- d) What characterizes the different types of Friends today?

The Inward Light

- a) What is the Inward Light?
- b) What does it do?
- c) How does it relate to Christ (historically & contemporarily)?
- d) *Have you ever experienced the Inward Light? How would you describe it? How does the Inward Light relate to Christ for you?*

Meeting for Worship

- a) What is the purpose of meeting for worship?
- b) How do Quaker services differ from those of other Protestants?
- c) Why are we different?
- d) Why don't Friends celebrate the supper?
- e) *Why do you come to meeting for worship?*
- f) *How do you prepare for worship?*

The Meeting as a Covenant Community

- a) What is a covenant?
- b) How does a covenant community differ from a human community?
- c) *In what ways do you feel that people in your meeting are in a covenant relationship with God and each other?*
- d) *Think of three ways in which your meeting nurtures a sense of community. In what way do these strengthen human community? In what way do these strengthen the covenant relationship?*

Gospel Order

- a) What is "Gospel Order"?
- b) What is the difference between "doing good" and "Gospel Order"?
- c) *How does "Gospel Order" enter into your everyday life?*

Discernment

- a) What does it mean to "seek the will of God" (personally & corporately)?
- b) How can we know if we have found it?
- c) *Have you ever had the sense that God was giving you a leading? How did you test that feeling? What did you do about it?*

Meeting for Business

- a) How does a Quaker Business Meeting differ from an ordinary business meeting?
- b) How does the "sense of the meeting" differ from consensus?
- c) *Have you experienced a time when you felt clear that a business meeting discerned the will of God?*
- d) *What do you bring to and get out of business meeting?*

Nurturing the Inward Life

- a) What are the unique characteristics of prayer for Friends?
- b) How does a Quaker read the Bible?
- c) (Silence as a spiritual discipline)
- d) *What do you do to nurture your inward life?*

A Short Course in Quakerism presented by Paul Buckley, Continued**Peculiarities & Testimonies**

- a) What are the Quaker Testimonies? (peace, simplicity, integrity, community, equality, environment, ???)
- b) Where did they come from? How were they formulated?
- c) Are they unique to Friends?
- d) What is the difference between a testimony and a personal belief or spiritual practice?
- e) Can Quaker religious beliefs and social concerns be separated?
- f) *How have the testimonies been “a cross to your conscience”? Should all Friends obey the Testimonies?*
- g) *How would we know if there was a new testimony? Is there something you think might be one?*

Issues & Diversity

- a) In what ways do issues of Christianity, doctrine, method of worship, women's roles, sexuality, etc. vary among the different branches of Friends?
 - b) On what significant issues do all Friends agree?
 - c) Is there a common core – some set of shared characteristics, beliefs, or values – that unites the branches of the Religious Society of Friends?
 - d) *Do these things matter to you? Do you think it makes any difference in the grand scheme of things?*
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A Heart that is Big and Strong: Struggle and Hope in Honduras

Presented by **Nelly Del Cid**, Director of Mercy Dreamweavers, San Pedro Sula, Honduras

Friends Peace Teams and Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP)

Sponsored by Community Friends Meeting and Cincinnati Friends Meeting

DATE: Friday, October 19, 2012

TIME: Gather at 7:00, Presentation at 7:30

LOCATION: Cincinnati Friends Meeting, 8075 Keller Rd., phone: 791-0788

Nelly organizes women through social justice initiatives, coops, credit Unions, skill building and conflict resolution trainings. She will speak about human rights violations, USA involvement in critical issues of water and mining rights, and how AVP has sustained her work. Nelly speaks boldly and passionately about the freedom – without fear – to heal world full of violence.

Mercy Dreamweavers offers workshops in conflict resolution, trauma healing, feminine spirituality, classes in practical skills, and a credit union and cooperative store in a working-class neighborhood in San Pedro Sula. As a member of the Women in Resistance, Nelly champions rights for women and campaigns for women's health programs, protection from domestic violence and targeted murders of women and girls. She speaks passionately about the need to live and work without fear in a world full of violence. Nelly is the Honduran Coordinator of the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP), www.avpinternational.org, and represents Honduras on the Peace building en las Américas Working Group of Friends Peace Teams.

Peace building en Las Américas (PLA), the Latin American initiative of Friends Peace Teams (FPT), www.friendspeaceteams.org, develops long-term relationships with communities in conflict to assist with violence prevention and trauma healing. Our work combines spiritual and practical aspects of conflict resolution with programs including AVP and community-based trauma healing workshops, mediation, women's AIDS prevention clinics, election monitoring, human rights and environmental advocacy, work camp building projects, and assistance with early childhood education. PLA has active projects in Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and Colombia.

Tender Mercies submitted by Alvin Jose, Peace and Social Concerns

Tender Mercies provides safe protective housing for mentally disadvantaged men and women in the Over the Rhine neighborhood. It serves on the order of 75 residents in several houses. It is intended for people who have trouble getting along in normal living. We show we care when we bring dinner to brighten their life a bit. Tender Mercies fills a needed function. It is to our credit that we can be of help.

Small Groups for In-Reach at Community Friends Meeting

This past February, we met as a meeting to discern whether we wanted to pursue Quaker Quest. The sense of the meeting was that we needed to do in-reach prior to engaging in outreach. Since that time, Adult Education has been sponsoring second hours to facilitate our sharing more deeply about our experience as Quakers.

A committee for In-Reach was also formed to support this endeavor. The In-Reach committee proposed that we form small groups to further encourage the deepening of our spiritual lives and our community. After suggesting some small group topics, the committee listened to suggestions from the meeting and developed a survey to determine the level of interest in these topics. Based the results of the survey, the committee determined which small groups to offer.

Members and attenders of Community Friend Meeting are encouraged to sign-up for these groups starting the Sunday, September 30. Groups will begin in October, with specific dates and times co-determined by the leader/facilitator and group members. Sign-up sheets will be available at the meetinghouse. Persons unable to sign-up in person are encouraged to contact the group leaders listed below to communicate their interest and learn about the meeting times.

The following groups will be offered starting this fall:

Experiment with Light

Experiment with Light is a spiritual practice which attempts to replicate the spiritual practice of early Friends. The meeting will consist of attending to the Light using a simple guided meditation format then sharing our experiences with each other. We will meet together for about an hour and a half.

Leader/Facilitator: Rhonda Pfaltzgraff-Carlson

Moving with the Spirit

A group that explores movement and dance that brings us in touch with the Spirit. We'll use worship sharing and experiential sharing of yoga, body prayer, dance, walking meditation, etc. The group will set the agenda and when/how often to meet.

Leader/Facilitator: Deborah Jordan

Reconnecting with Our Natural Sources

Facing the challenge of the growing, world-wide ecological crisis appears to call for neighborhoods and communities meeting their needs more locally. Ideally, we will do so in ways that ground us spiritually and emotionally with family and neighbors in the web of life, ways that open us to the rhythms of the land and the motion of the Spirit. This kind of grounding will help keep inevitable discouragement from paralyzing us. As we develop such local economies and cultures, we will engage in much contemplative hands-on work as we tend wood lots, gardens and our various built structures for food, water, fuel, and building materials. Such a life may help sustain our spirits as we enter into the necessary collective activism, in and beyond the local community, which seeks healthier government and economic structures.

The tentative format is that we will rotate presenters, sometimes involving a prior reading, followed by worship sharing. We will try to alternate these meetings with contemplative work sessions, or contemplative on-foot tours of various projects that are good examples of healthy functioning. These sessions will often be outdoors in a member's neighborhood.

Leader/Facilitator: Bill Cahalan

Spiritual Healing Practice Group

The healing power of the Spirit, while perhaps most strongly manifested in and best exemplified by Jesus of Nazareth, is available to us today. A variety of methods have been developed to channel this healing energy. Participants will be exposed to several techniques for healing including a traditional Friends group healing service, therapeutic touch, and basic healing touch. Facilitators hope group members would be able to share/learn some different types of spiritual healing and practice them together rather than simply coming to receive healing though that will be part of our process. We are open to group discernment on direction.

Co-facilitators: Evie Hoffmann and Eileen Bagus

Small Groups for In-Reach at Community Friends Meeting, continued**Spiritual Formation Group**

This group is designed to lead us towards a deeper experience of the Divine Light through devotional readings, spiritual community, and individual daily spiritual practices. Spiritual Formation provides a structure for people in our busy culture to turn to God/Goddess Within with their minds through spiritual readings, with their hearts through daily spiritual practices, and with their human relationships through spiritual nurture and accountability groups. It should strengthen our discipline and faithfulness to spiritual practices, by holding each other accountable and by giving and hearing feedback on the results of various practices.

Individuals may choose the spiritual practice that is most meaningful to them, but some experiments with a variety of practices will be suggested. I will have a variety of small readings/ handouts, but the foundation for the group will be the book Connecting with God: A Spiritual Formation Guide for Individuals and Groups by LL Graybeal and JL Roller.

Leader/Facilitator: Kate Anthony

Theological Book Study

This group will read Marcus Borg's book The God We Never Knew: Beyond Dogmatic Religion to a More Authentic Contemporary Faith and other selected short readings. Group activities will include reading, discussion, video clips, and experimentation with various spiritual practices, to be decided upon by the group.

Marcus Borg is a well-known member of the Jesus Seminar who writes in a very accessible, conversational style. He explores compelling new ways of understanding 'God,' Jesus, and Christian faith and practice in a context shaped by profound social and ecological crises, religious pluralism, the insights of science, etc. Borg encourages a deep integration of spiritual practice and social action in a manner compatible with the tradition of Friends.

Leader/Facilitator: John Sniegocki

Work as Spiritual Practice

Work is understood here as an activity of co-creating with God some piece of the world. The circumstances within which we work are to some extent chosen and to a greater extent they are imposed by the material and social world in which we live. Work becomes a spiritual practice by joyfully choosing both aspects of our work, that is, both that which is our actual choice, and that which is imposed. It is an activity of obedience to the human condition and love of the community which benefits from our labour. The sessions will be prayerful discussions of these realities as summed up by the Shakers as, "Hands to work; Hearts to God," or the Benedictines: "To work is to pray."

Leader/Facilitator: Tim Leonard

"COMFORT OF FRIENDS" GROUP

They that love beyond the World, cannot be separated by it.

Death cannot kill, what never dies.

Nor can Spirits ever be divided that love and live in the same Divine Principle; the Root and Record of their Friendship.

If Absence be not death, neither is theirs.

Death is but Crossing the World, as Friends do the Seas; They live in one another still.

For they must needs be present, that love and live in that which is Omnipresent.

In this Divine Glass, they see Face to Face; and their Converse is Free, as well as Pure.

This is the Comfort of Friends, that though they may be said to Die, yet their Friendship and Society are, in the best Sense, ever present, because Immortal.

(From William Penn's *Fruits of Solitude*)

The Comfort of Friends group meets every 3rd Sunday after Meeting for Worship, 12:45-1:45 in the Cincinnati Friends Meeting Library. Conversation begins with selections that participants bring from Joan Halifax's book, *Being with Dying*, to read aloud & share. (Selections may be an idea or image or advice that strikes you, speaks to you, moves you; it may be a sentence or a paragraph, or even two). Even those who have not read the chapter can still be part of the discussion because it focuses on the specific passages from the book. Open to anyone who wishes to join the conversation. Everyone is welcome.

JOINT QUARTERLY MEETING**October 13-14 2012**

Happy Hollow Children's Camp

3049 Happy Hollow Rd

Nashville, Indiana 47448

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13

Arrive at Happy Hollow as early

as 10:00 am for committee meetings

11:30 – 1:00 Registration

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:00 Meeting for Worship

12:00 Lunch

2:00 Depart

1:30 – 3:00 Miami & Whitewater Quarters meet for business

3:30 – 5:00 "Reflecting the Diversity & Glory of God" by the Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion

5:30 – 6:30 Dinner

6:30 – 8:00 free time

8:00 - 9:30 Multi-generational Fun

The cabins and restrooms are clean and comfortable, with a thermostat in each cabin.

Please bring warm bedding or sleeping bags and your own towels. You will also need a flashlight to get around at night.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Exit 68 on I-65 at Columbus, Indiana

Turn RIGHT (West-exit 68) onto IN-46, W IN-46 6.4 miles

Turn LEFT (South-West) onto Old Nashville Rd 0.3 miles

Continue (South-West) on Fourmile Ridge Rd 0.5 miles

Turn LEFT (South) onto S Harrison Ridge Rd 3.2 miles

Turn RIGHT (South-West) onto Bellsville Pike 0.7 miles

Turn RIGHT (North-West) onto Happy Hollow Rd 1.0 miles

End: Arrive at 3049 Happy Hollow Rd, Nashville, IN 47448

Happy Hollow – 2012 REGISTRATION

Name(s)_____

Please indicate names and ages of children – children under age 6 attend at no cost. Children's program and childcare are provided. \$150 maximum cost per family.

Phone_____Email_____

Monthly Meeting_____

Saturday AND Sunday meals and cabin_____ \$50 per person

Any meal Saturday or Sunday, no lodging _____ \$10 per meal

Meals need to be requested in advance on this form.

How many on this form are vegan/ vegetarian?_____

Any food allergies?_____

Please send check & reservations to: Laura Cruise-Gibson

1423 Hoyt Avenue

Indianapolis, IN 46203

Laura has kindly offered to comfort and nurture us through chair massage during our gathering.

Checks payable to: Whitewater Quarter

Wed. October 17: The Westheimer Peace Symposium in Wilmington, Ohio, promotes the exploration of peace as a viable, realistic alternative in a complex, violence-prone world.

Each year speakers challenge Wilmington College students and the community by addressing the topics of nonviolence, social justice, the environment, and the nature of war.

We hear about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan from the news media every day. But what do we really know about experiences of those who are there on the ground? This year's Westheimer Peace Symposium answers that question from a variety of perspectives. Guest speakers include: Lt. Col. Daniel Davis, author of a report that asks how many more must die in support of a mission that's not succeeding; Brock McIntosh, Matt Southworth, and Sabrina Waller, a panel of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan who will speak to their personal experiences; and Karl Marlantes, author of *What It Is Like to Go to War*, who will speak on the relationship between combat and the spiritual. These speakers, along with a special showing of "The Tillman Story" will help us to understand more fully the reality faced by those in the military...leading us to consider seriously our own roles in sending them out to fight on our behalf.

Events Schedule

10 a.m. – Lt. Col. Danny Davis, "National Defense and the Cost of War: Some Bills Aren't Paid in Dollars"

1:15 p.m. – Veterans Panel, "Three Lives, Three Stories, One Common Experience"

2:45 p.m. – Wilmington College Chorale, "Building Bridges"

3:45 p.m. - Film Showing, "The Tillman Story"

7:30 p.m. – Karl Marlantes, "Combat and the Spiritual"

Meals: Lunch is available in The Underground, located in the lower level of Pyle Student Center (prices will vary), or in the College dining hall, located in the top of Pyle Center, for \$8.85 plus tax. Dinner is available in the College dining hall for \$9.14 plus tax. For those who would like to dine off-campus, Wilmington area restaurant guides will be available in the lobby of Boyd Cultural Arts Center, courtesy of the Clinton County Convention and Visitors' Bureau.

Books: Related books, DVDs, and other items will be available for purchase in the Boyd Cultural Arts Center from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., and from 7 p.m. until 9:30 p.m., as well as at the Peace Resource Center (51 College Street) from 11:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. All proceeds from the sale of these items go to support the work of the Peace Resource Center.

For more information please go to <http://www2.wilmington.edu/prc/Westheimer-pcomingPeaceSymposium.cfm>

OR the evening before here in Cincinnati

Lt. Col. Daniel Davis presents: What Are We Willing to Risk to End the War?

Kennedy Auditorium, inside the CLC at Xavier University on Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Description: Lt. Col. Daniel Davis has served in the U.S. Army since 1985. He was twice deployed to Afghanistan, once to Iraq and once during Desert Storm. He describes himself as "pro strong national defense" and "not a pacifist" but... he is concerned that in the United States today war has become a "normal state of affairs" and the horrible consequences of war are not simply downplayed, but virtually absent from the national consciousness. The danger of such a condition continuing into the future without examination is that the threshold for more bloodshed goes lower and lower until war is no longer used "as a last resort," but as a policy option of first choice. In fact, Davis argues that we are already at that point. Davis will point out the cost of these current wars in ways many might never have considered. When the truth is more fully understood, people may be far less likely to support the easy application of deadly force abroad in their name. In his damning report following his return from his second year-long deployment in Afghanistan, Davis draws on about 250 interviews with U.S. soldiers as well as Afghans across the country to conclude: "Senior ranking U.S. military leaders have so distorted the truth when communicating with the U.S. Congress and American people in regards to conditions on the ground in Afghanistan that the truth has become unrecognizable." Davis asks how many more must die in support of a mission that's not succeeding. "When you're given a mission that cannot — cannot — succeed militarily, then what is the purpose of the mission?"

This event is non-partisan and open to the public.

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