

# Portland Friends Newsletter

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FIRST MONTH 2012

## **First Day schedule**

### **Meeting for Worship**

8am and 10:30am Sunday

### **Religious Education**

2nd & 4th Sundays:  
adults 9am, singing 10am,  
youth 10:45am

## **Friends to contact**

### **Co-Clerks**

Muriel Allen 874-9523  
Anne Harwood 666-8179

### **Treasurer, Contributions**

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58 Hillis Street  
Portland 04103

### **Treasurer, Operating Account**

Kathy Beach 741-2940  
14 Drew Road  
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### **Treasurer, Special Funds**

Sara Jane Elliot 883-0573

### **Special Needs Funds**

Chris Beach 741-2940  
Elizabeth Szatkowski 772-1774

### **Ministry and Counsel**

Dee Kelsey 773-0464  
Kate Potter 761-1648

### **Pastoral Care Coordinators**

Shannon O'Connor 774-2578  
David Spector 518-9723

### **Religious Education**

Adults: Brad Bussiere-Nichols  
772-1774  
Youth: Shuli Bonham 619-4787

### **Youth RE Coordinator**

Anne Payson 781-2501

### **Use of the Meetinghouse**

Jane Mullen 761-5856

### **E-group Coordinator**

Mary Beth Walsh 797-8414  
[mbwalsh@mainelyaccess.com](mailto:mbwalsh@mainelyaccess.com)



*We are already one. But we imagine that we are not. And what we have to recover is our original unity. What we have to be is what we are. — Thomas Merton*

## **Query One—Spiritual Life**

Do you live in thankful awareness of God's constant presence in your life? Are you sensitive and obedient to leadings of the Holy Spirit? Do you seek to follow Jesus, who shows us the way? Do you nurture your spiritual life with prayer and silent waiting and with regular study of the Bible and other devotional literature?

## **Upcoming Events**

- Jan 14** Workshop on new racial justice curriculum, Wellesley, MA, 9:30-3:30  
Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm  
Teen party and sleepover, 5pm; contact Lise Wagner
- Jan 22** Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45-11:45.
- Jan 27** Preble Street Soup Kitchen, 3:30-7pm; Aaiyn Foster, 766-9762
- Jan 28** Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy meeting, Waterville, ME
- Feb 4** Awakening the Dreamer (time TBA); *Snow date: Feb 11*
- Feb 5** Meeting for Business, 9am
- Feb 11** Youngish Adults Potluck, 5-8pm
- Feb 12** Religious Ed: Adults 9am, singing 10am, youth 10:45-11:45
- Mar 1** Screening of *The Prep School Negro*, Friends School
- Mar 31** NEYM's "Living with Integrity in a Time of Change," Wellesley, MA
- July 1-7** Friends General Conference Gathering, Kingston, RI
- Aug 4-8** New England Yearly Meeting, Smithfield, RI

*There are members and attenders who need rides to Meeting and other support during times of difficulty. If you need or can provide rides, food, or your silent presence at home meetings for worship, please leave a message for Shannon O'Connor, 774-2578.*

## **Newsletter Contributions**

### **Please mail items to:**

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Portland, ME 04102

### **OR email items**

**to Anna Barnett**  
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Phone: 523-0314

### **Send address change**

**details to Tony Scillipoti**  
[tscillipoti@maine.rr.com](mailto:tscillipoti@maine.rr.com)

**Deadline for receiving newsletter items: Friday after business meeting or sooner!**

## Minutes of Portland Friends Monthly Meeting January 8, 2012

Portland Friends Meeting gathered in meeting for worship to conduct business on January 8, 2012 at 9 a.m., with 21 members and attenders present. We began in silent worship, during which co-clerk Muriel Allen read the First Query from Faith and Practice concerning Spiritual Life. It begins, "Do you live in thankful awareness of God's constant presence in your life?"

**1. Clerk's Comments.** Co-Clerk Muriel Allen expressed her gratitude to all of us for creating this spiritual community so precious to her, from the children, to the committee clerks, to the holders in the light, and many, many more.

**2. We found the minutes of our December 2011 meeting to be in good order.**

**3. Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Kathy Beach presented the most recent 2011 operating account and reported that we were able to finish the year 2011 with a surplus of \$4,868.40, thanks to giving during the month of December in the amount of \$17,714. The Committee on Financial Oversight asks us to consider putting some of this sum into the endowment replenishment fund. Also suggested are raising scholarships in the 2012 budget and our contributions to Yearly Meeting and the Friends School of Portland.

### **4. Financial Oversight: 2012 Budget; Special Funds; Report on Contributions.**

2012 Budget. Presented for approval was the 2012 budget discussed at our December meeting, with the variety of possible changes described by the Treasurer.

Friends discussed what to do with the surplus, and possible changes in the proposed budget. The Archives Committee indicated they need \$2500 for the coming year, a new request. Another Friend suggested giving some of the surplus to Preble Street in light of the current challenges caused by cuts in state funding. There is also a need to reimburse Anne Payson the incoming Youth Religious Education Coordinator, for time spent in December preparing her transition into the position. Anne indicated she did not expect payment for her orientation. Friends expressed gratitude for her generosity.

The Clerk suggested that Financial Oversight take the budget and make sure there is sufficient money for the archives and some payment to Anne Payson for her work in December. Friends approved the Clerk's suggestion and thanked the committee for their good work in these lean times. The Committee will submit a revised budget for final approval in February.

Special Funds. Sara Jane Elliott reported on the balances in Special Funds, which include bank and securities accounts for cemetery funds, bequests and our endowment.. The total of Meeting Endowment and special cemetery, Margaret Jones, and Barbara Potter funds was \$540,184.14 on December 31, 2011. Some portion of these fund is held in cash in bank accounts for easier access. Friends thanked Sara Jane for her careful work with these funds.

Contributions. Tom Tracy reported on 2011 contributions and our efforts to encourage giving during the year, not just toward the end. More Friends have pledged and contributed on a regular basis. The committee hopes more people will do so in 2012. Tom shared a proposed pledging form, which includes a place to indicate whether you wish reminders. Friends wanting to arrange deductions from their bank account can contact their banks directly, or Sara Jane Elliott, to learn how to do this.

**5. Nominating Committee.** Chris Beach reported that Nominating Committee recommends the following people be approved as members of the following committees or other positions:

Aaiyn Foster on Earth & Spirit Will Kessler on Buildings and Grounds Sarah Davis on Youth Religious Education Brad Bussiere-Nichols and Sandi Jensen, Marney and Morgan Grumbach, Marion Lundgren and H.D. Wagener on closing the Meeting on designated First Days. Friends approved.

Nominating Committee is continuing their search for certain positions, including Financial Oversight, Youth Religious Education, Pastoral Care, Adult Religious Education and fourth Sunday announcements. The Committee will have recommendations for its own membership in March.

**6. Youth Religious Education Committee.** Anne Payson introduced herself and reported she is now working as Youth Religious Education Coordinator. Her current focus is breaking the middle group into two groups, which means she needs more adults to help once or twice between now and the end of the year.

**7. Archive Committee.** Andy Grannell presented an overview of archiving and digitizing the Meeting's newsletters from 1974 to 2011. This work started more than 10 years ago. Phase 1, collection of copies of the newsletters, is virtually complete.

Phase 2 involves converting the paper newsletter to digital form which can be searched by electronic search engines. Phase 3 checks to see if Phase 2 has been successful. These phases are also virtually complete.

Phase 4 reproduces and makes the paper and digital versions available in bound volumes and USB flash drive.

The Committee has arranged for this to be done. The products will be put here in our library, and made available to New England Yearly Meeting Archives and Maine Historical Society. It was suggested that a digital copy be available for searches here.

It was noted that our current newsletters and minutes are now being entered automatically into an ongoing archive.

Andy suggested that Friends read this collection once available, as it is full of thrilling stories of our journey of faith over these last decades. Friends thanked the committee for their long and important work.

We closed in silent worship at 10:30 a.m. with 32 members and attenders present, purposing to meet again at 9 a.m. on February 5, 2012, God willing.

*Lyn Ballou, Co-Recording Clerk*

## 2012 Individual & Committee Responsibilities at PFM

as of January 8, 2012

Co-Clerks of Meeting .....	Muriel Allen & <i>Anne Harwood</i>
Co-Recording Clerks (Bus. Meeting)....	Lyn Ballou & Jenny Doughty
Recorder (Meeting's official records) ...	Lise Wagner
Treasurer (Operating Account) .....	Kathy Beach
Treasurer (Contributions) .....	Sue Nelson
Treasurer (Special Funds) .....	Sara Jane Elliot
Reviewer of Financial Records .....	Beth King
Special Needs Fund .....	Chris Beach & Elizabeth Szatkowski
Youth Religious Ed. Coordinator.....	<i>Anne Payson</i>
Nursery Religious Ed. Coordinator....	Aja Stephan
Meetinghouse Use Coordinator .....	Jane Mullen (back-up person: Patricia Pyle)
PFM's Nominees to FSP Board.....	
E-group Coordinator .....	Mary Beth Walsh (back-up person: Patricia Pyle)

*Italics* = new this year  
 \* = Convener or Clerk of committee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ = position yet to be filled

### COMMITTEES

#### **Ministry & Counsel** (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 6:30, Back Classroom)

Jenny Doughty ('12)	Lee Ivy ('13)	Jim Maier ('14)
Kate Potter ('12)	<i>Christine Fletcher</i> ('13)	Arthur Fink ('14)
<i>Stephanie Richards</i> ('12)	Dee Kelsey ('13)	<i>Lyn Ballou</i> ('14)

#### **Peace & Social Concerns**

\*Kiya Smith, Jennifer Frick, Sydney McDowell, Karin Wagner, *Tom Tracy*, Dennis Redfield, Muriel Allen (*ex officio*)

#### **Financial Oversight Committee**

\*Tom Tracy, Terry Garrett, \_\_\_\_\_, Kathy Beach (*ex officio*), Sara Jane Elliot (*ex officio*), Sue Nelson (*ex officio*)

#### **Communications Committee**

Newsletter: Anna Barnett, Marion Lundgren, Liz Maier, Tony Scilipoti, H. D. Wagener

Website Development: Tony Scilipoti, Arthur Fink, Darlene Ivy, Rich Nagle

E-group Coordinator: Mary Beth Walsh (back-up: Patricia Pyle).

Recording Announcements: 1<sup>st</sup> Sun, Chris Beach; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun, Patricia Pyle; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun, Stephanie Richards, 4<sup>th</sup> Sun, \_\_\_\_\_; 5<sup>th</sup> Sun, Christine Fletcher

#### **Buildings & Grounds** (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9:15, Kitchen)

\*Liz Maier, Ward Archer, Dorothy Coyle, Syl Doughty, Tom Pulling, H. D. Wagener, *Will Kessler*, \_\_\_\_\_, James Grumbach (winter only), Tracy Booth (summer only), Ed Robinson (helping hand)

#### **PFM Resource Committee for FSP**

Rita Clifford ('12), Stefanie Fairchild ('12), Kate Potter ('13), Kiya Smith ('13), Chris Beach ('14), Terry Garrett ('14)

#### **Library Committee**

\*Karyl Sylken, Colleen Crowley, Stephanie Richards, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Cemetery Committee**

\*Ed Robinson, Andy Grannell, Lee Ivy, Al Schryver, Karyl Sylken, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Earth & Spirit** (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9:15, Back Classroom)

\*Barbara Rose McIntosh, Mary Brock, John Radebaugh, Ed Robinson, Aaiyn Foster, *Holly Travers*, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Pastoral Oversight Committee** (meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, 9:15, Parlor)

\*Shannon O'Connor & \*David Spector, Sue Calhoun, Morgan Grumbach, Kristine MacCormick, Al Norton, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Hospitality Committee**

\*Heidi Johnson, Marlee Turner, Sarah Cushman, *Christina Davis*, *Emily Silevenac*

#### **Adult Religious Education Committee**

\*Brad Bussiere-Nichols, Andy Grannell, Sandi Jensen, Elizabeth Szatkowski, Donna Yellen, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Youth Religious Education Committee**

\*Shuli Bonham, Chris Fitze, Chris Gunderman, Susan Lavigne, Obie Philbrook, Lise Wagner, *Sarah Davis*, \_\_\_\_\_, *Anne Payson* (*ex officio*), Aja Stephan (*ex officio*)

#### **Teams to clean up & close Meetinghouse after Meeting for Worship**

1 <sup>st</sup> First Day of month:	*Chris Beach & Kathy Beach
2 <sup>nd</sup> First Day of month:	Jen Frick & Peter Raszmann + <i>Brad B-N</i> & Sandi Jensen
3 <sup>rd</sup> First Day of month:	<i>Marnie Grumbach</i> & <i>Morgan Grumbach</i>
4 <sup>th</sup> First Day of month:	<i>Marion Lundgren</i> & <i>H. D. Wagener</i>
5 <sup>th</sup> First Day of month:	Christine Fletcher & Richard Nagel

#### **Leadings**

Patricia Pyle, Brad B-N., Jasa Porciello, Lise Wagner, Muriel Allen, Sandi Jensen

#### **Archive Committee (re-born)**

*Karyl Sylken*, *Sandi Jensen*, *Andy Grannell*, *Colleen Crowley*

#### **Nominating Committee** (To be reconstituted in February of 2012)

\*Chris Be. ('11); Elizabeth Sz. ('11); Rob Le. ('11); Rita Cl. ('12); Kate Po. ('12)

# Financial Oversight Committee Annual Report, 2011

January 11, 2012

As of December 31, 2011 total contributions and other revenue have exceeded total expenses for all of 2011 by \$4868.40. Last year we squeaked into the black by less than \$100 at the very last day. This year contributions in December totaled \$17,714.00, and last year \$15,314.00. Over the course of 2011 contributions exceed the prior year's figures. This was not the case for 2010. In the fall, and especially throughout December we made numerous appeals in 2010. In 2011 fewer appeals were made. Instituting pledging in 2011 seems to have made a significant difference.

Pledging statistics for 2011:

- 49 people/households made pledges
- \$36, 970 was pledged in total
- \$38,230 was ultimately contributed by pledgers
- 2 of those who pledged, ended up not contributing
- 6 who pledged ended up contributing less than they pledged
- 14 who pledged ended up contributing more than they pledged
- \$813 the average total annual contribution by pledgers

Non-pledgers statistics for 2011:

- 50 of those who contributed had not pledged
- \$18, 524 was contributed by non-pledgers
- \$370 the average total annual contribution by non-pledgers

Total contributors statistics:

- In 2009 83
- In 2010 94
- In 2011 97

Looking at PFM members as noted in the latest directory here are our preliminary numbers:

- 45 member households contributed this year
- 7 member households didn't contribute this year
- 14 households didn't contribute in the past three years (most distant and/or 80+)

The ranges of contributions is as follows for 2010 and 2011

\$10-190	31	31
\$200-480	27	32
\$500-900	13	19
\$1000-\$2000	9	11
over \$2000	3	5

Contributions to PFM have continued to skew toward December, but there were more regular monthly and quarterly contributors in 2011 than in 2010. The Financial Oversight Committee plans to seek pledges again from all members and regular attenders.

We seek the guidance of the Meeting in how to approach members who have not been contributing. Most are not active Meeting attenders and many live outside of our area.

# 2012 Pledge Request

## PFM Financial Oversight Committee

We are pleased to report that Meeting members and attenders contributed \$17,714 in December and as a result the Meeting ended with net income for the full year of \$4868.40. The pledging process that we began at the beginning of 2011 seemed to help. Those who pledged (49 in all) contributed a total of \$38,230 in 2011. And more of them contributed on a regular basis (monthly or quarterly). A total of 50 people who had not pledged nevertheless made contributions totaling \$18,524.

For 2012 we would like:

- more members and attenders to make pledges for 2012
- more to contribute on a regular basis (monthly or quarterly) so that our financial position is better during the course of the year, and
- all members and regular attenders to make a financial contribution of some kind.

With 100 households contributing we will need to average close to \$600 each to balance the 2012 budget. We recognize that people's individual financial circumstances vary and that many people make very significant non-financial contributions to the Meeting and that this are essential to keeping the Meeting strong. At the same time, the Meeting needs broad financial support to operate.

If you are able to make a pledge, please do so.

### Here is what we need to know:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount pledged: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly \_\_\_\_\_ quarterly \_\_\_\_\_ one-time - when? \_\_\_\_\_

Should we remind you if you are behind? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Please deliver this pledge to Tom Tracy by hand, by email (tomtracymail@yahoo.com) or mail it to:

Tom Tracy



148 Noyes Street  
Portland, ME 04103

Contributions should be sent to:

Sue Nelson  
58 Hillis Road  
Portland, ME 04103

If this year you don't want to be contacted about this by any means - email, letter, phone, singing telegram, or telepathic waves – please let me know.

Thank you,

*Tom Tracy, clerk, Financial Oversight Committee*

# Friendly Q&A: Anne Harwood

*This month we welcome our new Co-Clerk Anne Harwood, who has gamely volunteered for the first in a series of Friendly Q&As. Over the coming year in the newsletter you'll find occasional interviews with people in and around Portland Friends Meeting. I hope these Q&As will inspire you and help us get to know each other better, and I welcome suggestions of Friends, guests, and others you'd like to see interviewed. --Anna Barnett*

## **What are the rewards you get from this Meeting?**

**Anne Harwood:** I get enormous rewards from the Meeting. There is a sense of belonging to a spiritual community made up of many lovely people. I have been deeply touched by many people in the Meeting, and I expect there will be more such connections as we continue together. I have been awed by our elders and blessed by knowing such people as Doug Uranek, Mary and Barbie Potter, Bob Philbrook, and Dick Bowman. They have left us with their kindness and wisdom.

## **What has your spiritual journey been like so far?**

**Anne:** I have always been attracted to churches and the Spirit, and that love has taken me down many avenues. I was raised Episcopalian, spent a handful of years as a Methodist, spent another handful of years as part of Cursillo (a largely Catholic organization that puts on retreats) and now am very pleased to be a Quaker. Each of these organizations has given me important gifts. When I finally found Quakers I felt I was home. Books have also been important in my spiritual journey. I have learned important lessons from such valuable sources as the Bible, A Course in Miracles, Eckart Tolle, Shunryu Suzuki, and lately Thich Nhat Hanh.

## **What would you say to a person asking what a Quaker Meeting is all about?**

**Anne:** I would say it is a spiritual community learning together how to organize ourselves around the principles of truth, equality, peace and simplicity, and how to take our principles out into the world and make a positive difference. Because we believe that there is that of God in each person, each person is respected and invited to share their ideas in our organization and in our Meeting for Worship. This makes for a thoughtful organization and a rich and uplifting worship service. We have recently started our wonderful Friends School of Portland founded on our Quaker principles. From my two granddaughters who go to the school, I know we are making a difference.

## **What has brought you joy lately?**

**Anne:** I love seeing the squares of sunlight on the Meeting room floor. The sight fills me with happiness and gratitude for the lovely group that we are. And I am very pleased to be the new co-clerk.



## **Arthur Fink workshop at Woolman Hill: “Photographing from Within”**

Arthur Fink is running a workshop at Woolman Hill, February 17-19, on "Photographing from Within".

This will be a weekend of photographing from within, with time for silent worship together, for creating pictures, and for sharing our work, our process, and our spiritual journey. Our goal is to broaden our vision, open our spiritual awareness, and, as we do this, learn how to take more expressive pictures. We'll use a worship sharing mode as we consider the images we're carrying within and the images we see around us. Out of this space, we'll let photographs arise. Then we'll spend time together sharing our process, and our discovery.

Note that this is NOT a workshop about photographic technique. It's about inward visual and outward expression, about how artistic work helps us both discover and celebrate our spiritual truths. In fact, much of our time will be spent seeing pictures, but not actually using the camera. You don't need any photographic experience to join this workshop, though you should feel passionate about taking and making pictures that speak from within.

## Intervisitation from Debbie Humphries

On December 10 and 11, Portland Friends Meeting was lucky enough to participate in the time-honored Quaker tradition of intervisitation. Our particular visitors were Debbie Humphries and Eleanor Godway, her elder, from Hartford CT Monthly Meeting. Debbie has been visiting Meetings for over seven years. She does not travel with a particular concern as John Woolman our most famous intervisitor did, but instead comes with her lively mind, her own spiritual discernment, her knowledge of the Bible and Quaker practice and her experience in other Meetings.

She is especially skilled at framing queries. On Saturday evening she asked, "How does your Meeting nurture your spiritual growth and how does it hinder it?" In answering this query, it seemed to me that those present came to view the Meeting with new eyes—with greater gratitude perhaps, with better understanding of where change might be needed, and with the kernels of new ideas to pursue in the future.

At Adult Religious Ed on Sunday morning Debbie spoke about her readings in the Bible (Her preferred translation is the New English Bible with Apocrypha). Her sense of humor shown through as she compared the Baal worshippers in the Old Testament to "the neighbors," noting how hard it is to follow what God wants you to do when the surrounding culture is suggesting other practices. She tries on the idea, derived from her reading of Job, that God's justice is not just for people but for the whole of his creation—at once too vast and too intricate for us to understand completely.

At the end of morning worship on December 11, Debbie left us with a final query to ponder: "Gospel translates as 'good news'. What is your own personal good news that you have to spread? What is it that you know and the world need to hear?" That query has stayed very present for me and I have answered it again and again for the past month.

Debbie is obviously a gifted individual and Eleanor is a very helpful companion, but it does seem that, in part, the richness of intervisitation is mystical and synergistic and that some sort of energy is generated that neither guests nor hosts\* could have summoned alone. It was a wonderful addition to the Christmas season.

*--Muriel Allen*

\*Debbie & Eleanor stayed with Andy & Dorothy Grannell





## **Discussion on prison sentences in Maine**

### **Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy meets Jan 28**

The next FCMPP meeting will be Saturday, January 28 in the upstairs library meeting room at the Alford Youth Center (Boys and Girls Club) at 126 North Street in Waterville. We'll gather for refreshments around 9:45 a.m., and begin with a brief period of silent worship at 10 a.m. Please bring a bag lunch (feel free to also bring something to share if you feel so led.) We expect the meeting to come to a close by 2:00 p.m. on the 28th.

Neale Duffett, past President of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys and Sarah Churchill, the association's current president, will be speaking with us in the morning about Maine sentencing laws and guidelines. Neale Duffett chaired the 2003-2004 "Maine State Commission to Improve the Sentencing, Supervision, Management and Incarceration of Prisoners," the last statewide review that Maine state courts undertook to review state sentencing guidelines.

We will also have updates on 1) the interesting (and often surprisingly positive) developments in this legislative session on matters of concern to FCMPP, 2) the Maine Indian State-Tribal Commission and the Maine Tribal-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and 3) support for the Wabanaki Health and Wellness Center. Please let me know if there are other items that you wish to add to the agenda.

Please mark your calendars for the following FCMPP meeting on March 24, at which our guest speakers on restorative justice will be Jamie Bissonette Lewey and Keith Harvey, both from the AFSC New England Regional Office.

## **Friends School film night**

**Join us for a screening of *The Prep School Negro* followed by an outreach workshop with Director André Robert Lee**



**March 1, 2012  
6:00 pm**

**Free and Open to the Public**

UNE's Ludcke Auditorium  
719 Stevens Avenue, Portland

André Robert Lee and his sister grew up in the ghettos of Philadelphia. Their mother struggled to support them by putting strings in the waistbands of track pants and swimsuits in a local factory. When Andre was 14 years old, he received what his family believed to be a golden ticket – a full scholarship to attend one of the most prestigious prep schools in the country. Elite education was Andre's way up and out, but at what price? Yes, the exorbitant tuition was covered, but this new world cost him and his family much more than anyone could have anticipated.

In ***The Prep School Negro***, André takes a journey back in time to revisit the events of his adolescence while also spending time with current day prep school students of color and their classmates to see how much has really changed inside the ivory tower. What he discovers along the way is the poignant and unapologetic truth about who really pays the consequences for yesterday's accelerated desegregation and today's racial naiveté.

#### **For more information:**



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## Salt & Light study course online

Any Portland Friend who would like to further explore the World Conference of Friends theme of "Being Salt & Light: Living the Kingdom in a Broken World" may do so via an online international conversation. There are still some copies of the study booklet in the Meeting parlor and it is available on line at [www.saltandlight2012.org](http://www.saltandlight2012.org). It requires an easy online registration and you have the option of participating in a variety of languages.

- **Have you read the World Conference study booklet (or participated in PFM's event)?**
- **Are you excited, inspired and challenged by what you read there?**
- **Are you eager to share your thoughts and feelings with other Friends?**
- **Are you prepared to listen with an open mind and open heart to the thoughts and feelings of other Friends?**
- **Are you open to new light that might come as a result?**
- **Are you prepared to grow?**

If you answer 'yes' to all of the above, then the online study circle is for you!

You will work with the study booklet texts and queries:

- in groups of up to 12 Friends with diverse backgrounds and from diverse Quaker traditions
- in Spanish, French, English or Russian
- in an easy-to-use online forum called Moodle
- for 7 weeks, taking about 2 hours of interaction a week
- working when it suits your own schedule
- with a facilitator equipped for Quaker online methods of learning and sharing

Sound interesting? Register soon as the conversations will start in February.

## Youth Religious Education News

Anne Payson is the new Youth Religious Education Coordinator, replacing Dorothy Grannell. Anne welcomes comments and suggestions from parents and can be reached at 781-2501 or [annepayson10@gmail.com](mailto:annepayson10@gmail.com). If you child is not registered, please contact her.



### Stories and service: changes to First Day School

For parents of 7-12 or 13 years old children, please note that we have changed the structure and activities to make it more age-appropriate, fun, and engaging.

Ages 7-9 will have a story and activity, focusing on living peacefully with our emotions and living out Friends testimonies. Heather Denkmire will be present at every class, with other adults reading a story and leading an activity. We still need a few more adults to be read on one or two of the following dates; February 26, March 11, April 22, May 13, and June 10.

Ages 10-12 or 13 will focus on "Living Quaker: What difference does being a Quaker make" by interviewing and recording elders in our meeting with Jim Maier, and doing service work with Brad Bussiere. Second Sundays will be dedicated to interviewing, and fourth Sundays will involve service work. Suggestions for interviewees are welcomed. Drivers are needed for volunteer service days.

# Save the dates:

## Awakening the Dreamer, Feb 4



Where are we, at this moment, in our  
relationship with our Earth?

How did we get to this point?

Where do we go from here?

We invite you to explore these important questions, as we present

### AWAKENING THE DREAMER, CHANGING THE DREAM

*Committed to bringing about an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on this planet*

Saturday, Feb 4 at Portland Friends Meeting (time TBA)

The Symposium is based upon a partnership that has developed between the Achuar people from the Amazon, and people from the industrialized world, who met them in Ecuador.

This exciting, timely presentation will bring you to the realization that we are at a moment in history when the Eagle – the symbol of the developed world that represents the best of the intellect and the mind – and the Condor – the bird that for indigenous people represents the best of wisdom and the heart – must come together to ensure the continued existence of humankind. We have much to learn from each other.



Please join us as we address these questions with brilliant, impactful videos and interactive exercises. You will have opportunities to add your own thoughts, raise your own questions, and to meet fellow humans who share your interests and concerns. We will make you aware of ways in which you can join in the fast-growing, powerful global movement to bring about positive change.

You may find yourself in a state of what Paul Hawken calls "blessed unrest"!

## and... Awakening the Dreamer with NEYM

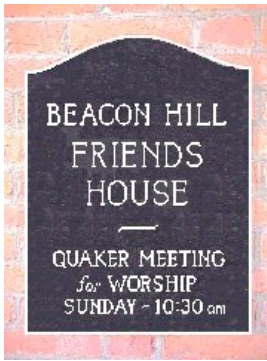
## Living with Integrity in a Time of Change, Mar 31

### NEYM mid-year gathering, Wellesley, MA

The realities of climate change, deepening social and economic injustice and a spiritually bereft culture challenge New England Friends to find new relevance, listening to the living spirit in worship, action and witness. Join us for a Mid-Year Gathering on Saturday, March 31st to explore what we may be called to do. An Awakening the Dreamer session led by Steve Chase and other New England Quakers, and structured small group discussions, will help build an important bridge between our 2011 and 2012 Sessions. A children's program will be available on-site.

Held at St Andrews Episcopal Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Overnight hospitality with area Friends will be available. Contact Jeff Hipp at the NEYM Office for further information.

## Beacon Hill Friends House seeks manager



Beacon Hill Friends House is accepting applications for a live-in, 3/4-time position serving our residential, cooperative community:

### Residency Manager

Start Date: February 15, 2012

The Residency Manager holds primary responsibility for the care and administration of the day-to-day workings of the community. Responsibilities include mentoring residents in community life, managing admissions, resident chores, rent collection, and maintenance of community documents. The Residency Manager works closely with the Director and Kitchen Manager to ensure smooth operations of the Resident Program and the healthy functioning of the community.

The Residency Manager has oversight of Guest Room

hospitality, including taking reservations, preparing rooms and greeting guests. A third area of responsibility is for smooth functioning of the office. This position requires some evening and weekend work.

Beacon Hill Friends House is a Quaker center in a historic building in downtown Boston. Our residential program is a multigenerational, cooperative community based in Quaker practice and principles. Our other activities include offering hospitality through overnight guest rooms and public meeting spaces for Quakers and others; holding Quaker-related events and publishing Quaker pamphlets.

To apply, please send a letter of inquiry to Holly Baldwin, Director, [hbaldwin@bhfh.org](mailto:hbaldwin@bhfh.org).



### White Privilege Conference

The 13th annual White Privilege Conference is March 28-March 31 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and once again Friends General Conference is sponsoring a group of Quakers attending this powerful event. Friends who pre-register with FGC will receive large discounts on the event.

More info: <http://www.fgcquaker.org/cmr/white-privilege-conference-2012>

pre-registration ends February 13.

## New singing group: Maine Peace Singers

PFM member Janet Eastman is part of newly formed singing group called Maine Peace Singers.

Janet writes: *I believe the mission is very much in alignment with Quaker values and am hopeful that there are Friends who might be interested. Here is the information:*

Maine Peace Singers is an intergenerational folk choir whose purpose is to promote peace through music. The main focus of the group is on the process of building community through music. We sing songs with messages of love, respect, hope, kindness, acceptance, friendship and diversity. We have fun singing together and expanding our musical horizons with songs from many styles and cultures. We share our message through performance and sing-a-longs at local venues such as nursing homes, hospice houses and schools.

We practice every Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. in Portland area. There is no audition and we always welcome new members regardless of your musical or vocal talent.

If you would like information about Maine Peace Singers, please contact Janet Eastman at 637-3630 or by email at [jeastman@fairpoint.net](mailto:jeastman@fairpoint.net)

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**Notices**

**Friends School admission deadline - Feb 1**

February 1 is the Deadline for Priority Admission Applications to the Friends School of Portland. For more information, please contact Jessica Eller, [jessica@friendsschoolofportland.org](mailto:jessica@friendsschoolofportland.org)

**Missing folding table**

A white folding table used for First Day Classes went missing sometime in late November or early December (no, it is not the one in the attic room). It was in the back classroom on the first floor. It folds in the middle as well as having legs that fold. It may have gone to a family party or been put someplace safe but--alas--it has not returned.

If you borrowed it, please return it. If you put it away for safekeeping, please let Anne Payson or a YRE committee member know where it is.



**Kakamega post**

Andy and Dorothy Grannell are planning to visit with Friends in Kakamega before the World Conference of Friends, so if you are supporting a student at the school or orphanage, we will be able to carry letters to them.

**Early Meeting for Worship** is being held every Sunday at 8am.

Contact:  
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