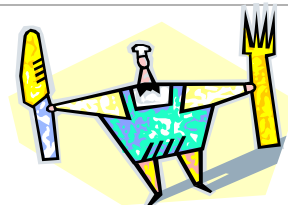


TEMPE FRIENDS MEETING

FEBRUARY
2008

FRIENDLY EIGHTS



Our next FRIENDLY EIGHTS gatherings will take place on SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16th, with an alternate date of FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15th for those unable to make the Saturday date. The dinners are at 6:00 or 6:30 PM, depending upon the host. A sign-up sheet has been circulated at Meeting for Worship. Those wishing to come, who have not yet already signed up, please call Mary Ann Marcus (480-967-0657) or Lisa Hobson (480-804-1222).

The FRIENDLY EIGHTS dinners are potlucks with assigned dishes, and held in the homes of those offering to host. There are usually 8 to 10 at each home. The hosting home provides the main dish and beverages, and calls his or her list of guests to assign the other dishes.

This is primarily an adult affair, but there may be one house where adults wishing to bring their children go.

ANNUAL MEETING RETREAT: FEB. 29, MAR. 1 & 2

John Woolman: A Journal-Writing Retreat on Simplicity

In this retreat we will be talking about John Woolman as a model for thinking about simplicity and how it can be applied to our lives. We will wonder what it means to center our living in simplicity and we will share from our struggles and issues with simplicity today. We will look at Woolman's life and writings, and ask WWJWD (What would John Woolman do?). The workshop will build upon Tempe Meeting's previous Adult Religious Education discussions on simplicity. But if you missed those previous sessions, it is fine to begin anew. Please bring a journal or other writing materials, as we will be writing and thinking about Quaker spiritual autobiography. If you are able, please bring a copy of Woolman's *Journal and Major Essays* (The Moulton edition is best, but any edition will do fine.)

Mike Heller, from the Roanoke Monthly Meeting, and professor of English at Roanoke College, Virginia will lead us in our spiritual journey. He is a former member of Tempe Monthly Meeting. Mike is a Friend very familiar with the writings of John Woolman and with journaling.

Simplicity is a matter of spiritual intent, or an aim of the heart. It consists of aligning our lives with what we hear when we listen to our Guide. If we listen quietly to the cool, calm Center within, there is an invitation to a simpler and more meaningful life awaiting each of us. Catherine Whitmire

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MEETING FOR WORSHIP

10:00 AM, Sunday

FIRST DAY SCHOOL

10:00 AM, Sunday

FOOD AND TALK

11:00 PM

AFTER MEETING FOR WORSHIP

CLERK

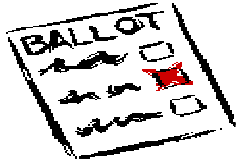
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INFORMATION FOR VOTERS

With 2008 electioneering in full swing, voters are being bombarded with every kind of claim by candidates. How is it possible to sort truth from exaggeration and fiction? There are several websites offering light to “seekers of truth.”

Project Vote Smart (www.vote-smart.org)

Nonpartisan voter information on each candidate including biography, issue positions, campaign finances, interest group ratings and voting record. This includes state legislatures as well as the national arena.

FactCheck (www.factcheck.org)

A project of the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. They monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews and news releases.

Politifact.com (www.politifact.com)

A project of the *St. Petersburg Times* and *Congressional Quarterly*. Examines statements by presidential candidates for relative truthfulness. Includes brief biographies of candidates.

Pat Pollak, Flagstaff Monthly Meeting

MAKE PEACE THIS ELECTION YEAR:

QUESTION CANDIDATES ABOUT BANNING CLUSTER BOMBS

In the last 10 years, the U.S. has used cluster bombs in civilian-populated areas of the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan and Iraq. If elected, will you support legislation in the House and the Senate that would ban the use of cluster bombs in civilian populated areas? By asking presidential and congressional candidates this question, you can help get past the rhetoric and find out what candidates would be likely to do if elected to represent you in Washington. A U.S. government official in Geneva told reporters last week that the Bush administration opposes a global agreement that would ban cluster bombs. State Department officials have also told Congress they oppose legislation that would ban the use of cluster bombs in or near civilian areas. If the administration refuses to act, Congress should act by passing the Cluster Munitions Civilian Protection Act.

For more information contact Friends Committee on National Legislation at www.fcnl.org.

I-HELP

Please consider offering your help to I-HELP! Tempe Meeting continues to serve one meal a month to members of our homeless community. Our upcoming dates to serve meals are on the first Friday of each month. Keep in mind February 1, March 7, and April 4. It's easier than ever to see who will be helping at the upcoming meals, and what each will be bringing. In recent months, we have usually served about 35 guests and as many as 15 Quakers. Several families bring their children to help with serving the meal and cleaning up afterwards. Its an excellent opportunity for our Young Friends to learn about serving the wider community. New chart-pad sign-up sheets and menu can be found on a table in the back of the social room at the meetinghouse. For question and offers of help, you may telephone Carolyn Thompson (480-248-7575) or Ruth Kearns (480-831-3351).

THE PEACE TESTIMONY AND THE WAR IN IRAQ:
TOWARD A QUAKER RESPONSE

Our peace testimony is an important part of our identity as Friends.

There are many ways to live out a peace testimony: refuse to participate in war, try to stop war, share tools of dealing with conflict without violence, live lives that don't nourish the seeds of war.

Our country is at war.

In our most recent experience with war, the Vietnam War, much of our focus was on trying to stop it. All our efforts, along with the efforts of many others in the anti-war movement, had enough success that we have tried to do the same with the Iraq War. Many of us are very disheartened at our failure.

Looking back further in history, however, some of our proudest moments as Quakers came in relation to wars that we were not able to stop. The massive feeding programs after World War I, and the rebuilding programs after World War II brought Quakers together, gave common work, allowed us to visibly live out our beliefs as a faith community.

Perhaps it is time to focus once again on healing from war. There is certainly healing to be done. U.S. Iraq war veterans are coming home in deep physical and mental pain, with heart-wrenching family break-ups, job instability and homelessness on the rise. And there are now over 4 million Iraqi refugees; the land of Iraq has been assaulted. Both of these are catastrophes.

A focus on healing would ground us in love. It would center our faith communities in spiritual rather than political work. Rolling up our sleeves and doing the work that is there to be done—with U.S. war vets and Iraqi refugees—would get us out in the world together, living our Quaker faith. We would learn a lot. Perhaps we would do some good.

God does not call us to be successful but rather to be faithful. What if some Quaker organizations cooperated to set up opportunities to be involved in healing work? What if every Monthly Meeting directly addressed the reality that our country is at war and decided to play a role in healing, knowing that they were part of a common effort, that this is what Quakers do?

Peace & Concerns Standing Committee of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Dec., 2007.



Please lock the doors and windows when you leave the meetinghouse.

PLAN TO ATTEND SPRING AHYM IN TUCSON IN MARCH

The spring meeting of the Arizona Half Yearly Meeting will be held in Tucson on MARCH 28 TO 30, at the PIMA MEETINGHOUSE. Registration forms and additional information will be available at the end of February in the Tempe Meetinghouse Library. Scholarships are available: contact the clerk, Dave Nachman.

QUAKER HUMOR STAN BANKER. *QUAKER LITE 2 1/2*

MATH PROBLEM FOR MODERN QUAKERS

1. Little Quaker Lucrecia lives across the street from little Larry who attends a Southern Baptist church that flies an American flag with a banner saying, "These colors don't run." Larry always calls Lucrecia obnoxious names and trips her on their way to school. According to Christ's command to forgive 70 times 7, how many times must Lucrecia forgive Larry before she beats the heck out of him?
2. George Fox was arrested seven times—three times for disturbing the peace and four times for not doffing his hat to authorities. His total time served in jail for disturbing the peace was 236 days. His total time for not doffing his hat was 317 days. Which crime carried more days per conviction?

TEMPE FRIENDS MEETING CALENDAR

1 FRIDAY	5:00 PM	I-HELP at the Community Christian Church
2 SATURDAY	1:00 PM	Outreach Committee at the Meetinghouse
3 SUNDAY	8:30 AM	Peace & Social Concerns Committee
	8:30 AM	Council & Oversight Committee
	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship
10 SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship
	11:30 AM	Meeting for Business
	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
15 FRIDAY or 16 SATURDAY	6:30 PM	FRIENDLY EIGHTS at Hosts' homes
17 SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship
	11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education Committee
	11:30 AM	Building & Grounds Committee
	11:30 AM	Worship & Ministry Committee
	11:30 AM	Adult Education Committee
24 SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Meeting for Worship
	11:00 AM	Choir Practice
29 FRIDAY (FEB. 29)	6:00 PM	ANNUAL MEETING RETREAT: Opening Session
1 SATURDAY (MAR 1)	9:00 AM on	ANNUAL MEETING RETREAT: All Day
2 SUNDAY (MAR. 2)	9:00 AM	ANNUAL MEETING RETREAT: Closing Session

OTHER EVENTS

MARCH 1, 2: TURNING WALLS INTO BRIDGES, Farmer Building, ASU, Tempe

7th Annual Local to Global Justice Teach-In. Free to the public, with food, live music, workshops, and more. For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.localtogloball.org.

MAY 2 to 3: DONOHOE FORUM, ARIZONA ECUMENICAL COUNCIL-RABBI TO RABBI: THE JEWISH PERSPECTIVE ON JESUS, Phoenix

The featured speaker is Rabbi Michael Cook. Rabbi Cook, PhD, is a professor of Intertestamental and Early Christian Literature at Hebrew Union College.