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Caln Quarterly Meeting

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Lancaster Friends Meeting

SCHEDULE:

10-11:30 am	Meeting for Worship & Announcements
11:30-12:15 pm	Shared Meal: Lancaster Friends offer a community meal to visitors
12:15-1:30 pm	Meeting for Business
1:30 pm	PROGRAM: "Engagement With Iran" Ed Martin speaking on his personal engagement, as well as the US Government's policy toward engagement with Iran.

Ed Martin has been involved in issues of international development, relief, and peace-building in the Middle East and Asia since 1970. He began work with Iran in 1991 and has visited there 25 times. His involvement with Iran has included:

- Development of a student exchange and interfaith dialogue program with Iran including international, interfaith dialogue conferences;
- Organization of delegations to Iran from Canada and US and from Iran to US and Canada;
- Relations with a broad range of people in Iran including government officials, university professors, and religious leaders (Muslim and Christian);
- Cooperation with Iranian Red Crescent Society on disaster and refugee relief.

Ed Martin has also directed development and peace-building programs in South and Southeast Asia and research on irrigation management while residing in Nepal and Sri Lanka.

See page 7 for directions to Lancaster Friends Meeting

The Meetings of Caln Quarter

Bradford

Worship: 11 am
526 W Strasburg Rd
Marshallton, Pa
Clerk: Sandy Hale

Harrisburg

Worship: 11 am
1100 N. 6th St
Harrisburg, Pa
Clerk: Ken Woerthwein

Sadsbury

Worship: 10:15 am
Simmontown Rd
Gap, Pa
Clerk: Sue Snyder

Old Caln Meetinghouse

Under care of Quaker Trustees
Worship: 10:30 am
(1st 3 Sundays)
Rt 340 and Bailey Rd
Coatesville, Pa

Chambersburg

Worship: 10:30 am
630 Lindia Dr
Chambersburg, Pa
Clerk: Jim Barton

Lancaster

Worship: 8 & 10 am
110 Tulane Terrace
Lancaster, Pa
Clerk: Joe Moore

Schuylkill

Worship: 10 am
37 N. Whitehorse Rd.
Phoenixville, Pa
Clerk: Megan Connolly

Cornwall

Worship Group

Under care of LMM
Worship: 10 am
(1st Sunday)
Paymaster House
of Cornwall Manor

Exeter

Worship: 10:30 am
191 Meetinghouse Rd
Douglasville, Pa
Clerk: Jack Grebinger

Reading

Worship: 10 am
108 N. 6th St
Reading, Pa
Clerk: Jim Morrissey

Uwchlan

Worship: 10:30 am
800 E. Lancaster Ave
Downingtown, Pa
Clerk: Sally McQuail

The Officers of Caln Quarter

Jody Kinney, Clerk of Caln Quarter
Darlington Hoopes, Treasurer
Jim Herr, Recording Clerk
Kay Pickering, Nominating

Coordinator of Caln Quarter

Marie Ryan

Send newsletter submissions to the
coordinator at
coordinator@calnqm.org

Learn about upcoming events
and CQ's Monthly Meetings at
Www.calnqm.org



Caln Quarterly Meetings

are regularly occurring events.

They take place in:

February —on the 3rd Sunday

May —on the 1st Saturday

August —on the 3rd Sunday

October —on the 3rd Sunday

**Please mark those days on your meeting's
calendar**

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**Autumn Meeting Of Caln Quarterly Meeting, The Religious Society of Friends,
Held At Exeter Monthly Meeting on Tenth Month 18, 2009.**

Friends had gathered for worship at 10:00 this morning. After a brief break, friends returned to worship, out of which, at about 11:10 clerk, Jody Kinney from Uwchlan Monthly Meeting, introduced herself and the recording clerk, Jim Herr from Lancaster Monthly Meeting. The agenda was presented with a suggestion for an addition.

All Meetings of the Quarter were represented except Harrisburg, Sadsbury, Schuylkill, and the Cornwall Worship Group. We had guests from Gwynedd Meeting, Abington Quarter. Treasurer Darlington Hoopes jr. gave us a report. We started with \$23,463.58. Money came in (\$34,067.98) and money went out (\$32,868.90), with an addition to our treasury (ending with \$24,662.66). Darlington expressed great concern about the accuracy and actual figures from the Camp Swatara gathering last May. Marie Ryan offered to help to gather this information from Brian Herson, Lancaster, who was clerk of the Camp Swatara planning committee. She said she will have a couple people put this together by November 1, in time for the next meeting of this year's Swatara planning committee at Reading Meeting.

Because everyone from Harrisburg was participating in a pilot program of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Center for Deepening and Strengthening, they had sent a report, which was read by Jody Kinney. Harrisburg has an active First-day School. Their Worship and Spiritual Growth Committee is ensuring that guests are greeted, and plans to offer Quakerism 101 in 2010. The Caring for Each Other Committee is developing guidelines for memorial meeting expenses. The Wider World Committee helped to sponsor a presentation on climate change. And the new Community Outreach Committee is working to ensure groups that use the meetinghouse feel the Meeting is in positive collaboration with them.

Charles Lane gave a report from Lancaster. The Meeting continues to be very active, and last year went through the Deepening And Strengthening program. Recently there was a day-long retreat with 3 people from PYM to tell about the Quaker Quest program, which will now be considered by the Meeting. There are small groups beginning to meet to reflect on various concerns, such as peace and spiritual nurture. A group started to ponder ways to help members and attendees of Meeting adversely affected by the economic downturn. There are a few other small concerns, such as summer worship time and the reading of queries.

Taylor Lamborn from Reading said the First-day School is somewhat smaller than it had been, with small numbers and irregular attendance. But there is a group of very dedicated teachers. During the summer the Meeting splits into two locations, with a country meetinghouse that's more comfortable in the heat. There is consideration of Quaker Quest, possibly with Exeter Meeting. A group provides one meal a month at a homeless shelter. Another group has joined with another church to provide help to Family Promise, a service for temporarily homeless people. A group is working to insulate and maintain the 125+ year old meetinghouse; the installation of a new kitchen is almost finished, and one of the First-day School rooms is completely renewed. Much of this work was done with money from a grant from PYM. Although the meetinghouse does not get used much by outside groups, a church from Mountville that caters to the gay, lesbian and cross-gender population is requesting to use it in their efforts to serve the Reading area.

Chuck Barbour from the Committee of Oversight for the Regional Coordinator (CORC) explained they are actually supporting the program, as well as our coordinator, Marie Ryan. Chuck expressed the importance of having representation from all Meetings in the Quarter, and they have recently developed a document to explain to clerks and nominating committees in our Monthly Meetings the job of CORC members. The committee has been actively working on the

continuing review and development of the job description for the coordinator. A member of the Quarter said a spy of his at the Annual Gathering for Quarter Staff OS committees that took place at Plymouth gave Marie extremely high marks. Chuck agreed with that assessment, but also explained that Caln Quarter's program *itself* also received high praise. There was a brief review of the history of this program. A member asked if there has ever been a concerted effort by the Yearly Meeting to establish job description and goals for every coordinator program. Chuck explained that there is a variety of directions taken by other coordinator programs, but that ours is particularly viable because of the support and interest from our Monthly Meetings.

Marie Ryan then talked about her activities. She said the goals she works with, and is evaluated by at the end of the year, were developed by polling the Meetings in the Quarter. In the interest of time, Marie urged us to read her report on the back of the agenda. She urged us to consider the questions in the PYM brochure on Healthy Meetings. A member of Lancaster Meeting, Anne Wallace-DiGarbo, had sent a letter to the Quarter, part of which Marie read, concerning the youth gathering and contra dance in Lancaster in January. Meeting agreed to contribute up to \$250 for this contra dance, with appreciation expressed for the spirit in which it was requested.

Kay Pickering sent a note to tell us three Friends volunteered to create a core of a Quarterly Meeting Worship and Ministry Committee. The three, Judy Geiser, Ted Stokes, and Marie Ryan urged others to contact them if they are interested.

Taylor Lamborn told us about cards to be sent to the National Council of Churches that ask President Obama to strongly support important and radical protection of the environment at the worldwide meeting in Copenhagen in December. Meetings in the Quarter have shown great support for this, with well over 200 signed cards returned. Taylor said we must also pressure our senators to pass climate legislation that is now before that body. He also said he was at a meeting at which both the CEO of PECO and the CEO of Exelon said they promote cap-and-trade procedures, and they were going to Washington to talk to our senators about this.

Francis Brown reminded us that about 40 years ago, he and a small group went around visiting all the graveyards under the care of Monthly Meetings in the Quarter. Many were within dilapidated walls, with sumac growing in them. He urged the clerk to resurrect the report from this small committee. Another friend told that one of these cemeteries, the Cambridge Cemetery that was just transferred from Bradford to a local Amish church, is also open for "green burial." The report, as written by George Beyer in Harrisburg, will be considered at our next meeting. Sandra Boone, from Mickleton Monthly Meeting, Salem Quarter, a 12th generation of the Boone family introduced herself.

Darlington Hoopes urged our Monthly Meetings to reply to the Yearly Meeting about their covenant decisions and let him know what is decided.

As part of their celebration, Exeter Meeting had made wooden nickels commemorating the 250th anniversary of their meetinghouse. They told us all to take some, despite other urgings to the contrary.

Nan Morrissey told us about a meeting to take place in Philadelphia concerning the rights and worship of incarcerated Native Americans.

These minutes were read, corrected, and approved. There were approximately 35 present.

We planned to enjoy an apple themed lunch, provided by Exeter, and then to listen to Seth Hinshaw discuss the preservation of such historic meetinghouses as this one, which is celebrating 250 years.

Our next meeting will be held in Lancaster, February 21, 2010.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Herr, Recording Clerk

From the Desk of the Coordinator

New Year..... It's 2010—new year, new decade, new stirrings, new hope.....

I feel a real sense of this New Year having ushered in a longing for deeper understanding, a readiness for deeper connections among groups that have for too long been separated by artificially created boundaries. It seems as though we may have reached a breaking point this past year, a difficult year by any stretch of the imagination, where our choices are more critical and require more deliberation. Intense focus on issues of faith and a willingness to embrace similarities and focus less on differences seems to have new importance. Also, a focus on environmental issues and an effort to discover where we agree there is a problem, then deciding what we can do to ensure a sustainable future seems to have fresh energy. These ideas are bringing CQ Friends & their larger communities together in new and exciting ways. Two examples of initiatives in Caln Quarter where Friends are impacting their communities follow:

- Downingtown Friends at Uwchlan MM have initiated a 10 week class called *“Understanding Islam and Muslims Through History & Jurisprudence.”* The Peace & Social Concerns Committee at Uwchlan envisioned the course stating that “in these times of global division that often center on our cultural misunderstandings, this is a wonderful opportunity to educate ourselves about Islam and the Muslim peoples and culture”. Taught by Iftekhar Hussain the class began on January 7th, runs weekly through March, and has been attended by about 70 people from Uwchlan MM, neighboring monthly meetings, and fellow churches from the Downingtown area. There has been very positive feedback from Friends, and from the larger Downingtown community, as well as some challenging questions posed by attenders of the class.

- Here in Reading I've felt a strong movement toward racial understanding stirring in the entire community. Reading Friends are hosting the performance of Amanda Kemp's play *“Show Me the Franklins: Remembering the Ancestors, Slavery and Benjamin Franklin”* on February 7th at our meeting house. We have reached out into our community to form new friendships and partnerships -and to strengthen existing ones- with fellow churches, the Islamic Center, the Jewish community and with organizations focused on inter-cultural understanding. With the play as the starting point we have offered our space for a community dialogue on race and healing. For me personally this has been a deeply inspiring experience and I feel profound gratitude for all that I've already learned from planning and participating in this large endeavor.

It's a matter of faith to pay attention to an urging, to do what we feel prompted to do—sometimes in spite of the evidence that it may not be a sensible thing to do. We do it anyway, we follow a leading. It can be uncomfortable, even confusing, unless we are blessed with that rarity, absolute clarity. Often, we never really know the impact that listening and following our stirring may have in the world. We do it anyway.

This past month was the anniversary of the Peace Gathering 2009. I spent the week remembering the profound personal impact of the gathering. I came home from Arch Street feeling utterly changed. Many Friends have shared having had a similar experience and have continued to witness for peace in a variety of important ways. The notorious Colisimo's Gun shop is now closed due at least in part to the witness of Friends who are part of the “Heeding God's Call” movement, which continues its work to reduce gun violence in Pennsylvania. There is much work to be done in our world and I know I'm blessed to share in this work with Friends.

I hope to see you at Lancaster Friends Meeting on February 21st. Peace, Marie

UPCOMING EVENTS

This column features CQ offerings held at one of our monthly meetings, or offered by CQ individuals, and which adults or young friends are encouraged to attend.

Please check the websites of CQ or PYM to see a complete listing of events offered throughout the yearly meeting.

Feb 7 —“Show Me the Franklins: Remembering the Ancestors, Slavery and Benjamin Franklin.” Amanda Kemp's play will be performed on Sunday the 7th at 3:30pm at the Reading Friends meeting house. Free and open to the public.

Feb 21 —Quarterly Meeting at Lancaster (see p.1) Meeting for Worship at 10am, shared meal at 11:30, business meeting at 12:15. Ed Martin speaks on “Engagement with Iran” at 1:30pm.

Feb 26-28 —“Clerking the Friends Meeting” led by Jim Morrissey of Reading MM. See p. 7 for detailed information about this Pendle Hill workshop, a concurrent workshop offered for recording clerks, & a workshop for committee clerks 2/12-14.

Feb 28 —Cheryl Clark, Schuylkill Meeting Friend, will present a forum on home funerals at Lancaster Meeting at the rise of Meeting (11:45am). Cheryl is a member of "natural undertaking" which is a non-profit resource center dedicated to helping families care for their own at death. Her talk will cover the personal, practical, and legal aspects of this work. Cheryl is hopeful that Friends will help her bring the reverent and time honored tradition of caring for our own loved one's at this most sacred transition, back into our homes and faith communities. She has been a speaker and advocate for the Green Burial Council, and can answer questions about being better stewards of the burial grounds under our care. (Childcare is provided at LMM during forums.)

Mar 20 —Young Friends & Peace Church Teens Talk with AJ and Mina on Middle East Life

Lancaster Friends are hosting an event for Young Friends: Two Elizabethtown College students—AJ from Iraq and Mina from Egypt— will speak to the youth about experiences in their home countries and cultures as well as in the US. The event starts at 11am (with refreshments), includes a short film and discussion, and ends after lunch at 2:30pm.

Ongoing: —Shape Note Singing from the Sacred Harp every 3rd & 4th Sunday at 6:30pm at Exeter Friends Meeting.

Apr 30-May 2nd —Caln Quarter Family Weekend at Camp Swatara

Arthur Larrabee, General Secretary of the yearly meeting, is our keynote speaker and will share a talk on "Carrying the Light of Quakerism into the Future". A rich and varied selection of workshops, contra dance, talent show, and relaxed time in the Blue Mountains await Friends who attend the 51st annual Caln Quarter Family Weekend. Reading Friends will soon print the Swatara brochure, which will be mailed out electronically to all in the quarter. As in the past few years hard copies will be sent to our nine meeting houses for those who prefer a hard copy. Extra registration forms will be included with the brochures. Please register early for Camp Swatara!!

Kathy Singer, Children's Religious Life Coordinator for the yearly meeting, will assist with the elementary program. We've been working together to create spiritually rich (and fun) activities. Successful children's programming depends on a variety of factors, most importantly knowing in advance how many children will attend. Another consideration is the age differential in the group. These two factors determine the number of volunteers needed. With these issues in mind please note:

****Important considerations regarding The Children's Program:

- Children must be registered by the deadline date listed on the Camp Swatara Brochure. No exceptions.
- The elementary program is for children from Caln Quarter only.
- A session for parents will be offered on Friday evening and Saturday morning. All parents or guardians should plan to attend one of those sessions.
- Children need to be with their parent or guardian at all times that they are not in program.

Advance registration for all children gives me the ability to contact each family to provide more information regarding our program and to learn of special circumstances that may exist. Please understand that imposing firmer guidelines is intended only for the benefit of community-building and for providing rich programming for Caln Quarter's youngest Friends.

******Volunteering:** Volunteers ensure that the Children's Program runs smoothly and fun-ly for everyone! So if there's a time you can help out, please let me know early at: coordinator@calnqm.org or 610-777-5825. *If you can volunteer during two of more slots, a partial fee waiver is offered!* Look for more information about a fee waiver for volunteering in the upcoming Swatara brochure and in the Spring CQ newsletter.

Michael Gagne, Eco-Justice Organizer for PYM, is offering a workshop at Camp Swatara called "Eco-Justice: What does it mean and how can we make it a reality?"

Kathy Singer, Children's Religious Life Coordinator for PYM is also offering a workshop. It is titled "Childhood Under Fire: Nurturing Quaker Children in a Violent World."

A complete description of the many rich workshop offerings will be out soon!



Pendle Hill workshops on Clerking

Clerking the Friends Meeting —2/26-28 Gain insight into how to recognize the Spirit moving within the Quaker communal discernment process. Explore a philosophy of clerking and servant leadership based on Quaker guiding principles. Learn very specific techniques to work through challenging situations facing the meeting. With the beautiful diversity of our meetings, no pat formulas will suffice to guide us in embracing the future and remaining faithful to our heritage. Led by **Jim Morrissey** of Reading MM. Jim has co-clerked the Worship & Care Standing Committee of PYM and currently clerks Reading Monthly Meeting (PA). He also serves on the faculty of Alvernia Seniors College.

Recording: Spiritual Discipline & Communal Gift 2/26-28 Whether experienced as a recording clerk or new to this service, this weekend offers practical and spiritual skills for recording. Come prepared to share as well as to listen. Led by **Mario Cavallini & Sondra Ball**.

Clerks and Recording Clerks work closely together in MMs. Attenders at the two workshops will come together for a session during the weekend to focus on related issues .

NEXT WEEKEND

The Joy of Quaker Committees: Clerking and Working with Spirit 2/12 - 14 Discover the joy of Quaker committees! Explore ways to increase energy and positive tone while decreasing tedium and drain. In this interactive weekend we will gather the collective wisdom of all who attend. Led by Steve Smith.

Learn more: <http://www.pendlehill.org/workshops/themes/quaker-faith-and-practice>

**To help Friends attend Pendle Hill weekend workshops
Pendle Hill matches grants given by MMs to individuals.**

DIRECTIONS to Lancaster Meeting
110 Tulane Terrace Lancaster, PA 17603

From Philadelphia and the East:

Tpk W to 222 S to 30W (toward York) past Park City Mall. Take next exit Rt.741 (Roherstown, Millersville). At top of ramp, turn Left on to RT 741 S. Go 1.6 mi, thru several traffic lights. At the light at Columbia Av (RT 462) turn Left. Go 0.5 miles, through one light. Just past Wheatland Shopping Center (Papa John's on right), turn left into Tulane Terrace. LMM is immediately ahead.

From the West:

Take Rt. 30E to the Rt 741 exit. At the top of the ramp, turn right. (See above)

From Harrisburg:

Rt 283 to exit 741S to Rt 462 (see above)

We had an awesome time at our **3rd Annual Contra Dance**, as well as at the overnight at LMM and during a FDS experience. Nearly 70 young people danced and 22 YFs slept over. By making "cookies for contributions" and serving them during social time at Lancaster, the teens raised nearly \$400 for Haiti relief! Thank you, Friends, for your generous contributions.

On Sunday morning Chris Fitz engaged the YF group in a centering exercise which we practiced before joining worship. Following worship there was time for the YFs to share what affect the experience had on worship. The entire weekend was a wonderful example of how we come together to nurture the spiritual lives of young people. With deep appreciation, I say thank you Lancaster Friends for the care and love shown in planning and carrying out this event for our young people.

The ECO-Quaker

This column is an opportunity for CQ Friends to share news of environmental programs and actions. Please send submissions to Marie by email any time. Your article will be shared in the next issue of our newsletter, The Caln Quarterly.

"Kilowatt Ours: A Plan to Re-energize America"
Harrisburg Friends created an outreach event this past month by showing the film "Kilowatt Ours" at their meeting house. The public was invited and enthusiastically responded. Nearly 100 people were there to see this environmental film.

This documentary by Jeff Barrie that has become a national movement to promote energy conservation, efficiency and renewable energy. Kilowatt Ours is also a non profit organization advocating for conservation power plants in every community in America providing resources for homes, businesses, schools and communities to begin their journey to energy savings. Learn more about it at:

March 15th deadline to offer a Workshop or Interest Group at Summer Sessions.

Workshops at Summer Sessions are a way for people to have a hands-on, transformational experience while exploring a subject and building skills with a small gathering of Friends. Interest groups give people access to information and resources about issues or organizations that enrich Friends lives and support our work.

Submit proposals by March 15, 2010 to Paula Cell, Workshop Coordinator, by e-mail at hpcell@verizon.net
http://www.pym.org/pm/more.php?id=6053_0_6_0_M.

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Quarterly Meeting Schedule

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11:30AM - 12:15PM	Shared Meal
12:15PM - 1:30PM	Caln Quarter Business Meeting
1:30PM	"Engagement with Iran" Ed Martin shares his 35+ years experience

AGENDA for CQ meeting for Worship with attention to Business

12:15	Welcome/Conducting our business in the spirit of worship Welcoming of guests Introduction of the agenda	(5 min)
	Treasurer's report: Darlington Hoopes	(10 min)
	Joys and Concerns from Monthly Meetings Sadsbury, Schuylkill, Uwchlan	(15min)
	CORC report: Cindy Herr, clerk	(10 min)
	Coordinator's report: Marie Ryan	(10 min)
	Nominating Committee	(5 min)
	CQ Worship & Ministry Committee	(5 min)
	Report on old graveyards in Caln Quarter: Francis Brown	(10 min)
	Report on green graveyards, past, present, future: David Morrison	(10 min)