



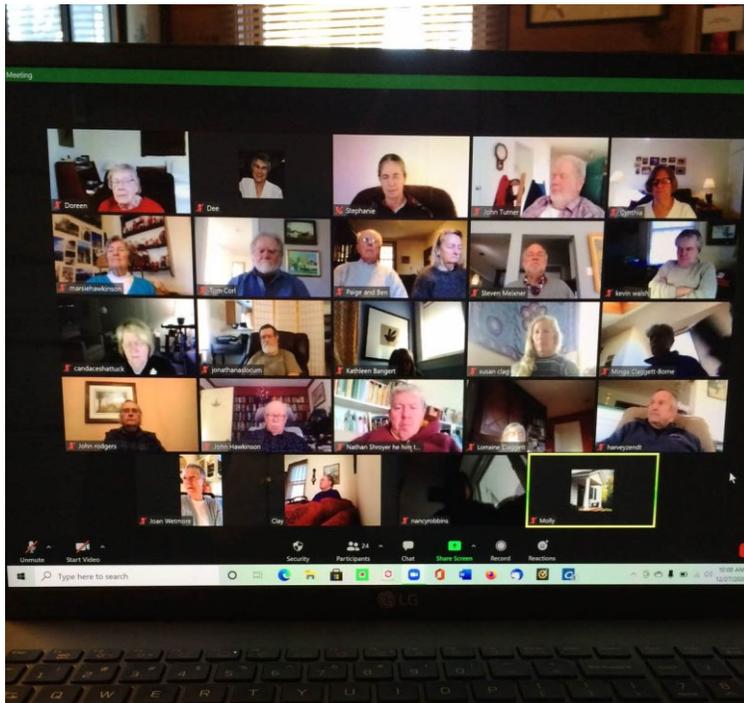
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JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

“The old calendar fills me with gratitude like a sutra.”
Yosa Buson

Third Haven Friends Meeting Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business Thirteenth Day, Twelfth Month, 2020

Opening Silent Worship Molly Brian, Clerk of the Meeting, gathered together the meeting for worship with attention to business at 4 p.m. with a brief period of silence.



Attending: 21 attended: Molly Burgoyne Brian, Lorraine Claggett, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Whitley Gray, John Hawkinson, Marsie Hawkinson, Larissa Kitenko, Bill Lane, Connie Lewis, Priscilla Morris, Cynthia Quast, Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins, Adrienne Rudge, Jonathan Slocum, Dona Sorce, Ben Tilghman, Paige Tilghman, John Turner

Comments on Twelfth Query “Witnessing in the World – Witness & Civic Responsibilities”
(read at Meeting for Worship)

Appreciation for comments at Meeting for Worship to pay more attention and focus on those in need in our own communities.

Approval of minutes from Eleventh Month business meeting **Approved**

Clerks Desk

A donation was received from Mary Boggs in memory of her brother Stephen Moody, who attended Sidwell Friends and attended Third Haven occasionally.

Nominating Committee Final Report – *Connie Crow* **Approved as Amended**

Nominating Committee chart was emailed with announcements. Corrections can still be made by contacting Connie, Nancy, and Jonathan. Comments: Charitable Contributions was previously laid down. Testimonies and Concerns fulfills that function. Various committees offered adjustments.

Committee: Clerk and Members, Notes

Clerk of the Meeting Molly Burgoyne Brian ,Tom Corl, Assistant clerk

Recording Clerk Dee Rein, Nancy Robbins

Record Keepers Marsie Hawkinson, Adrienne Rudge

Budget & Finance Bill Lane, Doreen Getsinger, Cynthia Quast (Treasurer of the Meeting), Bill Schauer (assistant Treasurer) Steve Meixner, Bob Wack, Ben Tilghman

Burials & Memorials Molly Burgoyne Brian, Priscilla Morris, Dona Sorce, Clerk of the Mtg, Clerks of P&G, Pastoral Care

Communications John Hawkinson, newsletter editor, Tania Hamboyan Harrison, website manager; Dee Rein, newsletter, phone; Marie Leonard, directory; Amy Owsley, Beth Mufson, photographer

Facilities Use Larissa Kitenko, Adrienne Rudge, Anny Williams, Emerita

First Day School Amy Owsley, Susan Claggett, Kulveen Virdee, Plus other parents and volunteers as needed. **Hospitality** Beth Mufson & Mary Yancey, Dona Sorce, Heidi Wetzel, Whitley Gray

Library Whitley Gray, Joyce Macijeski

Nominating Committee Nancy Robbins ,Jon Slocum, Marsie Hawkinson

Outreach Lorraine Claggett, Jeanne Halpin, Joan Wetmore

Pastoral Care (Overseers) Dona Sorce & Adrienne Rudge, Lorraine Claggett, Marsie Hawkinson, John Schreiner, Dee Rein, Katherine Johnson, Connie Crow

Planning Ben Tilghman ,Tom Corl, Susan Claggett, Amy Owsley, Bill Lane, Bob Wack, John Hawkinson, Mark Beck

Property & Grounds Priscilla Morris & Larny Claggett, Ed Danser, John Hawkinson, Clay Owens, Bill Lane, Winslow Womack, Nancy Robbins, Bob Wack, Robert Gladney, Steve Meixner, (Ben Tilghman, liaison with Long Term Planning)

Scholarship Marsie Hawkinson, Judy Warder, treasurer, Benita Cooper, Sumner Parker, Deb Danser, Joan Wetmore, Paige Tilghman, Lorraine Claggett, Doreen Getsinger

Testimonies & Concerns Paige Tilghman, Beth Mufson, Stephanie French, Dona Sorce, Mary Yancey, Connie Lewis, Harvey Zendt, Lorraine Claggett

Worship & Ministry Susan Claggett, Mark Beck, Catherine Cripps, Deb Danser, Steve Meixner, Jon Slocum, Janet Kemp, Sandra Herbert

Liaisons & Representatives

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) Lorraine Claggett

Southern Quarterly Meeting Marie Leonard, Paige Tilghman, Katherine Johnson

American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) Lorraine Claggett

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center (CMRC) Harvey Zendt

Detention Center Library Beth Mufson, Molly Brian, Tom Corl, Stephanie French, Jeanne Halpin, John Schreiner, Beth Thompson

Food Link Winslow Womack

Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) Paige Tilghman

Interfaith Coalition Against Hunger (Marilla's Lunches) Cynthia Quast, coordinator

NAACP, Talbot County Doreen Getsinger **P.E.A.C.E.** John Turner

Talbot Association of Clergy and Laity (TACL) Jeanne Halpin

Talbot Interfaith Homeless Shelter (TIS) Sarah Sayre, coordinator, Heidi Wetzell, Harvey Zendt

Quaker Voice Liaison Whitley Gray & Dona Sorce

Worship & Ministry 2020 Annual Report - *Gwen Beegle, Susan Claggett Accepted*

Purpose

The purpose of the Worship and Ministry Committee is threefold: to care for meeting for worship, to nurture the spiritual life and journeys of friends, and to provide adult religious education, as per PYM Faith and Practice queries. In addition, the WMC is charged with thoughtful consideration of the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (PYM) *Faith and Practice* Queries, related to our purpose: (1) Deepening Our Faith: Meeting for Worship, (2) Deepening Our Faith: Spiritual Nurture, and (5) Nurturing Our Community: Religious Education in the Home and Meeting.

Worship and Ministry Committee

The participating members of the WMC for 2020 were: Mark Beck, Gwen Beegle, Susan Claggett, Tom Corl, Catherine Cripps, Deborah Danser, Jeanne Halpin, Katherine Johnson, Nancy Robbins, and Jonathan Slocum. Gwen Beegle and Susan Claggett co-clerked the WMC this year. We met monthly, except in the 7th and 8th months.

During the latter months of the year, we were joined by John Turner, Dee Rein and Molly Burgoyne Brian, who were primarily responsible for the technical innovations required for concurrent Zoom and on ground meeting formats. Significant contributions were made by Whitley Gray and Stephanie French (clerking midweek meetings) and Clay Owens for technical advice and equipment. Without the steady work of these individuals, 2020 meetings for worship could not have continued so well.

Meeting for Worship

All the members of the WMC attend the meeting for worship as regularly as possible, listen, experience and appreciate the meeting for worship, silence and vocal ministry. We regularly and thoughtfully consider the quality of meeting for worship, vocal ministry, silence, afterthoughts and the rise of meeting for worship as major topics of our committee meetings.

When meeting on grounds, the WMC provides greeters for each week's meeting for worship, who read the 12 topical queries from Faith and Practice monthly. Greeters also replenish brochures and are careful to reach out to newcomers and visitors.

Historically, the attendance at meeting for worship on First Day varies from week to week and month to month. To place 2020 in perspective, a census of meeting attendance in November 2019 indicated that attendance at First Day meeting for worship was an average of 65 adults (ages range 50-71) and 7 children (ages range 4-10). In 2019, the mid-week meeting attendance was generally between 4-12. All these participants met face to face in the meeting houses, with seasonal changes between the Old and Brick Meeting Houses. Early 2020 (1st, 2nd, and half of 3rd months) had similar participation.

Subsequently, the Covid-19 pandemic changed meeting attendance, in nature and number. Beginning in March, the Meeting began meeting via distance technology (Zoom). When deemed safe in the Summer months, the Meeting held simultaneous Zoom and on-ground, outdoor meetings for worship, in an effort to ensure that the Meeting community remained in good contact with each other. In fall, after consultation with public health officials, the outdoor meeting participants moved to the Old Meeting House, with open doors and windows. In late fall as the weather grew colder, a few participants met in the Brick Meeting House for midweek meeting, again with concurrent Zoom participation.

In all situations, health and safety of participants required physical distancing and wearing face masks to reduce risks. Members chose Zoom, outdoor, open door and window indoor, or indoor socially distanced formats based on their health concerns and needs. We are grateful that THFM was able to provide these options for members and attenders during this unusual period of time, and special thanks are given to Molly, Dee, John, and Clay for their efforts.

It is difficult to fully determine attendance under these circumstances. Estimates of attendance are 25-35 (First Day Zoom), 12-16 (First Day outdoor), 12-16 (First Day Old Meeting House, open doors and windows) and 4-10 (Midweek, combined indoor and Zoom).

Worship and Ministry Programs

The WMC offered adult religious education programs and activities during 2020, which were limited due to the pandemic and altered participation. All the following activities meet via Zoom at this time.

The Dream Group has meet consistently in 2020. Catherine Cripps organizes and facilitates the group, which meets twice monthly to discuss readings and dreams with a focus on the spiritual import of dream work.

The Light Meditation Group meets twice monthly in the evening, based on the work of Rex Ambler and his book, *Light to Live By*. Jonathan Slocum facilitates.

The Evening Reading Group met early in the year but has now ended.

Spiritual Journeys were held early in the year but are now suspended.

Holding in the Light is a healing meeting the third Sundays of December, January and February at 4p.m. led by Dona Sorce and Katherine Johnson and sponsored by Worship and Ministry and

Pastoral Care. An attachment to announcements contains Zoom and other information. Attendance at any of these meetings for worship is open to all.

Closing Comment: During 2020, as THFM sought to continue to meet for worship with an emphasis on maintaining community, the WMC's emphasis has been on good communication with persons filling emerging roles, restarting interrupted religious education activities, and maintaining a focus on the quality of meeting for worship as the formats and methods of meeting have changed. Understanding how meeting for worship can maintain valued qualities of deep silence, vocal ministry, and sacred community while participating via distance technology is a challenge for the meeting community and the committee. Many members greatly appreciate some elements of distance technology for meeting participation. At the same time, a sizable minority of members feel somewhat disaffected without face-to-face meetings for worship and community building activities. This challenge to understand and support the THFM community during this period of time will likely continue into 2021.

Testimonies & Concerns - *Paige Tilghman*

The Giving Guide has added options and will be circulated attached to announcements. This may be used throughout the year. Members are encouraged to use it to decide on their personal contributions with attention to Quaker organizations.

Treasurer's Report- *Cynthia Quast*

Here is a recap of the Treasurer's financials as of 12/11/20.

July 1, 2020 – Dec 11, 2020

Member Contributions	=	\$15,185	= 29% of annual budget
Total Income	=	\$20,781	= 30% of annual budget
Total Regular Expenses	=	\$34,323	= 50% of annual budget
Net Income	=	-\$13,542	

Contributions Welcome!

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution

Gifts to Third Haven Friends Meeting are essential to sustaining our annual operating budget.

Donations are encouraged annually and through estate planning to Third Haven Monthly Meeting, Cynthia Quast, Treasurer, 405 South Washington St., Easton, Md. 21601.

Gifts to the Trustees are vital for maintaining and improving our buildings and grounds. Donors may consult this pamphlet for help "letting their lives speak," included as an attachment below, during their estate and contemporary donation planning. **Please consider an outright gift or a planned gift to the Trustees of Third Haven Monthly Meeting, c/o Diana Rein, Treasurer, 9249 High Banks Drive, Easton, Md. 21601**

New Business

Shoffner international education scholarship grants ha been sent to Columbia and other places. We have sponsored 4 students in higher education through the Bolivian Quaker Education Committee, one of whom is finishing medical school. In November Testimonies and Concerns decided to make contributions to Guatemala and Puerto Rico from the Shoffner fund. T&C will consider helping this medical student in her final year.

Thanks to Property and Grounds and volunteers who did Fall clean up this Saturday.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 5:10 p.m.

D. Rein, recorder

Announcements <http://www.thirdhaven.org/announcements.php>
Calendar of Activities <http://www.thirdhaven.org/calendar.php>
Online directory <http://www.thirdhaven.org/members/dir.php>

The Third Haven newsletter circulates during the first week of each month to enable readers to review the minutes of the most recent meeting for worship with attention to business.

January 10 [Sunday] 4 p.m. on Zoom
Meeting For Worship With Attention To Business
Use the First Day meeting for worship zoom to join.

January 17 [Sunday] 4 p.m.

February 21 [Sunday] 4 p.m.

Holding One Another in the Light

Our life is love, and peace, and tenderness; and hearing one with another, and forgiving one another, and not laying accusations one against another; but praying one for another, and helping one another up with a tender hand.

— Isaac Pennington

Meeting for Worship for Healing

Members and Attenders of Third Haven Monthly Meeting are invited to the formation of a monthly Meeting for Worship for Healing during which we will share in the practice of Holding One Another in the Light. The purpose of this gathering is to share concerns and offer prayer to lift up ourselves and one another and deepen our spiritual connection with one another and the community as a whole. Participants may pray silently or share a concern for which they are seeking to be held in the light.

Due to the current COVID restrictions, we will be meeting virtually, via Zoom on the 3rd First Day of each month at 4:00pm, during the months of January and February. Information on how to access the meeting with Zoom will be circulated with announcements.

For more information contact Dona Sorce or Katherine Johnson

If you would like to read more about this process, please see the following link to a Friends Journal article: <https://www.friendsjournal.org/meeting-worship-healing>. In addition, Friends

may refer to the Pendle Hill pamphlet #382, Holding One Another In The Light, by Marcelle Martin.

Reverse Advent activity success

Here are Johnny, Alicia and Molly in front of the Neighborhood Service Center with crates of canned goods for families. Different weeks provided nonperishable food, warm clothing and baby care items as we followed the travels of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem. Thanks to everyone, including friends of Friends, who stopped at Third Haven to donate, and thanks to Molly for pickup and delivery.



2020 Third Haven Meeting

Giving Guide

Offers recommendations to members for contributions to organizations that support the values and priorities in keeping with our Queries:

Meeting for Worship: *To support a place where friends can wait in silence and open themselves to the Spirit; the opportunity for all present to be connected in community.*

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting info@pym.org As members, we are asked collectively and individually, to contribute to PYM which provides support for the monthly meetings

Friends General Conference fgcquaker.org Nurtures the spiritual vitality of the Religious Society of Friends with programs for meetings and seekers

Friends World Committee for Consultation: fwccamericas.org — encourages fellowship among all branches of the religious Society of Friends

Pendle Hill pendlehill.org - A Quaker retreat and conference center

Simplicity: *Avoiding over dependence on possessions and self indulgence would better enable us to open ourselves to God. "... a way of organizing one's life and setting of priorities." Earlham College Community Principles and Practices*

Third Haven Friend Meeting: 3rdhaven@gmail.com to contribute to the work of Meeting

Peace - *Peace can only last when human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free. "The place to begin acquiring skills and maturity and generosity to avoid and resolve conflicts are in our homes, our personal relationships, our schools, our workplaces and wherever decisions are made." Yearly Meeting of Aotearoa, New Zealand, 1987*

American Friends Service Committee: afsc.org convening power to mobilize for a response in communities working for change

Friends Committee on National Legislation: fentl.org nonpartisan Quaker Lobby for public interest in Washington DC

Friends Peace Teams: friendspeaceteams.org develops long term relationships with communities in conflict for healing and peace building

QuakerVoice of MD: www.quakervoicemd.org Friends advocate for state wide policy

United Palestinian Appeal: upaconnect.org provides clean water, food & medicine

Mid Shore Mediation Center: midshoremiation.org free service to manage conflict

Integrity: *Our devotion to truth, honesty, authenticity and wholeness is made apparent in how we conduct our life. "Integrity asks the individual to consider how, our outward lives bears witness to the truth discerned inwardly." William Cooper, The Testimony of Integrity, Pendle Hill 1991*

THF Scholarship Committee - provides assistance to THF children to further their education and attend Quaker led schools and colleges:

Quaker Schools: Sandy Spring Friends, (www.ssfs.org); George School (www.georgeschool.org); Friends School, (www.friendsbalt.org); Friends Select (www.friends-select.org); Westtown Friends (www.westtown.edu); Bolivian Quaker Education Fund

Quaker Colleges: Earlham College, earlham.edu ; Guilford College guilford.edu

Talbot Hospice Foundation: info@talbothospice.org

Compass Regional Hospice: info@copassregionalhospice.org

Quaker House: quakerhouse.org assistance to military personnel, their families and those contemplating military services

Channel Markers: channelmarkers.org mental health and wellness support

Community - A discipline in which we practice the other testimonies. Community is the field in which we work. We know ourselves as we are reflected in the faces, actions, and attitudes of each other. Janet Scott 1980

BAAM: baamboys.com an after school program for African American males

Habitat for Humanity Choptank: habitatchoptank.org helps families build homes in exchange for sweat equity.

Maryland Food Bank: mdfoodbank.org provides food security to 8 counties

Neighborhood Service Center: nscTalbotmd.org services for low income and elderly in Talbot County

Talbot Interfaith Shelter: talbotinterfaithshelter.org full time shelter and training program for families w/o a home

Global Vision 2020: gv2020.org Uses innovation to make vision possible globally

Chester Wye Center: chesterwye.org Life enhancements for adults with disabilities

Chesapeake Center: chesapeakecenter.org Human Services for disabled adult

Equality: How can we be human together? "My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together." Desmond Tutu 1994

Right Sharing of World Resources: www.rswr.org fair distribution of world resources

NAACP: naacpmd.org ensures political, education, social and economic equality

CASA of the Mid Shore: www.casamidshore.org court advocates for children

Mid Shore Pro Bono: midshoreprobob.org legal services to underserved people

Chesapeake Multicultural Center: chesmrc.org provides resources to immigrant children and families

Stewardship: That we care for and make wise use of the world's resources. To be good stewards in Gods World calls on us to examine and consider the ways in which our testimonies for peace, equality, and simplicity interact to guide our relationships with all life. OPYM 2002

Quaker Earthcare Witness: quakerearthcare.org spirit led address of ecological and social crises of the world

Chesapeake Bay Foundation: info@cbf.org to restore health of Chesapeake Bay

Shore Rivers: shorerivers.org promotes resources for cleaner Eastern Shore rivers

Eastern Shore Land Conservancy: eslc.org promotes setting land aside with land conservation easements.

WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT

A planned gift is a method of charitable giving that allows donors to express their own values by integrating personal, family, charitable and financial goals. Planned gifts can provide very significant support to your Meeting, while providing valuable tax benefits and lifetime income for you and/or a spouse or other loved one. Planned Giving is simply another opportunity for generous Friends to make gifts, in addition to your annual giving. *These gifts are not just for the wealthy. It is the means by which ordinary people make extraordinary gifts that can help to provide for the solid financial foundation of their Meetings or organizations.*

BEQUEST

The most frequently made planned gift is a bequest. Simple language can be added when you prepare a new Will or add a codicil to an existing one. Bequests are often the foundation of a Meeting's financial resources.

Sample Bequest Language

I give [indicate a dollar amount or a specific % of the remainder of your estate] to [Name] Monthly Meeting of Friends, presently located at [physical address], [for its general use] or [for some specific purpose].

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A charitable gift annuity provides a fixed lifetime income payment to you, and/or to one or two other annuitants that you designate. In addition, as the donor you will receive a Federal income tax deduction in the year of the gift. Charitable annuity rates are tied directly to the age of the annuitants at the time the gift is made.

*Annual annuity payments/rates
for one annuitant, a \$20,000 gift*

<i>Age</i>	<i>Annuity</i>	<i>%</i>
65	\$1,020	5.1
70	\$1,120	5.6
75	\$1,240	6.2
80	\$1,460	7.3
85	\$1,660	8.3
90	\$1,900	9.5

*These figures are for illustration purposes only.
Rates are effective as of July 1, 2018*

After your death or that of the named annuitant(s), the remainder of the gift goes to your Meeting and/or other charitable beneficiary you name. The minimum gift for a charitable gift annuity (immediate or deferred) is \$20,000. The minimum age for the annuitant(s) to receive payments is 65.

CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUSTS

For gifts of \$250,000 or more, you may consider a charitable remainder trust. Charitable remainder trusts provide fixed or variable income depending on the type of trust. The payout rate is determined jointly by the donor and Friends Fiduciary. Upon the death of the last income beneficiary, the balance of the trust's assets will be given to your Meeting and/or other Quaker organizations you have chosen.

USING APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Charitable gifts can be made with cash, but many are made by donating appreciated assets such as stocks. If you sell appreciated securities in order to make a charitable gift, you will owe capital gains tax on the proceeds of the sale. However, if you transfer appreciated securities directly to a charity to make a charitable or planned gift, you (1) can defer and/or avoid the capital gains tax and (2) may be entitled to a charitable deduction for all or a portion of the total fair market value of the securities contributed depending on the type of gift. Friends Fiduciary can accept appreciated securities for annual and planned gifts to benefit your meeting.

DEFERRED PAYMENT GIFT ANNUITY

A deferred charitable gift annuity provides for lifetime income in the same way as an immediate gift annuity except that the donor defers the beginning of payments for a stated number of years. As the donor, you receive an income tax deduction in the year of the gift, when your income might be higher. The deferral of payments entitles the annuitant(s) to a higher annuity rate/payment for retirement or a future date when payments will be needed. As with an immediate payment gift annuity, the remainder of the gift can be designated for your Meeting and/or another Quaker charity.

DONOR ADVISED FUND

If you wish to be actively involved in furthering your philanthropic goals you can set up a Donor Advised Fund with a minimum gift of \$25,000 (can be built up over three years). You receive a charitable income tax deduction for the year in which the gift is made. Once the fund is established, you or your designated successors can advise Friends Fiduciary on grants to your Meeting or other charities. Friends Fiduciary oversees grant distribution, investment management and payout to the final charitable beneficiary.