

Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



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MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

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September

Sunday	Sept. 2	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by Work Group
Fri.-Sun.	Sept. 7-9		*Fall Gathering, VQM, S. China
Sunday	Sept. 16	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

October

Sunday	Oct. 7	Rise of Meeting	Potluck Lunch—followed by Work Group
Sunday	Oct. 21	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business

For New, Revised, and Updated Calendar Items, please see our online calendar at:
<http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org/calendar.htm>

*Look inside for more information regarding these items.

~Calendar events are held at the meetinghouse, unless otherwise noted.~

Sunday Meeting for Worship is at the meetinghouse, 77 Belvedere Rd., Damariscotta, 10:00
a.m.

Meetinghouse phone: 207-563-3757.

Directions: Take US Route 1 to Damariscotta and turn onto Belvedere Rd. (left if coming from the south, right if coming from the north—Miles Home Health Care building on the corner). The meetinghouse is the second building on the right, .2 mile from the corner.

Moving? Changing your e-mail address? Don't forget to let us know. Please remember that when you receive the newsletter by e-mail, you save the Meeting money and you lighten our workload. To receive the newsletter by e-mail, kindly send Diane Kirkman at diane_kirkman@hotmail.com a request. Thanks!

For newsletters, important links, & a current calendar, visit our website:
www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org

DRAFT MINUTES—MONTHLY MEETING FOR BUSINESS—July 15, 2012

After a period of silent worship, Clerk David Cadbury opened the meeting with nine Friends present. The meeting moved with unusual dispatch through a short session.

Minutes of the June Meeting for Business were approved. There was no report from the Treasurer or the Finance Committee.

Carmen Lavertu and Jim Matlack reported from the **Peace Center** Board about a successful event held at the meetinghouse co-sponsored with local activists. **Medea Benjamin** spoke about the policies and problems involved in the widespread U.S. use of drones both in war and in domestic-surveillance programs. Thirty-three persons attended and engaged in post-talk discussion.

Ministry & Counsel has drafted a letter to be sent to Meeting members who do not attend regularly or at all. No additional steps have been taken to explore possible use of the meetinghouse by the local Unitarian-Universalist congregation.

A pending request for financial support from **Ramallah Friends School** was discussed, but no action was taken. This matter will be considered at a later meeting. Meanwhile members of the Meeting are encouraged to consider individual donations.

New England Yearly Meeting has offered to cover all expenses for a member of the Meeting to attend **Annual Sessions** in Rhode Island on August 4-9. Any member who might be interested to take advantage of this arrangement should notify one of the clerks.

Appreciation was expressed to Guy Marsden for taking responsibility for the e-mail distribution list of Meeting members now that Diane Kirkman has a new full-time job and cannot do so.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

David Cadbury—Clerk

Jim Matlack—Recording Clerk

The next monthly meeting will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012, at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch. These minutes are available at www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org and the meetinghouse bulletin board.



FROM Ministry & Counsel: FAITH & PRACTICE

At the rise of Meeting on September 30, there will be another discussion group for *Faith & Practice*, hosted by Ministry & Counsel. Everyone is invited to share their insights whether they have read chapter 1 or not!

QUERIES

Outreach—Do you welcome inquirers and visitors to your meeting? Do you encourage their continued attendance and participation? Do you seek to share and to interpret the faith of Friends and to cooperate with others in spreading the Christian message? Are you patterns, examples; do your lives preach among all sorts of people, and to them? Do you walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one?

Answering the Call



Vassalboro Quarter 2012 Fall Gathering - September 7, 8 and 9 Friends Camp, South China, Maine

The theme for this year's Gathering builds on last year's focus—The Beloved Community—and the recognition that along with responding to the call of our individual community, we must strengthen our inner selves and answer the call of the larger world as one community that embraces and affirms all our lives. To enable us to explore more deeply together, we return to the practice of a weekend Gathering and will be joined by New England Yearly Meeting Friends who attended the Friends World Committee for Consultation Conference at Kabarak University in Kenya this past April. This Friends World Conference was the largest Friends since 1967 and attenders developed and approved the [Kabarak Call For Peace and Eco-Justice](#).

SCHEDULE

NOTE: Teens are invited to participate in all or some of the weekend program. A program will be provided for younger children.

Friday, Sept. 9

- Arrival 5:00 - 9:00 P.M.
- Dinner 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
- Welcome and Evening Program 7:00-9:00 P.M.

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Saturday, Sept. 10

- Breakfast 7:00 - 8:00 A.M.
- Worship 8:15 - 8:45 A.M. (Aviary)
- Welcome 8:45 - 9 A.M.
- KEYNOTE SESSION 9:00 - 10:30 A.M. NEYM Friends on the 2012 Friends World Conference, Kenya.
- Breakout Session 10:45 - 11:30 A.M.
- Worship Sharing of what arose from the morning 11:45 A.M. - 12:15 P.M.
- Lunch 12:15 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.
- WORKSHOPS - Session I - 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. Session II 2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

1. Call to Eco Justice - Stewardship of Natural Resources
2. Call to Creativity - What is the source of your creative energy?
3. Call to Simplicity - Planning for the end of life - Dick Kelly (VFM) and Jacquie Powers (FMM)
4. Call to integrate Body and Soul - Energization, Yoga & Meditation - taught by Dhyana Blanchard
5. Call to Activism - Address the power structure through affirmative action - Ralph Chapman (ERM)
6. Call to Stewardship of our Meetings: First Day School, led by Ted Gill

- GROUPS OF CONCERN - 3:00 - 4:00 P.M. - Time for existing groups to meet and new groups to develop
- MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS - 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.
- DINNER - 5:15 - 6:15 P.M.
- VESPER AT SUNSET - 6:30 - 7:00 Followed by Answering the Call Through Music

Sunday, Sept. 11

- Breakfast 7:30 - 8:30 A.M.
- Worship Sharing - 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.
- Meeting for Worship - 10:00 - 11:00 A.M.
- Evaluations of the Weekend - 11:00 - 11:30 A.M.
- Lunch and Farewell - 12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Get your registration form at: <http://vassalborofriends.org/documents/fallgath-2012-registration.pdf>.



COME TO THE GARDEN!

Meetinghouse & Grounds still needs help in the gardens once a month after potluck (first Sunday of each month). Although a landscaping company has been hired to rework the three gardens in front of the meetinghouse, we need to maintain that work and clean the edges of others and pull weeds in them.

NEWS NOTES

Jim Matlack suffered a fall recently and sustained breaks to both a wrist and an upper arm, near the shoulder joint. Although he is on the mend, he is very limited in his activity and often in quite a bit of pain. He would be happy to hear from Friends during his recovery. You may reach Jim at 236-0903, jmatlack@roadrunner.com, or P.O. Box 130, Rockport, ME 04856.



“Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands.”

--Isaiah 49:16 (ESV)

“May you know the urgency with which God longs for you.”

--John O’Donohue, from “Longing,”
in *To Bless the Space Between Us*

ADVICES

Outreach—The power of God is not used to compel us to Truth; therefore, let us renounce for ourselves the power of any person over any other and, compelling no one, let us seek to lead others to Truth through love. Let us teach by being ourselves teachable.

Friends are advised to witness to the power of Truth and justice and to foster growth of the divine community at home and abroad. While remaining faithful to our Quaker insights, and ready to share them with others, let us seek to understand the contributions made by the people of God everywhere. Whenever possible, let us seek to enter into prayer and work with the wider community of faith.

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