

# Midcoast Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends



"Quaker Light" © Peter Arnold

## MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

P.O. Box 714 Damariscotta,  
ME 04543

### Co-Clerks:

Suzy Hallett, 563-6084 &  
David Cadbury, 230-0436

### Recording Clerk:

Jim Matlack, 236-0903

Newsletter--Jan. 2011

Vol. 23, No. 1

Published every month but  
August.

### Edit/design:

Diane Kirkman, 236-9078,  
[diane\\_kirkman@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_kirkman@hotmail.com),  
17 Grove St.  
Camden, ME 04843

### Address changes:

Pat Spock, 729-0826,  
[wspock@zwi.net](mailto:wspock@zwi.net),  
10 Curtis St.,  
Brunswick, ME 04011

### Web:

Guy Marsden, 443-8942,  
[guy@arttec.net](mailto:guy@arttec.net),  
61 Delano Rd.  
Woolwich, ME 04579

## February

Saturday	Feb. 5	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	*VQM, Winthrop
Saturday	Feb. 12		FCMPP, Vassalboro
Sunday	Feb. 20	Rise of Meeting	Meeting for Business
Sunday	Feb. 27	11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.	*Quakerism Study Group

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 held 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 a request to Diane Kirkman at [diane\\_kirkman@hotmail.com](mailto:diane_kirkman@hotmail.com). Thanks!*

---

**For newsletters, important links, & a current calendar, visit our website:**

[www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org)

## Minutes (Pending)--Monthly Meeting for Business--January 16, 2011

The meeting opened with a period of silent worship. David Cadbury was clerk. Twenty-four Friends were present.

The **Minutes of the Business Meeting for December, 19, 2010**, were approved.

Correspondence was received seeking support for the **Africa Great Lakes Initiative**. After discussion it was agreed that this message would appear in the next Newsletter so as to encourage donations from individual Friends [*ed. note: see p. 5*]. If anyone is so moved, a Meeting fundraiser might be organized but Meeting funds will not be given directly.

No specific committee was scheduled to report in full at this meeting. Whether to continue last year's practice of having a committee report in depth at each business meeting was discussed at length. In the end it was agreed that committees would be called upon once a year for a background report on their activities but not at great length. As always, any committee can ask the clerk to be put on the agenda for any business meeting.

Brewster Grace reported briefly on the most recent meeting of the **Peace Center** committee. A three-part speakers series is planned for coming months. Notice was also received of a project on Global Change sponsored by Friends World Committee for Consultation. Midcoast Meeting may seek to engage with this project, which has wide participation among Friends.

Mallory Waldman distributed the new list of meeting **committees and leadership assignments**. Clerks are still sought for some committees. Subject to a few additions and corrections, the list was approved [*ed note: see p. 3*].

Suzy Hallett reported that the contract extension with the **Coastal Kids Pre-School** has been signed. The lease now extends to June 24. A possible summer extension may be negotiated.

Deb Haviland reported that work goes forward on the new **Meeting handbook**.

Bill Spock spoke for the **Finance Committee** and noted that pledges and contributions have not yet reached the goal set in the budget for the current year.

Rachel McGinness serves as meeting liaison to the local **Lincoln County Ministers Group**. She reported that they are currently facing challenges due to increased numbers of homeless persons. The local Food Pantry also needs additional support to help meet the increased demand.

Announcements: **Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy** will meet in Vassalboro on February 12. Midcoast Meeting is due to host the **Quarterly Meeting** in the fall of this year.

The meeting adjourned with a period of silent worship.

David Cadbury, Clerk

Jim Matlack, Recording Clerk

The **next Monthly Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20**, at the rise of meeting for worship. All are welcome. Please bring a bag lunch.

These **pending minutes** are also available at [www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org](http://www.midcoastfriendsmeeting.org) and on the meetinghouse bulletin board.

### *QUERIES*

**Peace & Reconciliation**- Do you "live in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars"? Do you faithfully maintain Friends' testimony against military preparations and all participation in war, as inconsistent with the teachings and spirit of Christ? Do you strive to increase understanding and use of nonviolent methods of resolving conflicts?

Do you take your part in the ministry of reconciliation between individuals, groups, and nations? When discouraged, do you remember that Jesus said, "Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears"? John 14:27 NEB

## Officers & Committees 2011

### OFFICERS:

Clerks: David Cadbury & Suzy Hallett  
Recording Clerk: Jim Matlack  
Treasurer: Interim Treasurer-Deborah Haviland;  
Assistant Treasurer-Martin Imm  
Statistical Recorder: Diane Kirkman  
Archivist: Pat Spock, Deborah Haviland

### REPRESENTATIVES TO:

Friends Committee on Maine Public Policy: Jim Matlack  
Chip: Nancy Booth  
Ecumenical Food Pantry: Wendel Stephenson  
NEYM Finance Committee: Bill Spock  
Quarterly Meeting: Carmen Lavertu  
Damariscotta/Newcastle Clergy group: Rachel McGinness  
Volunteers will be asked when representation is needed at  
New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM)  
NEYM M & C Committee  
NEYM Peace & Social Concerns  
NEYM China Camp

### COMMITTEES:

Ministry & Counsel:  
Co Clerks: Brewster Grace & Mallory Waldman  
Jean Crawford  
David Cadbury  
Suzy Hallett  
Kate Nordstrom  
Pat Spock

### Pastoral Care:

clerk: --  
Jean Crawford  
Deborah Haviland  
Judith Imm  
Carmen Lavertu  
Carolyn Miller  
Maria Reardon  
Willow Rountree

### Peace Center Steering Committee:

Co Clerks: Karen Cadbury & Brewster Grace  
Andy Burt  
Jim Matlack  
Rowen Rountree

### Finance:

Clerk: Bill Spock  
Claire Darrow  
Deborah & Pete Haviland  
George Waldman  
Martin Imm  
ex officio: David Cadbury, Suzy Hallett

### Gifts & Leadings:

clerk: --  
Linda Cote-Small  
Jean Crawford  
Willow Rountree  
Anne Spencer

### First Day:

Clerk: Kathie Gass  
Karen Cadbury  
Rachel McGinness  
Glenn Plyler

### Communications (Directory/Mailing/E-Mail chain):

E-Mail Chain: Diane Kirkman  
Audio Visual Program Support: Guy Marsden  
Directory Database: Pat Spock  
Meeting Clerk: ex officio

### Newsletter/Web site:

Edit/prod: Diane Kirkman  
Web site: Guy Marsden  
Circulation & Mailing: Sally Tukey

### Meetinghouse & Grounds:

Clerk: George Waldman  
Claire Darrow  
Bill Hallett  
Anne Spencer  
Advisor: Guy Marsden

### Meetinghouse Ad Hoc Committee:

George Waldman  
Andy Burt  
Bill Hallett  
Guy Marsden  
Rachel McGinness

### Hospitality:

Clerk: contact person Kate Nordstrom  
Suzy Hallett  
Mallory Waldman

### Library:

Clerk: contact Deborah Haviland  
Suzy Hallett  
Rachel McGinness  
Kate Nordstrom  
Willow Rountree

**You are Invited:**  
**Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, February 5, 2011**  
**Winthrop Center Friends Church,**  
**Winthrop Center Rd. (Rte. 135 South) Winthrop, ME 04355**

**Schedule:**

8:30 a.m. Gathering and refreshments  
9:00 a.m. Worship - semi-programmed.  
10:00 a.m. Break  
10:15 a.m. Meeting for Worship for the Conduct of Business  
12:00 Lunch  
1:15 - 2:45 Program: "Building the Beloved Community"\*  
2:45-3:00 Closing.

**For overnight hospitality:** Eileen Cummings: 395-2471 or <ecummings01@aol.com>

**Lunch:** Winthrop Center Friends will provide soups, salads and drinks. Friends are invited to bring breads or desserts.

**Program: \*An imaginative interactive exploration of our connections with one another, and with wider Friends bodies. What would we ideally like those connections to be? What may already be in place? How do we engage in "Building the Beloved Community"\***

*We will have a panel of Friends who are active in the yearly meeting and wider Friends bodies to listen, to answer questions and help us in this exploration. These include Beth Collea (Religious Education co-ordinator for the yearly meeting) Jeremiah Dickinson (New England Yearly Meeting permanent board member), Leslie Manning (NEYM Ministry and Counsel and former member of the Peace and Social Concerns committee), Eileen Cummings (co-clerk of NEYM Finance committee), Ann Dodd-Collins (clerk of NEYM Friends United Meeting committee and former member of Peace and Social Concerns committee) Maggie Edmondson (NEYM Faith and Practice Revision committee, former clerk of NEYM Friends World Committee for Consultation, and Committee on Aging, former clerk Section of the Americas FWCC Site Selection Committee)*

**Directions to Winthrop Center Friends Church:**

\*From the Augusta area, take Rte. 202 west toward Winthrop for about 7 miles. Turn left on Winthrop Center Rd. Rte. 135 south. (You will just have passed D. L. Struck nursery on your left and a very small shopping plaza on your right) Winthrop Center Friends Church is on Winthrop Center Rd. on the right after 1 mile.

\*From the north take Rte. 41 south. When Rte. 41 turns right in Readfield continue straight on Rte. 17 through Readfield and Readfield Depot. Turn R. on Rte. 135 south (Stanley Rd) and follow it till it Ts on Rte. 202. Turn left on 202 and immediately Right on Winthrop Center Rd. which is the continuation of Rte. 135 south.

**Additional Information:** call Maggie Edmondson at 685-4797 (home) e-mail: <hearthstone1@myfairpoint.net> or on the morning of the gathering from 7:30 a.m. onwards you can call the church building at 395-4790. *If heavy snow is predicted the decision whether or not to cancel is taken by our VQM clerk and the host meeting the previous evening. An e-mail notice will be sent out at that time. If you are uncertain whether or not the meeting is taking place please call ahead to check.*

## African Great Lakes Initiative of Friends Peace Teams

A request for support was received from the African Great Lakes Initiative of the Friends Peace Teams. The initiative's core activities are peace building and trauma healing workshops in Rwanda, the DR Congo. These are closely linked with Quaker peacebuilding work at the Quaker United Nations Offices in New York and Geneva.

The work is especially important in Rwanda, where Friends are working to overcome the distrust and division coming from memories of the 1994 genocide. Women living in the DR Congo and Rwanda border region suffer from chronic sexual violence, especially from "soldiers" in armed groups that control the border. Rwanda Friends are planning "Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities" workshop and plan to build a safe house for rape survivors. A lot of information about the Initiative is available on its website: [www.aglifpt.org](http://www.aglifpt.org).

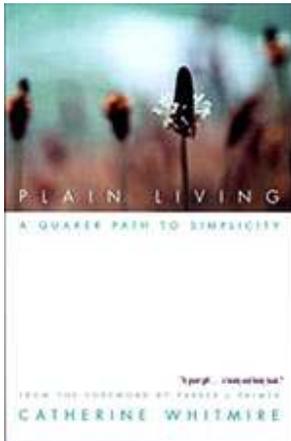
The Peace Center will discuss possible support either from its budget or from Monthly Meeting general funds. Given the interest in the Initiative expressed at our last meeting for business, Friends may want to make individual contributions to "Friends Peace Teams," earmarked to: African Great Lakes Initiative. These can be sent to: **African Great Lakes Initiative, Friends Peace Teams, 1001 Park Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63104.**

The meeting for business also discussed the November Quarterly Meeting that will be hosted by Midcoast Meeting. Carmen and Brewster will attend the next Quarterly Meeting next Month at Pond Town Meeting in Winthrop and discuss the possibility of inviting someone with experience in Friends work in the Great Lakes region to discuss this important work.

I would be pleased to provide more information about the Initiative.

--Brewster Grace

### **Quakerism Study Group** by Linda Cote-Small



Our next gathering of the Quakerism Study Group will be on Sunday, February 27, at 11:30 to 1 p.m. at the latest and will continue to focus on the Simplicity Testimony. We will be reading chapter 7 of *Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity* by Catherine Whitmire.

The following study questions are available if you find them useful:

1. What is the author's main point in this passage?
2. What new light do I find in this particular reading of this passage of text?
3. Is this passage true to my experience?
4. What are the implications of this passage for my life?
5. What problems do I have with this passage?

When we gather, we will be sharing about the passages that have the most significance to each one of us. We hope you will join us.

#### ***Remember Our Friends in Nursing Homes (and Their Families):***

Alice Lacy  
Safe Havens at St. Andrews  
145 Emery Lane  
Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538

Barbara Foust  
Glenridge Nursing Care  
40 Glenridge Drive  
Augusta ME 04330

## *ADVICES*

**Peace & Reconciliation**--Every human being is a child of God with a measure of God's Light. War and other instruments of violence and oppression ignore this reality and violate our relation with God. Let us keep primary, therefore, Friends' concern for removing the causes of war. Let us seek, through God's power and grace, to overcome in our own hearts the emotions that lie at the root of violence. At every opportunity, let us be peacemakers in our homes, in our communities, and in our places of work. Let us take care that we who declare against war do not nourish the seeds of war in our possessions. Friends are urged to support those who witness to their governments and take personal risks in the cause of peace, who choose not to participate in war as soldiers nor to contribute to its preparations with their taxes. Let us support in all possible ways the development of international order, justice, and understanding.

**MIDCOAST MONTHLY MEETING  
OF FRIENDS  
P.O. Box 714  
Damariscotta, ME 04543**