

Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“My god is all gods in one. When I see a beautiful sunset, I worship the god of Nature; when I see a hidden action brought to light, I worship the god of Truth; when I see a bad man punished and a good man go free, I worship the god of Justice; when I see a penitent forgiven, I worship the god of Mercy. ”

— EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY

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QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat. April 7	10:30 AM	Climate Vigil at Triangle Park
Sun. April 8	8:30 AM	Earthcare Committee at Havurah
	8:30 AM	W & S Committee at Havurah
Tues. April 10		COSA, time and location TBA
Sun. April 15	8:30 AM	Monthly Meeting for Business
Thu. April 19	8:30 AM	ICAN at Weybridge Congregational Church
Sat. April 21	1-8 PM	Exploring Quaker forms of worship with Jonathan Vogel-Borne & Kristina Keefe-Perry
Sun. April 22	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum follow up to Saturday's worship workshop
Fri. April 27		Community Supper.

NEWS OF QUAKERLY INTEREST

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WREN COLWELL has been very involved in gun regulation efforts and has been one of the leaders at Middlebury Union High School on the issue. She was an organizer of multiple walk-outs including the March 14 event that brought 500 people to the Cross St. Bridge in Middlebury. The next week

she went to Montpelier and gave compelling testimony to a joint House and Senate Education Committee. Her voice was one of several VPR used in its coverage of the student's visit.

—Lucy

Middlebury Friends Meeting Monthly Meeting for Business

18 March, 2018

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Priscilla Baker

Present were Tom Dickinson, Grace McGrath, Karen Nawn-Fahey, and Peter Schenck.

18.03.01 **Monthly meeting opened** with a reading from NEYM Faith and Practice, Living Lives in the Power of Love, by Wolf Mendi

18.03.02 **February 18, 2018 minutes:** Accepted as printed in the newsletter

18.03.03 **Treasurer's Report** From January 20 through March 17, 2018, the Meeting had member donations of \$1660. From January 20 through March 17, 2018, Meeting expenditures totaled \$1240 including \$500 (for George Lakey event from Carey-Harper fund), \$100 to Warming Shelter (balance of 2017 donation) \$480 for children's program coordination and \$160 for childcare. The current balance of the Carey Harper Fund is \$1350. When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$8201.55

FOLLOWUP: A question was raised about how we will spend the remainder of the Carey-Harper fund. The Rachel Carey-Harper Committee has several ideas under consideration.

18.03.04 **Worship and Study** (Peter Schenck)

1. Future of W & S Committee: Most committee members will be leaving, save Lianna, who will continue to serve. It is anticipated the new committee will take up issues that have arisen concerning the future.
2. Exploring forms of worship to expand our worship practices. Jonathan Vogel-Borne and Kristina Keefe-Perry will come the weekend of April 21 and 22 to help us examine forms of worship. A workshop will occur at Havurah on Saturday, April 21, followed by a Friendly Forum on Sunday, April 22.
3. Aging of MFM: May 27 Friendly Forum will examine changing roles as we age.

FOLLOW UP: The 2017 State of the Meeting report was approved as published in the last newsletter. It was suggested, in the future, we send out the SOM report via listserv as well as in the newsletter, in order to reach more MFM Friends.

18.03.05 **Committee on Outreach and Social Action – COSA** (Tom Dickinson)

1. The future of COSA: should the committee be laid down? What is its role? Acknowledged what is important about keeping a committee going; however, there is a challenge to sustain the vitality of the committee.
2. Special guests (Grace McGrath, shulamith, Don Peabody) were invited to talk about restorative justice and AVP.

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3. FCNL survey: Tom Dickinson reported on the 10 Friends who responded to the survey. Tom noted that those who heard George Lakey, who spoke in Middlebury after surveys were sent in, might think differently about our priorities, taking into consideration some of the concepts Lakey talked about. It was suggested that we ask FCNL if there might be a representative visiting our region, in the next several months, willing to come to Middlebury to meet with MFM Friends.
4. Community Supper on April 27: sign up for tasks will be forthcoming.

FOLLOWUP: It was expressed that COSA is that part of our meeting that holds Friends Peace and Service testimonies. It is suggested that COSA be regarded as a resource rather than an initiator of social actions.

18.03.06 Earthcare Committee (Fran Putnam)

1. **Personal Earthcare Profiles:** The committee has begun interviewing Friends for a series of profiles of participants in our Meeting that detail how their lives and work are informed by a concern for the Earth and the changing climate. We encourage Friends who would like to participate to get in touch with the Earthcare Committee. The profiles will be published in the Newsletter with the following introduction:

“Let Your Light Shine” The Earthcare Committee is inaugurating a new initiative to highlight some of the ways individuals in our Meeting have nurtured the Earth in their everyday or professional lives. This entirely volunteer program is meant to share ideas among us, provide inspiration, and give us new insights into how we can protect our environment.

2. **George Lakey Visit:** Earthcare members reviewed plans for George Lakey’s visit to Middlebury on March 14-15. After the talks, several people have suggested that our Meeting follow up this highly successful visit, perhaps with a series of discussions so we can further process the many important messages in George’s talks and in his book, *Viking Economics*.

18.03.07 **Pastoral Care** (Grace McGrath) Co-clerk, Tom Baskett, has received a letter requesting membership from Perrine Terry. Pastoral Care will organize a visiting committee.

18.03.08 **Fellowship Committee** (Spence Putnam) The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank all Friends who helped make the Potluck on March 15, with George Lakey as guest of honor, such a success. About 35 people were in attendance, and the room looked festive and lively. Special thanks goes to those who were so efficient in setting up and cleaning up in record time so we could make room for a later event in Havurah House. And the meal was, as usual, delicious!

18.03.09 **Follow up to George Lakey visit and talks:** How do we want to follow up? How can we continue the energy generated by Lakey’s talks and insights? After

discussion about various take-aways from Lakey's two public talks, it was decided to create a small committee to plan how to follow up: Fran Putnam, Tom Dickinson and Priscilla Baker. Others are welcome to be part of this followup.

Thank you's were expressed, especially to Molly Anderson for initiating the idea of George's visit to Middlebury and her superb job of facilitating both public talks, as well as organizing all manner of logistics. Thank you to Spence and Fran Putnam for last minute drive to Albany, NY, to bring George to Middlebury, and to Tom Dickinson for driving George to his next talk in Burlington. Thanks to Tom Baskett and Diane Nancekivell, for providing hospitality. Thanks to Fellowship Committee for organizing a wonderful potluck and to all Friends who attended the three events.

18.03.10 Nominating Committee (Lucy McKeon, Sas Carey, Spence Putnam):
Friends are invited to consider how they can participate in the workings of the Meeting. They are examining committee terms. Many positions are open for the coming year.

Meeting closed with a moment of silence

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Pastoral Care Committee

Caring for one another in a loving community is an important part of our life as a Meeting.

Call any member of Pastoral Care to share a concern or need.

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