

# Middlebury Friends Meeting

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“To live, we must daily break the body  
 and shed the blood of Creation.  
 When we do this knowingly, lovingly,  
 skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament.  
 When we do it ignorantly, greedily,  
 clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration.  
 In such desecration we condemn  
 ourselves to spiritual and moral  
 loneliness, and others to want.”

— WENDELL BERRY

## APRIL 2019

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## QUAKER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Every first Saturday	10:30-11:00 AM	ICAN Climate Vigil. New location on Cross Street Bridge
Mon, April 1	7 PM	Reading group, Cheryl's house
Fri - Tues, April 5-9		Climate Walk sponsored by 350VT.org. Details to follow.
Sat, April 13	9 AM-3 PM	Active Hope gathering, CVUUS
Sun, April 14	9 AM 11:15 AM	Earthcare meeting   Worship and Study meeting
Sun, April 21		Easter
Fri, April 26		Community Supper
Sun, April 28	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
Mon, May 6	7 PM	Reading group, Cheryl's house
Sun, May 12	10 AM	Celebration of Life and potluck at Havurah;
Sun, May 19	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business
Sun, May 26	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum on "Experiment with Light"
Mon, June 3	7 PM	Reading group, Cheryl's house
Sun, June 9	8:30 AM	Friendly Forum, "Telling our Healing Stories"
Sun, June 23	8:30 AM	Meeting for Business

PROFILES OF SPIRIT  
WIN COLWELL



Win Colwell was born in New Rochelle, New York, and grew up in the town of Pelham, living there in the same house all through his growing-up years, riding his bike freely, and playing with neighborhood friends. He was the baby of the family, with sisters 6 and 9 years older. A few years ago he went back to look at his childhood home and found that it had been torn down. But he still has the special memories.

Win went to New Hampshire for college, and has also lived and studied in California and in other parts of New England, including Boston. He says: “It’s a good lesson, to live in different places and be exposed to different people and different ways of thinking.” In the mid 1980s he came to live in Middlebury after accepting a position as Craftsperson-in-Residence at the Frog Hollow Crafts Center. His parents, Ted and Olive, were living in East Middlebury, and one of his sisters was in Cornwall. At that time Win was a professional kite-maker, and he had a studio at Frog Hollow where he made and sold his kites.

In 1993 Win decided to go back to school in Northern California, a place he loved. He stayed in California for 7 years, and it was there that he met his wife, Joanna. In 2000 they moved together to Vermont.

Now Win works as a freelance graphic designer. And, he says: “My work is also as a caretaker, because I take care of my 96-year-old father. And my work is also being a father, which means helping my 16-year-old daughter, Wren, and taking her places and making her food and making sure that she is cared for. There’s so much more to work than simply the work for which we get paid.”

Of Middlebury Friends Meeting, he says: “I have good friends within Meeting, who I like to make meals with, and share good food with, or play games with, or go on hikes with, and this is all important stuff, because it’s important to be outside and interacting in nature, and it’s important to have fun together, and it’s important to have those relationships and so when you really need somebody to talk to, you’ve got a friend.”

“The community of Quakers is one of the wonderful things about it. I know that people in Meeting share a lot of values and priorities, so it’s really wonderful to have this community of people that I feel close to, because we share that. And it’s really fun

to get together. Joanna and I love to cook together, and that's something that is really fun to do with other people."

Win and his family love to hike, and Win has climbed all 46 of the Adirondack high peaks!

Win's closing thoughts when interviewed were about creativity:

"....I think for me it's really important that I have time to do creative work. Having creative time is kind of like food; I need it to be nourished, and to be happy and to feel whole. But I'm often in danger of forgetting that, 'cause sometimes we can get very busy with life and with responsibilities, and it's important to do all of our responsibilities. But it's also important to find time to do the creative work which keeps us spiritually nourished."

*Profile written by Lianna Tennal and Alice Mae, based on an interview conducted by Alice Mae and Willard, in April, 2018.*



## Monthly Meeting for Business

17 March, 2019

Clerk: Tom Baskett

Recording Clerk: Lucy McKeon

Present were Fran Putnam, Spence Putnam, Tom Dickinson, Manya Dickinson, Ruah Swennerfelt, Louis Cox, Priscilla Baker, and Cheryl Mitchell.

Tom B. opened the meeting with a passage from *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being* by Sister Ilia Delio.

**19:03:01 Clerk's Report** Only one person from MFM will be attending the Powell House retreat on encouraging the spirit of pastoral care in meetings. Consequently, only one fee is needed. One hundred dollars will be taken from our budget and one hundred has been given as an anonymous donation.

We are all asked to respond to Margie's email regarding our individual social action activities. This is important to get a sense of how active our meeting is as well as to provide a reference and contact list for those trying to get more involved.

MFM's response to the tragedy in New Zealand was discussed. The meeting approved a plan to draft and send a letter to the Addison Independent as well as the Middlebury

College Muslim student group and the Islamic Society of Vermont. Fran volunteered to write the letter and will have it reviewed by the clerks before sending it along.

**19.03.02 Treasurer's Report** All statements in this report are as of March 16, 2019. From January 1 through March 16, the Meeting had member donations of \$2105.00. From January 1 through March 16, Meeting expenditures totaled \$2892.24, including \$401.24 for Children's Program Coordinator, \$280 for childcare, \$200 to Powell House for Workshop, \$125 to NWQM, \$800 to NEYM, \$662.50 to Havurah, \$283.50 for Solar Panels (Weybridge Cong. Church), \$140 for reimbursement for Mexican Consulate visit (Rachel Carey Harper Fund). When these checks clear, the balance in the checking account will be \$7456.8.

The current balance of the Rachel Carey Harper fund is \$1130.

Please note that the Children's Program Coordinator checks are now spread over 12 months instead of 10.

Spence reported that the informal review of the 2018 financial records has been completed and all is in order.

**19.03.03 Worship and Study** The draft of the state of the meeting report was presented and some edits were suggested. This will be reworked a bit more and then presented to business meeting for approval in April.

Many more ideas and concrete suggestions were raised at the state of the meeting that were not included in the report. The committee plans to compile and share these in the future.

#### **19.03.04 Earthcare**

- **TLC Carbon Reduction Workshop** The workshop had to be rescheduled due to inclement weather. Earthcare is working on finding a new date.
- **Climate Walk** 350.org is sponsoring a walk from Middlebury to Montpelier from April 5 to 9 to bring attention to the urgent need to meet Vermont's climate goals, as well as bringing support to other initiatives. Our Meeting could work with ICAN and other faith groups to help support this walk. There are many ways to get involved. Speak with Spence or Fran for details.

**19.03.05 Pastoral Care** No report.

**19.03.06 Fellowship** Reminder about the fundraiser for Heifer International on March 31 at the rise of meeting. There will be several chili options.

**19.03.07 New Business** We were reminded that the next Community Supper is on Friday, April 26.

Tom Dickinson brought forward two requests from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. One concerned submission of Meeting's list of legislative priori-

ties for next year. We have time to consider how much attention MFM feels led to devote to this. The second has to do with the review/revision of the FCNL Statement of Legislative Policy. “The World We Seek” is a 37 page document that was last reviewed in 2013. FCNL feels this statement should be looked at again because of the dramatic changes in our political climate. Ruah Swennerfelt commented that Burlington Friends is looking into this. Friends interested in contributing to this project may check the FCNL website: <https://www.fcnl.org/updates/2019-policy-revision-process-1886>.

The meeting closed with a period of silent worship.

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