



**TORONTO MONTHLY MEETING of the
RELIGIOUS SOCIETY of FRIENDS (QUAKERS)**
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November 2008

The deadline for the next Newsletter is Monday 17 November 2008.

REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	Meeting for Worship	11:00 AM
	First Day School (schedule will be posted)	
	Worship Sharing	
	First Sunday of each month as concerns arise	12:45–2:00 PM
	Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business	
	Sunday 16 November	12:45 PM
	<i>Deadline for agenda items: Sunday 9 October</i>	
	Religious Education Committee Presentation	
	Second Sunday of each month	12:45–2:00 PM
	Peace and Social Action Committee Presentation	
	Last Sunday of each month	12:30–2:00 PM
	West End Worship Group	
	First Sunday of each month, in Friends' homes	
	Contact Fred Holtz for locations.	11:00 AM
	Esplanade Worship Group	
	Third Sunday of each month	
	Contact Ann Farrell for information	10:30 AM
Thursday	Volunteer Program at Metro West Detention Centre	
	Contact Fred Franklin	6:00 PM

If you are new and interested in participating in Toronto Monthly Meeting activities or have questions, please speak with the Clerks Leigh Turina or Wanda Forsythe, or any other member. Welcome.

Minutes of the Toronto Monthly Meeting for Worship for Business are available in the library.

Financial assistance for taxis is available for those Friends and attenders who have physical difficulties getting to Meeting for Worship by public transport. Please speak to a member of Ministry and Counsel or the Resident Friends to obtain taxi chits.

The Visiting Committee co-ordinates visits with members and attenders who are unable to attend Meeting for Worship. Please contact a member of the Committee if you know of someone who needs a visit:
Judith Amundson, Suprabhat Dey, Jon Karsemeyer, Ruth Malloy, Rosemary Meier.

Ministry and Worship

Obviously, then, all the activities of a meeting - the prayer of worship, the vocal prayer of a gathered meeting, the prayer which sustains and nourishes its cells or prayer groups, family prayer, the ministry of love which expresses itself in counseling, the impact of a meeting on the outside community - all of these should be grounded in the prayer life of the individual. If prayer has not been a reality through the week for at least a core of its members, participants in the Sunday meeting cannot reach high levels of worship. Vocal prayer flows when the cup is already full before we come to meeting. Activity which is meaningful results from insights gained in prayer. Counseling which is helpful comes from the bringing of divine perspective to human confusion. Prayer, then is a necessity in our lives. It must be at the center of them.

Helen Hole, 1962
No. 85 in *Faith and Practice*,
(Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1997)

Half Yearly Meeting

Saturday, 1 November 2008

Yonge St. Half Yearly Meeting will be hosted by Simcoe Muskoka Meeting at their Meeting House: 231 Westmount Dr. S. in Orillia.

Friends House Fall Cleanup Day

Saturday 8 November

Please save an hour or two on Saturday afternoon between 1:30 and 4:00 PM, for the 2008 rendition of FALL CLEANUP at Friends House. We'll be raking, of course, but if that doesn't suit, there will be a variety of other chores to tempt you! You can even contribute your favourite energy booster to the potluck refreshments. Please contact Kate Dee or Jane Aspinall if you have questions.

Green\$aver Presentation

Environmental Upgrades for Friends House

Wednesday 12 November, 7:30 PM

Tim Christie of Greensaver, the non-profit organization that audited Friends House for possible environmental upgrades, will present his report at Friends House on Wednesday, November 12 at 7:30 pm. Interested Friends are welcome.

Speaking from Experience

Norman Taylor, Sunday 9 November

After Meeting for Worship, **Norman Taylor** will speak about his experience in teaching peace studies. An incident with animals in the Andes in the 1960s led him to study the behaviour of animals in areas of cooperation, group process, and conflict resolution. The "Speaking from Experience" series, organized by the Religious Education Committee, presents highlights of the personal faith journeys of individual Friends.

Job Opportunity: Associate Resident Friend, Toronto Monthly Meeting

Toronto Monthly Meeting is looking for an Associate Resident Friend to start on 1 January 2009. This is a 34 hour/week position sharing duties with the Resident Friend. Accommodation, shared kitchen, and remuneration are provided, with customary vacations, statutory holidays, and leave for medical, personal, or compassionate reasons.

Applicants who are members of the Religious Society of Friends and/or are familiar with Friends' ways will be given preference. Two references are required. Please submit a resume with your letter of application. For further information and a job description, please contact Dagmar Rajagopal.

The Personnel Committee began to consider applications on 1 October 2008, but applications will be accepted until the position has been filled.

Dagmar Rajagopal, Clerk, Personnel Committee

Annual Report Schedule

The following annual reports are due for the November and December Meetings for Worship for Business. Reports should be emailed or delivered to the office by the second Sunday of the month. Please advise the clerks if this is not possible.

November

Finance Committee Annual Budget
Toronto Monthly Meeting Nominating Committee
– TMM nominations

December

Representative Meeting Report

Fundraiser for Jane MacKay Wright's Work in Congo with CPT

Saturday 15 November, 12:00 noon

Jane MacKay Wright will return to Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo, for three months starting 4 December 2008 to serve on a Christian Peacemaker Teams violence-reduction project. The team of two Canadians and three Americans have been invited by Goma's Groupe Martin Luther King, whose activities include non-violence advocacy and public education.

Goma is situated in the eastern province of North Kivu, an area that has seen prolonged conflict between militias and the Congolese government. There are about 17,000 UN soldiers in the area. Millions of Congolese have been killed and hundreds of thousands have been made homeless by the fighting.

The team will establish a project office and living quarters in the city of Goma. Their first activities will be to establish a network with a wide range of human rights workers in the area, and to connect with media so that the plight of the eastern Congo can become better known to the international community.

CPT requires that Jane pay her own travel and on-site costs. She is grateful for donations. Cheques should be payable to "Christian Peacemaker Teams," earmarked "Inspired by the work of Jane MacKay Wright," and mailed to Canadian Peacemaker Teams, 25 Cecil St., Unit 307, Toronto ON M5T 1N1. Friends who wish email news from Jane while she is away may contact her or Norman Taylor. A fundraising lunch and slide show will be held at Friends House on Saturday 15 November at noon.

War Resisters Campaign Update

You may know that our friends Jeremy Hinzman, Nga Nguyen, and Liam received a stay of their deportation order. (Megan, of course, is a Canadian citizen!) Jeremy's case will be heard at a later date. Two more war resisters have been ordered deported and other war resisters await further court cases. Such cases are expensive and funds are needed. Donations (not tax-receipted) can be made out to War Resisters Support Campaign, and sent to Box 13, 427 Bloor St. West, Toronto M5S 1X7.

Book Launch and Fundraiser

Monday 10 November

The book launch for Laurel Dee Gugler's new book *A Piece of Forever*, will be held at Friends House on Monday 10 November, 5:30–7:30 PM. The event will include readings and storytelling. All are welcome, but due to the content covered, Laurel feels it is most appropriate for adults and children ages 8 and up. Proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to War Child Canada, a charity that helps children affected by war.

If you can post a flyer beforehand or contribute finger foods for the launch, please contact Laurel. Flyers are also available at Friends House.

A Piece of Forever features a ten-year-old Mennonite girl, Rose, who struggles to determine her own beliefs in regard to war. She does a school project on the bombing of Hiroshima that includes the true story of Sadako, a young girl who died of radiation sickness ten years after the bomb. As her school's Remembrance Day assembly draws near, Rose struggles with what it means to be brave. *A Piece of Forever*, a junior novel, is a sequel to Laurel's earlier title, *Catching Forever*.

New in the Library

- Canadian Yearly Meeting. *Reports for Canadian Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends and Minutes of Representative Meeting*. 2008.
- Frankl, Victor E. *Man's Search for Meaning*. Rev. and updated. New York: Pocket Books, 1984; first published 1948.
- Jones, Rufus. *Essential Writings*: Selected with an introduction by Kerry Walters. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 2001.
- The Principal Upanishads: the Essential Philosophical Foundation of Hinduism*. Trans. Alan Jacobs. London: Duncan Baird, 2007.
- Birkel, Michael. *The Messenger That Goes Before: Reading Margaret Fell for Spiritual Nurture*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet 398, October 2008.
- Snyder, Daniel O. *Quaker Witness as Sacrament*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet 397, August 2008.
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Eusebio Garcia's Contribution to Healthcare in El Salvadore

Friends may wish to make a donation to support Eusebio's participation in the El Salvador Health Brigade in November 2008. Eusebio is giving his holiday time to act as translator and staff-community liaison for a medical team that will provide health care to a poor community of survivors of the war in El Salvador. Cheques payable to TMM and earmarked for this purpose are welcome.

Eusebio also provided assistance for the 2007 Brigade. He was able to negotiate an arrangement with the airline for substantially lower seat prices and a much larger weight allowance so they could bring more medical supplies. In San Salvador, a city notoriously unsafe for North Americans, he escorted the medical team around the city centre and accompanied them on a number of social/political activities, notably a peace vigil and memorial service for victims of political massacres. During all this he also served as a valuable translator – on call twenty-four hours a day! – due to his understanding on not just Spanish, but more importantly of the nuances of rural conversation, making work at the clinic vastly more productive.

2008 TMM Directory

If your name is listed in the 2008 TMM Directory and you did not pick up your copy at Friends House, it has been mailed to you.

Reduce, Re-Use...Labels

TMM office has many address label sheets with one or more blank labels. If you can use them, please drop by the office to pick them up.

Of Thee and Thine

A reporter from the *Toronto Star* called the TMM office for information about how Friends say Grace at their Thanksgiving meal. Dan Cooperstock was available for an interview. The article, which includes a short comment from Dan on Quaker silent "grace" can be found at:

<http://www.thestar.com/article/515002>

Please let the TMM Office (tmm at web dot net) know of changes in your address, phone or e-mail. Due to government privacy legislation, this information will be put in the newsletter only if you request it. (N.B. Personal information is removed from the version of the TMM newsletter posted on our website.) These changes will be put into the TMM Directory, and given to Canadian Yearly Meeting for their Directory, unless you request otherwise.

Please let the TMM office (tmm at web dot net) know of births, deaths, accomplishments, or other news you'd like to share in the Newsletter.