

Readership Survey for *The Canadian Friend*

Please return this form before 15 April 2004 to: 160 Highland Avenue, St. Catharines ON L2R 4J6

Dear Friends, if you are a regular reader of "The Canadian Friend", PLEASE help us to better serve you and better meet your changing needs by taking a few minutes to complete this survey.

1. What do you find most useful about *The Canadian Friend*?

2. What do you find least useful?

3. What do you find most enjoyable about it?

4. What do you find the least enjoyable?

5. How much of *The Canadian Friend* do you usually read:

- All of it Maybe about half
 Only a little None of it

6. Overall, how valuable do you consider the information in *The Canadian Friend*?

- Very valuable Somewhat valuable
 Not very valuable Good to clean windows

7. Please rate your interest in the following broad categories:
(+ No interest ++Moderate interest ++++High interest)

- Around the Family: _____
- Articles on theme or other feature articles: _____
- Book reviews: _____
- Clerking Corner: _____
- Descriptions of new titles in Quaker Book Service: _____
- Editorial: _____
- French material: _____
- Inserts: _____
- Letters to the Editor: _____
- Minutes, epistles, memorial minutes and reports: _____
- Photos and other graphics: _____
- Poetry: _____
- Religious Education/First Day School: _____
- Reprints: _____
- Other: (please specify) _____:

8. What do you think of the increased use of paid advertising in *The Canadian Friend*?

9. Do you think **classified** ads might become popular in *The Canadian Friend* as they are in other Quaker publications?

- Yes No

If so, would you consider placing one? No Yes

10. Do you regularly read any other Quaker magazines or newsletters? No Yes

If yes, please specify up to three favorites:

11. Do you ever submit articles, poems, or graphics to *The Canadian Friend*? Yes No

If not, what might help you do so? _____

12. Do you share your copy of *The Canadian Friend* with others? Yes No

13. Do you ever photocopy articles from it for other people? No Yes

14. Do you ever look at *The Canadian Friend* on the web?

- Yes No

If not, why not? _____

If yes, what do you think of it? _____

15. When seeing a member or attender who has talent with photos, drawings, or writing do you ever recommend that they submit something to *The Canadian Friend*?

- No Yes

If not, what might help you do so? _____

16. Do you ever recommend *The Canadian Friend* to anyone?

- Yes No

17. Have you ever suggested to anyone that they subscribe?

- No Yes If so, how often? _____

18. Have you ever given a subscription of *The Canadian Friend* to anyone? Yes No

If so, how often? _____

19. What is your age? Under 20 21-30

31-40 41-50 51-60 61-70

71-80 81-90 90+

20. What is your gender? Male Female

21. Where do you live?

Western Canada Prairies Central Canada

Eastern Canada Elsewhere

22. Please share any suggestions and/or comments about *The Canadian Friend* you'd like us to know: _____

Please return this form BEFORE 15 April 2004 to:

June-Etta Chenard, 160 Highland Ave., St. Catharines ON L2R 4J6

THANK YOU for your feedback. Your assistance will be used to help *The Canadian Friend* grow and improve! If you want more room for your answers, please use another sheet of paper.

Pdf copies of this form are available from «cf-editor@quaker.ca»; please write "CF Reader Survey" in the subject line when you send your request. The forms can then be returned by regular mail or e-mail.



ELAINE FLORENCE WOOD

11 September 1911 to

23 July 2003

ELAINE WOOD, KNOWN TO SOME FRIENDS AS ELAINE HORST, was among the first of the small group that gathered in the Kitchener area for worship after the manner of Friends – back in the early 1960's. Thus, she was a founding member of the worship group under Hamilton Monthly Meeting and of the resulting Kitchener Area Monthly Meeting. She was the last continuing member from those early years. For the past forty years, Elaine lived in Stratford. By 1980 she had started the small worship group there that met at her home, later in a retirement complex, and more recently, again, in her home.

Born in England and educated in England and Germany, the range of Elaine's occupational and personal interests was evident even before she came to Canada. She was a teacher, social worker, actress and volunteer. She had a strong commitment to and involvement with a number of community social service organizations. Elaine cherished her time with the Stratford Festival and the parts she played on the stage there and in other theatres and on television. She enjoyed both traveling and offering hospitality. In all her activities, she expressed her joy in life and enthusiasm for interesting people and places.

Her family included her daughter Judy Dugan, her late grandson Mark Dugan, her late daughter Valerie, her late husband Frank, her stepchildren and their children. As well, she had many friends in Canada and England.

Elaine's early experience with Friends was in Britain, and she was an ambulance driver during the Second World War. She was committed to the peace testimony. She was active in attending meeting in Kitchener even for several years after her move to Stratford and the beginning of the worship group there. For a number of years Elaine served as a member of Ministry and Counsel for the monthly meeting. She valued this experience, not only as an opportunity to be useful to the meeting, but as a place of fellowship.

Elaine approached the closing period of her life with cheerfulness and straightforwardness, and was able to

be at home, with some assistance, until the final few weeks of her life.

Elaine described herself as a character actress, but it is her own character, and her positive appreciation of the world around her, that we remember with thankfulness. *

PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE FAITH AND PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE By Molly Walsh

IN MID-NOVEMBER, THE SIX MEMBERS OF CANADIAN YEARLY MEETING'S (CYM) FAITH AND PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MET IN OTTAWA to prepare an initial draft chapter on The Meeting Community. This was mailed to meetings and worship groups in mid-December. Clerks have been encouraged to arrange discussions of this material and provide feedback for the committee by 12 March 2004.

Our spring working session will take place in May at which point the draft chapter on The Meeting Community will be finalized to distribute in pamphlet form at CYM in August. We also will begin compiling excerpts for the next chapter under consideration, Stages of Life (Childhood, Youth, Maturity, Aging, Dying).

With the completion of The Meeting Community, the committee will have produced 3 Draft Chapters in pamphlet form (the other two being Foundations of Faith and Faith in Action). In addition to Stages of life, other chapter which are projected will cover CYM History, Social Relationships and Faithful Lives.

Our work is enhanced greatly by contributions from Friends across Canada. We encourage your feedback and participation as we join together in the exciting work of creating a Canadian Faith and Practice.

You may contact us by regular mail c/o: Dana Mullen, 4 Greenboro Crescent, Ottawa, ON K1T 1W5; or by e-mail at: «zilli@interpares.ca». *

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