

## Who comes to Pendle Hill—and why?

"I came to Pendle Hill because I needed some space to grow, and I wanted to explore social justice work through my faith and within a community. A member of Vancouver Monthly Meeting, I grew up going to Vernon Meeting. At Pendle Hill I experienced for myself what a Friend told me: 'Pendle Hill is a spiritual greenhouse. You just watch people grow.' I especially enjoyed daily meeting for worship and the art studio.

Since leaving Pendle Hill I have continued my witness and social justice work, including working for Mennonite Central Committee in Laos as a teacher for at-risk children and disabled people."

—Miriam Maxcy (on left), Social Action/Social Witness Intern, 2001–2002



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### Canadian Friends Service Committee



### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Canadian Friends Service Committee (CFSC) is the peace and justice arm of Canadian Yearly Meeting. CFSC is hiring a Programme Coordinator for the Quaker Committee on Jails and Justice Programme. This is a half-time (17.5 hours/week) position.

*"Our current criminal justice system, centered on an adversarial legal procedure, does not deliver justice, either to those directly affected by wrongdoing, or to society as a whole ... we must redefine justice as the process that allows us all to continue living together after one has caused harm to another in our midst. Justice is therefore measured by how peacefully and productively we coexist, not by how severely we punish those found responsible for a transgression against another."*

If you agree with this statement, you may be the right person for this position. The successful candidate will:

- have post-secondary education in a related discipline
- have related work or volunteer experience
- be familiar with the not-for-profit work environment and the Quaker community, including Quaker business method
- be available to start work on **15 August 2005**

Please visit the CFSC website: <[www.cfsc.quaker.ca](http://www.cfsc.quaker.ca)> or telephone CFSC at (416) 920-5213 for an application package.

**Application deadline: 29 April 2005.**

# A Reflection from Representative Meeting, Held in Ottawa 19-20 November 2004

## By Gini Smith

Over thirty of us gathered at the Ottawa Meeting House on “Greycup Weekend!” The meeting house is located just two blocks north of Lansdowne Park, where the game is played. Upon our arrival, Ottawa Friends met us, fed us, taxied us, and cared for us through the maze of closed streets, traffic, and people, for which we were all grateful. Thank you, Friends of Ottawa.

It is always special time for me when I am able to get to Ottawa Meeting, where I started my spiritual journey as a member of the Religious Society of Friends.

We gathered on Friday at suppertime, and moved into our first session with meeting for worship. From the silence, each representative shared the joys and challenges that expressed the life of each meeting and worship group.

This was one of the high points for me. Each one was like a living state of society report, and the sense of a spiritual community sharing “the things that are eternal” was very strong.

We had many items of business to address — but the care of the clerks and a continued spirit of worship carried us through a long day.

There were several items that seemed as if there was no clearness, but slowly, one felt the movement of the Spirit, and way opened to move forward.

It is at such times that one experiences the power of the meeting for worship for business as a sound method of decision-making, a gift, and the cornerstone of our practice as Friends. ✱

*Gini Smith is a member of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting.*



### *Canadian Yearly Meeting National Listeners*



Canadian Yearly Meeting National Listeners, guided by Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel, are available to listen to any Canadian Friend disclose harm done on matters of sexual harassment or abuse, or any other topic a Friend may need to discuss.

If you need a listener, the first step is to approach a trusted Friend within your Monthly Meeting (MM), or to go to your MM Ministry and Counsel. If this path is not comfortable, you may contact a National Listener. Listeners seek to be present from a place of spirit-centred openness — to hold the caller and the situation in the Light, and to listen with tenderness. Knowing the healing that comes from simply being heard, we offer you a safe and confidential space in which to speak. One call might be all you need. If not, we have the task of discerning with you what a next step could be: whether a committee of care, of clearness, or of oversight might be appropriate; or how to find other possible resources.

The National Listeners have experience in listening to issues around sexual abuse, and to other concerns.

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**Whenever possible, please contact us first to arrange a mutually convenient time to speak later.**