

# Around the Family

## HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING

On 20 November 2004, Representative Meeting approved the recommendation of the CYM Clearness Committee to record Ian Graham of Hamilton Monthly Meeting in the ministry of chaplaincy. We congratulate Ian, and wish him well in his future prison chaplaincy work.

In December, Hamilton MM held its third annual Cookies and Carols day: making cookies in the morning, then delivering them and singing carols to Friends in the afternoon.

Rick McCutcheon and Tamara Fleming have moved to Winnipeg. They have been a vital presence in Hamilton MM, and will be missed.

## NEW BRUNSWICK MONTHLY MEETING

Blessings and best wishes go to Friends in New Brunswick MM, who have provided a new home for the Canadian Quaker Pamphlet Series.

In December, Daphne Davey, a member of Prince Edward Island Worship Group under the care of New Brunswick Monthly Meeting, joined Harrow Friends in England for worship. Daphne had attended Harrow Meeting from 1961 to 1969, at which point she joined the Society of Friends and promptly emigrated to Canada.

## OTTAWA MONTHLY MEETING

In a recent simplicity workshop, it occurred to Ottawa Friends that life might be simpler if more unfinished projects were finished. Therefore, in January, Ottawa MM's Adult Religious Education Committee sponsored a "catch-up-with old-projects-day" at the Meeting House.

Ottawa's Outreach Committee and Adult Religious Education Committee are jointly sponsoring a series of seven sessions on Comparative Religions and "war and peace." The series, which include presentations followed by discussions, are led by representatives of different religious groups.

## PELHAM EXECUTIVE MEETING

A January retreat was held for Pelham members. This retreat contemplated the long history of persecution of Jews, rooted in the Christian conviction that Jesus was the Messiah prophesied in Jewish scriptures, in contrast to the Jewish conviction that the Messiah has not yet come.

## VERNON MONTHLY MEETING

Young Friends across Canada are gathering to consider the World Gathering of Young Friends in England this year. Peter Crosbie Stevenson, a Young Friend from Prince George, will travel with another Friend by bicycle to Meetings in British Columbia and Alberta, to meet with YF's, and others. After a Meeting for Worship for all, YF's would meet to envision their YF community, and what they can offer the wider Quaker body. They will work on a book to be put together at CYM, and plan the Thursday night CYM activity. Peter asks if there are any Young Friends in your Meeting (13-35); if there are, how he might reach them; and whether there are any June or July retreats or gatherings that might be of interest to them.

## VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING

Ministry and Counsel recommend, and we enthusiastically approve, the Fern Street Peace, Earth and Social Action Committee's request to support David Stott on his "Ghana Market Garden" trip.

Duncan Worship Group has joined Fern Street Meeting and Mid-Island Allowed Meeting in having regular meetings for business. Our Monthly Meetings are held every two months in one of these locations.

## BIRTHS

We record our pleasure and celebrate the arrivals of:

- **CHLOE JASMINE**, a second daughter, born 23 November, 2004 at home to Sarah Burgess (member of Yarmouth MM) and Timothy Croker, of Barrie;
- **CLAIRE and KARINA**, twin girls, born on 20 October 2004 to Liz Stannard and Michael Strong, resident Friends at Victoria MM Meetinghouse;
- **KIERAN JOHN ALAN BULLEN-EDGAR**, a son, born at home on 21 November 2004 to Jocelyn Bullen and Ian Edgar, (Yarmouth MM);
- **LORNE JOHNSON MILLER**, a son, born on 3 December to Kate Johnson (Wooler MM, attending Thousand Islands MM) and Cam Miller.

## NEW MEMBERS

We joyfully welcome the following people into membership in the Religious Society of Friends:

- **BARBARA GROVE**, THOUSAND ISLANDS MM;
- **GALEN FICK**, OTTAWA MM;
- **MAGGIE WOODBRIDGE**, THOUSAND ISLANDS MM;
- **Nathalie Brunet**, WOLFVILLE MM.

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## MARRIAGE

Best wishes and warm blessings to **JOHN HAWKING** (a member of Toronto MM) and **CELIA GODKIN**, who were married after the manner of Friends on 18 December 2004 at Friends House in Toronto Monthly Meeting.

## KIMBERLY POWERS BARFITT

We were grateful for the name of the “unidentified girl” in a group photo (October issue). Kimberly Powers Barfitt is the daughter of Maria Powers, and grand-daughter of Bill and Sylvia. Kimberly is the child who supported Steve Abbott, a big, man, during the balancing on CYM’s Family Night.

## FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

(Section of the Americas) field staff are available for visitation, speaking, workshops, and as resource people in the central and western regions of Canadian Yearly Meeting. Contact Susan Lee Barton for central Canada at «susanleeb@fwccamericas.org» or call (765) 939-1449; and Nancy Yarnall for western Canada at «nancy@fwccamericas.org» or call (360) 433-0842.

## WESTERN HALF YEARLY MEETING

Join Friends in the western half of Canada at the Sorrento Centre in Sorrento, BC, May 20 to 23, 2005 for a weekend of fellowship, worship, education and, above all, fun for all ages. A balancing retreat is planned for May 20. Contact: Graeme Hope, Clerk, e-mail: «graemehope@shaw.ca»; phone: (250) 573-5779 OR Janet Lehde, Registrar, e-mail: «red-viol@excite.com».

## YOUNG FRIENDS WORLD GATHERING

Alan Tatro and Caitlin McQuail have been nominated as the CYM delegates to the Young Friends World Gathering. Besides these two Young Friends, Canadian Young Friends Yearly Meeting [CYFYM] is sponsoring two YFs from Guatemala.

## DEATHS

We give thanks for the grace of God as witnessed in the lives of these Friends who have recently died, and we offer our sympathy and prayers to their families and close friends.

• **J, PIERRE BÉGUIN** (SAANICH PENINSULA MM) died on 26 September 2004, and a Memorial Meeting was held on 6 November 2004.

• **JOAN BENZ** (TORONTO MM), died peacefully at her home on 16 November 2004 after a long illness. A Meeting for Worship for Burial was held on 20 December 2004.

• **DONALD LAITIN** (YONGE STREET MM) a former Clerk of Canadian Yearly Meeting, died 10 December 2004. A Memorial Meeting was held on 15 January 2005.

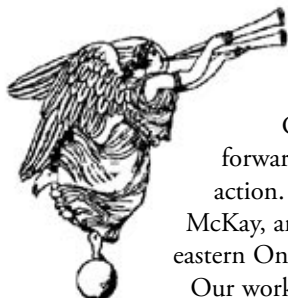
• **HUBERT MENDENHALL** (VICTORIA MM) died on 23 November 2004, with a Memorial Meeting held on 5 December 2004.

• **JOAN ROBINSON** (VICTORIA MM) died on 5 October, 2004; a Memorial Meeting took place on 17 October 2004.

• **LIES SMIT** (TORONTO MM) died on 29 November 2004. A Meeting for Worship for Burial was held at Yonge Street Meeting House on 4 December 2004, and a Memorial Meeting was held at Friends House in Toronto on 8 January 2005.

• **BRUCE SMITH** (HAMILTON MM), who was an attender of Hamilton Meeting for a number of years, died in June 2004.

• **JERI WINE** (HALIFAX MM), a recent attender of Halifax Meeting, died on 30 November 30, 2004.



## C'n'R News Flash



Canadian Yearly Meeting’s new Consultation and Renewal Working Group — henceforward to be known as **C’n’R Group** — met in mid-January and mapped out a plan of action. The clerk is Marilyn Manzer. Other members are Kwame Barko, Michael Miller, David McKay, and Gale Wills. Two more members are being sought — one from Ontario (preferably eastern Ontario) and one from eastern British Columbia or Alberta.

Our work plan and progress reports will be posted on the CYM website. We will be interviewing volunteers serving Yearly Meeting. We will develop Yearly Meeting Queries — on our spiritual vitality, our willingness to care for our planet, and our income/expense dilemmas. These will be used to focus face to face discussions with all Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups in our YM. We will be visiting you between June 2005 and February 2006.

**Watch for updates and start getting excited about meeting with us. We’re excited!**