

Around the Family

Kitchener Area Monthly Meeting

We send prayers and blessings to Gianne Broughton (long-time sojourner in Ottawa Monthly Meeting), who has gone to Bujumbura, Burundi, to help rebuild the American Friends Service Committee's peace programme in the Great Lakes Region of Central Africa.

Toronto Monthly Meeting

As we were going to press, we have learned of the death of Ryan, beloved son-in-law of Fred and Susan Holtz. Ryan died in a bicycle accident in Toronto. HMAc members offer our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends.

Victoria Monthly Meeting

Joe Awmack and Doreen Stein were married under the care of Nottingham Meeting, England, on 24 September 2005. We think of them and send our blessing and upholding thoughts.

Wooler Monthly Meeting

Kate Johnson (Wooler) and Cam Miller were married on 22 October 2005 in Kingston under the care of Thousand Islands Monthly Meeting. Some 90 worshippers attended the joyful Meeting for Worship and festivities afterwards.

Canadian Yearly Meeting: Religious Education Committee

You can borrow Quaker books, postage free, from the Canadian Friends' Travelling Library. On the internet, visit: http://www.quaker.ca/Religious_Education/index.html for access to excellent resources. E-mail: AdultLibrary@quaker.ca or ChildrenLibrary@quaker.ca. Telephone: 519-775-2670 or write: CYM Travelling Library c/o Yarmouth Monthly Meeting, Box 105, Sparta, ON N0L 2H0.

Conscience Canada

Conscience Canada has worked since 1978 to:

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Phone: 416-203-1402; E-mail: consciencecanada@shaw.ca. Visit: <http://www.consciencecanada.ca/> for information or to join our e-mail discussion list.

Quaker International Affairs Programme

Quaker International Affairs Programme is pleased to announce the appointment of a new programme assistant, Sandra Wiens. We wish her all blessings.

A Message of Gratitude

Thank you, dear Friends, for your love and support following Chris's death (November 2004). It has helped to know that we are not alone in our grief. Your cards and notes have been read and re-read, beacons of light and love during this hard time. In Friendship,
– Celia, David, and Elen Cheatley

New Ontario Interfaith Newsletter

For Friends interested in interfaith activities, news and resources in southern Ontario, there is a free on-line newsletter with links to longer articles and reports. To register for free subscription, send a message to: info@interfaithunity.ca. Anyone can send information on resources, book reviews, reports on events attended, and upcoming events.

New Pendle Hill Interim Director

The Pendle Hill Trustees are pleased to announce the appointment of Kenneth Jacobsen as Interim Executive Director, effective 1 January 2006. Known to many Friends for his service as Head of Olney Friends School, Ken Jacobsen has worked closely with his wife, Katharine Jacobsen, in financial management, retreat leadership and teaching in several Quaker organisations.

Corrections

In the Robert Cosby article of the October issue, the Koran passage should have been 29:46 and not 19:46; and Robert Cosby is an attender of Regina Allowed Meeting, not the Saskatoon Allowed Meeting.

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Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists (CQHA)

The CQHA will hold its 16th biennial conference at Guilford College in North Carolina on 23-25 June 2006. The conference invites proposals for papers on any aspect of Quaker history. The deadline for proposals is 15 January 2006. Send a one-page abstract and curriculum vita (both electronically and in paper if possible) to: Christopher Densmore; e-mail: Cdensmo1@swarthmore.edu or telephone: 610-328-8499.

Clarence Pickett Endowment Grants

The Pickett Endowment board of trustees seeks from all Quaker traditions the nomination of individual Quakers who show promise and potential as a Quaker leader. Upon receiving a nomination, the nominee is then invited by the trustees to submit an application for a grant. A limited number of grants (averaging from \$2500 to \$3000) are available each year.

The focus of the Pickett Endowment grant is for "hands on" service and research projects directly related to the quality and betterment of life for all humankind. Priority is given to younger applicants, and to projects which serve the applicant's community. Nominations are due 15 January, and grants are awarded in May. Information is available from: <http://pickettendowment.quaker.org>; and from Allen Bowman, telephone: 641-673-4190.

Elizabeth Ann Bogert Memorial Fund

Overseers of the Friends World Committee for Consultation's Elizabeth Ann Bogert Memorial Fund make grants of up to \$1000 to individuals, groups or institutions involved in the study and practice of Christian mysticism.

Proposals should include a description of the project, the specific amount requested, how it will be used, other sources of funding, and plans for communicating the results to others. The deadline for proposals and references is March 1, annually. Decisions are made in

May; grants are sent in June. For information, contact: Vinton and Michelina Deming, 4818 Warrington Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19143.

Susan Bax Fund

This memorial fund supports women travelling in the ministry. Monies from the fund are for paying the actual costs of travel only, and are available for women who are members of the Religious Society of Friends within the Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC) Section of the Americas.

Applications for funding are considered twice each year, in January and in July. Applications should reach the FWCC, Section of the Americas Office in December or June (the months preceding the date of consideration). Under extraordinary circumstances, the selection committee may waive its usual process in considering an application. The amount of the grant will be determined by the selection committee in light of other funds available and the ministry being undertaken. In general, an applicant is expected to find additional sources of funding, and will be limited to one grant per year. Telephone: 215-241 7250; e-mail: americas@fwccamericas.org

Classified Ads

Monteverde Friends School seeks pre-K-12 teachers and volunteers, beginning in August 2006. MFS is an English-dominant, bilingual school with multi-graded classes in Costa Rica's rural mountains. While salaries are low, the experience is rich. Simple housing included for teachers. Application deadline February 15, 2006 or until position filled; volunteers, any month. Contact Tim Curtis, Monteverde Friends School, Monteverde 5655, Puntarenas, Costa Rica. Tel/fax 011 506-645-5302. E-mail: mfsteach@racsa.co.cr. Visit www.mfschool.org.

Make friends, make music: **FRIENDS MUSIC CAMP** at Olney, four-week summer program for ages 10-18. Musical growth in a caring Quaker community. For brochure and camp video: FMC, PO Box 427, Yellow Springs, OH 45387, USA. 937-767-1311 musicfmc@yahoo.com.