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From the editor's desk ...

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Since our last issue, we have grieved the death of Friend Tom Fox, and rejoiced in the release of Harmeet Sooden, Jim Loney, and Norman Kember. Like many others, I have been following the debate about the role of peace teams in trouble spots around the world and at home. Lyn Adamson, a released Friend working on peace issues, has written a well-considered and clear article for us about this question.

In consideration of this same topic, on April 4, 2006, in a *Christian Peacemaker Team* posting, Peggy Gish wrote, "We are not certain where God will lead us but we find courage and hope when our friends warn us, challenge our assumptions, or push us to be clear. Because as they do so, they also offer their continued support and love."

When we live with open ears and hearts, as Ellen Pye suggests, we notice that everyday life with our family and friends can also challenge our assumptions or push us to be clear.

Certainly this has been the case for me concerning the recent questions that arose following a decision not to publish a particular ad in *The Canadian Friend*. Some of the many responses that came in about that are to be found in the "Letters to the Editor" section in this issue.

In my old *Christian Faith and Practice* that was given to me when I became a member, I recently read again:

324. *The example of John Woolman reminds us of the way in which admonition should be received:*

Last night in my Sleep I thought I was in a room with thee, and thou drawing thy chair near mine, did, in a friendly way, tell me of Sundry particular failings thou had observed in me, and Express'd some desire that I might do better. I felt inwardly thankful for thy care over me, and made little other reply than to tell thee I took it very kind. Almost as soon as I woke I remembered it, and though I could see some things in which I had not done as well as I might, yet the particulars thou pointed out were gone from me, nor can I yet remember them.

Letter to John Smith, 1760

I feel grateful to all those who offer continued support and love, helping me find greater clarity around important questions.

June-Etta Chenard

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