

Around the Family

Coldstream Monthly Meeting

Sheila Havard participated again this summer in an African Great Lakes Initiative workcamp held in Bududa, Uganda. Their purpose was to complete work on the Bududa Vocational School. With her she brought supplies and clothes (including dresses made during two sewing bees at the Coldstream Meeting House) for the children in *The Children of Hope* orphanage. Shortly before Sheila left to return home, one vocational class in engineering had begun.

Beth Osuch and Murray Shaw were married this summer in the Sandy Spring Meeting house in Maryland. A few weeks later, a recognition ceremony in honour of Beth and Murray's wedding was held in the Coldstream Meeting House, and was attended Friends and relatives from the U.S. and Canada. Beth and Murray will live in London, Ontario.

Hamilton Monthly Meeting

Gertrude Haller, one of the founding members of Hamilton Monthly Meeting, died on 19 June 2006. Although she was not able to attend Meeting in recent years, she has a place in the hearts of many of us. A memorial meeting was held on 17 September.

New Brunswick Monthly Meeting

Stephen Pidwysocky and Dawne Clarke, of Fredericton Worship Group, were joyfully accepted into membership in New Brunswick Monthly Meeting on 18 June.

Stephen Calder and Alison Madsen were wed on 2 September 2006, at Shadow Lawn, Rothesay, NB. They will reside in Saint John.

Ottawa Monthly Meeting

Olga Ghosh, member of Ottawa Monthly Meeting, died on 27 July 2006.

We joyfully accept Tasmin and Sacha Rajotte as members in this Meeting. Due to his youth, we need to clarify Sacha's status as a temporary or full member, and will advise Tasmin in the near future.

Ottawa MM Ministry and Counsel has been asked

to bring forward a recommendation for a policy about requests for membership on behalf of children. Specifically, we ask for clarification regarding the appropriateness of temporary versus full memberships.

Simcoe-Muskoka Monthly Meeting

Gordon Keith died on 30 May 2006, "slipping away gently, as the gentle person he was." A memorial meeting will be held in Orillia.

Victoria Monthly Meeting

Joe W. Awmack, who had recently moved to England, died on 17 July 2006. A memorial meeting at Friends Meetinghouse, Victoria, was held on 26 August.

We celebrate the 17 April 2006 birth of Rebecca Wolf Gage, daughter of Andrew Gage and Grace Wolf.

We welcome the following Friends into membership:

- Catherine (Toni) Bacon, Victoria Monthly Meeting
- Amy-Jean Singleton Polster, Duncan Worship Group (Victoria MM)
- Jen Tatro, Duncan Worship Group (Victoria MM)

Victoria Monthly Meeting continues to explore a name that is more descriptive of their status as a Vancouver Island Meeting.

Yarmouth Monthly Meeting

Joni Duchene Zavitz was presumed dead following a sailing accident on Lake Erie on 4 December 2005. She was a member of Yarmouth Monthly Meeting. A memorial service was held at the Waldorf School in London on 18 December, 2005, and was attended by her extended family, including three sons and her many friends. On 15 August her body was found. We mourn her loss and are thankful she is now at peace.

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting

On 16 September 2006, Yonge Street Monthly Meeting celebrated the marriage of Sarah Lawson and Jagger Smith, the son of Marilyn Church and Philip Smith. We offer them our blessings and prayers.

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Clerking Clan

Did you know that EVERY MEMBER of the Fick-Fridriksson family (of Ottawa Monthly Meeting) have all been clerks of Quaker bodies in this year?

The Religious Education Traveling Library

has a catalogue online at www.quaker.ca, pays the postage both ways for borrowed items, has Quaker resources, listed by category, for all ages and interests. Visit http://www.Quaker.ca/Religious_Education/index.html; send an e-mail to: AdultLibrary@quaker.ca or ChildrenLibrary@quaker.ca; or call (519) 775-2670.

Quaker United Nations Offices (QUNO)

The Quaker United Nations Offices, located in Geneva and New York, represent Quakers through Friends World Committee for Consultation (FWCC). Since the founding of the United Nations in 1945, Quakers have shared its aims and supported its efforts to abolish war and promote peaceful resolution of conflicts, human rights, economic justice and good governance. In 2002, FWCC was moved from Special Status to General Status, to recognise its work of importance on a broad range of international concerns. This status allows the QUNO staff to attend many UN meetings, receive documents, make written and oral statements and suggest agenda items to the Economic and Social Council. QUNO staff also work with other multilateral organisations, such as the World Trade Organisation, International Labour Organisation, World Bank, International Monetary Fund and other relevant parties. Visit <http://www.quno.org/> to learn more, and to download the most recent QUNO publications, such as:

- In and Around the UN, September 2006
- Geneva Reporter - Geneva, May 2006 - July 2006
- Small Arms Review Conference Whimper, July 2006
- Righting Historic Wrongs: 1st Session of the Human Rights Council, R. Brett, July 2006
- Women in Prison and Children of Imprisoned Mothers: Recent Developments in the United Nations Human Rights Systems (English, Français, Español) L. Townhead, April 2006 (pdf - 400 kb)

- Human Rights in Transition, 2006, Briefing Paper
- Governance Processes in Negotiating Intellectual Property at the UN and WTO, Martin Watson, in Trocaire Annual Development Review 2006

The Quaker Intentional Village Project (QIVP)

The purpose of the Quaker Intentional Village Project is to advance community as a means of working toward five objectives:

- to increase the mindfulness, spiritual focus, and God-centeredness of our lives by finding and living near others who share these goals,
- to strengthen our family life both by creating a “village” setting in which to raise our and others’ children, and by caring for our elders,
- to examine carefully our participation in the national/international consumer economy and begin to build the critical mass necessary for viable business networks and sources of goods and services more appropriate to our Quaker testimonies
- to focus on a lifestyle that is environmentally sound and that attempts to give back to our planet as much as is taken from it
- to include a good measure of joy, fun, outreach, and service in our lives as we strive to meet these objectives.

Visit <http://www.qivp.org/index.html> for details.

POST-CYM STOP PRESS NOTES

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A few copies of George Lakey's booklets: *The Sword that Heals* and *New Theory, Old Practice: Nonviolence and Quakers* are left. Send cheque or money order for \$9.00 (includes postage and packing) to Carol Bradley, 121 Dill Road Ext., Windsor, NS, B0N 2T0.

THANK YOU to Winnipeg Allowed Meeting and Prairie Monthly Meeting for all your welcoming and all your work!