

Around the Family

ARGENTA MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting is supervising a project developed by Vince and Glada McIntyre, long time friends of the Meeting, and funded by the Global Living Foundation. The project's major foci are training in subsistence organic farming and basic skills in rural living, while producing low cost organic food for low income people. The meeting house is frequently used by community groups, and our library has non-Quaker borrowers. We are encouraged that our now small meeting will survive because of new members moving to this area from Ontario (others would certainly be welcomed).

HALIFAX MONTHLY MEETING

Religious Education and Youth Weekends experienced what seems to be a general problem in Quaker programming. Paige Kennedy reported that membership on CYM Religious Ed Committee, consisting of one from each of three regions, is difficult to fill. There are some new children attending Meetings in Atlantic region, but many others have outgrown their participation. Youth weekends here are no longer well attended. It was reported that the dropout for children in all churches is at age 7! We will keep trying.

HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING

Hamilton MM supports a recommendation concerning meeting as a whole (where the children stay in meeting for worship during the whole hour, with specific play options, so they have the experience of a meeting for worship). We were in unity that this practice generated a fullness in the worship in meeting and agreed that this would happen three times a year. First Day School will assume responsibility for coordinating this event.

KITCHENER AREA MONTHLY MEETING

Home Mission and Advancement Committee (HMAC) is pleased to confirm the transfer of Erica Tessier's membership from HMAC to Kitchener Area MM, where she and her children now regularly attend.

MONTREAL MONTHLY MEETING

We continue to enjoy growth and vitality in our meetings for worship and are happy to have many new

young people.

NEW BRUNSWICK MONTHLY MEETING

New members arrived in the Fredericton Worship Group from Newfoundland this fall: John and Kathy Grant McLoughlin, with their children Moira and Heather; and, from Rochester, New York, we have Jeff Brown and Heather Marmura, with their children, Simon and Phoebe.

New Brunswick Friends were treated to a very interesting workshop by Anne Thomas, Nov. 30-Dec. 1 in Edmund Casey Hall, St. Thomas University, entitled "Jesus in the Movies." The day was hosted by Fredericton Worship Group and included 25 Friends from Sackville and four other faith groups, including a Moslem attendee. Reaction was very positive, and impressions shared on the various takes on the Bible stories.

TORONTO MONTHLY MEETING

Winter Peace and Social Action discussions have had presentations by Ruth Malloy, concerning her recent trip to Tibet; Lyn Adamson, about her experience at the founding meeting of the Global Non-violent Peaceforce in India, and the Quaker Aboriginal Affairs Committee (of CFSC).

The TMM Religious Education Committee is sponsoring a series of evening meetings for the examination of the new Faith and Practice being developed by Canadian Yearly Meeting. Copies of the draft chapter entitled "Faith in Action: Testimony" will be provided for study. Meetings are being held on Sunday evenings from January, through April 2003, at 7:00 PM in the homes of members and attenders of Toronto Monthly Meeting.

Our experience last year of examining the Advices and Queries in individual homes proved to be a wonderful opportunity for "getting to know one another in the things that are eternal."

VICTORIA MONTHLY MEETING

A well-attended Memorial Meeting was held November 30 for long-time attender Denise Cammiade, who died 20 November.

WOLFVILLE MONTHLY MEETING

An ecumenical workshop, "To Seek Justice & Resist Evil: Towards a Global Economy for All God's People," was held 30 November.

Upcoming Events

The next Friends World Committee for Consultation Regional Gathering to which Canadian, New York, and New England Yearly Meetings are invited will be hosted by NEYM and held at Woolman Hill, New England Quaker Center.

Deaths

MARTIN COHNSTAEDT

PRAIRIE MONTHLY MEETING

Martin Cohnstaedt, a member of Prairie Monthly Meeting who had lived in Toronto for several years, died on 13 November 2002. A Memorial Meeting for Worship was held on 23 November at Friends House in Toronto.

GORDON HUSK

KITCHENER AREA MONTHLY MEETING

As we were going to press, we were grieved to learn of the death of Friend Gordon Husk on 5 February 2003, in Kitchener, following injuries sustained in a car accident over the Christmas holidays.

JOHN KUMAGAI

COLDSTREAM MONTHLY MEETING

A Memorial Service was held on 9 February 2003 for longtime member, John Kumagai.

EDNA LADNER

VANCOUVER MONTHLY MEETING

It is with sadness that Vancouver Monthly Meeting (MM) reports that Edna Ladner passed away on 9 November 2002. She had been living in a seniors' residence in Sechelt, and was a longtime member of Vancouver MM and had been a very active Quaker in the past, both locally and nationally. She was also the author of several books, including "Above the Sandheads" (about the early pioneers), and "A Labour of Love" (an important and influential book about

nursing practice). A Memorial Meeting was held for her on 23 November at the Meetinghouse.

New Meeting and Worship Groups

LAC CORNU WORSHIP GROUP

Montreal MM has recently taken under its care a bilingual Worship Group, based at Lake Cornu in the Laurentians. The contacts for the Lake Cornu worship group are Madeleine Sherwood from Victoria meeting (email: wo780@victoria.tc.ca) and Pauline (Polly) Bernier Fitch and her husband from New Jersey, who can be reached at: <lacCornu6@aol>. They have had informal meetings for three years and approached Montreal Monthly Meeting this year to become a worship group under its care.

PRINCE GEORGE ALLOWED MEETING

It is a joy to announce that Prince George Worship Group has become an Allowed Meeting, under the care of Vernon Monthly Meeting.

CHARLOTTE COUNTY WORSHIP GROUP

NBMM's newest Worship Group has been rounded up by Maria Recchia, mariar@nb.sympatico.ca, or 506-755-2893. She reports that now there is a "critical mass" to justify meeting together as a group, in an elementary school in St. Andrews.

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I want to apologize for the error regarding Evalyn Parry's website in the last issue. The correct address is: <www.evalynparry.com>.

Date Change: Please note the changed due date (to 1 May 2003) for the upcoming issue: "In the Name of God/Godde: Listening in Tongues."

Monthly Meetings and Worship Groups are asked to ensure that someone take responsibility for sending such items as minutes, newsletters, and announcements of new worship groups, births and deaths, etc. to *The Canadian Friend* editor each month.