

FRIENDS IN SAN ANTONIO

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Quakers Support a Politics of Understanding

We grieve for our divided nation. We pray for the wisdom to speak love into that divide. We echo the words spoken by early Quaker Margaret Fell to the King of England in 1660: “We are a people, that follow after those things that make for peace, love and unity. It is our desire that other’s feet may walk in the same.”

For over 350 years, it has been our practice to seek common-ground, to hear the truth in the words of the person with whom we disagree, to seek the way forward which both encompasses and undergirds the apparent contradictions of opposing views. We have sought to understand, and to lovingly reason with those with whom we disagree. We have sought to live out our commitment to peace not just in our refusal to bear arms, but also in our refusal to engage in the spiritual violence of meeting others with hatred and fear. We recognize that many issues in public life are complex and that simple truths are tempting, but usually incomplete. We seek the patience necessary to live into the fuller picture which is satisfactory to all, rather than to jump at solutions which offer immediate relief, but which precipitate problem after problem after problem, which must then be resolved.

We Reject the politics of division, pitting one group of Americans against another, enacted in laws and regulations which make these actions legal, but still immoral and unjust. The heart, soul, and essence of the Judeo-Christian tradition is the spiritual mandate to welcome the stranger. This core theme of the Hebrew Scriptures, the New Testament, and generations of witness by Friends is so fundamental to how our tradition has experienced God’s directive to us, that we cannot ignore it and remain faithful. Jesus reminded us that we cannot love God without also loving our neighbor, and that that neighbor might at first appear alien to us, unfamiliar, not “of our tribe.” That is the person we are commanded to love. (Lk 10:25-37)

We Envision an American society which welcomes all willing to live peaceably in this great experiment of democracy, in a society

Calendar

5. SundaySpiritual Deepening 9-9:50; **Pot-luck lunch 11.30 a.m..**

12. SundaySpiritual Deepening 9-9:50; **Forum – SCYM Ministry & Care.**

19 . Sunday..... **Meeting for Business, 11.30.**

26, Sunday **Forum – Peace Process in Colombia, Val & Gloria**

29. Wednesday **Mid-week Meeting, 7.00, Gary’s home**

that does not pit brother against brother, sister against sister, for political gain. We envision an American society where all receive due process under the law, where all have equal access to justice, where all have equal opportunity to prosper, where all have equal rights regardless of their wealth, their race, their religion, their sexual orientation, or their gender. That vision lives out, makes real, the truth that we know, that there is a spark of the Divine in each and every person, and that we are therefore all beloved children of God, all equal in God's sight.

We Repent the ways we have excluded others from our own fellowship, the ways in which we ourselves have seen and treated people as "other," as "not of our tribe." We have isolated ourselves into enclaves of like-minded people, and consciously and unconsciously excluded those who might be a part of us, whose differences would challenge us, but also enrich us. We are the poorer for it, and this must change. Confident in our own views, in large part we have not sought out those with whom we disagree to be in fruitful conversation. We have sought to first be understood, rather than to understand. We have hardened our hearts, and thereby joined in the politics of division.

We Commit to doing all in our power to stand against the politics of division, wherever we encounter it, whether that be in our civil society, or in our own fellowship, or in our own hearts. We commit to facing where we have held people as "other," including the members of this administration, and commit to seeing them as our brothers and sisters. And we commit to resisting the efforts of those who engage in the practice of division, dressed in whatever legal garb, religion or political party, to dehumanize, disempower, or diminish our fellow Americans and the citizens of this earth we call home. We commit to the demanding spiritual discipline of working to hold open this space of acceptance and deep listening to those different from us, knowing that there is that of God in all, and to grounding our resistance in genuine love for those whose views and actions we are called to oppose.

In Faith,
Lucinda Antrim, Presiding Clerk
Christopher Sammond, General Secretary
New York Yearly Meeting
Of the Religious Society of Friends



Personal News

Joni has been having chemo treatment, unpleasant, but she has improved well. Suzanne had surgery and recovered remarkably well. We're glad to see Margarita again. On February 14, Mel Z sent "Valentine greetings to Meeting Friends."

David B says, of the immigrant petition,, "The young DOCA kid was released, we believe without any charges being filed, but Lee trying to learn more. I believe the quick action by many people helped bring this about. Best, David"

You will remember, from last month, that Gary was in touch with a Muslim Fulani man from Guinea who had travelled, destitute, through South and Central America to reach the US. His court hearing for asylum was held in February. Gary testified, by phone with hand upheld, that the man suffered from PTSD as a result of his torture. This was part of the determination that he feared for his safety if he returned, a requirement for the granting of asylum. Gary, and the man, were elated that asylum was granted.

Jim is back from California, where he met the Morses, who were members here 20 years ago. They and heir daughter there were well.

Bill W is the CEO of Roy Maas Youth Alternatives. He says, " We are a nonprofit that provides a broad continuum of services that serve abandoned, neglected, and abused children and

youth. We provide individual and family counseling, parenting classes, emergency shelter, long--term residential treatment, specialized education in grades 1-12, and transitional living programs. This past Monday, I provided testimony to the Texas House Appropriations Committee to support adding \$3 million to the housing budget targeted to serve the unique needs of homeless youth aged 18-25. Texas currently provides no funding in this area. The committee hearing was well-run and demonstrated both caring and the tension evident in all Texas matters regarding a state budget that is unsupported by income taxes. I testified alongside a number of young people who stunned the committee with their stories, their intelligence, and their deportment despite having suffered from homelessness and the terrible conditions through which they have lived.”

Ruth Lofgren Honored

Audubon Texas will recognize the environmental and community advocate activities of Ruth Lofgren by awarding her the Terry Hershey Award. She joins three other conservationists to be honored at a luncheon on April 13. Ruth is also being inducted into the San Antonio Women's Hall of Fame (established in 1987) in the Innovation category - <http://www.sawomen.org/>. They recognize women who have made contributions in the San Antonio area and give college scholarships as well. The March 25 Gala Reception begins at 6:00 with the dinner at 7:00. The cost is \$100 per person, at the Omni Colonnade.

“Bathroom” Letter

Not a joke – our clerks are sending this letter to legislators and officials:

Dear . . . ,

Friends Meeting of San Antonio (Religious Society of Friends—Quakers) is united in its opposition to Senate Bill 6, the so-called “Bathroom Bill”. We believe it will discriminate against Transgender people in public places, including Transgender children in schools, humiliating and possibly endangering them.

We urge you to work against the bill.

Sincerely,

Copies were made available for individual friends either to copy or enclose with their own letter. Our transgender friends need help and protection and pose no threat.

Our 3rd Annual Fair May 13

On Saturday May 13, FMSA will hold the 3rd Annual Fair from 10 am to 2 pm. Ponies will provide safe rides for children and there is a petting zoo of lambs and young goats. Help us come up with a snappy title to attract neighbors and families.

Do your Mothers’ Day shopping among the books and home-baked goods, along with jumble sale table & a Talent Tent of F/friends’ art, photography, ceramics and other crafts. We’ll have healthy hot food for lunch, fresh-squeezed citrus juice, tea and coffee.

Locally grown produce, organic starter plants & herbs, soaps and lotions, and kimchee fermented vegetables will add to the variety, including hand-made jewelry. African baskets, linens and gifts from Ten Thousand Villages are featured. Other activities for children include face painting, craft projects, games, and side-walk drawing,

Again we are cooperating with the Interfaith Welcome Coalition (funds for refugee travel) and Refugee & Immigration Center for Education & Legal Services (bond fund). Our goal is to raise money for the relief of Central American women and children seeking asylum.

We are inviting the other groups that meet at FMSA, the Peace Center and Esperanza. This is a great way to build community among ourselves and with the wider community. All hands

are needed for the best Fair ever. Celebration Circle helped a lot last tme.

Contact Gretchen Haynes, jmhaynes@earthlink.net or 210-858-7696

Visit to the office of Sen. Cornyn

Gretchen and Bill S, representing the Friends Committee on National Legislation, met with Senator Cornyn's aide to urge the Senator to co-sponsor the upcoming Bridge Act [S 128] protecting children brought to the U.S. by their parents without documentation. The 742,000 young people affected can now get work permits and attend college. They are tax-paying, law-abiding young people who are contributing to our economy and society and should not be penalized, criminalized, by the government. Further, Bill had a lively exchange over climate change, its perils and possible remedies. The aide welcomed ideas and suggested that he and Bill meet for lunch to examine them at length. An unexpected bonus to a lobbying effort.



Donor Designated Projects

Via Donor Designated Projects – Quaker Values & Personal Commitment in Action, In 2015 Lynne and Kent, spouses, sponsored the Dr. Gordon Memorial Trust project in Tamil Nadu, India. The project recipients were 25 Dalit (formerly called “untouchable”) women who started businesses including making Indian drums, tailoring, and making and selling jewelry, among others. Although the women were initially fearful of being cheated and concerned about making enough profit, the NGO staff visited often and supported the women in buying goods and sharing success stories among themselves. By the end of the first year, the women's self-confidence was greatly increased, they were making a significant income, and they were able to provide their children with good food and education fees.

Donor Designated Projects appeal to Lynne for several reasons, the first of which is that donating the cost of a Right Sharing project enables her to be simpler in terms of her finances, which connects her to the Quaker value of simplicity. Further, by choosing the region and the project, donors are able to fund an enterprise that aligns with their personal values. For donors who have a 403b account with a mandatory take-down, or an IRA with a minimum required annual distribution, giving that money to RSWR can be a good way to

Mrs. Amiani of the Mugungu Friends Women Group in Kenya.

minimize federal taxes. It can also be a great way for Meeting members to connect with giving to Right Sharing by funding and choosing a project together.

In celebration of Right Sharing's 50th anniversary in 2017, Lynne has made additional commitment to support DDPs. In 2017- 2019, Lynne will contribute \$2,500/year for DDPs if another donor or group agrees to partner with her and match the gift. She is now waiting for partners.

Discernment

Christopher Sammond: Discernment is really the heart and the core of everything we do as Friends. It's the core of our practice in worship, it's the core of our practice in worship for business, it's the center of how we make decisions in our lives, to marry, for our employment, for our work in the world, for our ministry...

From Quakerspeak

Meeting for Business

Meeting for Business commenced with an advice of Patricia Loring:

[Meeting for Worship with Attention to

Business] helps us to recognize and come to terms with those parts of human nature that make it so difficult to give over our own wills. It is hard to give over cherished points of view that may be ego-centered or may simply not accord with where we are being corporately led at the moment. We seldom have to choose between good and evil. When we do, for most folks, the choice is clear. It's listening for God between good and good that is difficult for us.

After silence, there was no report from the Treasurer due to his being in the midst of changing computer programs. The Finance Committee recommended that we designate some savings funds now, and a monthly amount, to the depleted Sinking Fund and that further site planning be done to provide a basis for a budget allocation.

The Religious Education Committee's report focused on a recommendation that paid help for the children be cut to two specified Sundays per month, with volunteers for the remainder. Ministry and Oversight is considering a request for use of our space. The State of the Meeting report for SCYM was discussed and suggestions made for revision.

Peace and Social Concerns Committee is considering further ways to assist refugees, our facility being unsuitable for housing. It continues to work with the Interfaith Welcoming Committee. David B gave a report of his trip to stand with Water Protestors at Standing Rock. Donations from Friends were appreciated. President Trump has ordered the Corps of Engineers to proceed with work there.

The Property Committee reported on its work in the grounds and repairs needed to the meetingroom.

A letter to officials about the bill to determine which bathroom transgenders must use was approved.

Gretchen reported on plans and volunteers for the Spring Fair. Bill S spoke of changes to the Meeting Handbook, and of two unresolved issues. Copies of the draft will be emailed to members. Meeting closed in silent worship.

Quaker t-Shirt

Would you like to order an FMFA t-shirt? It says, on the back, "Quakers stand for Simplicity, Peace, Integrity, Community, Equality, Stewardship? See a picture and place an order ----- before March 20, at <https://goo.gl/forms/GZcWnFYsMTuazmwu1>

There are color options and short or long sleeves. Shirts will be available here on Sunday April 2, brought to SCYM, or you can make another arrange-

ment with Carol R..

Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera

Dear Tan Cerca friend,

I invite you to be a part of our 64th delegation to the Mexican border this upcoming May 19th -21st when we visit the Comité Fronterizo de Obrer@s (CFO). You will have the opportunity to meet Mexican workers in their homes & organizing spaces where they fight poverty & mistreatment from foreign companies in the workplaces of maquiladora factories due to free trade agreements like NAFTA, which is planning to be up for renegotiation in the near future.

Contact Cristina Gonzalez to sign up today: cristina@atcf.org

Yearly Meeting

This year, SCYM, Yearly Meeting, will tackle two of the major concerns of our time: climate change and environmental racism, and ask "What are the connections to Friends' faith and practice?" The keynote speakers are Shelley Tanenbaum, General Secretary of Quaker Earthcare Witness, and Gerald Jimmy, Jr, a science educator, an active participant in the Dallas Monthly Meeting who is engaged in Native American Indian Community Organizations. As Friends deeply involved in direct action, they will bring together the three parts of our Yearly Meeting theme.

Standing Rock, February 17:

David tells us, "As you probably know, President Trump signed an executive action to tell the Army Corp of Engineers to speed up their review of the Dakota Access Pipeline access. On February 7th the Army Corp of Engineers announced that it would forego the environmental impact statement that it had agreed to implement in December 2016. On February 8th 2017 the Army Corp of Engineers granted an easement for DAPL to cross under Lake Oahe (the Missouri River). Currently the Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Council and the Earth Justice lawyers are reviewing the next legal step to prevent DAPL

from moving forward on what seemed like a rushed and possibly illegal granting of this easement to DAPL.

We are now seeking information on the next steps for the protest movement. We know that the camps in the flood plain have yet to be closed. We do not know if the Tribal Council has granted a permit for a camp on higher ground. We know that many young people who we came to admire are remaining at Standing Rock. We urge you to read <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/01/31/magazine/the-youth-group-that-launched-a-movement-at-standing-rock.html>. This is an excellent review and tells of the life-struggle that many of the youthful protesters have lived through and live with. As the article talks about, the protest to protect water and sacred land has given many of these young people a purpose and sense of community that they have not experienced before. Suicide among Native American youth is the highest in the US. I had the uneasy sense that many of the young people at Standing Rock were willing to give their lives to be part of something that had meaning to them. We geared donations to assist the Native American youth in their present and future lives.

Depending on protest activity and a prayerful insight as to how we might help youth, we hope to return to Standing Rock this summer. The total donated on behalf of FMSA - was \$974.45 We were happy to find that with many Native Americans, the word Quaker resonated well." David

A Bold Peace

Costa Rica's civil war in 1948 shook the country to its foundations, culminating in the decision to abolish the military. From there, they intentionally cultivated security relationships with other nations through treaties, international laws, and international organizations; they created a vital democracy, a wide middle class, and a strong welfare state with free university education and universal health care. Over the last 68 years, the Costa Rican model has survived several serious crises, but current threats may be the most formidable of all.

A film to be aired in the Peace on Earth Film Festival in Chicago in March. Costa Rica is where a whole Conservative Friends Meeting moved over 60 years ago to be where no compulsory military service existed.

AFSC

Shain Cretin, Gen Sec., AFSC, says, that during the first 100 days of the new administration, we're grappling with a barrage of assaults on human and civil rights. The April AFSC summit will strategize with hundreds of champions of nonviolent social change. "Together, we'll renew our commitment to stand up for hope in a time of fear and build an inclusive alternative to the politics of 'us versus them' exclusion.

Thank you for joining us to harness the power of love—love of truth, love of justice, and love for each other—to overwhelm the forces of bigotry and hatred that have been unleashed in recent months. I look forward to waging peace together with you in April."

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And AFSC stands firm in condemning President Trump's executive order, which attempts to restrict Syrian refugees from entering the United States. As the administration moves forward to uphold the ban, this policy has far-reaching effects on the livelihoods of Syrians awaiting resettlement.

## **Testimony**

We repeat here the last testimony of James Naylor in 1666, as it is beyond any tiring:

"There is a spirit which I feel that delights to do no evil, nor to revenge any wrong, but delights to endure all things, in hope to enjoy its own in the end. Its hope is to outlive all wrath and contention, and to weary out all exaltation and cruelty, or whatever is of a nature contrary to itself. It sees to the end of all temptations. As it bears no evil in itself, so it conceives none in thought to any other. If it be betrayed, it bears it, for its ground and spring is the mercies and forgiveness of God. Its crown is

meekness, its life is everlasting love unfeigned; it takes its kingdom with entreaty and not with contention, and keeps it by lowliness of mind. In God alone it can rejoice, though none else regard it, or can own its life. It is conceived in sorrow, and brought forth without any to pity it; nor doth it murmur at grief and oppression. It never rejoiceth but through sufferings; for with the world's joy it is murdered. I found it alone, being forsaken. I have fellowship therein with them who lived in dens and desolate places of the earth, who through death obtained this resurrection and eternal holy life."

James Naylor exemplifies the kenosis described by George Ellis, having endured much oppression with peace in his heart.

## Miscellany

Rufus Jones [an outstanding 20<sup>th</sup> century Friend] cautioned against using the term "mysticism." Each seeker of "God within" is confronted by a unique personal and cultural labyrinth that he or she must negotiate to directly experience God. Because each path is different, it is impossible "to make an ism out of" the journey to experience God. But perhaps we can agree that we seek direct experience of "the Divine Ground of All Being"—the term Christian theologian Paul Tillich used for the transcendent Holy Spirit. Perhaps we can agree that we are all dancing around a divine Light that eludes naming. Jones also pointed out that we are seeking our own direct experiences of God, not "second-hand descriptions" of mystical experiences in books and scriptures. However beautiful and uplifting Eckhart's descriptions of his direct experiences of God might be, we cannot have his experience. We can only have our own.

Robert Atchley, *FJ*, Feb.2017

Rufus Jones was speaking directly to our lack of creed.

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A Black Youth leader quotes Friend Bayard Rustin's words, "The only weapon we have is our bodies and we have to tuck them in places so wheels don't turn." Those were words after a century of efforts for Black freedom. Are

they equally valid after a month of Trump?

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From Chuck Fager, *Quakers are Funny*: There is a small, plain-garbed group of Friends in Virginia, living in a region well-salted with other plain-dressed churchfolk: Mennonites, German Baptists, and, of course, Amish. In these groups the women typically wear a small bonnet, in keeping with Paul's injunction in First Corinthians 11:10: "A woman ought to have a veil upon her head, because of the angels."

One day one of the plain Friends was found standing in a feedstore beside an old Mennonite farmer. The Mennonite looked him over carefully, then asked, "Who do you worship with?"

"The Quakers," came the laconic answer." "Oh, yes, hm., good," the Mennonite elder allowed. After a weighty pause . . . he asked, clearly a key question, "Are your women covered?"

The Quaker thought for a moment, then answered, "Mostly."

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This story is what Friends have considered a misconception by Paul. He told the Corinthians, "For a man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man . . . Neither was man created for woman but woman for man.. This is why a woman ought to have a veil upon her head." Friends do not consider women as inferior to nor created for, men, nor do we consider God to be concerned by our head coverings.

"Because of the angels?" The angels were thought of as administering the divine order.

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The Texas foster care system needs reform, and legislators proposed House Bill 6 to do that. However, ACLU reported in February that some officials were trying to tack on amendments that would allow government-funded child placement agencies to discriminate against otherwise ideal LGBT families—or any other families that fail to meet their religious requirements—from being able

to foster or adopt. We should watch to see how these amendments fare.

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In FJ, Paul Buckley speaks of the difficulty faced by 20thC Friends refusing to pay war taxes, because these were not distinct, but apportioned from the general taxes. We remember Kenneth Boulding saying this and that even if a Friend withheld that portion going to war, the government would take a portion of what he did pay. So, whatever we do, a portion of our taxes goes to war. Yet

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The title, *Praying for Justice: A Lectionary of Christian Concern*, by R. Anderson Campbell and Steve Sherwood with Paula Hampton, contains an invitation to pray for justice, but this book contains no overt prayers. Many of the more than fourteen hundred Bible passages contained here are prayers or portions of prayers. To read these texts is to be invited to join in prayer. "The quotations that we have included are unapologetically Christian. With the exception of one or two, all are penned by people of the Christian faith, who have spent their lives thinking about, working for, and telling others about a God whom they believe to be radically on the side of the weak, vulnerable, and marginalized." At Quakerbooks.

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Quakerbooks also tells us: On a recent Monday evening, Ulysses "Butch" Slaughter gave a presentation at Pendle Hill on "From Rage to Redemption: The Power of Forgiveness." Slaughter is a social entrepreneur, author, and filmmaker who has a powerful personal story of forgiveness. At age of 12, Slaughter listened as his mother was shot to death by his father. A recipient of the 2013 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award in Philadelphia, he has appeared on The Oprah Winfrey Network and The Dr. Phil Show. Quakerbooks commends this new book to you -- along with two important Quaker Press of FGC titles -- as part of our support of and participation in Black History Month.

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"Faith no longer means the accep-

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tance of an established creed or the assent to an authoritative system of doctrine. It recovers the original meaning of trust and fearless confidence; and this spirit of faith is expressed in a way of living which cares for one another and for the needs of all."

Search for Reality in Religion
(Swarthmore Lecture, London, 1965).

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In hospital, you will agree  
Is not a pleasant place to be,  
What keeps it from being far, far worse,  
Is that of God in every nurse.

Roy Linnell, from the British *The Friend*

### **FCNL's Urgings**

The administration is thinking about rewriting the executive order on immigration even as court proceedings continue. It's important that Congress continues to hear support for refugees and opposition to the Muslim ban. Urge your senators and representative to support legislation to rescind the ban.

Obamacare: The Affordable Care Act has had a big impact on health care coverage, but it's also created new jobs. See the impact in your state and in Indian Country if the law is repealed. Meanwhile, Congress' continued indecision is good news for supporters of the law and causing confusion for insurance companies.

Israel-Palestine: In the wake of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's visit to Washington, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote on David Friedman's nomination as U.S. ambassador to Israel. FCNL opposes the nomination, as does Daniel C. Kurtzer, former ambassador, who calls it "hazardous to peace." Write your senators.

Standing Rock: The Army Corps of Engineers will issue the permits necessary to allow the Dakota Access Pipeline to be built. The Sioux's sacred responsibilities and the danger to their water are things to consider as this movement goes forward to protect Native rights and lands. Respect the leadership of the tribe as a matter of tribal sovereignty. Tribal leaders point to continued legal challenges; support the neces-

sary legal resources.

Take the next step with your advocacy. Join weekly online trainings to get ready to lobby for the first time.

Remembering David Culp:

FCNL's nuclear disarmament lobbyist David Culp passed away this week. He was a passionate and committed advocate who worked tirelessly to reduce the threat of nuclear weapons. His sense of humor and willingness to encourage others made FCNL and the Washington peace community better.

## Peacemaking

David Zarembka has sent us encouraging news of Friends' HROC (Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities) program:

“ a positive comment I received from Candacia Greeman, a Mennonite Central Committee volunteer in South Sudan:

‘I wanted to let you know that we successfully facilitated four (4) HROC workshops in Rumbek, South Sudan last year. We had a great response from the community and they have been asking for more workshops. One of the workshops was with our Loreto Peace Club members who were so impressed by the power that HROC has to drive real change in the community that they wanted to be able to share what they had learnt with women and children in the local community. They created 'Listening Circles' which use lessons learnt from the 'loss, grief and mourning' sections of HROC to help community members to learn how to heal from trauma. So far, more than 15 Listening Circles have been formed as an immediate

response to traumatic events in the local community, such as death and incidents of intercommunal violence. They comprised groups of 5-20 participants with 2-3 facilitators depending on the age and/or gender of the participants. Participants formed a circle or semi-circle and were guided through a range of activities focused on trauma healing for 45-120 minutes. The Listening Circles incorporated HROC exercises, touch and breathing exercises (from Capacitar) and modes of relating specific to the local community.”

## Outstretched

“With one hand we say to one who is angry, or to an oppressor, or to an unjust system, ‘Stop what you are doing. I refuse to honor the role you are choosing to play. I refuse to obey you, I refuse to cooperate with your demands. I refuse to build the walls and the bombs. I refuse to pay for the guns. With this hand I will even interfere with the wrong you are doing. I want to disrupt the easy pattern of your life.’

But then the advocates of nonviolence raise the other hand. It is raised outstretched – maybe with love and sympathy, maybe not – but always outstretched . . . With this hand we say, ‘I won't let go of you or cast you out of the human race. I have faith that you can make a better choice than you are making now and I'll be here when you are ready. Like it or not, we are part of one another.’”

Barbara Deming, quoted by the PeaceCenter on its Peace Laureate card. She attended Friends schools.

## Query for March

Does my daily life exemplify and reflect my respect for the oneness of creation and my care for the environment?

Meeting for Worship is held on Sunday at 10 a.m., followed by refreshments and a Forum discussion at 11.30, usually lasting until about 12.45. Children are invited to join worship for the first fifteen minutes, after which they may go to join with the Young Friends program. Child care is available during Forum.

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