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White Feather Day Marks Centenary

One hundred years ago today conscription and conscientious objection became law. In the midst of World War I, British Quaker MPs worked in parliament to ensure the recognition of the right to refuse to kill.

This was the first time in history that legal objection to military service for an individual had been granted. Quaker MPs T Edmund Harvey, Arnold Rowntree and John E Barlow led the fight to introduce exemption on the grounds of conscience into the Bill. The conscience clause encompassed religious and moral grounds. The clause itself was ambiguous and led to some tribunals interpreting the Act differently. Some granted exemption to combatant service only, others to all forms of military service.

To mark the centenary of the Military Service Act, Quakers are running the third instalment of The white feather diaries, telling the stories of men and women who said No to war.

Conscientious objectors faced enormous hostility. The project takes its name from the white feathers handed to those who refused to enlist. Some Quakers did enlist; many more were conscientious objectors, some served in other ways, some were imprisoned, tortured, ridiculed, sentenced to death or were forced to be child soldiers. Many showed that pacifism is not passive, but courageous.

“ We were forever being threatened with the death sentence” - Howard Marten. This extract features 31-year-old Quaker bank clerk, Howard Marten. He arrived in France with sixteen other conscientious objectors knowing that they faced the death penalty if they disobeyed orders while deemed to be "on active service".

“Now Field Punishment can be a very nasty thing...a man can be tied up to a gun carriage, or tied up for three nights out of four... maybe on a fence, or to ropes, with arms extended and feet tied together, or tied back to back. And that's done for two hours. Not exactly a pleasant experience and it happened to me.

We were forever being threatened with the death sentence. After our second court martial, we were taken out to the parade ground, where a big concourse of men was lined up in an immense square. We were taken to the side of it, and then under escort taken out one by one to the middle of the square. I was the first. I had a feeling of a sinking in the stomach, wondering what was going to turn up.”

Set in early 1916, the diaries draw from original writings, photographs

Calendar

2. Sunday
World Quaker Day!
Potluck lunch at
11.30 a.m..

6, Thursday
Quaker Study Group.

9. Sunday
Forum – To be
announced

16. Sunday.....
Meeting for
Business, 11.30.

23, Sunday
Forum –. To be
announced

26. Wednesday
Midweek Meeting,
7.00, Gary's home.

30, Sunday
Forum – To be
announced.

and other records. The white feather diaries feature five who were or became Quakers. One, Hilda Clark is a doctor who risked her life in a war zone. She set up the Friends War Victims Relief Committee. Another is Howard Marten, sentenced to death for his beliefs. Laurence Cadbury, son of George Cadbury, then head of the chocolate firm, ran ambulances near Ypres. He saved lives, but would not kill. Meanwhile, his brother signed up to fight. Bert Brocklesby refused to hate his fellow man and was sentenced to death. John Hoare, gave up his career to campaign against the war. He volunteered for alternative service.

Why is the centenary significant today?

The centenary of the conscience clause is being marked in ways to show its relevance today:

Conscience: taxes for peace not war launch a Bill that would enable conscientious objectors to military tax to re-direct the military portion of their taxes to non-violent efforts to maintain our national security. Quaker Ruth Cadbury MP hosts the reception and will take the Bill forward. Speakers include Jane Dawson of Quakers in Britain.

Quakers around the country are considering conscience. Some like Wanstead Meeting are holding public vigils. Resources and speakers are available on Objections to war: a Quaker approach. The Library of the Society of Friends holds many wartime records. Their online exhibitions include one entitled A matter of conscience: Quakers and conscription. There are also records of the work of Quaker MPs during the war.

Celebrating World Quaker Day

World Quaker Day is an event that Friends World Committee created. It's a way of appreciating that as the sun comes up over New Zealand, Friends are worshipping there. Then it goes across Australia; Friends are worshipping there. And all around the world, just in that one Sunday, that one day, we're all worshipping in our own places, our own locations. World Quaker Day is always the first Sunday in October. And so, it's a way of not only appreciating that, but then sharing with each other what we do on that day. We have a website where people can send to the world office. So I'm very moved by what people share, what they do on World Quaker Day. And it's a marvelous way to appreciate how we're all worshipping God on the same day.



Personal News

For those who knew them: "Please give our greetings to Meeting folk. A visit now seems unlikely, but we do retain our fond memories. With love and best wishes, Mel & Priscilla."

They are both having health problems, Priscilla is in longterm care.

Live Oak Friends told us, "While we continue to hold Louisiana in the Light, we

have good news: Friends from the Baton Rouge area have all reported that they are OK."

We don't see Andy Mc in Meeting these days, but he tells us "my heart tells me that I am just as much a Friend as ever, even if you do not see me often. Friends principles sustain me on a daily basis." He is recovering from surgery.

Did you know Jude Filler of Austin Meeting? She sponsored a meeting of a group of cancer sufferers here every other month. She

has herself died. A funeral service was held for her on Thursday, Sept. 29, 10:00 a.m., and a memorial service will be held at the Friends Meeting of Austin, 3701 East Martin Luther King Blvd., on Saturday, October 22, at 1:30 p.m.

More happily, on the afternoon of Sunday November 13th the Peace Center will celebrate Ruth's 100th birthday. We'll remind you again in November. And we shall celebrate it on the first Sunday in December.

Business Meeting

Meeting for Business in September (there was none in August) commenced with an advice of Arthur Larrabee, QuakerSpeak:

Quakers thrive in community. Our business meetings are conducted as a nonvoting and spiritual process. In this way we seek to avoid disharmony and divisiveness.

The Meeting opened in silence. The Clerk welcomed Sharon Young the Spiritual Community Developer of Haven for Hope.

The Treasurer's report said that expenses for the Quarterly Meeting were met by a collection there, so the 2016 budget item is available for 2017.

The Ministry & Oversight Committee and Peace & Social Concerns Committees had nothing to report. Religious Education reported that child care helpers have been hired. Volunteers are available for each Sunday. Older children will need more advanced materials and for children attending for the first time, Michelle will review Quaker principles and practices. The working group will review materials and other matters.

Nominating Committee continues to explore gifts and interests of Members and Attenders and will present a preliminary roster in October. The committee proposed a revision to the Handbook description of the Outreach committee which provides for individuals to perform specific asks. It was noted that these individuals will need oversight and advice. Nominating committee will return to the revision, and take this into account.

Outreach and Hospitality report: while Quakers believe that all days are equally sacred, one special day is coming at the end of November, Ruth's 100th birthday. It was agreed to hold a simple celebration during Pot Luck on December 4 and to hold similar future celebrations for birthdays in the 0- and 5-years for Members and Attenders who choose so. Celebrations will be held to welcome new Members. To help welcome visitors, name tags are available for Members and Attenders. Temporary tags are available for visitors, and tags without names, with pictures, will be available for the children.

The Property Committee clerk reported that a Working Group for Meeting Security was formed to recommend remedies to protect the property. A volunteer community workday is scheduled for November 12.

45 members of an Oasis Retirement Group visited Meeting for an hour, interested in learning more about Friends. Four members shared answers to the many questions. The visitors expressed thanks for the open and wide-ranging discussion.

The report of Quarterly Meeting was held over to next month. Meeting ended with silent worship.

Meeting closed in silence.

Property

We have had quite a bit of problematic behavior at night. Doors have been opened despite being locked, and there has been evidence that people have been sleeping there. James went over one evening and found a man and a woman there. He spoke to them in a friendly way and they responded, though he said his hearing was a problem. They have not been banished, but the problem of locking the doors remains. How are homeless people using the meetinghouse to be welcomed, and helped, rather than ordered off the premises? We are not equipped for this problem. Jim has also met with them, saying that they had prevented damage by others, Ownership of property, physical or financial, presents responsibilities

and problems.

Nourishing Meeting

Note to Members and Attenders: it is the time when we prepare the Roster of officers and committees for Friends Meeting. We ask that you consider how you are nourished by Meeting and how your gifts and interests can nourish Meeting. For example, if you work with computers all day, you might want to help fix things on the weekend. Every committee needs people, as members or resources. You can offer yourself or suggest someone who might contribute to the Meeting's well-being. We look forward to hearing from you. Gretchen & Bill S, the Nominating Committee.

Asylum Seekers

The Forum on Aug. 14, led by Lee and Robin, informed F/friends first about the status of child care designation of the immigrant detention centers at Karnes and Dilley. The State granted Karnes a license, but Dilley has a temporary injunction against licensing. A hearing in September [exact date to be announced] will decide if it will become a permanent injunction. A new 700-bed detention center is opening in Alvarado, TX in Nov. The state is seeking other locations, although several counties have already declined.

The current rate of deporting families from Central America is currently very high, following raids by Immigration Customs Enforcement [ICE] throughout the country this spring, snatching up people who had missed a court date or failed to meet an asylum officer. The policy of intimidating new arrivals has had no effect at all on the rate of those seeking asylum, since conditions in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala have not improved.

Our Meeting has been involved for almost two years in supporting relief activities and providing financial aid to the RAICES bond fund. Further areas of support include [but are not limited to]

(1) providing money to the Interfaith Welcome

Coalition for refugees' travel, clothing, food, and other necessities. Street clothing is particularly essential since predators have been targeting families identified by their ICE-donated clothes and bright orange duffle bags. Zip-up hoodies in all sizes are needed, and as cold weather approaches, warm inner and outer clothes.

(2) Spanish-speaking volunteers to help prepare mothers for the Creditable Fear interview; drivers to take families to the bus station or airport from safe houses; social workers and psychologists.

(3) F/friends can write letters and attend rallies and hearings. We know that influencing public opinion is the best way to change conditions in the long run. Calls and letters to political figures *can* make a difference, particularly in an election year. The present climate of immigrant bashing is increasing, and the power of the for-profit prisons {GEO & CCA in TX} is always formidable.

(4) Attend IWC monthly meetings to learn specific needs. First Presbyterian Church, 404 N. Alamo St., 78205, the second Thurs. of each month. sanantoniowelcome@gmail.com or www.texasiwc.org for updates.

There is a viable alternative to the present policy of arrest, detention and ankle monitors for asylum seekers. The U.S. can return to the policy used for earlier arrivals: trained and knowledgeable asylum officers, with on-site lawyers, can process a family in a few hours and release on Temporary Protective Status. The millions of dollars a year now spent on criminalizing families could be better spent in moving these seekers to their families around the country.

DATES: Aug. 30, 4:00, Rally to protest ICE detention at 8940 Fourwinds Dr., 78239-1919. Sept. [time & location TBA] state hearing on making the Dilley child care license injunction permanent.

Reported by Gretchen. For more information: Robin: robin.harvey@house.texas.gov or Jenna Pollock – jenna.pollock@raicestexas.org

We just received extraordinary news:The Justice Department has told the Bureau of Prisons to begin phasing out private prisons.

The order includes shrinking what had been a planned contract renewal for five private prisons in Texas from 10,800 down to 3,600 prisoners. By May of next year, the

Bureau of Prisons is expected to have 14,000 prisoners in private prisons, a decline of about 50% from the peak a few years ago. And as other contract renewals with for-profit prisons come up nationwide, the BOP will be instructed to reduce the numbers and, where possible, not renew the contract at all.

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A message from AFSC on 9/1/16:  
A recent Supreme Court ruling dealt a crushing blow to immigration reforms that the Obama administration has proposed. The 4-4 decision stalled programs that would have allowed immigrants who came to the U.S. as children to apply for temporary protection, and given immigrant parents who have U.S. citizen or permanent resident children the same right. The stalled programs mean that many families are still living in fear of being separated by deportation.

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As a part of its free and open-to-the-public First Monday series, Professor Drick Boyd will lead a Pendle Hill program in reflecting on key themes emerging from his book, *White Allies in the Struggle for Racial Justice* on Monday, October 3rd from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Livestreaming will be available online. We will explore what it means to be a white ally in the contemporary context of mass incarceration of people of color, stop and frisk, anti-immigration sentiment, and other racially-based forms of discrimination and oppression. What does it actually mean to be an ally? What has to happen both internally and externally for white people to authentically come alongside people of color in the struggle for racial justice?

For information, go to <https://pendlehill.org/events/white-allies-fight-racial-justice-yesterday-today/#.V-6E-DXJbyE>
But – does RAICES have the answer?

Interfaith Welcome Coalition

The IWC is looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways with asylum seekers from Central America. Our Meeting has been actively involved for over two years,

and wants to broaden our participation. Spanish-speakers are needed to visit families in Karnes Detention Center and to drive released families from La Casa to the bus station or airport. English-speakers can help with cooking, cleaning and laundry at La Casa, on Mission St. near Brakenrigde H.S. it serves an average of 40 people per night.

All volunteers will be trained by IWC and participate in scheduled meetings to receive updates and successes. Drivers and Helpers at La Casa are asked to commit to at least 4 shifts per month for at least 3 months.

There is a box in the FMSA community room for clothing and backpack supplies for these refugees. The needs include non-perishable foods, water, toiletry items, diapers, toys and books, and light blankets. Think of being stuck on a bus for many hours with young children. You can look for suitable items at yard sales and thrift stores. Try Boysville at 307 W. Olmos Drive where you can fill a large plastic bag for \$5. [call 320-5478 for the next time it happens], or every Wed til noon at Family Thrift, Vance Jackson at Freiling where everything is \$0.25.

The IWC hosts monthly planning meetings monthly on the second Thursday at 10 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 404 N Alamo St. All are welcome. The next volunteer training will be Oct. 20th at 6:00, University Presbyterian Church, 300 Bushnell, and every third Thursday.

Phil Gulley on Communion

He was preaching at a church where the priest served Communion. His thoughts on Quakers “not doing” Communion: “We do communion every time we reach out to someone who is hurting. . . . We do communion every time we encourage someone who is discouraged. . . . We do communion every time we love instead of hate. . . . We don’t need bread and wine to have communion...”

We have communion every time we follow the way of Jesus. . . .
How often do you have communion?"

Climate Change

The immediate worldwide problem created by global warming could be addressed with existing technology. Other ecology issues like population are equally important but more difficult to resolve. Food security and living space are directly tied to global warming. We already have the understanding and technology for sustainable clean power and water conservation but lack one ingredient – political cooperation to implement sustainable power quickly and worldwide.

Discussing other social action topics seems easier than talking about climate change.

These are words of Marjorie McElvey Isaacs in an article, "Climate Change Can't Wait for Quaker Time" in FJ.. She is particularly speaking of divestment of investments from dirty-energy companies and programs. Waiting silently for unity can take a year – but change is needed now. Can we find unity, one way or the other?

Peace?

At a time when a NYTimes editorial, describing the FARC treaty in Colombia as remarkable, speaks of "so many of the world's armed conflicts" being intractable, Steven Pinker and Juan Manuel Santos, in the same issue, see it as a "Milestone to World Peace." They point out that there is now no war going on in the Americas between Alaska and Tierra del Fuego, that the same is the case in Western Europe and most of Asia, and that most wars now are occurring in a zone stretching between Nigeria and Pakistan. There are no military governments left in North and South America, nor in Western Europe. Despite serious differences, East and Southeast Asia are free of active combat. "We inhabit a world in which five out of six people live in regions largely or entirely free of armed conflict."

With such a strong focus in the

media on ISIS, Boko Haram, Al-Assad, the Kurds, Syrian rebels, Iran, Turkey, Crimea, Ukraine, and the interventions of the USA, NATO, and Russia, it is too easy to omit thoughts of the peaceable rest of the world. This provides the opportunity for neutral aid or intervention by the UN and it frees national resources for constructive internal development.

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The peace scholar Adam Curle was remembered at the University of Bradford in England on the centenary of his birth. The Adam Curle Centenary Symposium on 5 and 6 September brought together peace researchers and practitioners from around the world. Adam Curle, a Friend, was the first professor of peace studies at the university and the theme of the symposium was 'Peaceful Relations and the Transformation of the World'.

Professor Jenny Pearce said: "The symposium brings into focus Adam's wider understandings of the conditions for peace, exploring how our relationships after war do or do not change; how art and peace intersect; how peace is "made" or "built"; how nonviolence can challenge inequalities, racism and oppression; and whether and how education can contribute to peace."

## FCNL on Welfare Reform

"Twenty years ago today [August 22], welfare reform was signed into law. What have been the results? Well, it's not the success many are claiming.

Fewer people who need cash assistance actually get it, and we've seen a disturbing rise in families living in extreme poverty. Since 1996, hundreds of thousands more families are living on less than \$2 per person per day, temporary cash assistance has lost a third of its value, and the safety net has failed to catch millions.

But many in Congress want to take the mistakes of welfare reform even further by capping funding for assistance programs, converting them into block grants, and instituting harsh work requirements. "

FCNL argues for Congress “investing in federal programs, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, food stamps, and housing assistance.” The Quaker liberal response to congressional conservatives, that it is not just their own fault that they are poor. Is there a parallel to Stanley’s family difference? Do Quakers believe that the poor will always be with us; that abolishing poverty is impossible?

## **Labor and Environmentalists:**

Yes, We Can Find Common Ground!

From the Blue Green Alliance: “For ten years labor and environmental groups have been coming together to advance policies and programs leading to a “just transition”. In practice this means moving towards a sustainable economy based on the creation of green industries and, more importantly, increasing numbers of green jobs. Bringing together major labor unions and environmental organizations, the BlueGreen Alliance has been at the forefront of efforts in support of a “just transition”, most recently through endorsement of the federal Clean Jobs Bill.”

## **Miscellany**

The Quaker Study Group will meet on Oct 11 at 6:00 for a potluck & 7:00 worship sharing. For details: [jmhaynes@earthlink.net](mailto:jmhaynes@earthlink.net)

Two days after the elcetion FCNL will hold its Annual Meeting, inviting us to “Join us for fellowship, listening, advocacy, and worship as we affirm what it means to love all of our neighbors.” Bill S will be there.

And ,“Join us on December 10 for a national advocacy day to pass sentencing reform -- taking the first step to roll back 40 years of mass incarceration.” They will train you!

FCNL also said, in mid-September: This week, reports came out that the Obama administration will increase the number of refugees resettled in the U.S. in 2017 – from 85,000 to 110,000. Critics jumped on the news, playing on people’s fears to suggest that even this increase is too much.

But here’s the problem: Whether we’re admitting 85,000 or 110,000 people, the U.S. still isn’t acknowledging the magnitude of the refugee crisis and our responsibility to act. The U.S. should develop a bold agenda to offer refuge to displaced populations through resettlement and other forms of protection, but Congress has so far failed to fund even a modest increase in refugee assistance.

We note that Meeting’s trek off to Costa Rica, where they will not have to face militarism in the government’s policies, there being no army. But we are glad some stayed behind to be irritated with militarism here.

“Something that many British Quakers will be familiar with is the anxiety that as a Religious Society we are too white, too middle class and too intellectual.”

That’s from a website, “Jolly Quaker.” It doesn’t sound so jolly, though it quotes Thomas Kelly, “I’d rather be a jolly St. Francis than a dour old sobersides Quaker.” But it rings bells here, where we have the same problems. Why? We were not that way in the beginnings of Quakerism. But social classes mix like oil and water. We shall find it difficult to broaden our base if we continue to behave as we do, like white, middle class, intellectuals.

A Quaker on the catwalk? “A black silk Georgette t-shirt was embroidered with Susan B. Anthony’s words, ‘They threw things at me then but they were not roses.’ and paired with cropped black-leather pants.” At Prabal Gurung’s New York fashion display in September. We’re sure she would have been flattered. But we’re embarrassed (really? Just an editorial phrase) not to know who Prabal Gurung is.

Last month Pendle Hill offered an online course, “offering an opportunity to reframe Quaker faith and practice within the horizon of the global concern for sustainability. This reframing allows us to reclaim the Quaker tradition with fresh understanding and

renewed purpose. The course is built around Doug Gwyn's book *A Sustainable Life: Quaker Faith and Practice in the Renewal of Creation* and several relevant Pendle Hill pamphlets"

We're too late to announce it, but you can always get Doug's book from Quakerbooks.

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Jack Kennedy is remembered for having said, "Ask not what your country can do for you. Ask what you can do for your country."

Kenneth Boulding, prominent Quaker economist, said in the Ann Arbor meetinghouse, "That makes no sense. We don't say 'Ask not what General Motors can do for you. Ask what you can do for General Motors.'"

The Quakers present understood what he meant.

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In Yemen, a Saudi Arabia-led coalition backed by the U.S. has been waging a war since March 2015. In that time, the United Nations estimates that more than 3,500 civilians have been killed, and almost twice that number have been injured. The U.N. human rights office reports that the Saudi-led coalition has been responsible for nearly 75% of the civilian casualties. . .

Doctors Without Borders evacuated its staff in northern Yemen following an airstrike on one of its hospitals. The months-long bombing of Yemen by Saudi Arabia, using U.S. made F-15s and munitions, has led to a humanitarian crisis the U.N. calls a "catastrophe." . .

Kevin Martin, Peace Action.

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There are lots of good people in the world. Consider the Israeli organization, Save a Child's Heart. In its 20 years of operation, says the *NY Times*, half its 4,000 patients were Palestinian, with others in Iraq and Syria. This was in an article about its help for a one-year old Afghan boy in Pakistan, with which Israel does not have diplomatic relations.

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Marian University in Indianapolis exhibited "Giving Voices to Ghosts," an exhibit

featuring artwork created by orphaned children in post-WWI Germany. The work featured was created by children in an orphanage in Köpenick, Germany as part of an exchange with the American Friends Service Committee, for their assistance in providing food:



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In the last issue of this newsletter we quoted beautiful words of Paul about the universal need for love. We did so regardless of a lack of any great enthusiasm for Paul. Now we see, quoted elsewhere, words of an earlier epistle of Paul to the Corinthians:

"Let you women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak."

Again, words echoing down the two millennia, and followed until very recently, with a few exceptions like Queen Elizabeth I. Those words did not speak to Quakers' conditions and Quaker women have been free to speak "in our churches." Though we must confess that if we search through valued sayings of Quakers in volumes of history, we find very few said by women. We are not immune to the surrounding culture.

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The most recent immigration reform proposals would turn the U.S.-Mexico border into one of the world's most militarized borders.

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC.org) knows that border militarization is not a new issue. Violence at the border has been a threat to the lives and livelihoods of our neighbors for decades; however, you can help us bring hope to an

otherwise erosive system.

## Immigrant Detention

When it comes to the detention of immigrants at Karnes and Dilley, FCNL does not lobby US officials. But AFSC may do:

“Every year, the United States imprisons nearly half a million immigrants in detention centers across the country.

This mass detention is fueled by an inhumane federal policy known as the “detention quota,” which requires U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to maintain 34,000 spaces for immigrant detention every single day. The detention quota deprives immigrants of their basic human and civil rights and devastates communities—all while benefiting for-profit prison corporations contracted to run detention centers nationwide.

Join us in the Week of Action, and help create the welcoming, inclusive communities that we all deserve.

When you register, we’ll send you the tools you’ll need to raise awareness online, advocate with your legislators, and connect to events in your community throughout the week. . . .”

Staff members of AFSC’s Immigrant Rights Program in Newark joined advocates from across the nation in a protest against the family detention policies of the US government on May 1 in Dilley, Texas. The Corrections Corporation of America, a for-profit company, runs the largest immigrant family detention center in the United States in Dilley that will detain up to 2400 mothers and children. AFSC staff attorneys Mich Gonzalez and Lloyd Munjack and legal assistant Andrea Huerta provided legal services to the women and

children detained at another family detention center in Karnes, Texas owned by GEO Corporation the week following the protest. The descriptions of the interview with families are from that detention center.

We cannot allow this practice to continue or to become normalized. We cannot sit idly by and watch as these gross human rights violations continue to be justified. We must all stand up and shut these facilities down.”

Last October, Friends Center in Philadelphia, sponsored a large mural on its wall. It was of a young woman and, beneath her portrait, the mural caption read: “United States: 5 percent of the world’s population, 25 percent of the world’s prisoners.”

## OUR LIFE IS LOVE.

Here are some excellent queries from Marcelle Martin's new book, *Our Life is Love: The Quaker Spiritual Journey*. --

1. What leadings have you experienced about how to live?
2. When have you felt led by the Spirit to undertake a particular action, large or small?
3. How have you responded to leadings? Have you resisted a leading?
4. How did you know you were experiencing a leading from God and not motivated by something else?
5. What (or who) helps you test a leading and respond faithfully?
6. If you followed a leading, what were the fruits?
7. Have you participated in a leading that was for the community?

(#7 surely in every decision in Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business?)

## Query

**How does our Meeting engage its members in the support of the Meeting’s work, its ministry, and the upkeep of its property?**

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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