

FRIENDS IN SAN ANTONIO

7052 North Vandiver at Eisenhower

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Asylum-Seeking Families in San Antonio

Members and attenders of Friends Meeting S.A. first became aware of the plight of Central American mothers and children in August, 2014. Since then, we have raised money, visited families held at the Karnes detention center, demonstrated, volunteered at Casa, collected clothing, and participated in Interfaith Welcome Coalition. It has been a calling for many in the Meeting.

The asylum seekers are in the news again because the Immigration & Customs Enforcement agency dumped 478 mothers and children in San Antonio over the weekend of December 3-4. Through a previous agreement, ICE would bring families to Casa RAICES when they had been cleared for release. But nothing like this had ever been experienced. Casa filled and the overflow went to the Mennonite Church nearby where pastor John Garland welcomed them. Hundreds huddled on air mattresses on the floor in the unheated sanctuary. More tried to sleep in the upstairs hallways.

Someone called Shirley Gonzales, City Councilwoman, who came, saw and called City officials for help. The Fire Dept. responded and immediately ruled that the accommodations were over-crowded and unsafe. The Health Dept. also arrived and said the same. Everyone would have to move. She said NO, do your best. Fire personnel patrolled the outside. Health personnel took off their official jackets and screened the families for their health conditions. More than one was transported to hospital suffering from pneumonia.

URGENT messages went out on IWC emails and Facebook. Donations poured in – food, clothing, bedding, health supplies, diapers. By mid-week the City found another accommodation with heat and adequate space. The Food Bank provided cooked meals. Money was collected to provide bus and plane fares so families could spread out to relatives across America. By the following Saturday, 38 families remained at Casa and none at the Church.

At a public meeting that Saturday, public figures expressed outrage at ICE and thanks to the hundreds of volunteers who rallied. Lloyd Doggett told of arranging a meeting with City, religious and ICE to insist

Calendar

1. Sunday
Potluck lunch at 11.30 a.m..

8. Sunday
Forum –.Discerning Peace & Social Concerns for the new year, with Val

15. Sunday.....
Meeting for Business, 11.30.

16. Monday 1/16/17
Martin Luther King March 9:15, assemble St. Philip's College parking lot

22, Sunday
Forum –Spiritual Deepening – introduction for newcomers & refresher for seasoned Friends, with Gretchen
During week - Power Breath Meditation for returning service men & women

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

29, Sunday
Forum –. Quaker Spirituality & Meeting for Worship, with Gary

on a humane system of dealing with asylum seekers. Joaquin Castro decried the official position of treating them as national security threats instead of refugees in need of our help. He called on us to work to close the private, for-profit detention centers. Jose Menendez spoke of how this experience shows that San Antonians are united in resisting injustice and cited this as creating energy to start a movement. He urged us to work to get the City and State out of immigration enforcement and instead find a long-term immigration solution. Diego Bernal echoed this demand and added that it would be a tough fight. Shirley Gonzales and Ron Nirenberg described their experiences in moving terms.

The public meeting ended with pleas for commitment to educate ourselves, defend the families and continue to raise funds. Spanish-speaking volunteers are always needed, and English-only also to help at Casa, on N. Flores. The incoming national administration will bring new challenges and means even more dedication to alleviate this desperate situation.

On Sunday, Roni Amit, volunteer RAICES lawyer, spoke to F/friends about the history of the exodus from Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala and the humanitarian response in San Antonio. No one is clear about the legal status of those just released. She related her experiences with unpredictable judges; some dismiss cases and others barely listen before denying the case for “credible fear” of retribution and death at home. In that situation, families face imminent deportation unless lawyers can file immediately for a hearing. The past week has been particularly chaotic with so many families thrust upon the relief resources. F/friends responded with a spontaneous collection of \$108 to continue RAICES’ work for social justice and support Friends’ active participation. Many expressed concern about the actions of the in-coming administration. A bad situation can become much worse.



Personal News

Lee Teran was honored by St. Mary's University School of Law on Dec. 12. She received the Social Justice Award at a mass celebrating the Virgin of Guadalupe. Lee is retiring from her teaching position and head of the immigration clinic at the end of this term. About a hundred people were present, including many of her former students. She has been a large and important part of our part in the support of refugees.

Bill W’s mother died on December 16. at home, peacefully in hospice. Bill was there. We hold him in the Light.

Ruth’s “birthday” at Meeting was very much curtailed. But she says, “. . . it was just right for me. I saw the children's play and when I was running out of steam, I felt free to leave! I loved the special birthday cards and cupcakes left at the desk for me! Thank you! Love to all, Ruth.” Just fancy – Ruth running out of steam!

Fabian is now leaving Meeting and returning to his home in Mexico. He speaks of his appreciation for Meeting. Bill O’ says, “We moved into a new, one-story, energy-efficient house [in Las Vegas], about half the size of the old house in VA. February will be two years since we moved here. Come see us! We have a small house, but there are over 150,000 hotel rooms in the area! Lots of competition!” And, we’re sure, lots of custom.

Marian is off to Cuba this month. Hurry up, Marian, before Trump closes it down! Meredith, Jim’s wife, once went to Nicaragua with her student who took guitars for a children’s program. Edward, Val’ son, bought the guitars and gave the children free lessons.

Business Meeting

Meeting for Business commenced with a query of Rex Ambler:

The Light Within is a fundamental concept of our Quaker faith. We could say that it is the central concept around which the others revolve. But it is also a remarkably vague concept . . . This ambiguity affects all of us. How do we make sense of our faith, intellectually, without clarity on this central idea? How do we communicate our faith to others? If you were asked by a non-Quaker, for example, what we Quakers mean by it, what would you say?

The clerk passed to the Nominating Committee report. In this, Bill W will continue to serve as treasurer but Inreach/Outreach, Property, and Religious Education Committees do not yet have clerks. Gretchen and Val will continue to be co-clerks of Meeting.

The treasurer reported that recent donations have improved the balance sheet considerably and that Jim has found and deleted a false \$5,000 debit from the "Orphan" line. The proposed budget is slightly higher, assuming greater income from use of the facilities. A member hoped that donations to other organizations could be increased, perhaps even doubled.

The Property Committee report spoke of work done on the HVAC Our contractors have shown to do good work and be trustworthy. Roof gutters are rusting. We may not need to replace them along the Eisenhower side of the building. Offensive graffiti have been removed by James G, but we have problems with the use of bushes on our border as store and latrine. Suzanne and James thanked each other for their work.

Gretchen presented plans for the Spring Friends Fair in the parking lot, hopefully for May 13.. Enthusiastic help will be needed for many jobs. There was discussion of a Meeting t-shirt. A group will be invited to do this.

Meeting closed in silence.

Christmas, a Special Day

Friends' tradition is of not celebrating special days, holding that all days are equally holy. Yet, some days are surely worthy of celebration, and to celebrate on every day of the year the birthday and death of Jesus, our wedding anniversaries, our family's and friends' birthdays, and other special days is to overload each day with memories.

Necessarily, we attend meeting for worship on Sundays, not every day, with just the occasional midweek meeting. To avoid special celebratory days is to risk forgetting them. The birth of a child is special and worthy of remembrance. So is the birthday of Jesus. It is a special day for children, marked by happiness and gifts, not possible every day of the year. And marking certain days as special, (though not ones of consumerism,) is a gauge of the passing of the year, though it no longer has the special character of the farmer's sowing and harvest.

So Friends have not, in recent times, succeeded in treating every day as equally memorable. Our children, surely, all look forward to Christmas and birthdays as special days which brighten, and mark, the year.

This is how Quakerbooks put it: "It's beginning to look a lot like ... well, a holiday that Quakers traditionally did not celebrate. George Fox referred to this season as 'the time called Christmas' -- which implies he and the other Friends of his time did not celebrate it. Still, many of us Friends today do exchange gifts with those we love during this time of year. . . And [at Quakerbooks] you'll "save 10% off your order if you use the code TimeCalledChristmas at checkout."

Yet we can also recognize the wisdom of those early Friends who chose to emphasize the holiness of every day. Despite celebrating Christmas and birthdays, we can surely see that each day, of the week, month, and year, is a day to appreciate the gift of life and its holiness. A note: Under the Catholic Church, Christmas had in the 16thC become a festival of much carousing, leading to drunkenness, promiscuity, crime, and violence. For Puritans, this had become associated with Catholicism, "The celebration of Christmas thus became just one facet of a deep

religious cleavage within early seventeenth-century England which, by the middle of the century, was to lead to the breakdown of government, civil war and revolution. When the Puritans took control of government in the mid-1640s they made a concerted effort to abolish the Christian festival of Christmas and to outlaw the customs associated with it but the attempt foundered on the deep-rooted popular attachment to these mid-winter rites.” Christ Durston, *History Today*.

So Friends’ objection to the celebration of Christmas was but one part of a more general Puritan trend.

Christmas Eve

We met for a deep meeting for worship on the evening before Christmas Day. Then, afterwards, dined together on tamales provided by Denise and family and potluck dishes. (Delicious pie, soups, and fruit.) Various visiting family members were there with us, including Pam, Jocelyn, and Neil. And then we had entertainment from Edward, who played his guitar for us, Ken, who read (and spoke) an old monolog of Stanley Holloway, and Neil, who spoke of being an artist in New York and of what art really does for us, its function for society of bringing our consciousness fully into the present.

Parker

“The politics of our time is the ‘politics of the broken-hearted’ – an expression that will not be found in the analytical vocabulary of political science or in the strategic rhetoric of political organizing. Instead, it is an expression for the language of human wholeness. There are some human experiences that only the heart can comprehend and only heart-talk can convey.”

Parker J. Palmer, *Healing the Heart of Democracy: The Courage to Create a Politics Worthy of the Human Spirit*.

The peaceCENTER provides this quote from Parker Palmer and invites everyone to join Compassionate San Antonio and the interfaith San Antonio peaceCENTER in this revelatory conversation at the turn of the year: Thursday, January 5, from 6:30 - 8:30 pm, at the Whitley Center, Oblate School of Theology.

The Center says, “Bring your voice, your spirit, your commitment, your discernment, your community, your heart!”

Holy Days

Phil Gulley, Quaker pastor: I didn’t care for holy days of obligation when I was a kid. I’d be outside playing with my friends and my mother would call me into the house.

“You need to take a bath and put on your nice clothes, we’re going to church,” she would say.

“Why?” I would ask. “It’s not Sunday. Why do I have to go to church today? Please don’t make me go.”

“We have to go. It’s the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the day Mary died and ascended into heaven.”

“How do we know that? We can’t possibly know that. Please don’t make me go.” But there was no talking her out of it.

August 15th. The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whom I never met, but every year I had to go to her funeral.

I don’t know why they called it a feast. There was never a feast. If they had fed us something, maybe I would have liked it.

So you can imagine my delight when I was told Quakers didn’t believe in holy days, which cut my required attendance from 63 church services a year to 52, a 17% reduction in church attendance,

which, when you're a teenager, is nothing to sneeze at. It's like being handed this big present. So I felt led to become a Quaker and as a result freed up 11 days a year. I wasn't interested in why Quakers didn't believe in holy days, I just liked that they didn't.

Then I turned 19 and began attending Plainfield Meeting, where I took a class in Quakerism, and discovered the Quaker take on holy days was more nuanced than I had been taught. It wasn't that we didn't believe in holy days. It was that we believed every day was holy.

Can Quakers believe anything?

It sounds like Quakers can believe anything they like—is that so?

Quakers invite the word of God to be written in our hearts, rather than as words on paper—we have no creed. But we also believe that if we are sincerely open to the Divine Will, we will be guided by a Wisdom that is more compelling than our own more superficial thoughts and feelings. This can mean that we will find ourselves led in directions or receiving understandings that we may not have chosen just from personal preference. Following such guidance is not always easy. This is why community is important to Quakers, why we turn to each other for worshipful help in making important choices, and why we read the reflections of other Quakers who have lived faithful lives.

FAQs About Quakers – FGC

ATCF

Austin Tan Cerca de la Frontera is sending a delegation to Piedras Negras and Ciudad Acuña, México with a visit to Fuerza Unida in San Antonio, Texas on January 6-8. "Join us and stand in solidarity with Mexican maquiladora workers," it says.

The cost of the trip is \$325, which include transportation, meals, and two nights hotel lodging. Some partial scholarship are available. To allow for an intimate experience, each delegation is limited to about 10 participants and travels in a 15-passenger van. Delegations are usually scheduled for January, May and October. Each departs from Austin on a Friday morning and returns on Sunday evening. An interpreter, a facilitator and a driver are present for all activities. Some financial assistance is available.

Workers open their homes and communities to delegates, sharing their struggles and strategies to defend their human rights, organize for dignity and justice in a harsh labor environment, to empower themselves as women workers. ATCF was supported by AFSC until AFSC's office was closed. Josefina Castillo still runs ATCF. But by the time you read this it will be too late to sign up.

Not a Pacifist

Saying she's not a pacifist, Kristina Keefe-Perry says, "There's some word—maybe it's reconciliation—to describe Jesus's ministry which he ministers to the pain and suffering not just of those affected by violence but by poverty and greed, other forms of violence that aren't the physical violence implied by war which then gets me to pacifism.

So maybe, I was thinking about this, maybe I'm a "Shalomist": someone who believes in God's shalom, God's peace and abundance for all... that God wills that everyone has abundance and peace and is doing what they are supposed to be doing.

Or maybe I'm a "Jubilee-ist," who believes that we can work to a time when we have dismantled human structures and institutions as we're invited to by the description of the Jubilee year to lay down all contracts, to let the slaves go, to let the land lie fallow, to return all of the

landholdings to their original owners, like a big cosmic reset button of possibility of an acknowledgment that there is provision. There is enough.” Quakerspeak

That would require a great deal of faith in the cosmic reset button. But her point needs approaching.

Miscellany

There will be a reception with Diane Randall, Executive Secretary of the Friends Committee on National Legislation in Austin on January 28. You can find out more by going to the website fcn.org.

It says, “Our patient, persistent, and non-partisan lobbying, and the vital work we do to support the next generation of advocates, are building participation in the civil dialogue essential to mend our world.”

And we’re sure you know it’s goals:

... a world free of war and the threat of war.

... a society with equity and justice for all.

... a community where every person's potential may be fulfilled.

... an earth restored.

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An inspiring story – Yusra Mardini, along with nine other athletes, make up the Olympic Refugee Team. Aged 14, Mardini swam for Syria at swimming’s short-course world championships in 2012. But with her home destroyed in the ongoing conflict, she and her sister fled the country last year. From Lebanon they reached Turkey and then took a boat to Greece – but the boat began to sink as it took on water. Mardini jumped into the water and, summoning all of her swimming and survival know-how, helped push the boat and its occupants until it safely reached Greek shores. She now lives and trains in Germany and swam in the Olympics. How good of the Olympics

\_\_\_\_\_ Committee to allow them to compete as a refugee team.

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More trouble in Syria:

Likely the largest chariot battle in history, the Battle of Kadesh was fought between the Egyptians and the Hittites in 1274 BCE at the city of Kadesh in what is now Syria. Pharaoh Ramses II mounted the attack to regain lost territory, but he was eventually forced to retreat to Egypt.

Well, not more trouble . . . Plus ca change . . .

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“What would your meeting do with \$1 million?” asks *Friends Journal*. Even half a million? *FJ* challenged Friends to come up with answers from different viewpoints: First-day school teacher: Clerk of Building and Maintenance Committee: Clerk of Earthcare Committee: Clerk of Peace and Social Concerns Committee: Clerk of Finance Committee:

Try it. It suggests that successful ideas should attend to the following criteria:

Engage the majority of the members

Involve out-of-the-box thinking

Engage diverse perspectives Include short-term and long-term needs  
Have adequate time for deliberation  
Have dispute-resolution resources  
Have attention to the donor's priorities  
Benefit diverse races, genders, ages, etc.  
Underpin Quaker testimonies  
Inspire broad and joyful feelings

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In the news – In an article about “hundreds of places of worship” offering sanctuary to people fearing deportation, there is a photo of an immigrant woman and her son at a Denver “Quaker center.” Methodist and Presbyterian churches are specifically named. Our meetinghouse has no shower facilities.
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Our photo is of Bayard Rustin, Friend who worked with Gandhi's movement in India, and helped teach Martin Luther King, Jr. about nonviolence, but was not openly identified because he was gay, unashamed and open, and had been publicly convicted of this. He was “instrumental in organizing” the **March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom** in 1963. He helped to initiate a 1947 Freedom Ride to challenge, with civil disobedience, the racial segregation in interstate busing. He deserves being better known.

Last month we attempted to clarify something of Quaker beliefs. Chuck Fager, in his book *Quakers are Funny*, gives a British conversation between an Anglican and a Quaker. The Anglican says, “Finding out what Quakers believe is like chasing an imaginary black cat on a moonless night.” The Quaker replies, “. . . and if he was an Anglican he'd catch it.”

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This year, AFSC's work will include immigrant rights violations, communities affected by violence, mass incarceration, and rising tides of bigotry and racism. It is appealing for financial support in its Partners for Peace monthly donor program.
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AFSC is supporting the North Korea Human Rights Act which has the ability to include people-to-people exchanges. “In the wake of North Korea's fifth nuclear test, and as we begin to transition to the next presidential administration, it is more imperative than ever that Washington take steps to stabilize the situation in Korea and create consistent channels of diplomacy.”

AFSC is also urging President Obama to appoint a special envoy for Palestinian children. The situation for Palestinian children is rapidly deteriorating. . At the end of February, there were 440 Palestinian children in Israeli military detention. For the first time in nearly four years, Israel has reintroduced the use of administrative detention against children, whereby a child can be detained without charge or trial indefinitely.

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George Lakey wrote his book, “Strategy

for a Living Revolution” in 1973.. It has just had its third new edition.

The best-selling book at the FGC Gathering last year was Rex Ambler’s *The Quaker Way: A Rediscovery*. It has been in print for three years.

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“Perhaps it is best that the Lord chooses to use his creation to speak to us—without words.” Words of Ken Beebe, executive director of Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Oregon, reflecting on the natural beauty there.

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In 1985, the United Nations established December 5 as International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development. The Assembly hoped that in so doing, it would draw favorable attention to the contribution made by volunteers, and thus inspire more people to serve the world community as volunteers.

We hope this is further successful. Volunteers bring new perspectives and insights to the problems they serve. (Creating new problems for the government agencies.)

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Have you come across the letters JVP – Jewish Voice for Peace? It is an organization stemming from the historic oppression of Jews and standing against the oppression of any, and by any, peoples. It is particularly relevant in opposing Israeli occupation of Palestinian territories, checkpoints, restricted roads, walls, settlements, and divided farms. In doing this it has attracted support from many peace-and-justice-loving people, Jews and others.

But it also arouses much anger among Jews who see it as being anti-Israel. It is particularly critical of the Israeli occupation of the West Bank.

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December 10 was the anniversary of the UN General Assembly Adopting the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948.

It was drafted by a committee chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, and is the world’s most translated document. It included definitions of civil and political rights, as well as definitions of economic, social, and cultural rights—all of which are owed by UN member states to those under their jurisdiction.

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“When someone asks me what kind of Christian I am,” says Quaker author J. Brent Bill, “I say I’m a bad one. I’ve got the belief part down pretty well, I think. It’s in the practice of my belief in everyday life where I often miss the mark.” In *Life Lessons from a Bad Quaker*, Brent, a self-professed non-expert on faith invites readers on a joyful exploration of the faith journey--perfection not required. With whimsy, humor, and wisdom, he shows readers how to put faith into practice to achieve a life that is soulfully still yet active, simple yet satisfying, peaceful yet strong. This book is available from the Quaker Bookstore, <https://quakerbooks.org>.

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“He went to church and walked about the streets, and watched the people hurrying to and fro, and patted children on the head, and questioned beggars, and looked down into the kitchens of houses, and up to the windows; and found that anything could yield him pleasure. He never dreamed that any walk – that anything – could give him so much happiness.” Scrooge, after his redemption.

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E.O. Wilson makes a plea for species on the brink of extinction, saying that half of the planet’s surface should be committed to nature. Within it, more than 80% of species would be stabilized, the safe zone. He says that when species have gone extinct in the past they have often given evolutionary rise to new species beforehand. In this sense they were not entirely lost.. But as



extinctions mount, the eco-system reaches a tipping point and collapses, and human beings are not exempt. We are part of the eco-system and depend on it.

He seems perhaps to be saying to us that there is that of God in all creatures. Are we ready to respond?

## **Nonviolent Responses to Terrorism**

At Swarthmore College, George Lakey taught a course in nonviolent strategies against terrorism, and had his students write wonderful papers on what they found. For instance, economic development, which provides work opportunities providing potential terrorists with constructive work;

and healing, in the US itself, to divert its citizens from considering only military responses. The US response in Iraq and Afghanistan, for instance, created more terrorists. He was then even called to the Pentagon to tell them what the findings were. And . .

“I was grateful to the course, which I have taught a couple of times since, not only as an indication of how undergraduates can do brilliant work if they’re given a toolbox that’s appropriate, as opposed to the toolbox that’s inappropriate, called the Pentagon. And, also, that I learned second lesson, that the U.S. government is configured in such a way that it can not make a creative nonviolent response that would be far more effective than the response that we have been making. . . The U.S. government doesn’t operate in terms of systemic alternative approaches“

He described this in “Quakerspeak,” a computer website with a weekly topic, provided by *Friends Journal*.

## **Crossing Boundaries**

Fifteen years ago, in the aftermath of 9/11, Sarah Hirsch, then a first grade teacher at Princeton Friends School, felt compelled to do something. Reaching out to her counterpart at the Noor-Ul-Iman School (another young independent school. . . on the premises of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey), Sarah launched what has become a signature program at both schools. It started with an exchange of letters between PFS and NUI first graders, followed by an exchange of visits before the year’s end. The following year, not only did these (now) second graders continue their partnership, but the new crop of first graders began an exchange as well. The program grew as the students moved up through the grades, and when the first cohort reached eighth grade, the final visit included an exchange of gifts. The Noor-Ul-Iman students taught their partners how to write their names in Arabic calligraphy, and these were then framed to be taken home. PFS eighth graders each gave to their partners a small glass candle holder and tea light, explaining in so doing the Quaker message of carrying one’s light into the world.

And so it has gone for well over a decade. Each year, students in each grade from Princeton Friends and Noor-Ul-Iman have come together for a morning, alternating between schools from one year to the next. The hours are spent playing getting-to-know-you games, telling and listening to stories, eating a snack of cider and doughnuts, singing, and enjoying a recess game of soccer. Over the years PFS students have joined their partners for worship in the mosque, and every visit at Princeton Friends concludes with a meeting for worship during which NUI students in their uniforms and headscarves intermix with PFS children of all ages. The vocal ministry on these occasions invariably focuses on the importance of seeing people across both real and imagined differences. *Friends Journal*

## **Freedom**

Harry Belafonte -“ We changed it, many of us, through some of the proudest struggles

of our history. It wasn't easy, and sometimes it wasn't pretty, but we did it, together. We won voting rights for all. We ended Jim Crow, and we pushed open the Golden Door again to welcome immigrants. We achieved full rights for women, and fought to let people of all genders and sexual orientations stand in the light. And if we have not yet created the America that Langston Hughes swore will be — "The land that never has been yet" — if there is still much to be done, at least we have advanced our standards of humanity, hope and decency to places where many people never thought we could reach."

He uses the word "fought," but the "battles" were not violent, even if there was occasional physical fighting, They were nonviolent victories and Friends were among the "fighters."

## **Pride**

We remember, during an Ann Arbor High School Pride Day, Russ Boulding, high schooler, marching outside carrying a sign saying, "Pride Goes Before a Fall." It is very easy to become proud of Quakers' accomplishments. Bonnie Raitt says that she's a proud supporter of AFSC. We're a humble supporter of AFSC. Which is the better? What is the source of our pride?

On the International Day for the anniversary of the ending of slavery, we found a Tweet from Quakers. Pride? We looked it up. Fortunately, no, a British appeal for Friends to help end modern-day slavery,

## **Euphemism**

An innocuous substitute for  
a dangerous term:

i.e, shock and awe,

to camouflage carpet bombing that  
imitates the destruction of Dresden.

Or friendly fire, to disguise the fact  
we just slaughtered our own.

Or Defense Department instead of  
War Department, proving you can  
fool some of the people some of the time.

Or collateral damage, concealing the mangled bodies  
of women, men and children, done not on purpose.

Or, worst of all, PTSD, shell shock -  
good speak to hide walking destruction,  
the pulverized minds of men and women,  
maimed in our name.

Enough! Enough of Euphemisms!

Name the horrors, the results of horrors  
so that we may own them.

Take them to heart.

Perhaps then we may come to a real word:

Peace.

Gretchen

## Query

How am I being called to participate in deepening the spiritual life of my Meeting?

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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