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FWCC Directory Available

Friends World Committee for Consultation has released the long-awaited 2002 edition of the *Friends Directory of Meetings, Churches and Worship Groups in the Section of the Americas*. In addition to a listing of North and South American churches and meetings, the directory contains appendixes that list bookstores, schools, retirement centers, and many organizations. Make sure you have your copy before you go on summer vacation!

The directory has been sent to all meetings, churches, and worship groups. Additional copies may be ordered for \$13 each from FWCC, 1506 Race St., Philadelphia PA 19102; 215-241-7250; fax 215-241-7285; americas@fwcc.quaker.org

Silver Bay Registrations Coming in Fast!

As this issue of *InfoShare* is posted, the NYYM office has received more than 250 registrations for Silver Bay. Helen Garay Toppins urges Friends to get their registrations in as soon as possible so that the room of your choice will be waiting for you. For JYMers, please indicate age and grade on the special needs line. See you at Silver Bay.

Wilton Monthly Meeting is seeking a part-time youth director, to be responsible for coordinating curriculum, activities, and volunteer teachers for 30+ children (ages 2-15). The commitment averages 10 hours per week for one year. Wilton Monthly Meeting is in a beautiful setting. Applicants must have a solid understanding of Quakerism, experience working with children, and good organizational and communication skills. Please send letter of intent with summary of experience to Jean L Allier, allierj@aepinc.com.

Imaging a Nonviolent World

Elise Boulding, former secretary general of the International Peace Research Association, author, and Nobel Peace Prize nominee (1990) will facilitate Imaging a Nonviolent World June 14-16 at Powell House.

The three-day conference will focus on the effective use of imagination and vision to inform and empower action. Within the contexts of individual, family, community, nation, and biosphere, participants will explore the construction of a peaceful society and will come away from the conference having developed action strategies for the creation of a peace culture for the future. "The very ability to imagine something different and better than what currently exists is critical for the possibility of social change," says Boulding.

Professor emerita of sociology, Dartmouth College, and originator of the phrase *Cultures of Peace*, Boulding is an internationally renowned and prolific author. Her recent work includes *Cultures of Peace: The Hidden Side of History*, a study culminating 50 years of contemplation and scholarship in the effort to encourage a more compassionate and peaceful world.

Powell House invites the wider community to be part of Imaging a Nonviolent World. "This is an anxious time in our world when we especially want our neighbors and friends, near and distant, to know that Powell House is here for them as a place of spirituality and healing," says the Powell House executive director, Ann Davidson.

For more information or to register for the conference, telephone Powell House at 518-794-8811, e-mail cody@powellhouse.org, or visit www.powellhouse.org.

Miniconference on Middle East Conflict, June 30, with QUNO Leader:

Poughkeepsie Meeting announces that on Sunday, June 30, it will have a miniconference on Middle East conflict, with special attention to Israel, Palestine, and Iraq. The leaders are L. Heninger and Jack Patterson, codirectors of the Quaker United Nations Office in New York. QUNO works with UN diplomats from many nations to help the UN achieve its goals of peace and conflict resolution.

The conference will begin after the 10:00 meeting for worship, include an augmented bag-lunch, and continue into the early afternoon, with presentations at 1:00 especially designed for those who could not come earlier.

Lori Heninger's specialty is international economics and child soldiers. Her husband, Jack Patterson, is very knowledgeable about the Middle East, about conflict resolution, and about sustainable development. For many years he led the American effort to support conflict resolution in Northern Ireland, having a close relationship with the work of the Nobel Prize winners Mairead Corrigan and Betty Williams, leaders of the Peace People in Northern Ireland. It was largely Jack's example that led Dick and Viola Hathaway to spend the month of June 1977 in Northern Ireland, working in various ways to support Quakerly initiatives there. Jack Patterson was at that time peace secretary of the American Friends Service Committee regional office in New York City, where Viola also worked.

Be sure to announce this event far and wide. We are fortunate to have these outstanding speakers on a topic of such importance.

Richard Hatha

The Power of Nonviolence: Exploring Alternatives
Fellowship of Reconciliation National Conference
June 15-19, 2002, Manhattan College, Riverdale, New York City

Join peacemakers from 40 countries in exploring the power of nonviolence to bring peace with justice to the world. Outstanding speakers include Nobel Peace laureate Mairead Maguire of Northern Ireland; the Rev. James Lawson, renowned civil rights veteran featured in the PBS documentary *A Force More Powerful*; Amber Amundson, whose husband died in the September 11 bombings and who has come to national prominence in speaking for peace; Hildegard Goss-Mayr of Vienna, honorary president of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation and recipient of the Nawano Peace Prize; and Bruce Gagnon, Vietnam veteran and coordinator of the Global Network against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space; representatives from Columbia, Palestine, Israel, India, Zimbabwe, and the Women's Peacemaking Program of the International FOR.

More than 40 workshops, nightly entertainment (Pete Seeger, Dana Gillespie, Tom Chapi Division X), films, worship, youth (ages 6-16) program, nonviolence training--special tracks for adults (From Violence to Wholeness) and young adults (Peacemaker Training), plus grassroots organizing and the work of religious peace fellowships.

Come for renewal, information, challenge and hope!

To register or for more information, contact FOR, Box 271, Nyack NY 10960; 845-358-4601; www.forusa.org.

AFSC Palestine-Israel Crisis Fund

As the Palestine-Israel crisis continues, the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) continues relief and reconstruction efforts. Suzanne Hammad and Tareq el-Bakri, AFSC's Middle East coordinators based in Amman, tell us that as the situation stabilizes, AFSC's

nonviolent opportunities for Palestinian youth in the struggle toward self-determination, AFSC initiatives will engage young Palestinians in reconstructing/rehabilitating shelled and damaged houses, youth centers, and community buildings. Their involvement will help alleviate the sense of helplessness they are experiencing by giving them leadership roles in serving their communities.

AFSC has established the Palestine-Israel Crisis Fund to respond to the current crisis in the Middle East. The Emergency and Material Assistance Program (EMAP) has already released funds for AFSC's programs in Ramallah and Gaza. Contributions support immediate relief such as medical aid, food, and bedding. Senior policy staff members in the region are assessing the situation and planning a long-term strategy.

It is humbling and heartening that even as the conflict escalates, our staff and young people in the region still hold the hope of a peaceful future.

For further information go to <http://www.afsc.org/mideasthome.htm> or contact AFSC/Development, 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA 19102.

One World, Many Faces Special Powell House Event for Third to Sixth Graders

What makes a diamond shine? Its many facets, of course. What makes the world shine? It has many faces, of course. The weekend of August 2-4 we'll "visit" different lands through food, dance, stories, and music. This weekend is billed as a special event because you bring a parent with you. Now is your chance to introduce the PoHo spirit to your folks or experience it yourself for the first time with one of them. Fee: \$90 for Youth, \$60 for Adult. For information contact Chris or Mike at Powell House, 524 Pitt Hall Rd., Old Chatham NY 12136; 518-794-8811; chrisandmike@powellhouse.org; www.powellhouse.org.

What Matters? The Media & Children's Beliefs

In this Powell House Weekend, September 13-15, 2002, led by Mary Rothschild and Cynthia Rothschild, we address questions such as: What influences are forming our children's beliefs? What are our priorities? How do we want to spend our limited time? In this weekend workshop we will explore together the role media play in determining how we live our lives and how our children grow. We will seek out memories from our own childhoods that contributed to the beliefs we have today. Each participant will evaluate the role that media currently play in their home and decide for themselves what role they wish for media to play. We will present strategies for how to create a lifestyle that approaches that ideal scenario.

Mary Rothschild is the founder and director of Ariadne's Thread, a children's center in Brooklyn. Cynthia Rothschild teaches ethics and religion at Brooklyn Friends School.

Together they founded the Center for the Individual in the Media Age to address issues of media and our children. In addition to working together, they are also mother and daughter.

Cost: \$160 adults, \$80 children & teens (2-17), \$40 infants. To register, call or write Powell House, 524 Pitt Hall Rd., Old Chatham NY 12136; 518-794-8811; 518-794-8815 fax; info@powellhouse.org; register online at www.powellhouse.org.

Quaker Historians and Archivists Conference

The 14th biennial Conference of Quaker Historians and Archivists will be held from June 19 - 23, 2002, at Haverford College, Haverford, Penn. The conference convener is Thomas Hamm, archivist and professor of history, Earlham College. Among the special presentations will be:

Quakers, Cultures, and Challenges

Elizabeth Cazden: United Fruit Company and the Quaker Mission in Banes, Cuba
Robynne Rogers Healey: Building, Sustaining, and Reforming Quaker Community
Upper Canada: Quaker Women and the Case of the Yonge Street Friends
Thomas M. King: The San José Quakers

New Applications for Quaker Archives

Jim Talone: *Quakers on War: A Documentary Video*
Anne Yoder: Swarthmore College Peace Collection
Quaker Collection Staff: Haverford College Quaker Collection
FHL Staff: The Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College

Quakerism and World Religions

Stephen Angell: Quaker Missionaries' Interactions with Buddhists, 1885-1934
Roger Hansen: Jonathan Plummer and Quaker Participation in the World Parliament
of Religions, 1893

Quakers as Abolitionists

Elizabeth H. Moger: The Robinsons of Rokeby and Charles Marriott
Barbara Schwarz Wachal: On the High Ground of Moral Right, Not of Quaker
Peculiarity: The Selective Quakerism of Abolitionist Angelina Grimké

Quakers and Popular Culture of Great Britain

Richard Allen, Establishing an Alternative Community in North East England:
Quakers, Morals, and Popular Culture, ca. 1700-1800
Erin Bell, The Early Friends, Popular Culture, and Fashion: A Regional Study
 Sylvia Stevens, The Travel Diary of Edmund Peckover, 1714-1716: The Formative
Journeys of a Quaker Traveling Minister

The Lives of Quaker Women

Catherine Murray: 'Tis a Sorrowful Life: The Diary of Ann Whitall, Quaker Farm
Woman in Eighteenth-Century New Jersey
William F. Rushby: Ann Branson and the Eclipse of Prophetic Ministry in
Nineteenth-Century Quakerism
Donald Solomon: Aunt, Sister, Friend: The Other Woman in an Enlightened Quaker

Household

Quakers and Changes in Cultures

Ramon Gonzalez-Longoria, Friends School in Banes and National Lottery Money

Quakers and African Americans

Ronald E. Butchart and Amy F. Rolleri: The Quaker Contribution to the Education of the South's Freed Slaves, 1861- 1875

Anna Fariello: Friends and the Christiansburg Institute

Donna McDaniel and Vanessa Julye: Jim Crow No Stranger among Friends: The Relationship of Quakers and African Americans

There will be a field trip to Westtown School, with dinner at the school followed by the Quakers and African Americans presentations.

For further information, go to <http://www.haverford.edu/library/fha/registration.html> or contact: Emma Lapsansky, 610-896-1274; elapsans@haverford.edu or Joelle Bertolet, 610-896-1161; jbertole@haverford.edu.

Pastoral Care; Eldering; Ministering to the World in Need

A special three-part conference series sponsored by NYM CCM&C and Powell House

Part 1, Pastoral Care, August 12-14, 2002 (Mon. - Wed.) Facilitator: Julia Giordano

When Margaret Fell was using her Swarthmore home in support of Quaker ministry, ministers called her their "nursing mother." That vision of a mother providing spiritual as well as nutritional loving nurture can inspire us to look again at pastoral care and regain the Spirit at the center of the "business" of our meetings.

Pastoral Care will examine the duties of our care and counsel committees - pastoral care, clearness, oversight, eldering, counsel - and the guidelines for approaching them. We will look at the origin of loving care among early Friends and how we can cultivate among us and in us the gift for cherishing one another as whole people, bodies and spirits.

Julia Giordano, 15th Street MM, has been quilter-in-residence on committees of her monthly, quarterly, and yearly meetings. She taught the Bible as Literature at Nassau Community College this year. Ann Davidson, Farmington MM, serves as clerk of NYM's Coordinating Committee on Ministry and Counsel. She has served as a pastoral minister, WYM in Indiana.

Part 2, Eldering as Nurture Ministry, August 14-16, 2002 (Wed. - Fri.) Facilitator: Kenneth Sutton

We'll look at eldering as biblical tradition (Eli and Samuel are a provocative example); eldering as living tradition among Conservative Friends and others; eldering as rediscovery with examples such as that of modern ministers who find value in traveling with companions and spiritual nurturers; eldering as a form of renewal in our meetings - oversight committees, spiritual friendships, spiritual direction, Spirit-led teaching and prayer for the

In Eldering as Nurture Ministry, we'll spend time in worship, discussion, and small groups. There will be presentations, exercises, and plenty of time to try out what we learn together as well as to relax.

Kenneth Sutton is a member of Central Philadelphia Meeting, PYM, sojourning at Beacon Hill (Mass.) Meeting, NEYM. He was senior editor of *Friends Journal* and has traveled among Friends with a concern for what the tradition of the Quaker elder may have to offer us. Kenneth was a participant in the School of the Spirit course On Being a Spiritual Nurturer 1993-94.

Part 3, Ministering to a World in Need, August 16-18, 2002 (Fri. - Sun.) Facilitators: Ming Claggett-Borne and Jonathan Vogel-Borne

True ministry springs from the life-giving word of God. In *Ministering to a World in Need*, an interactive and experiential workshop, we will explore such questions as:

- How do I discern what ministry God is calling me to do?
- What does it mean to speak out of the stillness of worship?
- How has the vocal ministry of Friends evolved over the last 350 years?
- How do we recognize and encourage gifts of ministry in our meeting?
- What are the relationships among traditional Quaker roles of minister, elder, overseer?

Minga Claggett-Borne & Jonathan Vogel-Borne are life-long Friends. Minga is clerk of NEYM United Society of Friends Women, an Alternatives to Violence Project facilitator, and a therapist with victims of domestic violence. Jonathan is field secretary for NEYM. They are called to minister across the diversity of Friends, seeking a deeper unity in God's Spirit moving among us.

In order to additionally nurture the nurturers, the following discounted fee schedule has been established for those wishing to participate in more than one conference in this series:

Fee for 1 conference	\$160 adult, \$ 80 youth (2-17), \$ 40 infants
Fee for 2 conferences	\$300 adult, \$150 youth (2-17), 75 infants
Fee for 3 conferences	\$400 adult, \$200 youth (2-17), 100 infants

Couple Enrichment Retreat

Mary Kay Glazer and Mark Moss will lead a couple enrichment retreat August 9-11, 2002 at the home of Vicki & John Cooley 4798 Dundee-Himrod Road Dundee, N.Y.

Throughout this weekend, you and your partner will have the chance to build on your strengths as a couple, improve your communication skills, connect more deeply with each other, and learn how to deal creatively with conflict. This retreat is intended for couples in healthy, caring relationships who want to grow in their love for one another.

Meals will be provided Friday and Saturday with dinner and Sunday with lunch. The cost is \$110 per

couple (includes meals). Accommodations: inside in a private bedroom; camping on site; a nearby motel (at your own expense).

Mark Moss and Mary Kay Glazer live and love in Rochester, N.Y. They have been certified the Association for Couples in Marriage Enrichment and are provisional leaders with the Couple Enrichment Program of Friends General Conference.

To register or for more information: 585-527-9895; mkgglazer@frontiernet.net.

Also watch for information on a February 2003 Couple Enrichment Retreat at Powell Hou

The History of Stone Walls: Event at Amawalk

The Yorktown Historical Society is sponsoring The History of Stone Walls at the Amawalk Friends meetinghouse on June 9, 2002, at 2:00 P.M. Irwin Wolfe Zucker, who learned stonework at the Findhorn community in Scotland, will present a lecture-workshop, followed by a hands-on teaching demonstration on how to repair stone walls. Willing participants should bring work gloves. The program is free and open to the public.

Other Events in NYYM

Scarsdale Monthly Meeting Events

Saturday, June 15, 6:00 P.M. -- potluck dinner at Scarsdale Friends Meetinghouse Jay Marshall, Dean of the Earlham School of Religion and Philip Baisley, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Studies at Earlham will discuss **The Nature of our Quaker Ministry.**

Monday, June 17, 7:30 P.M. -- **Million Mom March** open annual meeting in conjunction with the Brady Campaign for sensible gun safety legislation. Highlight will be viewing of video *Alliance for Justice*, on the gun industry's responsibility for the gun violence epidemic in the U.S.

Sunday, June 30, 12:30 P.M. -- **Sandwich Seminar: Iraq -- Call to Conscience.** Guest Speaker: Nancy Hammond, AFSC New York Metropolitan Region staff person and member of Chappaqua Meeting.

Wednesday, August 28, 12:15 P.M. -- **Annual Vigil to End the Death Penalty.** Fountain Plaza, at the end of Mamaroneck Avenue, downtown White Plains.

Westbury Monthly Meeting Events

June 9 -- Meeting for worship 11:00; Meeting for Business 12:00

June 14 -- **Waging Peace: Building True Community in the Face of Globalization & Rebellion**, Dan Seeger, author and educator, at Westbury Public Library, 7:30 P.M. All Welcome.

June 14 -- **Westbury Friends School Moving Up Day**

June 15 -- **Vigil Against the Death Penalty**, 262 Old Country Rd., Mineola, 11 A.M.

June 15-19 -- **Iraq Forum & Lobby Days**, Washington, D.C. Details: epic-usa.org
202-543-6176

June 23 -- Meeting for worship, 11:00; Syed Sayeed of Islamic Center, L.I. on **Spiritual Aspects of Islam**; all welcome, 12:30

June 30 -- Quaker Tercentenary Pageant at rise of meeting. Everyone invited.