

This request has been approved by the Advancement Committee and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for final approval.

**ROCKLAND FRIENDS MEETING**  
60 Leber Road  
Blauvelt, NY 10913

February, 2013

Mia Kissil Hewitt, Co-Clerk of NYYM Advancement Committee  
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Re the Lockport-Brinkerhoff Fund

Dear Friend,

Nearly half a century ago, Rockland Friends Meeting erected a prefabricated building on a donated piece of suburban land, and it has been our meeting place and home ever since. It is a small, simple building on one floor: an entry room with two restrooms; a spacious Meeting Room with fireplace and large windows; a dining room with a kitchen at one end (there is no separating wall); four small rooms serving as office, classrooms, and library; a utility room; and a suite of two rooms for a resident caretaker.

Over the years, the kitchen and dining room have served not only for our weekly potluck lunches, our called meetings, weddings, memorial receptions, and New Year's festivities, but also for committee meetings, our homeless guests (who stay overnight 12 times a year), and our renters: Alternatives to Violence, whose regional office was in our building for several years; Alcoholics Anonymous; a small day-care center; a meditation group; our own personal-interest groups; and our resident.

About three years ago, in response to a concern on the part of several members, we were asked to consider ways we could make our quarters safer, more efficient, and more attractive. Safety came first: we installed outdoor lighting and remade the steps from the parking area to the front walk. Just after that came the wish to modernize the kitchen. Our kitchen is furnished with typical wall-hung and under-sink cabinets, the latter in poor condition. For serving and supporting small appliances (toaster, coffee maker, etc.) we have three tables, no two alike: one pine drop-leaf, one enamel-topped, and one a sturdy, thrice-refinished, dark wooden one. Further storage is provided by a row of cabinets taking up much floor space in the dining room. The asphalt-tile flooring in the dining area is a drab green, original to the building.

We are writing to request help with funding this project of kitchen and dining-area resurrection. For us it is not merely cosmetic in nature--we believe it will symbolize a resurgence of energy and activity in our Meeting. It will do much to make our guests feel welcome, will raise the morale of our members, and perhaps will draw some of our attenders back to us. As our members have moved away, aged, or died, we are many fewer in number than we used to be; it is imperative for us to grow if we are to survive.

Costs for kitchen renovation at Rockland Friends Meeting, February – March 2013

Cabinets and installation: 8,233.

Microwave/exhaust fan/range hood with 5 year warranty: 559.

Countertops, made and installed (sink/range); made, but we install (peninsula): 2,150.

Floor: 2,300.

Plumber, est.: 1,000

Electrician: 1,800

Permits: est. 250. (might be returned, since we are non-profit)

Faucet: est. 300

Paint, est: 300

Backsplash, est.: 300

Plywood to face stove wall and sink wall (in poor condition), est.: 350

Est. \$17,542

Please note: Of this, \$2,400 is estimated cost, and thus may be less.

We are keeping the original sink and stove.

With questions, please contact Marjorie Vandervoort, [mirageport@intergate.com](mailto:mirageport@intergate.com) or Peter Wade, [PRSCE5@optimum.net](mailto:PRSCE5@optimum.net).