

# Meeting memo

The newsletter of the Rochester, NY, Religious Society of Friends Meeting

## Meeting events

### March 2010

- 7 DVD of the late Miyoko Bassett talking about her family's internment during WW II; David Bassett, her husband, will answer questions.
- 14 Jeff Fitts will lead Worship Sharing.
- 21 Work at Attica, with Judy Halley, Debbie and Tim Sigrist, Rich Regen.
- 28 Alternatives to Violence Project: David Urban, Marie Hickey.

### ~ Special note ~

*A task group has been charged with exploring whether the Meeting should undertake the Quaker Quest program and plans to survey members and attenders. Expect someone to call you soon to make an appointment for a lengthier phone conversation about your opinion. It will take some time to complete all the calls.*

### Permanent calendar

*Change in 11 a.m. Meeting for Worship Closing Process: Worship and Ministry will now close Meeting for Worship after Joys and Sorrows, to provide a more centered space for that shared.*

Meetings for worship	8:15 and 11 a.m. every Firstday, October through May; 10 a.m., 2nd Firstday of June through 2nd Firstday of September
Religious Education	9:45 a.m. on Firstdays
Meeting for Business	1 p.m. on 2nd Firstdays, October–April; 7 p.m., May–September
Mid-day Worship	Tuesdays, 12:15–12:45 p.m.
Meetings for Healing	7 p.m., 2nd and 4th Wednesdays
Bible Study	7 p.m., 4th Tuesdays

## Events elsewhere

• **March 4**, 7:30–8:30 a.m., Park Avenue & Culver Road;  
**March 9**, 4:30–5:30 p.m., First Unitarian Church, 220 S. Winton Road; **March 17**, 7:30–8:30 a.m., Park Avenue & Culver Road—witness against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to bring an awareness of the wars into our daily lives, remind those driving by that the wars are still going on, call for our troops to come home, and advocate for another approach to healing in Iraq and Afghanistan. Come and leave as it fits your schedule. Signs provided. Sponsored by UU PEACE ADVOCATES, [www.rochesterunitarian.org/peaceadvocates.htm](http://www.rochesterunitarian.org/peaceadvocates.htm) and [BringOurSoldiersHome.org](http://BringOurSoldiersHome.org).

• “Faith Matters: Muslims and Christians in Conversation,” a three-part conversational series featuring roundtable discussions with Christians and Muslims in the Rochester community, sponsored by the Commission on Christian-Muslim Relations. All sessions at the Islamic Center of Rochester, 727 Westfall Road: **March 11**, 7:15 p.m., “Core Beliefs,” facilitated by Dr. Muhammad Shafiq and the Rev. Dr. C. DeNise Yarbrough; **March 18**, 7:15 p.m., “Worship and Practice,” facilitated by Farzana Islam and Dr. George Dardess; and **March 25**, 7:30 p.m., “Muhammad and Jesus,” facilitated by the Rev. Arlen Vernava and Dr. Etin Anwar.

• **March 12–14**, “Welcoming Families Into Meeting,” Powell House; a weekend event for Friends to strengthen the

community's welcoming of children and families and create structures that support their spiritual journeys. We'll explore the ways in which important aspects of meeting life, such as worship, service, learning, fellowship and fun, can meaningfully include children and families.

This event seeks to include *all* members of meeting communities in looking at what it means in our hearts and in our actions to make space for living in the center with children. Facilitator Christie Duncan-Tessmer is the associate secretary for Program and Religious Life at Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and has long experience in working with meetings and children. For details, go to the Powell House website: [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org).

• **March 19–21**, “Moving Toward Forgiveness: Forgiveness as a Spiritual Practice,” Powell House; led by our own **Sue Regen**. Scholarships available; Sue is happy to answer questions (381-4036). Register at: [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org).

• **March 21**, 1 p.m., protest against the war, in front of Martin Luther King Elementary School #9 on Clinton Avenue.

• **April 18**, “I Take Thy Hand”: Isaac and Amy Post, Spiritualism, and Progressive Reform in 19th Century Rochester,” at Bausch and Lomb Public Library Building (115 South Avenue), presented by Caitlin Powalski, graduate of University of Rochester with a degree in history.

The Posts were leading social activists at the height of

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## Events elsewhere, continued

Rochester's Progressive Era, were involved in the abolition, women's rights, temperance and nonviolence movements. They also rejected the traditional Quaker faith in favor of local Spiritualist circles. The Posts found Spiritualism to be an idea conduit for the religious and social reform that they advocated in their everyday life. For Isaac, in particular, Spiritualism became an all-consuming force that led to both his development as a medium and his aggressive use of Spiritualism as a means to organize, publicize and validate his social-reform efforts.

- April 30–May 2, "Feeding the Fire: Growing in Relationship to God," Powell House; a series of retreats sponsored by NYYM's Spiritual Nurture Working Group. Mary Kay Glazer, facilitating. To register, go to: <http://www.powellhouse.org>.

- October 29–31, "Trusting in the Slow Work of God," Powell House. To register, go to: [www.powellhouse.org](http://www.powellhouse.org).

## Recurring events

- **Buddhist Peace Fellowship Silent Vigil for Peace**, noon–1 p.m., **First Mondays**, Federal Building, 100 State Street, expressing a nonviolent, compassionate, thoughtful alternative to aggressive conflict. Bring something to sit on and accessories in case of rain or snow; stay as long as you can.

- **Moving Beyond Racism Book Club**, noon–1 p.m., **First Mondays**, Pittsford Plaza Barnes & Noble, Community Room (upstairs). Come even if you haven't read the book. Pat, 288-8644, [mbrbookinfo@aol.com](mailto:mbrbookinfo@aol.com). March: *This Side of Brightness* by Colum McCann. April: *Reading Lolita in Tebran* by Azar Nafisi.

- "May I Have This Dance?" in Community Room of Meeting House: **First and third Sundays**, usually 7:30–10 p.m.: *English Country Dancers*; **Second Saturdays**, 7:30–10 p.m.: *Dances of Universal Peace*. (2:30 p.m. for the next few weeks.)

- For details of programs at **Pendle Hill** ([www.pendlehill.org](http://www.pendlehill.org)), **Woolman Hill** ([www.woolmanhill.org](http://www.woolmanhill.org)) or **Powell House**, see the meeting house bulletin board or go to their websites.

## General information

- Bothered by telemarketing calls to your home phone? To avoid this hassle, sign up for the national Do Not Call List. Just call 888-382-1222 from the phone you wish to have placed on the list.

Oh, and those rumors about having to put your cell-phone numbers being released to telemarketers? Exactly that: just rumors, a hoax. However, if you do get telemarketing calls to a cellphone, you can use the same toll-free number as above to have them blocked for that number.

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## Ongoing announcements

- The **AV Support Squad** consists of **Fred Halley, Jeff Fitts**, and **Kenn and Lu Harper**. They are experienced with the Meeting AV equipment and can assist with presentations and programs.

- **Got dead batteries?** Recharge them at Meeting for Worship.

- **Bring used-up batteries** (alkaline, button, cell phone, camera) to the Meeting House for safe disposal by the Earth Care Witness Committee. Look for the receptacle in the hospitality area and leave batteries there.

- **Wash dishes?** Yes, *you!* Please sign up in the kitchen for your turn on your chosen Firstday for hospitality and clean-up. We also need people with strong backs to help with lifting. Committee members will show you how to use the sanitizer.

Please use the covered compost bucket. Do not put meat in the compost.

- **To use the meeting house:**

- 1) Go online to our website, [www.nyyim.org/rochester](http://www.nyyim.org/rochester), and click on the calendar at the top of the page to find a use-request form.

- 2) Leave an e-mail/phone message for **Liz Hallmark**.

- 3) For better planning, click on the link on the same page for a printable calendar of all uses by week or month.

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## Current announcements

• Friends are asked to be mindful that, for the next month or so, we need to have **hospitality cleanup finished by 1:30 p.m.**, so our house can be welcoming to the dance group coming in the afternoon.

• **Fran's Room**, the play room at the west/Scio Street side of the Meeting House, and its **QuakeScape**, an interior free-standing playscape with two climbing ladders, a tiny room with a puppet window, second-floor ramp and balcony, turned 10 years old this past Valentine's Day! The area was designed by **Jeff Fitts** and constructed by **Fred Halley** way back in 2000. Imagine how many kids have grown up with it — and now have outgrown it. "It is a kids-only zone that exactly met the needs I envisioned for the big-muscle work of our five- to 10-year-olds," says Jeff today.

• The **Friends Committee on National Legislation** provides up-to-date e-mails on actions you can take to promote peace. To sign up, go to <http://action.fcnl.org/lists/middle-east/signup/>

• Rochester Friends are responsible for organizing food for the Farmington-Scipio Spring Gathering. **Kristina Keefe-Perry** and **Pamela Hawkins** are heading up this committee. They hope to rely heavily on organic and local foods. Any help with this undertaking will be much appreciated. Please contact either of them if you can help: [stina.perry@gmail.com](mailto:stina.perry@gmail.com) and [phawkins@monroec.edu](mailto:phawkins@monroec.edu). Many hands make the work light.

• The Rochester Meeting is considering inviting Jon Watts, who will be the plenary speaker at Spring Gathering in May, to our Meeting while he is in the area. This will be discussed at our March Meeting for Business with a Concern for Worship. For a video of one of his performances, go to: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XlMkK4\\_kTg](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XlMkK4_kTg). More information is at his website: [www.jonwatts.com](http://www.jonwatts.com).

• If you would like to **receive the meeting newsletter by e-mail** and haven't let us know yet, please do so! Send your e-mail address to:

[shagen@rochester.edu](mailto:shagen@rochester.edu)

## News of Friends

Send your news, *especially any directory changes*, for the Meeting issue of the newsletter to **Ruth E. Thaler-Carter** at [Ruth@writerruth.com](mailto:Ruth@writerruth.com).

• **Karen Reixach** returned from five weeks in Mexico much refreshed in spirit, although she missed going to Meeting. Of course she enjoyed spending time with Patricia and TJ, and meeting their friends at "family night" dinner. Her Spanish-language school in Cuernavaca provided many cultural field trips that helped improve language fluency. She boarded with a widow who welcomed many interesting short-term foreign visitors like herself.

• A *Festschrift* (German for a book in honor of someone) has been published for the 95th birthday of **Kay Parke**, a retired librarian from SUNY Cobleskill who lived in Rochester for many years, was a member of our Meeting and now lives in North Carolina. She was interested in the folk schools of Scandinavia, and was an advocate for them after she spent a year there studying them. She believes that, were we to copy them, many of our schools' difficulties would be improved. Among her Quaker interests was support for Right Sharing of World Resources. We send our condolences on the loss of her brother and sister this last year, and hold her in the Light.

• **Laszlo Juraczynski**, five months, came to meeting for the first time on February 28, and happily chirped in his parents' arms. An alert and friendly baby!

• **Pendle Marshall-Hallmark** was unable to give her

much-anticipated talk in February and is looking for a new date. Keep your eyes and ears open for it.

## Friends' birthdays in March

- 1 Katherine Gagné, Max Ragan
- 3 Pacho Lane, Kathie Quinlan
- 4 Lilyanna Cayer
- 5 Fred Halley
- 9 David Parsons, Marlene Elliott
- 13 Elizabeth Stewart, Karlene Gunter
- 16 Lucinda Sangree
- 17 Bolan Marshall-Hallmark, Abigail Cullinane
- 23 Mary Maher
- 25 Paul Howes
- 27 Sophie Horan
- 28 Dawn Pozzi

## April

- 2 Peter DeVries
- 7 Matthew Bioyce
- 8 Michael Kehoe
- 13 Forest Benjamin Blondell
- 14 Charles Haines
- 15 Claire Parker
- 17 Grace Liana Blondell
- 23 Alfred U'Ren
- 24 Ruth Thaler-Carter
- 26 Richard Regen
- 27 Margaret Huff
- 38 Mary Littlefield, Mary Elsie Marchant

## Youth-related events

- **Young Friends in Residence (YFIR)** will hold events on March 12–16, April 16–18 and April 30–May 2.

- Are you **interested in working with children?**

**Junior Yearly Meeting (JYM)** coordinators Susan Stillman and Ginny Haines are looking for volunteers to staff JYM groups in the mornings, 9 a.m.–12 noon, during the 2010 Yearly Meeting, July 18–24.

You must be at least 10 years older than the group you want to work with. Groups are grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, morning child-care (working with Silver Bay staff) and afternoon child care. If interested, you must be available for the planning weekend, June 18–20 at Powell House.

JYM provides money to defray costs at Silver Bay. If interested, contact Susan Stillman at [sustillman@gmail.com](mailto:sustillman@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, e-mail address and your choice of age group.

- **Friends General Conference (FGC)**, in preparation for the 2010 Friends Gathering, is holding a tee-shirt contest, so get your creative juices flowing! FGC is looking for a design to be immortalized on the front of the new perpetual Junior Gathering staff t-shirts. To curb costs and be kind to the environment, FGC will be re-using staff tees from year to year—but needs a really awesome design for them.

The contest is open to young Friends of up to eighth grade. Design submissions should be 10x10 inches, legible and use no more than four colors. For more information, see <http://www.fgcquaker.org/gathering/2010/t-shirt-contest>.

- Westtown School is offering **summer workcamps for young adults**.

**Environmental Leadership workcamp**, June 18–20, is an experiential leadership program focusing on the big question: Can we design sustainable communities for our future? Participants will live and work together on campus and explore the social, economic, spiritual, and ecological issues and skills needed for developing sustainable life practices.

**Mexico Summer workcamp**, June 27–July 5, is an experiential, bio-regionally based educational program focusing on cloud forest conservation, sustainable development, and cultural exchange at Las Cañadas in Huatusco, Mexico. Up to 12 young adults will work in an ecovillage setting, develop leadership skills, learn about the natural and cultural history of the cloud forest, and contribute to efforts to develop sustainable agriculture and forestry practices.

Complete information and registration forms are available at [www.nyym.org/events](http://www.nyym.org/events) or from Paula Kline, Westtown School, 975 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19382-5700; 610-399-0123; [www.westtown.edu/our\\_program/summer\\_workcamps.aspx](http://www.westtown.edu/our_program/summer_workcamps.aspx); or e-mail, [kline.paula@gmail.com](mailto:kline.paula@gmail.com).

## News from committees

- **Hospitality Committee**—We need *you* to sign up for your turn in the kitchen, and people with strong backs to help with lifting.

The English Country Dancers will be arriving at the Meetinghouse early for the next several Sundays—at 2:30 p.m. Please assist in timely clean-up of Hospitality, so the Community Room can be ready.

- **House Use**—The contact person for January–March 2010 is Rich Regen.

- **Religious Education (RE)**—Our library could use books your children have outgrown, especially picture books. There is a box near the coat racks where you can drop off books.

If you are interested in being a resource person for young Friends, speak to Rebecca Wolf, convenor of RE. The Younger Young Friend Program is doing Godly Play, for which they need cardboard squares; scraps of fabric; carpet squares; boxes with lids, or baskets, to hold story materials; gold spray paint; washable markers; colored pencils; watercolors and brushes; collage materials (fabric, tissue paper, ribbon, pipe cleaners, good scissors); modeling clay; materials for an ark (animals, people, a dove); and a simple wooden creche. Contact Rebecca to provide any items.

- **Peace Tax Fund Work Group**—Are you moved to want to write a statement of conscience about paying for

war? Members of this work group will be happy to be a clearness committee for you.

- **Pastoral Care**—If you need pastoral care, check the list of committee members in the meetinghouse office or call Sylvia Rose, clerk of the committee. There is a book on the table outside the meeting room for the names of those to be held in the light.

- **RAIHN**—RAIHN can always use individual food servings, paper goods, linens, diapers, etc.

- **Farmington-Scipio Regional Peace Tax Witness**

**Escrow Account**—The account can accept deposits of tax monies being withheld from the government in witness against paying for war. Tom Joyce of Perry City MM, a member of the FSRM Conscience and War Committee and a war-tax resister, has volunteered to serve as the contact person for the account. An agreement must be signed before a deposit can be accepted into the escrow account.

The account is intended to serve Friends throughout the region. It is hoped that meetings will announce the availability of the fund to others in their communities who are morally opposed to paying for war.

Anyone interested in withholding a portion of their taxes as protest against paying for war should contact Tom Joyce for information about the process. He can be reached at 598 Hayts Road, Ithaca, NY 14850; phone, 607-277-7426; e-mail, [tomjoyce51@aim.com](mailto:tomjoyce51@aim.com).

## Advices and queries

**F**rom our beginnings, Friends have valued self-examination as a spiritual discipline. We have used *Advices and Queries* to help focus and guide Friends in examining how closely their behavior matches their stated beliefs. The *Advices and Queries* here are offered for spiritual reflection and are taken from *New York Yearly Meeting's Faith and Practice*.

**Advice #12:** The attention of Friends is called to the

propriety of conducting funerals and memorial meetings in a sincere spirit of worship. They are advised to avoid the display of floral decorations and the wearing of mourning and to adhere to our simple ceremony.

**Query #12:** Do we acknowledge the oneness of humanity and foster a loving spirit toward all people? Do we honor Friends' traditional testimony that men and women are equal? How do we work to make these ideals a reality?

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## Minutes of Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business

### Minutes, 14 Second Month, 2010

**10.02.14.01: Opening:** Co-clerk Grace Mullard opened Meeting for Business at 1 p.m. with a period of unprogrammed worship, followed by this reading:

“We have need of patience with ourselves and with others; with those below, and those above us, and with our own equals; with those who love us, and those who love us not; for the greatest things and for the least; against sudden inroads of trouble, and under our daily burdens; disappointments as to the weather, or the breaking of the heart; in the weariness of the body, or the wearing of the soul; in our own failure of duty, or others' failure toward us; in everyday wants, or in the aching of sickness or the decay of age; in disappointment, bereavement, losses, injuries, reproaches; in heaviness of the heart; or its sickness amid delayed hopes. In all these things, from childhood's little troubles to the martyr's sufferings, patience is the grace of God ...”

—E.B. Pusey

Nineteen were in attendance. (Attachment .01)

**10.02.14.02: Minutes** for First Month were received.

**10.02.14.03: Treasurer's Report** was received. Total income as of January 31 was \$2,371 and expenses total \$2,892.85. (Attachment .02)

**10.02.14.04: Finance Committee:** Preliminary Draft was presented by Sarah Fitts-Romig, who remarked on changes for the coming fiscal year. Benevolences to be paid out in the summertime. The total proposed budget is \$1,150 less than the current budget, a decrease of 1.7%. Draft was received by the meeting. (Attachment .03)

**Worship and Ministry Committee:** Deb Hale reported on the following two items.

**10.02.14.05: Request** for \$200 to cover John Watts, a young Friend who is a “Quaker rapper” and will be in the area for Spring Gathering, to have him come to this meeting at the same time. Friends discussed the proposal. Friends are

encouraged to view the clip available through the Clerk's Hat and to reconsider next month. Meanwhile, any Friends with additional information are encouraged to advise Worship and Ministry committee.

**10.02.14.06: Proposal to assist** Christopher Sammond and Ann Davidson with their inter-visitation to Kenya this summer, using \$200 from the escrow account for Friends United Meeting. Friends discussed this proposal as a way of witnessing to Friends United Meeting. Friends requested that Recording Clerk bring forward to these minutes the decision to hold funds for Friends United Meeting in an escrow account. *09.02.08.08: FUM Update: Kenn Harper reports that M & O recommends that the meeting designate the contribution FY 09-10 & 08-09 as a restricted fund, and hold it there until a decision is made. Meeting approved.*

Friends approved sending \$250 to support the trip, using funds from the Traveling Ministry line, rather than the Friends United Meeting escrow account.

**10.02.14.07: Pastoral Care Committee:** Lu Harper gave a first reading of the Process for Reconciliation, a guide for Friends in dealing with disputes. (Attachment .04) After some discussion, Friends received the first reading.\*

### Announcements:

Thank-you notes were read from Bill Sims for Friends' letters of support to the NYS Parole Board (he did not make parole) and Center from Conscience and War for the meeting's contribution.

After worship, meeting was adjourned by 3 p.m.

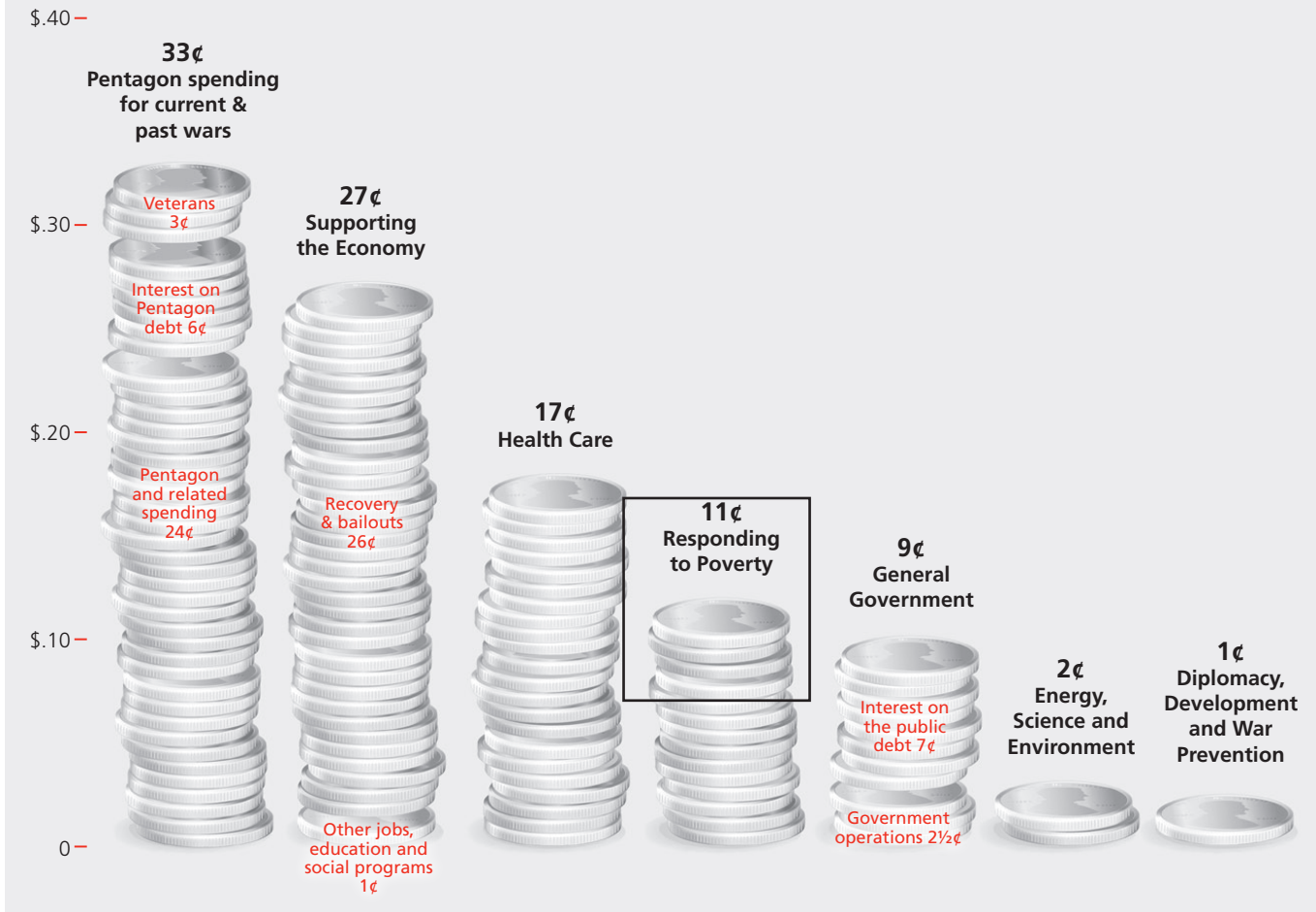
*Carol Kitchen*  
Recording Clerk

*Grace Mullard*  
Co-Clerk

\* This proposed minute and a Pendle Hill Pamphlet that is referred to are both available for Friends' perusal on the table outside the worship room. We look forward at this second reading to approve it.

# Where Do Our Income Tax Dollars Go?

For each dollar of federal income tax we paid in 2009, the government spent about:



*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also ~Matthew 6:21*

**The federal budget is a reflection of our country's moral values.**

If this budget is out of balance with your values, please tell your representative and senators. At FCNL we make it easy to get in touch with your legislators: go to [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org) and follow the "Contact Congress" link, or contact us at the telephone number or address below.

**War Is Not the Answer!**

More details at [www.fcnl.org/09taxchart](http://www.fcnl.org/09taxchart)



## Dear Young Friend:

Third month 2010

This month, you can see the world is on the way toward Spring. The sun is moving northward again, and you can see the days have already gotten longer than they were at Christmastime. Snow is still on the ground, and it will be cold a while longer, but farmers and gardeners are thinking about what they will plant and, near my house, some little birds I cannot see are twittering, looking for mates, thinking about the families they are going to raise. In February, great horned owls were already sitting on eggs in their nests. I once saw one sitting on her nest at the top of a dead tree, likely 50 feet up. She saw me, too, and she made it quite clear she didn't want me there looking up at her nest—she was protecting her babies from a possible predator. Each of those babies will be singular, different from every other great horned owl, even though you and I couldn't tell them apart.

No two people in the world are alike, either. We tell people apart because we see their faces are different, and hear their different voices, but even identical twins, whom many of us have a hard time telling apart, are different from each other; they have different fingerprints. Don't you find that amazing? Each one of us is special, unique, one of a kind. No one else is exactly like us in the whole world, nor in history, nor in time to come. Each one of us is very special.

And each of us is on a journey of discovery, our own unique journey. A newborn baby doesn't know very much, except to snuggle and suck and cry when it is uncomfortable. Everyone responds to a crying baby, and tries to figure out what it needs, so it will stop crying.

I am a sound sleeper. When I brought my baby home, many years ago, I was afraid I wouldn't hear him wake up for his middle-of-the-night feeding, so I set an alarm clock, just so I wouldn't starve him overnight. But the baby cried before the alarm went off, and I did hear him and woke up to feed him.

For a while, you can watch a baby and know what it is learning: that Mummy is separate from himself; that there are different people in the family; that things exist, even if they are out of sight. Gradually, each of us builds up our own understanding of the world we live in and learns how to behave in this world.

Each of us is also on a journey of discovery of faith, of what we can believe in. George Fox, the first Quaker, asked questions of a lot of learned men, and never heard an answer to his questions that made sense to him. One day, walking in the hills of Yorkshire, England, he heard a voice that said, "The Lord has come to teach his people himself." He wrote that, "when I heard that, my heart did leap for joy."

When you are listening in your heart, you will know what you have to know and know what you have to do. Another way Quakers put that is: "God speaks to my condition"—that is, where I am on my journey of faith right now. This comforts me; it's why I am a Quaker. I am not required to say I believe in something that makes no sense to me. Perhaps one day, when I am further along on my journey, something that makes no sense to me now will begin to make sense to me then. At such a time, my journey will continue slightly differently. And perhaps no such thing will happen. That is OK, too. God speaks to my condition, my situation. I'll keep listening.

Peace and Love, Your Old Friend, *Rima*

P.S. How many words of three or more letters can you make from DISCOVERY ?

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March 2010/7

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## 3rd month 2010

*Address service requested*

**If you prefer to receive the  
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haven't let us know yet, please do so!**

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## Directory

**Worship:** Firstdays, 8:15 and 11 a.m. (*Summertime: 10 a.m.*); Tuesdays, 12:15–12:45 p.m.  
**Religious Education:** 9:45 a.m., 2nd Firstdays, September–June  
**Fellowship** with refreshments: Rise of 11 a.m. meeting, Firstdays  
**Meeting for Business:** 1 p.m., 2nd Firstdays, after refreshments  
**Meetinghouse phone:** (585) 325-7260 (messages only)  
**website:** [www.nnym.org/rochester](http://www.nnym.org/rochester) (New York Yearly Meeting: [www.nnym.org](http://www.nnym.org))

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**Peace Tax Fund Work:** David Bassett  
**EarthCare Witness:** *Open*