

# HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING

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"A human being is a part of a whole, called by us "universe", a part limited in time and space. He experiences himself, his thoughts and feelings as something separated from the rest... a kind of optical delusion of his consciousness. This delusion is a kind of prison for us, restricting us to our personal desires and to affection for a few persons nearest to us. Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty." ~ Einstein, On Self.

## REFRESHMENTS FOR MEETING FOR WORSHIP

**Oct 4** Janis; **Oct 11** Bev; **Oct 18** Mona H; **Oct 25** Andy; **Nov 1** Jean, Amy and Sylvie; **Nov 8** Betty P; **Nov 15** Ruth

## UPCOMING DATES – PLEASE COME!

**Saturday 24 October:** Yonge Street Half-Yearly Meeting at Hamilton Meeting, "Practicing Justice Then and Now", 9:00 a.m. start; Reserve for 5:00 p.m. supper with Christina

**Tuesday 27 October:** 7:30 pm Florence Ntakarutimana, Programs Manager of the Burundi Healing and Rebuilding our Communities Program, "Transforming Hate and Reconciling Enemies"

**Thursday 12 November:** Potluck: 6:00 set-up for 6:30 meal with Paul sharing from his participation in a human rights delegation to Colombia. He will show *Hasta la ultima piedra*, a documentary about the Peace Community of San Jose de Apartado, a film nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by the AFSC.

## DEPARTMENT OF PEACE NEWS

Friends,

There has been a significant development in the Campaign for a Federal Department of Peace. A "Bill C-447- Act to Establish the Department of Peace" is on Order paper of the House of Commons now. The Bill was tabled on Sept. 30 by NDP MP Bill Siksay and seconded by Liberal MP Jim Karygiannis. By 19th Oct, if more MPs can second the Bill, it will strengthen the support for it across party lines to enable debate of the Bill in the House in near future.

Cheers and bon chance!

Dick

**Saturday, June 19 to Saturday, July 24, 2010**

**1) Burundi Workcamp - Kamenge**

**Host Partner: Friends Women's Association (FWA)** – <http://aglionline.org/Program/fwa.htm>

**Location:** Kamenge, Burundi - On the outskirts of Bujumbura

**Objective:** The Workcamp Peace Team will work at the FWA Clinic which primarily serves HIV+ women and their children. The team will build a security wall around the plot behind the clinic which where there will be a dormitory for patients so that, in due time, the Clinic can become a hospital. Tour the clinic online at <http://www.fwaburundi.com/>

**Housing:** Workcampers will stay in an apartment at the Friends Center in downtown Bujumbura.

**2) Kenya Workcamp – Lubao**

**Host Partner: Friends for Peace and Community Development (FPCD)**

**Location:** Lubao, in western Kenya near Kakamega - Lubao Peace Centre

**Objective:** The Workcamp Peace Team will construct a 3-bedroom staff house and a gate to the plot and hopefully begin the wall surrounding the compound. Learn more about the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) in Kenya at <http://aglionline.org/sub/avp.htm> and <http://aglionline.org/PDF/Winter%202007.pdf>

**Housing:** Workcampers will live at the Peace Centre -dormitory style, along with African team members.

**3) Rwanda Workcamp – Gisenyi**

**Host Partner: Gisenyi Friends Church**

**Location:** Gisenyi, Rwanda. On the northern edge of Lake Kivu, west of Kigali.

**Objective:** plan in process - The Workcamp Peace Team will begin construction of a conference hall.

**Housing:** Workcampers will stay with local families

**4) Uganda Workcamp – Bududa**

**Host Partner: Bududa Vocational Institute & Children of Peace** - See <http://bviuganda.org/index.htm>

**Location:** Bududa, Uganda about 20 miles north/northeast of Mbale.

**Objective:** The team will build a classroom structure for the Vocational School

**Housing:** Workcampers will stay in the new guest house.

**General Requirements:** We accept all ages: workcampers have been as young as 8, as old as 84 and have included entire families. Our goal is for each team to include 6 international (non-African) and 6 local workcampers, plus professional builders.

**Physical & Skill requirements:** Good health and willingness to do manual labor. Construction skills and experience are not necessary.

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## LONGING

When I walk  
in downtown Baghdad,  
people stare.

Sometimes  
this makes me long  
for the shimmering  
veils of women, here

a protection against the eyes of the world.

Yet no veil  
has protected these women

from watching  
their babies  
die of diarrhea

their children  
growing thin.

Tamara Fleming written September 2000 Baghdad, Iraq. In *Poems from the Journey*, poetry by Friends in Canadian Yearly Meeting, 2007. Canadian Quaker Pamphlet No. 65, Argenta, BC: Argenta Friends Press, page 13.

**HAMILTON MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MEETING FOR WORSHIP FOR BUSINESS**  
**THURSDAY, 8 OCTOBER, 2009**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Present:** Andy

**Regrets:** Beverly, Caroleigh, Mona C, Wilf, Chris, Christina

Meeting was cancelled at 7:55 because no one other than the clerk was present. What follows is a report of items facing the Meeting.

**Virtual Minutes**

- 1 Worship.** The clerk began with twenty minutes of silent worship at 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Minutes of the Meeting of 6 September 2009.** These minutes were attached to the agenda for this meeting and will be considered at November M4W4B.
- 3 Business Arising**
  - 3.1 Yonge Street Half-Yearly Meeting at HMM, 24 October 2009**
    - 3.1.1** Delegates: Mona C and Beverly have consented to act as our delegates.
    - 3.1.2** Review of YSHYM Agenda: The agenda was circulated previously as DraftAgenda\_YSHYM\_Fall09.pdf. Friends with comments on the agenda should forward them to the clerk of YSHYM, Glenna J
    - 3.1.3** Other Plans for YSHYM: Christina reports that planning for Yonge Street Half Yearly Meeting is well in hand. The meeting will be at our Hamilton Meeting House on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Friends are encouraged to come and to register, especially if they intend to stay for supper in the evening. Friends with questions about HYM can address them to Christina.
  - 3.2 Memorial minute for Denise Baron:** Betty Preston, Jean Johnson and Carol Leigh Wehking are still working on this minute.
  - 3.3 Potlucks**
    - 3.3.1** September: There was no potluck in September as it was felt that there were too many other occasions demanding Friends' attention.
    - 3.3.2** October: All friends are welcome to join the supper following YSHYM at 5:00 pm. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00. Please reserve with Christina by October 17.
    - 3.3.3** We had originally planned a potluck before the talk by Florenee Ntakarutimana on Oct 27 at 7:30 pm. Because we are hoping for outreach to the broader community for this event the outreach committee thought that matters would run more smoothly without a potluck and so there will be no separate potluck in October. Friends are asked to make a maximum effort to attend this event and to publicize it.
    - 3.3.4** November: The November potluck will be on November 12. Paul will discuss his experiences in Columbia.
    - 3.3.5** December – unplanned as yet

**3.4 Feedback to CYM** regarding Recommendations K1, K2, K3, and L1 of the Consultation and Renewal Committee and on the proposal that CYM meet biennially. The recommendations appear below. Friends should decide whether we wish to discuss any of these issues and if so, how.

**3.5 Ecumenical Luncheon at Good Shepherd.** We have not followed up on this. The clerk promises to do so on October 9.

#### **4 Reports**

**4.1** Spring Half Yearly Meeting We will adopt this report in November.

**4.2** Spring retreat: laid over.

#### **5 New Business**

**5.1 Examination of Draft CYM Faith and Practice:** We have received copies of the proposed Faith and Practice document from CYM and are asked to consider them. Friends should think about how to do this. Comments must be received by 26 February 2010.

**5.2 DVD on Uranium Issues:** We have received a DVD with the presentations made at CYM concerning Uranium issues and are asked to let CFSC know of any plans we make to use it. Friends should consider how to do this.

#### **6 Correspondence**

**6.1** John Ferns, the Deacon of St. George's Church writes to ask if we wish to participate in Open Doors next year.

**6.2** Evangelist Jand Thorpe, Pastor of the Apostolic Holiness Church of Jesus Christ, writes to join them at their Annual Church Anniversary. Unfortunately the dates, October 2 to 4<sup>th</sup>, are already past.

**6.3** David Sweet, MP for Ancaster-Dundas-Flamborough-Westdale writes to express his appreciation of our participation in the Open Doors event.

**6.4** We have received a flyer advertising the Fall Gathering of Lower Great Lakes and Midwest Regional Gathering of Friends World Committee for Consultation, Section of the Americas, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 30 October to 1 November. Friends interested in further information should ask Andy.

**6.5** We are asked to renew our membership with the Canadian Peace Alliance.

**6.6** The Hamilton Mennonite Church is hosting its annual "Ten thousand villages" Fair Trade Craft Sale On October 22 to 24.

**7** Next Meeting: Sunday, 1 November 2009 after Meeting for Worship

**8** Worship

#### **Notes**

From the September Newsletter, report of our Delegate to CYM:

\*\* Monthly and Half-Yearly Meetings are asked to thresh the proposal to change to a biennial CYM.

\* **Recommendation K-1:** that the Records Committee be laid down and that a new Board of Records and Archives be established, reporting to Yearly Meeting through Representative Meeting.

**Recommendation K-2:** that the size and membership of the Board of Records and Archives be recommended to yearly Meeting by the Nominating Committee in consultation with the Trustees and the current Records Committee. We suggest that the members of this Board reside within

reasonable travel distance from Pickering College; that the term of office for members be no less than five years, renewable as appropriate; and that persons who are not Friends but have expertise in archival work be eligible to serve (with the exception of the position of clerk), filling no more than one third of the positions.

**Recommendation K-3:** that Ecumenical/Interfaith Committee be laid down.

**Recommendation L-1:** that we maintain our membership in Friends World Committee for Consultation, Friends General Conference and Friends United Meeting.

The entire Consultation and Renewal report can be found at  
[http://www.quaker.ca/Committees/cnr/CnR\\_final\\_report\\_to\\_CYM.pdf](http://www.quaker.ca/Committees/cnr/CnR_final_report_to_CYM.pdf)

## **HAIKU**

Color

Red, color of fire and blood;

War, Rage, Danger

It's all around me. – by Sakhile Aziz Zamisa

## **FROM FRIENDS' RECIPE FILES ...**

A recipe from Esther McCandless - dearly remembered by many Hamilton Friends, not known to many others - so here is something that you might know a little more of a cherished Friend.

When Esther and I were camping across Canada to get to her sabbatical year at Berkeley, we made this - Esther had not been allowed to eat this as a child (a diabetic in the early days of insulin, when the chief treatment for child diabetics was restricting their diet to incredible dullness). This recipe is not for the faint of heart!

## **Slumgullion**

Ingredients:

onions, finely chopped

bacon

fresh tomatoes, diced

sweetcorn, off the cob (frozen can be used)

In a large skillet, fry the bacon until crisp, remove from the pan, crumble, and set aside.

Remove most but not all of the bacon fat from the pan, and fry onions in remaining fat.

Add the sweet corn and fresh tomatoes. When the sweetcorn is cooked, add the crumbled bacon and serve.

(A one-dish meal if served with salad.)

[vary the quantities as desired for balance and for the number of people being served.]

[save the bacon fat for next month's recipe form Sarah Preston]

- contributed by CLW