

Hamilton Friends October 2019 Newsletter



Advices and Queries

37. Are you honest and truthful in all you say and do? Do you maintain strict integrity in business transactions and in your dealings with individuals and organizations? Do you use money and information entrusted to you with discretion and responsibility? Taking oaths implies a double standard of truth; in choosing to affirm instead, be aware of the claim to integrity that you are making.

Coffee List

Oct 6 Christina and Carol Leigh
 13 Darlene
 20 Bev
 27 Chris and Caroline

Nov 3 Betty



Calendar

October 18-20, Fall Camp NeeKauNis Closing
 Our final weekend of the season! Committee meets for business, and we all help to put our beloved Camp NeeKauNis to bed for the winter. All are welcome to come share in the companionship and closing tasks!

Saturday October 26th, Marriage of Rob Nunn and Margaret Chapman at 3pm at Coldstream Monthly followed by potluck meal. All are welcome.

Sunday November 3 , Meeting for Worship for Business

Friday and Saturday November 8-9 , HMM hosts the Discipline Review Committee of Canadian Yearly Meeting

Sunday November 24 , Potluck lunch following worship -- see details below



Nominations Committee

A reminder for those who agreed to go on HMM and CYM committees, the term started at the rise of Yearly Meeting.

We are looking for a new editor for the HMM Newsletter, to start as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact Katherine.

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The Truth and Reconciliation Commission's 94 Calls to Action call on all faith groups actively to support all the principles of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Hamilton Monthly Meeting has made a commitment to pursue education of ourselves about the issues and concerns of Canada's First Nations. To this end, we have a committee whose mandate is to find ways for all HMM Friends to engage actively with the issues of today.

On November 24, at HMM's potluck lunch after Meeting for Worship we will view and discuss part one of an excellent video, *Hear our Voices*, made by Judith Murray, commissioned by the United Church of Canada. The four segments are interviews with First Nations people from different parts of Canada. Part One is an eloquent introduction to widespread concerns.

We are fortunate that Judith will be with us to help guide the discussion on the 24th. We hope you will come and enjoy this beautiful video and the opportunity to discuss it.

Canadian Yearly Meeting 2019



The annual Sunderland P. Gardner lecture was given by Etienne Paul Mungombe, who got us singing!



Welcome to the land by Betty Ross of Cross Lake First Nation



There was cake. There is always cake.

-Submitted by Carol Leigh Wehking



Canadian Friends
Service Committee
(QUAKERS)
www.quakerservice.ca

Service Committee has produced an elections kit with questions for candidates about areas we work on, as well as links to other kits with questions on additional relevant peace and social concerns: <https://quakerservice.ca/2019election>

We've released our 2018-2019 Annual Report at <https://report.quakerservice.ca> and have sent out our year-end fundraising appeal. Please encourage Friends to be on the lookout for this appeal letter and to donate to CFSC to support Friends' peace and social justice work.

Thank you!

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Cambridge Worship Group will not be meeting in October, but will gather again the fourth Friday in November, the 22nd, at the home of Carol Leigh and Glenna. Mail clwehking@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to join us.

Visiting Mona

Mona Callin's health has reached a point where it is difficult to drive her to Meeting for Worship unless she comes in a wheelchair taxi.

Would you visit Mona at St. Joseph's Villa occasionally?

Mona is a former nurse, McMaster professor, cat lover and docent at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. For decades she has been a strong presence in our Quaker meeting. She has held many positions and contributed to many projects. For years, Mona was also a leader in the Canadian Friends Service Committee. It is hard to see someone with so much flare decline so much.

I drop by to see Mona every few weeks. These visits aren't easy. Sometimes she is restless. She doesn't speak much these days so conversations are one-sided. Mona loves poetry and increasingly I locate a poetry book in her room and read her some poems. On my last visit, yesterday, we enjoyed listening to the piano playing of a volunteer. When I left, Mona looked at me directly and grasped my hand. Even if she has few ways to interact, Mona appreciates being remembered.

If you can drop by for a brief visit every once in a while please let me know. Ministry and Counsel asked me to organize a rota of visitors. Another way to support Mona is to accompany her to and from St. Joseph's Villa on a wheelchair taxi (paid for by Mona and her family) so she can attend Meeting for Worship on Sunday.

Thank you old and new friends of Mona.

-Submitted by Harriet Woodside