

Hamilton Friends February 2019 Newsletter



Advices and Queries

31. We are called to live “in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars.” Do you faithfully maintain our testimony that war and the preparation for war are inconsistent with the spirit of Christ? Search out whatever in your own way of life may contain the seeds of war. Stand firm in our testimony, even when others commit or prepare to commit acts of violence, yet always remember that they too are children of God.

Coffee List

Feb 3 Woodsides
 Feb 10
 Feb 17
 Feb 24 Mullers



Calendar

February 24: singing after Meeting for Worship

March 3: Meeting for Worship for Business, 12:30

March 24: Potluck lunch followed by discussion -- "Being Mortal": mortality, eternity, and sharing the journey

April 28: Potluck lunch followed by "Truth and Reconciliation and Friends", a presentation by Dick Preston, with discussion

June 16: Potluck lunch followed by a presentation by Matt Legge, CFSC Programme Coordinator, on his new book on peace building

February 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2019 March						
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Supper Groups

Paul Dekar has completed the list for our new supper groups. Thank you Paul!



Group 1

Nancy and Paul Dekar

Janis and Rory d'Eon

Marcy Hull and Andrew Fleming

Dina Mously

Janis and Andy Muller

no meat; seafood ok

lactose intolerant, no octopus or cumin

gluten allergy

no onion

Group 2

Heidi Clelland-Sauer and Xavier

Chris Hitchcock, Dave Martindale
and Caroline Martindale

Laura Mallory and Deyan

Betty and Dick Preston

no fish

Group 3

Sheldon Clark and Barbara

Lynn Comiskey

Miriam Frey

Darlene James

Bev and Robbie Shepard

Harriet and Don Woodside

prefers lunchtime

prefers lunchtime

no garlic

A Ghost of a Chance

A Dramatic Comedy in Two Acts

By Judith Robinson

Play Reading at the Quaker Meeting House
7 Butty Place, Hamilton

Sunday February 24th at 1:30 PM

On the 4th of July of 1979, American President, Jimmy Carter, runs away from the White House, chased by countless staffers and the Vice President, reeling from a rash of public criticism and scorn. He fears he won't have a ghost of a chance of reelection without revamping his image and style. As he studies the strategies of his hero - a president who made an amazing comeback - Harry Truman, Truman's ghost appears and offers to manage Carter's campaign. Along with Carter's cantankerous, poker-playing mother, Truman attempts to teach the peanut farmer how to win votes. But Carter resists Truman's insights, and refuses to accept the election is being foiled by a Republican, treasonous plot.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Friends, here is a very hopeful and positive message, sent out by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops. This may at first seem to you an odd thing to have in a Quaker newsletter, but the news is both inspiring and Quakerly, in that it speaks of co-operation, understanding, and acceptance between two different faiths.

Blessings and hope,
Beverly

Dear Ecumenical and Interfaith Colleagues,

From 3-5 February, 2019, Pope Francis visited United Arab Emirates, making it the first papal visit to the Arabian Peninsula, which also marked the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's encounter with the Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil of Egypt. The theme of the Papal visit "***Make me a channel of your peace***", resulted in a joint document signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmed el-Tayeb. The Document on Human Fraternity for world peace and living together notes in part:

"In the name of God and of everything stated thus far; Al-Azhar al-Sharif and the Muslims of the East and West, together with the Catholic Church and the Catholics of the East and West, declare the adoption of a culture of dialogue as the path; mutual cooperation as the code of conduct; reciprocal understanding as the method and standard."

The full text of the document and other related news items can be accessed below.

· **The official English-language of the text can be accessed at the following link:**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-02/pope-francis-uae-declaration-with-al-azhar-grand-imam.html>

News article on the 800th anniversary of Saint Francis of Assisi's encounter with the Sultan al-Malik al-Kamil of Egypt & the Catholic presence in the Arabian peninsula

<https://cruxnow.com/pope-in-uae/2019/01/31/pope-looks-back-800-years-to-st-franciss-dialogue-with-muslim-sultan/>

<https://www.ofmcap.org/en/notizie/altre-notizie/item/2931-the-united-arab-emirates-and-the-pope-s-visit>

· **News Articles**

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-02/pope-francis-general-audience-apostolic-journey-uae.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-02/pope-francis-uae-grand-imam-declaration-of-peace.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2019-02/pope-francis-uae-highlights-video.html>

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2019-02/pope-francis-uae-apostolic-journey-conclusion.html>

Sincerely,

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Do you do handwork? Or would you like to?

At the February Meeting for Worship for Business a number of Friends thought it might be an interesting idea to start a handworking group, to meet at the Meeting House from time to time, which would have several purposes. One, obviously, would be to produce whatever items of handwork we enjoy working on: knitting, crocheting, sewing, quilting, embroidery, etc. Another would be to provide a place where we could get to know our delightful friend Mamdoha better, and she could get to know us. It would also help her to improve her English even faster than she already does! And for those who would like to do handwork but haven't learned one that they'd like to pursue, it could be a good place to find someone to teach them. At the moment, this is just an idea that some Friends are thinking about, but there weren't very many of us at business meeting, so, please, if the idea interests YOU, let Bev know. If there are Friends who'd like to try this, we'll talk to Mamdoha about it and see whether she likes the idea, too. Contact beverly_shepard@sympatico.ca to express your interest.

The **Cambridge Worship Group** meets this month on **Friday 22nd @ 2 pm**. Our venue is 64 Wellington Street, Cambridge, N1R 3Y7, All welcome. Please let Christina know if you plan to attend. Her email is cmeedwards64@gmail.com



Donations to Meeting

Many Hamilton Friends have been generous in making donations to assist the refugee family we're sponsoring, even before they had received official refugee status so that Hamilton MM funds could legitimately be used to support them. Those private donations were not eligible for charitable donation receipts for income tax purposes. Now that refugee status has been obtained, HMM funds can be used for the support of the family. Our treasurer is optimistic that such donations, which now *can* be receipted by HMM, will continue. Our budget this year, as you'll see when you read the report attached to the minutes, is a bit tighter than it has been, due to increased expenses connected to our sponsorship, but that situation will be eased if those kind Friends keep contributing as they have been doing.

A Message from the Nominating Committee

Each year Canadian Yearly Meeting (CYM) names people from all over the country to serve on standing committees and in individual positions in the Yearly Meeting. These people carry out, on our behalf, the work of the Society, and to provide support to those Friends working in social justice, ecumenism, and wider Quaker and world affairs. Monthly Meetings are asked to discern and forward names to CYM for further discernment. Names are approved in August when CYM is in session. Here is the List of Vacancies and how to get more detailed information about these positions. If you are interested in being considered for a position please contact Christina Edwards at cmeedwards64@gmail.com

Canadian Friends Service Committee..... 5 for 3 years

CFSC has 2 streams of work - administrative and program. The administrative stream is seeking one member to serve as Associate Clerk of CFSC. The four Friends currently finishing their first terms in the program stream have agreed to be renominated for a second term.

(Regional representation needed. Weekend meetings fall and spring, and at Yearly Meeting) Meetings are encouraged to have potential nominees contact the CFSC Nominating Clerk (nominating-clerk@quakerservice.ca) or the CFSC Clerk (clerk@quakerservice.ca) for a conversation about service in advance of nomination. Also please visit www.quakerservice.ca for info on CFSC's work.

Discipline Review Committee..... 2 for 3 years

Regarding CYM minute 16.08.27: we ask Nominating Committee to discern Friends to work with a member of Discipline Review Committee to undertake a complete rewrite of Organization and Procedure. We understand that those asked to serve should be willing to commit for the time this task requires, rather than our regular three year rotation.

(Annual meeting in spring and possibly at Yearly Meeting. Extensive work by correspondence.)

**Education and Outreach Committee..... 4 for 3 years,
2 for 2 years**

(Fall and spring meetings. Regional representation)

Nominating Committee 1 for 3 years

(Spring meeting. Regional representation.)

(Nominations for this committee will be forwarded to Delegates Meeting at CYM for final discernment)

Programme Committee..... 2 for 3 years *Chris H.*

(Attendance at Yearly Meeting is essential)

Publications and Communications

**Committee..... 2 for 3 years
1 for 2 years**

(Oversees *The Canadian Friend*, the *Canadian Quaker Pamphlet Series*, CYM website)

Other groups within CYM:

Continuing Meeting of Ministry and Counsel3 for 3 years
2 for 2 years

(Attendance at Yearly Meeting sessions 2019 and beyond is essential. Regional representation. After CYM Nominating Committee discernment, names will be submitted to CMMC (during year) or YMMC for approval)

Representatives to other bodies:

Friends General Conference.....1 for 3 years

by virtue of position: Clerk of Canadian Yearly Meeting

Canadian Council of Churches:

Commission of Faith and Witness1 for 3 years

Canadian Multi-Faith Federation1 for 3 years

Friends World Committee for Consultation - Section of the Americas.1 for 3 years