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Advices & Queries: Spiritual Life

The life of the Spirit gains depth and vigor through devotional practices, prayer, study and meditation. Take time regularly for individual and family worship, discussions, and readings from sacred texts and other spiritual refreshment in order to live a more centered life and to bring a deeper presence to the Meeting for Worship.

Friends believe that the spiritual path is best found in community. Create opportunities in your Meetings for people of all ages to explore and express their evolving relationship with the Divine, their spiritual highs and their doubts. If different metaphors and language interfere with communication, listen more deeply, honoring the Spirit in which the thought and words have their beginnings.

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- *Do I live in thankful awareness of God's constant presence in my life?*
- *Am I sensitive and obedient to the leadings of the Holy Spirit?*
- *When do I take time for contemplation and spiritual refreshment?*
- *What steps am I taking to center my life and to open myself to continuing revelation?*
- *Do we share our spiritual lives with others in the Meeting, seeking to know one another in that which is eternal?*
- *Does the Meeting provide religious education, including study of the Bible and Friends' history and practices?*

Monthly Meeting for Business

July 8, 2018

Minute 1: Opening

The meeting opened with silent worship at 11:48. The recording clerk read the Pacific Yearly Meeting Advices & Queries on the Meeting Community.

Minute 2: Clerk's Report, Judy Hall, Clerk

2.1 I am in receipt of a letter from the Atlanta Friends Meeting requesting the acceptance of the transfer of membership for David Foster from the Atlanta Monthly Meeting to Honolulu Friends Meeting. (The letter was read and will be given to O&C committee for processing.)

2.2 I am in receipt of another letter requesting membership, this one from Ona Lee. (This was also read and will be given to O&C.)

Minute 3: Nominating committee, Maurine King, clerk

Kara Wagoner is nominated to be the next alternate representative to PYM. (This will lie over for a month.)

Minute 4: Peace & Social Concerns committee, Bob Stauffer, co-clerk

On Thursday, August 9, there will be the annual peace service and walk at the Buddhist temple on Pali Highway, held in conjunction with our sister congregations, the Newman Center and the Buddhist Study Center. The movie "Gate" will be shown at 3:00, followed by a short service. The walk to the Nagasaki Peace Bell will commence about 5:30. The walk is about a mile. A bus will be available for those declining the walk, and will return after a short service at the bell.

Minute 5: Handbook subcommittee of the Publications committee, convener Bob Stauffer

There being no written guidelines on amending the *Handbook*, the following is presented for Meeting consideration and approval:

"In amending this *Handbook*, care should be taken to consider these guidelines:

"Minor changes, such as minor grammatical, punctuation, spelling, or style corrections or changes, may be suggested by anyone by contacting the *Handbook* subcommittee of the Publications committee. The subcommittee may also carry out minor changes on its own.

"Non-major changes, meaning those that rise above simply minor items, but which do not rise to the level of major items, may be decided upon by the committees for their committee sections of the *Handbook*, or similarly by others mentioned in the *Handbook* such as an Officer or the Archivist, and are given to the *Handbook* subcommittee for inclusion in the *Handbook's* next edition. The subcommittee may also carry out non-major changes to the other sections of the *Handbook*, including any non-major changes to the calendar in coordination with the *Directory* subcommittee of the Publications committee, so that the *Directory's* calendar synchronizes.

"Major changes are those that establish or change Meeting policy on some topic (including the calendar) and are approved by Meeting."

(The proposal will lie over for a month while the subcommittee considers suggestions made by Friends.)

Minute 6: Closing.

The meeting closed with silent worship at 12:28, with 26 having been in attendance.

Judy Hall, Clerk

Maurine King, Recording Clerk



FRIENDS MEETING

By Marjorie Cox

I long to be in my comfy chair at Meeting,
 Right opposite the door for greeting.
 I have a comfortable chair at home, too,
 But here I am missing something; I'm missing you!
 Meditation can be done by one alone;
 Meditating with others sets a different tone.
 A Quaker can sit quietly in the midst of din,
 Yet, somehow, the still small voice finds its way in.
 The voice is quiet and very small
 But it comes with a strong clarion call,
 That opens your head and your heart anew
 To some revealing enlightening view.
 Often pulling loose ends into a pleasant whole
 That seems to be nearing some useful goal.
 No matter the time or space
 A Friends Meeting is a magical place.



Sabina Swift had four paintings displayed in an art exhibit at Honolulu Hale. Attending the opening reception were (clockwise from top) Sabina, Ryan Susa, Anthony Chang, Kay Larsen and Annie Worth. Congratulations, Sabina!

MEETINGS FOR WORSHIP IN THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IN AUGUST:

Honolulu Monthly Meeting:

Sundays: Hymn singing at 9:45 am.
 Meeting for Worship at 10:00 am at
 the Meetinghouse, 2426 Oahu
 Avenue, Honolulu (808) 988-2714.

Windward Oahu Worship Group:

1st Sunday of the month: Meeting
 for Worship at 10:00 am. For
 information, call Judy Hall at (808)
 262-2269.

Big Island Monthly Meeting:

Sundays: 10:00 am worship followed
 by a shared lunch. **Kona** - 1st and
 3rd Sundays . July 1: Kaloko-
 Honokohau - picnic area near the
 Kaloko fishpond. July 22:
 Pu'uohonua O Honaunau - beach
 picnic area. Shared lunch follows.
 Contact (808) 322-3116

Hilo: Locations and dates vary.

Visitors are welcome. For
 information call Darby (808) 322-
 3166.

Keaau Worship Group: 10:00 am
 on the 3rd and 4th Sundays at the
 Neighborhood Place of Puna. A
 potluck lunch follows worship on the
 4th Sunday. Contact Rick Troth at
 (808) 966-7304.

Volcano: Volcano Friends for the
 Truth and Peace. 3rd Sunday at 4:00
 pm. Potluck follows. Contact Yumi
 at (808) 985-7037.

Kauai Friends Worship Group:
 Contact Cynthia Welti (808) 822-
 0050 for information.

Maui Friends Worship Group:
 Meets every Sunday at 10:30 am.
 Call Jay Penniman (808) 573-4987
 for information. For information on
 Meeting for Healing, contact Colleen
 Wallace (808) 986-8989.

Molokai Worship Group: Call Shari
 Lynn (808) 553-3790 for details.

Travel as a Political Act

by Rick Steves

Book Review by Maurine King

Though my traveling days are probably over, I ordered Rick Steves' *Travel as a Political Act* for a small donation to Bread for the World. With its beautiful and relevant photos, it is inspiring even for a "stay-at-home." Steves encourages us to get off our cruise liners and explore "difficult" places.

One of these is the Balkans, the scene of such horrible violence just a few years ago. To make sense of that "shatter zone" remember this generalization: Croats are Catholic, Serbs are Orthodox, and Bosnians are Muslim, although they look alike. These were not exactly religious wars, because decades of communism had suppressed sincere devotion, but were feuds about ethnicities based on historic religions. The wounds of war are healing and tourism is back, but tension remains.

PBS watchers may recall Steves' TV special on Iran. Everywhere he was greeted with friendliness - "We love Americans, just not their government!" He was given a minder (a guide), but was generally free to talk to and film whomever and whatever he liked, from "Down with the USA" murals to village people.

Steves advises us to "leave our baggage at home," meaning to travel light and also to shed our preconceptions. For example, he describes various policies toward drugs. European countries tend to treat drug abuse as a medical problem, not a crime. Americans also tend to view high taxes as bad, but Danes are happy to pay them in exchange for services that equalize their society. Some Iranians admit that their theocratic government is repressive, but fear that Westernization would turn their little girls into "sex toys."

Other sections of the book deal with the Israel-Palestine conflict, with Sri Lanka, Turkey, Morocco, and with the European Union. Sidebars include "Walter Cronkite and Entertainment Masquerading as News," "Is Brexit Contagious: The Rise of Populism and Nativism," "The German Spa," "Ultra-Orthodox: Every Religion's Got 'Em," and "President Erdogan vs. a Pluralistic Turkey."

The value in travel is not just in seeing the obligatory historical and artistic sites, surrounded by other tourists, but in meeting regular people of all classes. Steves recalls leaving his family at a luxurious Mexican resort because he felt compelled to go to El Salvador. There he came to understand the role of the US in supporting dictators and in the deaths of those who opposed them.

He observes that when we travel we bring back our broadened perspectives to our communities. Ironically, the Americans who most need to travel may not leave home out of fear. They see attacks and disasters on the news and assume that tourists are in great danger. Statistically, few tourists are ever victims. We are more likely to die in random shootings at home.

To be a philosopher is not necessarily to found a school, or even have original thought, but to love wisdom and to live a life of simplicity, magnanimity, and truth.

Henry David Thoreau



New Residents Tell of Their Physical and Spiritual Journey

David and Jenny Foster, Residents of the Meeting for the next two years, shared stories of their physical and spiritual lives with a gathering after worship in July. Learning from previous Residents, they hope to serve a “ministry of hospitality.”

While detailing their education (both have PhDs) and experiences with jobs in service to others (some of which was covered in a previous KMM story), Jenny and David spoke about what brought them

them spiritually to become Quakers. Much of it was close contact with inspirational Friends, like author Parker Palmer and former HFM Residents Rusty and John Schweitzer. Both said they also made spiritual gains while attending Pendle Hill Learning Center, where they met in 1984.

“I knew the rules of religion from my youth, but not the underlying spirituality,” said David. “There, I had a direct, personal experience of me and God. Since then I have been creating opportunities to have more of those experiences deliberately.”

Jenny said she went to Pendle Hill for a place to stay between jobs. Without expecting it, she was transformed in her spiritual life, as well as meeting David and beginning a life of service to others. “I knew I had direction to bring better public health to people in rural and disadvantaged settings,” she said.

David’s next challenge is in the art of nature photography. “I feel the healing power of nature-based art,” he added. While she has retired from hands-on public health work and midwifery, Jenny said her interest now is in “global newborn health from a cultural perspective.”

But for now, their focus is on making the Honolulu Meeting a pleasant place to be. Their two sons – Ben, a Navy helicopter pilot in San Diego, and Will, who works with a tech startup in Denver – are expected to visit at Christmastime

(Note: two of David Foster’s photos of nature decorate this issue of Ka Makamaka)

Enjoying PYM

The Honolulu Friends Meeting contingent at Pacific Yearly Meeting Annual Session 2018, held from July 13 to 18, left to right: Anthony Chang, Carolyn Stephenson, Mary Anne Magnier, Vivian Carlson, John Murphy (from Maui, but has his membership at HFM.) Also: Sarah Armstrong Jones from Hawai’i Island attended (but was not pictured)



August 2018						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4 9:00 HFM Work Day 11:00 House and Grounds Committee 12:00 Lunch
5 10:00 First Day School 10:00 HFM Worship 10:00 Windward worship: Ho'omaluhia Botanical Park lecture room: Elizabeth and Yash are contacts	6	7 1:00 Meeting for Healing - Meetinghouse	8	9 5:00 -3 Petals Qtrly Peace Service/Walk Honpa Hongwanji Temple	10	11 10:00 Arcadia Worship 1:00 Library Committee
12 10:00 First Day School 10:00 HFM Worship Lunch - followed by Meeting for Worship with Attention to Business	13	14 1:00 Meeting for Healing - Meetinghouse	15	16	17	18
19 9:00 First Day School Committee 10:00 First Day School 10:00 HFM Worship W&M hosts "PYM Talk Story" at rise of worship W&M Comm after session	20	21 1:00 Meeting for Healing - Meetinghouse	22 Oversight and Counsel Committee 1:00	23	24	25
26 10:00 First Day School 10:00 HFM Worship Visiting Sunday Lunch 12:15 Peace and Social Concerns Committee	27	28 1:00 Meeting for Healing - Meetinghouse	29	30	31	