

# The Herndon Light



3rd Month 8, 2020 A Newsletter of Herndon Friends Meeting - Quakers - Reston & Herndon Virginia 265

3/15 - 9 a.m. First Hour discussion: Pendle Hill pamphlet 460 "On Vocal Ministry" led by Inga Erickson HELD ONLINE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

4/4 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Meeting clean-up day, sponsored by House & Grounds CANCELLED

4/5 - 9 a.m. Meeting for Business. No potluck lunch after Meeting for Worship HELD ONLINE

4/12 - Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck lunch after Meeting for Worship CANCELLED

## Query: Integrity

- *How do we seek truth by which to live? How do we recognize it?*
- *In what ways does my life speak of my beliefs and values?*
- *Do I strive to be truthful at all times, avoiding judicial oaths?*
- *In what way is my life in harmony with truth as I know it?*
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Friends responded out of the silence. One shared that they feel that integrity is mostly about courage; being willing to speak truth can be hard.

Courage is being afraid, but acting with integrity anyway. Sometimes we are not heard for whatever reason, but it is important to speak anyway.

Meeting is a place where our voices are heard and we need to keep working to make sure that can happen.

There may be other groups that have a different version of the Truth but could be having the same conversation that we are having.

## Advices

When we live with integrity, alone or as a faith community, our words and deeds ring true. We are able to hear when there is discord between our values and our words or actions, and we often sense when others in our community are "out of tune" with their own truth, or when, as a community, we do not seem to be following the same conductor.

Giving testimony to truth and integrity also means refusing to place things other than God at the center of one's life – whether it be one's own self, possessions, the regard for others, belief in principles (such as rationality, progress, or justice) or something else. It is the understanding

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that even good things are no longer good when they supplant God as one's center.

Community plays a critical role in discernment. Integrity calls us to recognize our gifts and our flaws alike with humility, helping each other lovingly to "let our lives speak," the truth as we know it. When we live with integrity, we hold the imperfections and dark places in ourselves and our communities to the Light, remembering that our mistakes and flaws may help us understand the pain and burdens of others or even become a spring for ministry. Living with integrity requires that we not "outrun our guide." Rather, as Caroline Stephen wrote, we do our best to "live up to the Light we have," knowing that "more will be given" when we are ready.

### ***Meeting for Business 03/08/20***

The 17 Friends introduced themselves. Clerk **Inga Erickson** reviewed the agenda.

Recording Clerk **Cathy Tunis** briefly summarized the Minutes from the prior Meeting for Business.

### **Spiritual State of the Meeting 2019:**

**Paul Murphy** on behalf of the Ministry and Oversight Committee read the proposed report. **Inga** thanked Paul and **Margaret Fisher** who composed the report for forwarding to the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee. **The Meeting approved the report as read.**

Kim Glazer for the **Peace and Social Concerns Committee**: The committee has asked that Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy be restored to the Meeting's budget as a regular contribution. This year the contribution will come from the P&SC budget. Herndon Friends will then be considered a "partner congregation"

along with many other faith organizations in Virginia, including Richmond Friends Meeting. **The Meeting approved the request to contribute \$150 to VICPP and to reinstate this as an annual contribution in next year's budget. The Nominating Committee was asked to appoint a liaison to the group.**

### **M&O Annual Report 2019:**

**Inga** read the committee annual report for last year. The report was accepted by the Meeting.

**Inga** asked for people who would be willing to serve on a response team to make plans for addressing COVID-19. The following Friends volunteered and agreed to serve in this capacity: **Katherine Cole, Terence McCormally, Margaret Fisher, and Jay McClendon.** **Inga** agreed to serve as convener.

### **Pay as Led Financing for BYM Annual Session FAQs**

**Harry Tunis**, a member of the sub-committee made up of Friends from throughout the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, led the discussion on this proposed plan for financing Annual Session. The goal is to have further discussion at Annual Session in 2020, with possible implementation in 2021. The Frequently Asked Questions prepared by the Clerk of Program Committee were distributed and **Harry** summarized.

**Harry** answered several questions about the proposal and will pass comments along to the PAL sub-committee of the BYM Program Committee. **Overall, Friends were supportive of the Pay as Led concept, as the new system would seem to reflect Friends' values of inclusion.**

**Inga** closed the meeting with a period of worship.

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